

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
September 20, 2023**

At 8:30 a.m., President Yoo Schneider called to order the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County, in the Board Room at the District facilities located in Fountain Valley, as well as including attendance via the Zoom Webinar application. Following a moment of silence, Legal Counsel Katrina Wraight led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Al Nederhood
Larry Dick
Bob McVicker
Karl Seckel (absent)
Randall Crane
Jeffery M. Thomas
Megan Yoo Schneider

STAFF

Harvey De La Torre, Interim General Manager
Katrina Wraight, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, District Secretary
Melissa Baum-Haley, Director of MET Issues/Policy
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management
Alex Heide, Sr. Water Resources Analyst
Cathy Harris, Director of HR/Administration
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency
Charles Busslinger, Dir. of Engineering/Dist. Eng.
Heather Baez, Director of Governmental Affairs
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman
Doug Davert
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Sherri Seitz
Vu Chu
Peer Swan
Paul Weghorst
Keith Van Der Maaten
Jim Atkinson
Stacy Taylor
Don Froelich
Bill Moorhead
Sherry Wanninger
Kelly Rowe
John Kennedy
Mehul Patel
Chuck Gibson
Saundra Jacobs
Frank Ury
Chip Monaco

MWDOC/MET Director
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East Orange County Water District
El Toro Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Laguna Beach County Water District
Mesa Water
Mesa Water
Moulton Niguel Water District
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Orange County Water District
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Santa Margarita Water District
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Erica Castillo	Santa Margarita Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Jerry Vilander	Serrano Water District
Rick Shintaku	South Coast Water District
Jennifer Lopez	South Coast Water District
Fernando Paludi	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Michael Perea	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Brett Barbre	Yorba Linda Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Wayne Miller	Yorba Linda Water District
Dick Ackerman	Ackerman Consulting
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Emily Novak	San Diego County Water Authority
Isabel Rios	Discovery Cube
Charles Luas	

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENT

President Yoo Schneider announced that members of the public wishing to comment on agenda items could do so after the item has been discussed by the Board and requested members of the public identify themselves when called on. President Yoo Schneider asked whether any member of the public had any comments on items that are not on the agenda.

Director Nederhood congratulated Director Dick on his twenty years of service as a MET Director.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

No items were received.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD LESS THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO MEETING

President Yoo Schneider inquired as to whether there were any items distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

No items were distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD

Interim General Manager De La Torre and Director of Finance/IT Chumpitazi presented Lina Gunawan an award for fifteen years of service with the District.

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Yoo Schneider stated all matters under the Consent Calendar would be approved by one MOTION unless a Director wished to consider an item separately.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Crane, and carried (6-0) the Board approved the Consent Calendar items, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Nederhood, Dick, McVicker, Crane, Thomas, and Yoo Schneider

NOES : None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

August 2, 2023 Workshop Board Meeting
 August 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

The following Committee Meeting reports were received and filed as presented.

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: (cancelled)
 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: August 9, 2023
 Executive Committee Meeting: August 17, 2023

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of August 31, 2023
 Disbursement Registers (August/September)

The following items were received and filed as presented.

Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment Report) as of July 31, 2023

PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

FINANCIAL REPORT

The following items were received and filed as presented.

- Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending July 31, 2023

AUTHORIZE WEROC MOBILE EOC

The Board approved the use of MWDOC reserve funding not to exceed \$400,000 to purchase a mobile EOC/Command Vehicle (Option 1).

**ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION FOR 2024-25**

The Board authorized the requests to serve on various ACWA Committees for the 2024-25 term, and directed staff to submit the completed Committee Consideration Forms by the September 30, 2023 deadline.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT AWARD FOR LEAD & COPPER RULE
REVISIONS (LCRR) SERVICE LINE INVENTORY CHOICE PROGRAM**

The Board authorized the Interim General Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Hazen and Sawyer (Hazen) to assist in the development of participating agencies' Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) Service Line Inventories. (Depending on the number of Orange County agencies that elect to participate, the final contract amount will include all of the participating agencies' costs. This would include any contingency items that the participating agencies request and/or that the consultant deem are needed to meet the requirements of the LCRR regulations. These contingency items can range from additional assistance in the collection, review, and analysis of record documents to the consultant providing field personnel to conduct field investigations. To date, MWDOC has received commitment from 13 agencies to participate in the Choice Program (pending their governing body's approval) with 2 additional agencies still under consideration. Attachment A to the write up includes the list of agencies who have indicated participation in this joint effort with MWDOC. If all 15 agencies participate, the total contract, with estimated contingency items, would range from \$2,094,000 to \$2,948,000).

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

INFORMATION CALENDAR**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, SEPTEMBER 2023****a. Initial Member Agency Managers Feedback regarding Consolidation Issues**

Interim General Manager Harvey De La Torre advised that the full General Manager's report was included in the Board packet.

Director of MET Issues/Policy Melissa Baum-Haley presented the results of a recent survey sent to member agency general managers regarding their opinions on a potential consolidation discussion between MWDOC and OCWD (as a result of the recent OC Grand Jury Report and OC LAFCO MSR Focused Study). Her presentation included information on the respondent profile, the questions asked, and responses to those questions. The responses received to date provided the following observations: (1) 94% of respondents believed MWDOC and OCWD provide separate services and responsibilities; (2) 82% believed MWDOC and OCWD do not provide duplicate services; (3) 53% do not support a consolidated agency (4) 53% believed their agency would not benefit from a single agency; (5) 47% believed the county or region would not benefit from a single agency; (6) mixed results on whether any negative impact was perceived from forming a single agency (30% undecided, 35% yes, and 30% no); (7) 65% believed the LAFCO MSR Focused Study would not provided enough information to determine whether consolidation would benefit the water community or Orange County; and (8) 59% supported

MWDOC hiring a consultant to conduct a comprehensive study that would provide additional information and evaluation to OCWD's LAFCO Focused MSR process.

Following the presentation, the Board members weighed-in with emphasis on the benefit of providing an additional study to evaluate the issues (separate from the OC LAFCO MSR Focused Study), methods of communication on issues to those agencies who responded undecided, the cost benefit (if any) for an independent study, and the consideration on what's changed (nothing) since the last (or prior) consolidation discussions. Following this discussion, President Yoo Schneider recommended the Ad Hoc Committee meet to address the next steps.

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH ESRI, INC.

The Board received and filed the information regarding the Sole Source Agreement with ESRI, Inc.

MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

a. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board members each reported on their attendance at the regular (and special) MWDOC Board and Committee meetings. In addition to these meetings, the following reports were made on conferences and meetings attended on behalf of the District.

Director Nederhood advised that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular, and Special Board meetings), the WACO and WACO planning meetings, an Ad Hoc Committee meeting regarding the Grand Jury Report, the Urban Water Institute conference, and an OCWD zoom meeting regarding Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Director Dick stated that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings, (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular and Special Board meetings), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, a meeting with former Director Tamaribuchi and Director Seckel on budget issues, the Urban Water Institute conference, the OC inspection trip for the Grand Jury members, a meeting with Sheriff Barnes, the MET Caucus, the WACO and WACO planning meetings, a meeting with former MET General Manager Jeff Kightlinger, and a meeting with OCWD Director Denis Bilodeau.

Director McVicker reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular and Special Board meetings), the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the MET Board and Committee meetings, a MET Board workshop, the ACWA full day of Committee meetings, and the WACO and WACO planning meetings.

Director Crane reported that he attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular and Special Board meetings), the SMWD Board meeting, the Urban Water Institute conference, the OC Water Summit planning meeting(s), the OC inspection

trip for the Grand Jury members, the MET Board meeting, IRWD meetings, a meeting with Supervisor Sarmiento, and a meeting with Assemblymembers Valencio and Petri-Norris.

Director Thomas noted that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings, (the Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular and Special Board meetings), the WACO meeting, the Urban Water Institute conference, and the OC Water Summit planning meeting(s).

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular and Special Board meetings), meetings with the consultant from Colleague regarding the GM recruitment, the SCWD Board meeting, the SMWD Board meeting, and the ACWA Committee meeting.

a. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

No agenda topics were requested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Yoo Schneider adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m. in honor of Ovarian and Childhood Cancer Month.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary