

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
May 21, 2025**

At 8:31 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 Nederhood led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

MWDOC DIRECTORS

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

STAFF

Harvey De La Torre, General Manager
Melissa Baum-Haley, Assistant General Manager
Maribeth Goldsby, District Secretary
Angela Crespi, Recording Secretary
Cathy Harris, Director of Administration/HR
Charles Busslinger, Director of Engineering/Dist. Engineer
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT
Heather Baez, Director of Governmental Affairs
Joe Berg, Director of Water Use Efficiency
Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer
Leah Frazier, Administrative Assistant
Kathy Pham, Assistant Board Secretary
Katrina Wraight, Legal Counsel

ALSO PRESENT

Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman
Dennis Cafferty
Kathryn Freshley
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Mike Gaskins
Vu Chu
Doug Reinhart
Paul Cook
Paul Weghorst
Keith Van Der Maaten
James Fisler
Jim Atkinson
Stacy Taylor
Donald Froelich
Sherry Wanninger
Lisa Ohlund
Chris Olsen
John Kennedy
Charles Luas
Betty Olson
Saundra Jacobs
Fernando Paludi

MWDOC/MET Director
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El Toro Water District
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Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Laguna Beach County Water District
Mesa Water District
Mesa Water District
Mesa Water District
Moulton Niguel Water District
Moulton Niguel Water District
Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
Orchard Dale Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
Santa Margarita Water District
Trabuco Canyon Water District

John Horst
Brad Reese
Brett Barbre
Gene Hernandez
Tom Lindsey
Charles Gibson
Jennifer Wicks

Trabuco Canyon Water District
Serrano Water District
Yorba Linda Water District
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TELECONFERENCE SITES

Directors McVicker and Dick participated via teleconference locations (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.

District Secretary Goldsby advised that the Member Agency Spotlight – Irvine Ranch Water District presentation was distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD

General Manager De La Torre presented an award to Administrative Assistant Leah Frazier in recognition of her twenty years of service with the District.

General Manager De La Torre announced the retirement of District Secretary Maribeth Goldsby and expressed gratitude for her 31 years of dedicated service to 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 Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (6-0), the Board approved the following Consent Calendar items by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Nederhood, Dick, Seckel, McVicker, Thomas, Yoo Schneider

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Director Crane

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

April 2, 2025 Workshop Board Meeting
April 9, 2025 Special Board Meeting
April 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: April 14, 2025
Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: April 9, 2025
Executive Committee Meeting: April 17, 2025

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and filed as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of April 30, 2025
Disbursement Registers (April/May)

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 March 31, 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 March 31, 2025

Quarterly Budget Review

**CALL FOR CANDIDATES AND AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE ON BEHALF OF MWDOC
IN THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES' (ACWA) ELECTION OF
PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND REGION 10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board authorized President McVicker to cast the District's ballot and to return the final ballot to committee for review in August 2025.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF THE COUNTY'S
ALERTOC**

The Board authorized the General Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Municipal Water District of Orange County and the County of Orange for the continued use of the County's Countywide Mass Notification System, AlertOC, administered through Everbridge, Inc.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF DISTRICT INVESTMENT POLICY AND GUIDELINES

The Board received and filed the District's Investment Policy and Guidelines with no changes.

ANNUAL APPROVAL OF DISTRICT'S PAY STRUCTURE

The Board approved the proposed Pay Structure, as presented, effective July 1, 2025; adjusting the salary ranges by 3.30%, as approved during the budget process; and approve changes to titles and positions, as noted.

- END CONSENT CALENDAR -

DISCUSSION ITEMS

MEMBER AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

General Manager De La Torre introduced Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) General Manager Paul Cook who provided a presentation that highlighted an overview of IRWD, Water Supply Resilience Project (Syphon Reservoir Improvement Project, Santiago Creek Dam Improvement Project, Innovation: Water Banking For Dry-Year Use, Water Reliability Through Emergency Supply Development, and Does IRWD Have Enough Water For Our Community Now and Into the Future?) and Doing Things Differently.

Director Yoo Schneider left the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

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

INFORMATION CALENDAR

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, MAY 2025

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 all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting), a variety of MET Committee meetings, the WACO and WACO Planning meetings, LAFCO Ad Hoc Committee meeting, MWDOC's Elected Officials Forum and Yorba Linda Water District Recognition Event honoring Board Member Phil Hawkins.

Director Dick reported that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting), some MET Ad Hoc committee meetings on AG, MET Executive Committee meeting, a couple of summit meetings, Urban Water Institute meetings, Special MET legal meeting, ISDOC Executive Committee meeting and LAFCO meeting.

Director McVicker advised 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), WACO and WACO Planning meetings, ISDOC Executive Committee meeting and MET Board and Executive Committee meetings.

Director Seckel 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 regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, the WACO and WACO planning meetings, MET Caucus meeting and ACWA Spring Conference. He then provided an overview of the ACWA Conference sessions he attended.

Director Thomas advised that he attended the MWDOC Workshop meeting, WACO meeting, ACWA Investment Committee meeting and OC Water Summit meeting.

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 9:45 a.m.



Angela Crespi, District Secretary