

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
October 16, 2024**

At 8:30 a.m., Vice President Thomas 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 Seckel led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Al Nederhood
Larry Dick (absent)
Bob McVicker
Karl Seckel
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, 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

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman

MWDOC/MET Director
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Doug Davert
Mike Gaskins
Mark Monin
Sherri Seitz
Vu Chu
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Keith Van Der Maaten
Jim Atkinson
Jim Fisler
Sherry Wanninger
Chris Olsen
Chuck Gibson
Brad Reese
Bill Green
Jennifer Lopez
Glen Acosta
Tom Lindsey
Dick Ackerman
Charles Luas
Lisa Ohlund
Michael Gaultieri

East Orange County Water District
El Toro Water District
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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
Orange County Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
Serrano Water District
South Coast Water District
South Coast Water District
Trabuco Canyon Water District
Yorba Linda Water District
Ackerman Consulting
Orchard Dale Water District
Ohlund Management & Technical Services

TELECONFERENCE SITE

Director McVicker participated via teleconference location (all agenda requirements pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act requirements were complied with).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President Thomas 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. Vice President Thomas asked whether any member of the public had any comments on items that were 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

Vice President Thomas 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

Secretary Goldsby advised that staff corrected a typographical error in Item No. 3b (Disbursement Approval Report); the title was incorrectly labeled “September” and has been updated to reflect “October.”

Vice President Thomas 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 Crane, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (6-0), the Board approved the following Consent Calendar items (as revised) by the following roll call vote:

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

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

- September 4, 2024 Workshop Board Meeting
- September 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- September 18, 2024 MWDOC WFC Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting:	September 3, 2024
Administration & Finance Committee Meeting:	September 11, 2024
Executive Committee Meeting:	September 19, 2024

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of September 30, 2024
Disbursement Registers (September/October) (as revised)

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 August 31, 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 August 31, 2024

2025 HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT CONTRIBUTIONS

The Board approved an increase to the District’s annual Health Savings Account (HSA) contribution amounts, made by the District, to the Kaiser and Anthem Consumer Driven Health Plans (CDHP) for the 2025 plan year, as follows: (1) Kaiser: \$1650/employee, \$3300/2-party, and \$3300/family; and (2) Anthem: \$1450/ employee, \$2900/2-party, and \$2700/ family.

AUTHORIZE FY 2024-25 CHOICE PROGRAM BUDGET REVISIONS

The Board approved the Choice Program budget revisions as presented.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

ACTION ITEMS

MWDOC LEGISLATIVE POLICY PRINCIPLES

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted the proposed MWDOC legislative policy principles for 2025, by the following roll call vote:

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

AUTHORIZE WEROC TO ESTABLISH A COUNTYWIDE MASTER CONTRACT FOR WATER BOTTLE DISTRIBUTION DURING A CATASTROPHIC EVENT

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Crane, and carried (6-0), the Board authorized WEROC’s Director of Emergency Management to work with the MWDOC General Manager to establish a countywide master contract with Niagara for water bottle distribution, by the following roll call vote:

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

INFORMATION CALENDAR

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT, OCTOBER 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 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 and WACO planning meetings, a CCEEB teleconference meeting (noting there were challenges with the audio, and that he will be attending the next meeting), multiple OC Water Summit planning meetings, the OC Water Summit event, and the YLWD Board meeting.

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 and Committee meetings, the MET Pure Water Southern California subcommittee meeting, the MET Executive Committee meeting, MET’s Long-Term Regional Planning subcommittee meeting, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, and the WACO and WACO Planning meetings.

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, a community meeting with TCWD regarding rates, the OC Water Summit, the WACO and WACO planning meetings, and the MET Caucus. He then provided an overview of the major issues facing MET (Pure Water Southern California, Long-Term Regional Planning, etc.).

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), MET's Executive Committee meeting, MET's Long-Term Regional Planning subcommittee meeting, the OC Water Summit, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the WACO meeting, and the South Orange County water agency meeting.

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended most regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations and Administration & Finance Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), member agency Board and Committee meetings (SMWD and SCWD), several CCEEB meetings, MET's Long-Term Regional Planning subcommittee meeting, the WACO meeting, and the Going Native-Festival of Butterflies event.

Director Thomas stated that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations and Administration & Finance Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), as well as several OC Water Summit planning meetings, the OC Water Summit event, as well as the OC Water Summit speakers dinner, and the MET Board meeting wherein MWDOC was the highlighted member agency.

b. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

No new items were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary