

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
February 21, 2024**

At 8:30 a.m., President McVicker 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 via the Zoom Webinar application. Following a moment of silence, Director Nederhood led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

**MWDOC DIRECTORS**

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

**STAFF**

Harvey De La Torre, General Manager  
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel  
Maribeth Goldsby, District Secretary  
Melissa Baum-Haley, Director of MET Issues/Policy  
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs  
Alex Heide, Sr. Water Resources Analyst  
Cathy Harris, Director of HR/Administration  
Charles Busslinger, Dir. of Engineering/Dist. Eng.  
Heather Baez, Director of Governmental Affairs  
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer  
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT

**ALSO PRESENT**

Linda Ackerman  
Dennis Erdman  
Kathryn Freshley  
Kay Havens  
Mark Monin  
Dennis Cafferty  
Sherri Seitz  
Vu Chu  
Alvin Papa  
Steve LaMar  
Doug Reinhart  
Jim Fisler  
Stacy Taylor  
Sherry Wanninger  
John Kennedy  
Gina Ayala  
Erica Castillo  
Greg Mills  
Brad Reese  
Jennifer Lopez  
Glen Acosta  
Brett Barbre  
Gene Hernandez  
Trudy Des Roches  
Tom Lindsey  
Mark Toy

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City of Huntington Beach  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
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Mesa Water  
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Moulton Niguel Water District  
Orange County Water District  
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Santa Margarita Water District  
Serrano Water District  
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South Coast Water District  
Trabuco Canyon Water District  
Yorba Linda Water District  
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Dick Ackerman  
Garrett Durst  
Charles Luas

Ackerman Consulting  
NRR  
Orchard Dale Water District

**TELECONFERENCE SITE**

Director Yoo Schneider was participating via teleconference location (all agenda requirements pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act requirements were complied with).

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

President McVicker 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 McVicker asked whether any member of the public had any comments on items that are not on the agenda.

No public comments were received.

**ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED**

No items were received.

**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 less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

President McVicker 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 Crane, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (5-0) the Board approved the following Consent Calendar items, by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Directors Nederhood, McVicker, Crane, Thomas, and Yoo Schneider
- NOES : None
- ABSENT: Directors Dick and Seckel
- ABSTAIN: None

**MINUTES**

The following minutes were approved.

- September 20, 2023 MWDOC Water Facilities Corporation Meeting
- January 3, 2024 Workshop Board Meeting
- January 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

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

- Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: January 2, 2024
- Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: January 10, 2024
- Executive Committee Meeting: January 18, 2024
- MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee: January 24, 2024

**TREASURER'S REPORTS**

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

- MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of January 31, 2024
- Disbursement Registers (January/February)

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 December 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 November 30, 2023
- Quarterly Budget Review

**- END CONSENT CALENDAR -**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT (NRR)**

Mr. Garrett Durst of NRR reviewed NRR’s written report in the packet, highlighting the federal appropriations process, the status of various bills, as well as changes in Reclamation personnel. He then reported that he (along with Director Crane and staff members Baez and Baum-Haley) would be attending the upcoming ACWA DC Legislative Conference; he provided an overview of the proposed activities and meetings during the conference.

Mr. Durst also referenced H.R. 215 (its intent to provide long-term water supply and regulatory reliability to drought-stricken California, and for other purposes) which was co-sponsored by the Republican delegation. In response to a question by Director Yoo Schneider, Mr. Durst highlighted NRR's focus and approach with respect to this legislation.

President McVicker thanked him for his report.

### **MEMBER AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – YORBA LINDA WATER DISTRICT**

Following an introduction by YLWD President Des Roches, YLWD General Manager Mark Toy provided information on YLWD's mission, vision for the future, service area, signature projects, YLWD's partnerships with both MWDOC and OCWD, organizational structure, and community engagement.

Following discussion regarding the contents of the report, the Board thanked Mr. Toy for the presentation.

### **INFORMATION CALENDAR**

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, FEBRUARY 2024**

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

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

### **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 of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the WACO and WACO planning meetings, the MET Committee and Board meetings, a meeting with representatives from the Center for Demographic Research, the OC Water Summit planning meeting, and the Water Policy dinner.

Director Thomas stated that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Administration & Finance, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the Water Policy dinner, and the OC Water Summit planning meeting.

Director McVicker reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meetings),

the ISDOC Executive Committee and ISDOC luncheon, a meeting with General Manager De La Torre, the Water Policy dinner, the WACO and WACO planning meetings, the OCBC Infrastructure committee meeting, and the MET Board and Committee meetings.

Director Crane reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the MET Finance Committee meeting, the IRWD Board meeting, an ETWD meeting where he presented a certificate of appreciation regarding their participation in the Scouts program, the ISDOC luncheon, a meeting with SMWD Director Olson, and the ad hoc committee meeting re advocacy efforts.

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the WACO meeting, the SMWD Board meeting, the SCWD Board meeting, the Laguna Beach County Water District Commission meeting, and the SCWD Administration & Finance Committee meeting.

**a. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

No items for future agenda topics were presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President McVicker adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary