

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
September 18, 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 Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

Al Nederhood
Larry Dick
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
Cathy Harris, Director of HR/Administration
Charles Busslinger, Dir. of Engineering/Dist. Eng.
Kevin Hostert, Sr. Water Resources Analyst
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT
Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Dennis Cafferty
Laura Freese
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Paul Weghorst
Jim Fisler
Don Froelich
Sherry Wanninger
John Kennedy
Chris Olsen
Alicia Dunkin
Brad Reese
Chuck Gibson
Saundra Jacobs
Jennifer Lopez
Brett Barbre
Gene Hernandez
Tom Lindsey
Dick Ackerman

MWDOC/MET Director
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El Toro Water District
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El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Mesa Water
Moulton Niguel Water District
Moulton Niguel Water District
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
Serrano Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
South Coast Water District
Yorba Linda Water District
Yorba Linda Water District
Yorba Linda Water District
Ackerman Consulting

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.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD

Vice President Thomas, along with General Manager De La Torre and Assistant General Manager Baum-Haley, presented an award to Sr. Water Resources Analyst Kevin Hostert for ten years of service with the District.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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 Dick, seconded by Director Crane, and carried (7-0), the Board approved the following Consent Calendar items by the following roll call vote:

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

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

August 7, 2024	Workshop Board Meeting
August 21, 2024	Regular Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting:	August 5, 2024
Administration & Finance Committee Meeting:	August 14, 2024
Executive Committee Meeting:	August 22, 2024

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of August 31, 2024
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, 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 July 31, 2024

2025 LIFE, LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE and EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

The Board selected Long-Term Disability (LTD), Life Insurance, and Employee Assistance Program (EAP) coverage with VOYA insurance, as presented.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

DISCUSSION ITEM

RICKY THE RAMBUNCTIOUS RAINDROP 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This item was deferred until later in the agenda.

INFORMATION CALENDAR**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, SEPTEMBER 2024**

General Manager De La Torre advised that the full General Manager's report was included in the Board packet. He noted that Vicki Osborn (Director of Emergency Management) would provide an update on the Airport Fire at the September 19, 2024 Executive Committee meeting.

Responding to questions by Director Seckel, General Manager De La Torre provided updates and overviews regarding (1) the OC demand projections and schedule for the Urban Water Management Plans, and (2) the next steps on the workshops regarding quality/nitrification.

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 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 delegation dinner with representatives from Three Valleys MWD, MET's Special Executive Committee meeting, MET's Long-Term Regional Planning meeting, the MET Caucus, the Grand Jury inspection trip, the WACO and WACU Planning meetings, and an event highlighting Alvin Papa's departure from Huntington Beach. Director Seckel then provided reported on MET activities, including (1) the White Paper on Direct Potable Re-Use, (2) the Pure Water Committee discussions (and phases); (3) the MET Chair election, and (4) the upcoming closed session wherein the MET Board will discuss the General Manager investigation.

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 Long-Term Regional Planning meeting, the MET Board meeting, the WACO meeting, the Grand Jury inspection trip, OC Water Summit Planning meeting(s), and the MET CAMP4W public presentation. He then provided an update on the Water Summit, encouraging attendance.

Director Dick stated that he attended the Planning & Operations Committee meeting, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings, MET meetings, the Urban Water Institute conference, the ribbon cutting event on the Westlands Water Storage Project, the MET Executive Committee meeting, the MET Caucus, and the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) conference. He provided an overview of the schedule and workshops held at the CSDA conference.

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 planning meeting, the Urban Water Institute conference, the OC Water Summit planning meeting(s), and a CCEEB teleconference meeting (noting there were challenges with the audio).

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive meetings, as well as the Regular Board meeting), WEF Membership Committee, member agency Board meetings (including SMWD and SCWD), the WACO meeting, and the CCEEB meeting (also noting the challenges with the audio for the 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 Executive Committee meeting, the Long-Term Regional Planning meeting, the ACWA quarterly Regulatory Committee meeting, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, and the MET Board and Committee meetings.

Director Thomas 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 Board meetings), as well as the OC Water Summit planning meeting(s).

b. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

No new items were presented.

RICKY THE RAMBUNCTIOUS RAINDROP 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In honor of Ricky the Rambunctious Raindrop’s (Ricky) 50th anniversary, Director Yoo Schneider hosted the District’s celebration (in the Boardroom). Among the activities, staff unveiled the new and improved Ricky the Rambunctious Raindrop character. Following the unveiling, several agencies and legislative staff members presented proclamations to honor Ricky and the School Program’s effectiveness in Orange County’s schools.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

At 10:00 a.m., Legal Counsel Byrne reported that the Board would adjourn to closed session with Legal Counsel Carson to discuss the following matters:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: General Manager
Government Code Section 54957

RECONVENE

The Board reconvened at 10:53 a.m., and Legal Counsel Byrne announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes

September 18, 2024

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary