

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY (MWDOC)
WITH THE MWDOC MET DIRECTORS**

January 3, 2024

At 8:30 a.m., President McVicker called to order the Workshop Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County in Conference Room 101 at the District facilities located in Fountain Valley, as well as including attendance via the Zoom Webinar application. Director Erdman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Al Nederhood
Larry Dick*
Karl W. Seckel*
Bob McVicker
Randall Crane
Jeffery M. Thomas
Megan Yoo Schneider

STAFF

Harvey De La Torre, General Manager (absent)
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel
Maribeth Goldsby, District Secretary
Melissa Baum-Haley, Dir. of MET Issues/Policy
Alex Heide, Sr. Water Resources Analyst (absent)
Heather Baez, Director of Governmental Affairs
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT
Kevin Hostert, Sr. Water Resource Analyst
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Charles Busslinger, Dir. of Engineering/Dist. Eng.
Rachel Waite, WUE Programs Supervisor

*Also MWDOC-MET Directors

OTHER MWDOC-MET DIRECTORS

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman

OTHERS PRESENT

John Bednarski
Howard Lum
Sara Tucker (absent)
Garrett Durst
Syrus Devers
Dick Ackerman
Paul Jones
Peter Whittingham
Doug Davert
Dave Youngblood
Fred Adjarian
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Sherri Seitz
Vu Chu
Mike Dunbar
Cel Pasillas

Metropolitan Water District of So. Calif.
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Syrus Devers Advocacy
Ackerman Consulting
Dopudja & Wells Consulting
Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors
East Orange County Water District
East Orange County Water District
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
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El Toro Water District
Emerald Bay Service District
City of Garden Grove

Toby Moore	Golden State Water Company
Steve LaMar	Irvine Ranch Water District
Doug Reinhart	Irvine Ranch Water District
Peer Swan	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Weghorst	Irvine Ranch Water District
Bobby Young	Laguna Beach County Water District
Jim Atkinson	Mesa Water
Stacy Taylor	Mesa Water
Dick Fiore	Moulton Niguel Water District
Don Froelich	Moulton Niguel Water District
Sherry Wanninger	Moulton Niguel Water District
Kaden Young	Moulton Niguel Water District
Dan Horn	Moulton Niguel Water District
R. Goodall	Moulton Niguel Water District
Sonny Tran	City of Orange
Mike Markus	Orange County Water District
Alicia Dunkin	Orange County Water District
Chuck Gibson	Santa Margarita Water District
Saundra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Don Bunts	Santa Margarita Water District
Jim Leach	Santa Margarita Water District
Eric Smith	Santa Margarita Water District
Greg Mills	Serrano Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Brett Barbre	Yorba Linda Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Roseanne Weston	Yorba Linda Water District
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Sam Smith	

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

President McVicker inquired whether any members of the public wished to comment on agenda items.

No public comments were received.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED - Determine need and take action to agendize item(s), which arose subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (ROLL CALL VOTE: Adoption of this recommendation requires a two-thirds vote of the Board members present or, if less than two-thirds of the Board members are present, a unanimous vote.)

No items were presented.

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

President McVicker 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.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**PRESENTATION REGARDING PRESTRESSED CONCRETE CYLINDER PIPE (PCCP) REHABILITATION FOR PORTIONS OF THE ALLEN-MCCOLLOCH PIPELINE (AMP)**

MET Chief Engineer, John Bednarski, provided an update and overview of MET's PCCP Rehabilitation for portions of the AMP (along with a historical look at the AMP, as well as past pipeline failures and repairs). His presentation included an overview of the PCCP Management Strategy (conducting regular inspections, monitor stray currents and install drain stations where necessary, perform individual segment repairs (as needed), and plan and execute long-term rehabilitation). Mr. Bednarski then provided an update on the current assessment of the AMP (along with mitigation risks), he outlined two types of lining (steel and carbon fiber), and he reviewed MET's approach to conducting urgently needed repairs.

The audience and Board members engaged in discussion with the MET staff, with specific emphasis on the timing for completion of the repairs (and difficulties for some member agencies to be off the MET system for more than 7-days), lessons learned from the Joint Regional Supply System Transmission Main repairs, and the overall health of the AMP.

The Board thanked all involved for their efforts with this project, and received and filed the report as presented.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**a. Federal Legislative Report (NRR)**

Mr. Garrett Durst of NRR reviewed NRR's written report in the packet, highlighting the appropriations process, the upcoming Congressional briefing regarding the Voluntary Agreements (Healthy Rivers and Landscapes), and the EPA Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI).

The Board received and filed the report.

b. State Legislative Report

Mr. Syrus Devers, of SDA, reviewed his report, noting that due to recess, there was nothing new to report. He did however, provide a brief update on the snow pack levels.

The Board received and filed the report.

c. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)

Mr. Dick Ackerman referenced his report, highlighting the Paradise Fire and its ramifications and impacts. A brief discussion was held regarding YLWD's Heli-Hydrant and SMWD's HeloPod, and how these would assist with fighting fires (and help to avoid some of the impacts/ramifications that Paradise experienced).

The Board received and filed the report.

d. County Legislative Report (Whittingham)

Mr. Whittingham referenced his report, highlighting the OC LAFCO reorganization (Don Wagner as Chair, and Wendy Bucknum as Vice Chair).

The Board received and filed his report.

QUESTIONS OR INPUT ON MET ISSUES FROM MEMBER AGENCIES/MET DIRECTOR REPORTS REGARDING MET COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Director Ackerman reported on the MET's Long-Range Finance Plan Needs Assessment workshop, the CAMP4W process, and the Bay-Delta subcommittee activities.

Director Erdman highlighted MET's business model and requested any comments, questions or concerns relative to the Long-Range Finance Plan Needs Assessment be given to the MWDOC MET Directors.

Director Seckel commented on the CAMP4W process, along with the upcoming budget discussions (and potential rate increases).

Director Dick highlighted MET's business model discussions/activities and the upcoming challenges relative to potential rate increases.

INFORMATION ITEMS**MWD ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY**

- a. MET Finance and Rate Issues
- b. MET Water Supply Conditions Update
- c. Water Quality Update
- d. Colorado River Issues
- e. Delta Conveyance Activities and State Water Project Issues

Following discussion regarding MET revenue shortages, and state mandates, the Board received and filed the report as presented.

METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Summary reports regarding the December MET Board Meeting
- b. Review items of significance for the upcoming MET Board and Committee Agendas

The report was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Maribeth Goldsby
Board Secretary