

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
January 15, 2025**

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 Crane led the Pledge of Allegiance and Recording Secretary Davanaugh called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

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

STAFF

Harvey De La Torre, General Manager
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel
Katie Davanaugh, Recording Secretary
Melissa Baum-Haley, Assistant General Manager
Heather Baez, Director of Governmental Affairs
Alex Heide, Sr. Water Resources Analyst
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT
Cathy Harris, Director of Administration/HR
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman
Doug Davert
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Dennis Cafferty
Sherri Seitz
Vu Chu
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Keith Van Der Maaten
Jim Fisler
Stacy Taylor
Dick Fiore
Don Froelich
Sherry Wanninger
John Kennedy
Chris Olsen
Stacey Bruno
Margaret Novak
Greg Mills
Bill Green
Jennifer Lopez

MWDOC/MET Director
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East Orange County Water District
El Toro Water District
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El Toro Water District
El Toro 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
Orange County Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
Serrano Water District
South Coast Water District
South Coast Water District

John Horst
Fernando Paludi
Karen Warner
Michael Perea
Tom Lindsey
Dick Ackerman
Lisa Ohlund
Charles Luas

Trabuco Canyon Water District
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Yorba Linda Water District
Ackerman Consulting
Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Orchard Dale Water District

TELECONFERENCE SITES

Director McVicker participated 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 were not on the agenda.

Stacy Taylor (Mesa Water) addressed the Board regarding the recent fires in Los Angeles encouraging outreach efforts to Orange County residents assuring them of Orange County’s readiness and preparedness for fires during this red flag warning.

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 received.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD

General Manager De La Torre presented an award to Director of Emergency Management, Vicki Osborn for five years of service with the District.

CONSENT CALENDAR

President McVicker stated that 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 Nederhood, and carried (4-0), the Board approved the following Consent Calendar items by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Nederhood, McVicker, Seckel & Crane
NOES: None

ABSENT: Directors Dick, Thomas & Yoo Schneider
ABSTAIN: None

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

December 4, 2024 Canceled Workshop Board Meeting
December 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: December 2, 2024
Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: December 11, 2024
Executive Committee Meeting: December 19, 2024

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

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

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 November 30, 2024

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, 2024

MWDOC/WEROC AND MNWD LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR USE OF FACILITIES

The Board authorized the General Manager to execute a License Agreement with the Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD) for an alternative EOC.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

ACTION ITEMS

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND SUBJECT MATTER ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2025; SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2025

Upon MOTION by Director Nederhood, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (4-0), the Board (1) ratified the list of Standing Committee and Subject Matter Assignments as presented by the President of the Board; and (2) ratified Committee meeting dates/times for 2025, by the following roll call vote:

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

ASSOCIATION AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS FOR 2025

Upon MOTION by Director Crane, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (4-0), the Board (1) ratified the appointment of Representatives and Alternates to Associations as presented by the President of the Board; and (2) adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2153 approving the appointment of Jeff Thomas as Representative and Charles Busslinger as Alternate to the Santiago Aqueduct Commission (SAC), for submission to SAC, by the following roll call vote:

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

MEMBER AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – TRABUCO CANYON WATER DISTRICT

Following an introduction by General Manager De La Torre, Trabuco Canyon Water District’s (TCWD) General Manager Fernando Paludi provided an overview of TCWD’s facilities, service area and connections, water, sewer, and non-potable systems, as well as current projects, challenges/areas of focus for TCWD (including fire risk), and collaboration efforts with MWDOC (WEROC, Water Use Efficiency, resources and drought planning, and regulatory compliance).

Following a brief discussion and question/answer period, the Board thanked Mr. Paludi and received and filed the report.

INFORMATION CALENDAR

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, JANUARY 2025

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

Director of Emergency Management Vicki Osborn then provided an overview of WEROC’s efforts with the recent fires in Los Angeles, noting that CalWarn has been working closely with MET member agencies due to the magnitude of the fires. She noted that the MWDOC mobile command

vehicle had not been mobilized as it is needed in Orange County (due to red-flag high winds and continued fire watch in Orange County).

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 the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the MET meetings, the WACO meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee meeting regarding LAFCO issues, and the ACWA Fall conference.

Director McVicker reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meetings), the MET Board meeting, the WACO and WACO planning meetings, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, and a meeting with General Manager De La Torre.

Director Seckel advised that he attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, the MET caucus, and the WACO and WACO planning meetings. He noted that he would be presenting (on water issues) to a group in Seal Beach later in the day. Director Seckel also provided an overview of MET activities.

Director Crane reported 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 Board meetings), the MET Board meeting, the WACO meeting, and a CCEEB conference call.

b. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

Director Nederhood commended staff on their recent report regarding investments. Mr. De La Torre advised that an action item would be brought to the Board in February regarding maximizing investment opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President McVicker adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary