

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

April 2, 2025

At 8:30 a.m., Vice President Thomas 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 Dick 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  
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel (via Zoom)  
Maribeth Goldsby, District Secretary  
Melissa Baum-Haley, Assistant General Mgr.  
Katrina Wraight, Legal Counsel  
Charles Busslinger, Dir. of Engineering/Dist. Eng.  
Heather Baez, Director of Governmental Affairs  
Alex Heide, Sr. Water Resource Analyst  
Kevin Hostert, Sr. Water Resource Analyst  
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs  
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer  
Rachel Waite-Harvey, WUE Program Supervisor  
Rachel Davis, Water Loss Control Prog. Supervisor  
Joe Berg, Director of WUE

\*Also MWDOC-MET Directors

**OTHER MWDOC-MET DIRECTORS**

Linda Ackerman  
Dennis Erdman

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Liz Crossen  
Brandon Goshi  
Sara Tucker (absent)  
Garrett Durst  
Syrus Devers  
Dick Ackerman  
Peter Whittingham  
Paul Jones  
Doug Davert  
Dave Youngblood  
Kathryn Freshley  
Kay Havens  
Mark Monin  
Vu Chu  
Toby Moore  
Steve LaMar  
Doug Reinhart

Metropolitan Water District of So. California  
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NRR  
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Syrus Devers Advocacy  
Ackerman Consulting  
Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors  
Dopudja & Wells Consulting  
East Orange County Water District  
East Orange County Water District  
El Toro Water District  
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El Toro Water District  
Golden State Water Company  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
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Peer Swan	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Cook	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Weghorst	Irvine Ranch Water District
Keith Van Der Maaten	Laguna Beach County Water District
Paul Shoenberger	Mesa Water
Stacy Taylor	Mesa Water
Denise Khalifa	Mesa Water
Dick Fiore	Moulton Niguel Water District
Sherry Wanninger	Moulton Niguel Water District
Matt Collings	Moulton Niguel Water District
Marina Lindsay	Moulton Niguel Water District
John Kennedy	Orange County Water District
Alicia Dunkin	Orange County Water District
Saundra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Bill Green	South Coast Water District
Fernando Paludi	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Brett Barbre	Yorba Linda Water District
Craig Parker	City of Anaheim
Marwan Khalifa	Association of California Water Agencies
Kristine McCaffrey	Calleguas Municipal Water District
Dave Pedersen	Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Anatole Falagan	City of Long Beach
Emily Novak	San Diego County Water Authority
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Ryan McCarthy	Townsend Public Affairs
Eric O'Donnell	Townsend Public Affairs
Chuck Gibson	
Art Jones	

## 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 COMMENTS

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

Mr. Paul Shoenberger (Mesa Water General Manager) announced that Mesa Water held its Grand Opening for their Water Education Center. He thanked Directors Seckel and Nederhood for attending and encouraged all to tour the facility.

**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**

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.

**PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS****METROPOLITAN CAMP4W PANEL DISCUSSION**

General Manager De La Torre advised that following a presentation, this item would consist of a panel discussion regarding MET's CAMP4W process with the following panel members: Anatole Falagan (Assistant General Manager, City of Long Beach, Utilities), Craig Parker (Assistant General Manager, City of Anaheim Utilities), Dave Pedersen (General Manager, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District), and Kristine McCaffrey (General Manager, Calleguas Municipal Water District).

Senior Water Resources & Policy Analyst, Alex Heide, along with Liz Crossen (MET) and Brandon Goshi (MET) presented information regarding MET's draft Climate Adaptation Master Plan (CAMP4W) implementation strategy. The information that was presented included implementation updates (since the February CAMP4W Task Force meeting), an overview of the requested clarifications, the climate decision-making framework, adaptive management criteria, key takeaways, and alignments with the Business Model discussions. He also reviewed climate risks and vulnerabilities, the importance of planning for uncertainties and setting time-bound targets (both resource and policy based), CAMP4W themes (reliability, resiliency, financial sustainability, affordability, and equity), and identifying the adaptation strategies.

Mr. De La Torre then opened the panel discussion with the aforementioned panelists; the questions/topics included the following:

1. What are the key take-aways from the CAMP4W process, and thoughts on the strategy the MET Board should focus on as they look toward an implementation strategy?
2. How has the perspective of the CAMP4W process changed over time and were there any surprises?
3. As the CAMP4W is an adaptable and flexible plan that can be updated as new information comes in, how do member agency staff (as water resource planners) get comfortable with a level of uncertainty to make some of the big decisions that need to be made?
4. What does a successful implementation strategy for CAMP4W look like to the panelists? And
5. Noting there has been discussion at the Board level about updating the CAMP4W data, is this important? Does this idea come from discomfort with uncertainty? Is it better to frame the conversation around hedging against the risk of planning for a future that may not play out?

The panelists each provided perspectives on the CAMP4W process which was followed by a dialogue between the Board members and panelists with specific emphasis on how the MET Board is handling/managing the process, population growth and its effect on the data, the importance of moving to the implementation phase, how MET's current financial situation may

affect future data, and the importance of MET's member agencies to work together toward a beneficial solution (cooperation).

Following discussion, the Board thanked the panelists and received and filed the information.

### **WATER SUPPLY UPDATE & NEW WATER SUPPLY REPORT FORMAT**

Due to timing issues, it was requested this item be presented at a future meeting.

### **LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**

#### **a. Federal Legislative Report (NRR)**

Mr. Garret Durst (NRR) reviewed his report, highlighting the federal Reduction in Force (RIF) plans, appropriations (and potential RIF cuts), and the confirmation hearing of Deputy Secretary of the Interior Katharine MacGregor.

Following a question by Director Seckel regarding funding (if any) for Salinity Control, it was noted that more detailed information would be presented at a future meeting.

The Board received and filed the report.

#### **b. State Legislative Report (SDA)**

Mr. Syrus Devers of SDA reviewed his report, highlighting upcoming potential legislative activity including a brief overview of AB 259, SB 580, SB 72, and SB 394.

The Board received and filed the report.

#### **c. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)**

Following a brief review of his report by Mr. Dick Ackerman, the Board received and filed the report.

#### **d. County Legislative Report (Whittingham)**

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

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

Due to timing, no additional reports or questions were made/posed.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **AB 514 (PETRIE-NORRIS): EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLIES**

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (7-0) the Board adopted a support position on Assembly Bill 514 (Petrie-Norris) and authorized staff to join the Irvine Ranch Water District's (IRWD) coalition letter, by the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Paul Shoenberger (Mesa Water) encouraged additional discussion and follow-up legislation to address and clarify the phrase “emergency water” in the event this legislation is passed.

**H.R. 1871 (HUFFMAN, D-CA) and S. 857 (CURTIS, R-UT) – WATER CONSERVATION  
REBATE TAX PARITY ACT**

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted a support position on H.R. 1871 (Huffman, D-CA) and S. 857 (Curtis, R-UT), by the following roll call vote:

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

**SB 496 (HURTADO) – ADVANCED CLEAN FLEETS REGULATION: APPEALS  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE: EXEMPTIONS**

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted a support position on Senate Bill 496 (Hurtado) and authorized staff to join the California Special Districts Association’s (CSDA) coalition and outreach efforts, by the following roll call vote:

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

**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

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

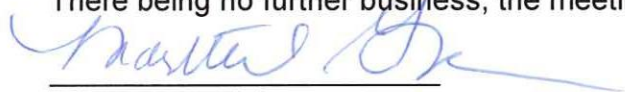
**METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Summary report regarding the March 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 10:41 a.m.



Maribeth Goldsby  
District Secretary