

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
April 16, 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 Secretary Goldsby 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  
Maribeth Goldsby, District Secretary  
Melissa Baum-Haley, Assistant General Manager  
Heather Baez, Director of Governmental Affairs  
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer  
Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager  
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT  
Cathy Harris, Director of Administration/HR  
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency  
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management  
Charles Busslinger, Dir. of Engineering/Dist. Engineer

**ALSO PRESENT**

Linda Ackerman  
Dennis Erdman

MWDOC/MET Director  
MWDOC/MET Director

Doug Davert  
Kathryn Freshley  
Mike Gaskins  
Mark Monin  
Dennis Cafferty  
Sherri Seitz  
Vu Chu  
Doug Reinhart  
Peer Swan  
Paul Weghorst  
Jim Atkinson  
Paul Shoenberger  
Stacy Taylor  
Dick Fiore  
Don Froelich  
Sherry Wanninger  
John Kennedy  
Laura Freese  
Saundra Jacobs  
Betty Olson  
Jerry Vilander  
Jennifer Lopez  
John Horst

East Orange County Water District  
El Toro Water District  
El Toro Water District  
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El Toro Water District  
El Toro Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
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Mesa Water  
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Moulton Niguel Water District  
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Orange County Water District  
Santa Margarita Water District  
Santa Margarita Water District  
Santa Margarita Water District  
Serrano Water District  
South Coast Water District  
Trabuco Canyon Water District

Brett Barbre  
Gene Hernandez  
Tom Lindsey  
Christine McIlrevey  
Emily Novak  
Dick Ackerman  
Charles Luas  
Lisa Ohlund  
Chuck Gibson  
Jennifer Wicks

Yorba Linda Water District  
Yorba Linda Water District  
Yorba Linda Water District  
Yorba Linda Water District  
San Diego County Water Authority  
Ackerman Consulting  
Orchard Dale Water District  
Ohlund Management & Technical Services

### **TELECONFERENCE SITE**

Directors 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.

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 received.

### **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 Seckel, seconded by Director Crane, 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.

March 5, 2025	Workshop Board Meeting
March 19, 2025	Regular Board Meeting

## **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting:	March 3, 2025
Administration & Finance Committee Meeting:	March 12, 2025
Executive Committee Meeting:	March 20, 2025

## **TREASURER'S REPORTS**

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of March 31, 2025  
Disbursement Registers (March/April)

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 February 28, 2025

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 February 28, 2025

**- END CONSENT CALENDAR -**

## **PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION ITEM**

### **HOLD PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT ORDINANCE SUPERSEDING AND REPEALING MWDOC ORDINANCE NO. 54 REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR DIRECTORS**

President McVicker announced that the Board would hold a Public Hearing to receive comments on the proposal to adopt a new Ordinance (superseding and repealing Ordinance No. 54) increasing Compensation for Directors. President McVicker opened the public hearing and encouraged public comments.

There being no public comments, President McVicker closed the Public Hearing and announced that the proposal to adopt Ordinance No. 56 was before the Board for consideration.

Director Crane made a MOTION, which was seconded by Director Seckel, to increase the Board's compensation by \$1 (from \$327.43 to \$328.43 per day; maximum of 10 days per month). President McVicker suggested the Board hold further discussion on the matter.

Director Seckel advised that in light of the recent discussions by the Board (regarding the 5% increase in compensation placeholder in the draft budget), it may be prudent to split any increase in compensation, suggesting the Board consider adopting a 2.5% increase in compensation. As a result, Director Seckel made a SUBSTITUTE MOTION, which was seconded by Director Nederhood, to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 56 increasing the Director compensation by 2.5% above its existing compensation (from \$327.43 to \$335.62 per day; maximum of 10 days per month). ORDINANCE NO. 56 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **AMENDMENTS TO METROPOLITAN WATER CONSERVATION FUNDING AGREEMENTS AND MWDOC WATER CONSERVATION PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Crane, and carried (4-0), the Board authorized the General Manager to sign (1) amendments to Metropolitan's Water Conservation Funding Agreements extending the term an additional ten years to June 30, 2035; and (2) an Amendment to MWDOC's Water Conservation Participation Agreement with each Member Agency extending the term an additional ten years to June 30, 2035. Said MOTION was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

### **ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26**

Upon MOTION by Director Crane, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (4-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2156, establishing the Fiscal Year 2025/26 budget substantially in the form presented (and adjusting the Director compensation to reflect the correct financial information as a result of the 2.5% increase as adopted above). Said RESOLUTION NO. 2156 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

**PROPOSED MWDOC WATER RATE RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26**

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Crane, and carried (4-0), the Board approved (1) increasing the MWDOC Retail Meter Charge from \$14.75 to \$15.25 per meter, and increasing the Groundwater Customer Charge from \$405,463 to \$414,371 effective July 1, 2025; and (2) adopting RESOLUTION NO. 2157, establishing Water Rates (setting forth rates and charges to be effective July 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026 for Fiscal Year 2025-26), by the following roll call vote:

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

**INFORMATION CALENDAR****GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, APRIL 2025**

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

Discussion ensued regarding SB 601 (Allen) regarding water: waste discharge, and Director Nederhood suggested the Board adopt an official position on the legislation. Mr. De La Torre advised that the Executive Committee could discuss putting it on an upcoming agenda for consideration.

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 most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), several MET Committee meetings, the WACO meeting, the LAFCO meeting, Mesa Water's Water Education Center grand opening, the Water Policy dinner, and a variety of MET Board/Committee meetings. He then provided an overview of MET activities.

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), a meeting with General Manager De La Torre, the MET Executive Committee meeting, the WACO planning committee meeting, the MET subcommittee on Long-Term Planning, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, the MET Board and Committee meetings, and MWDOC's Elected Officials Forum.

Director Seckel advised that he attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Regular Board meeting), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, the WACO and WACO planning meetings, the Water Policy dinner, the SMWD/Fenner Valley Water Authority Board meeting, Mesa Water's Water Education Center grand opening, and MWDOC's Elected Officials Forum. He advised that he would be speaking at the Coastal Division of the League of Women Voters of Orange County event later in the day.

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), several MET Board/Committee meetings, the Water Policy dinner, MWDOC's Elected Officials Forum, the WACO meeting, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, and two IRWD's Board meetings.

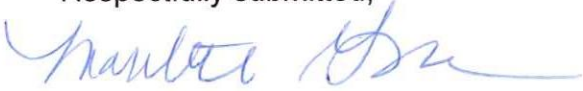
**b. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

No future agenda topics were requested.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President McVicker adjourned the meeting at 9:02a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary