

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
January 21, 2026**

At 8:31 a.m., President Dick called to order the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County in the Boardroom at the District facilities located in Fountain Valley, as well as including attendance via the Zoom Webinar application. Following a moment of silence, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Director Darcy Burke led the Pledge of Allegiance, and District Secretary Crespi called the roll.

MWDOC Directors

Al Nederhood
Larry Dick
Karl W. Seckel*
Bob McVicker
Randall Crane*
Jeffery M. Thomas
Megan Yoo Schneider

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

Other MWDOC MET Directors

Linda Ackerman

Staff

Harvey De La Torre, General Manager
Melissa Baum-Haley, Assistant General Manager
Angela Crespi, District Secretary
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency
Management/WEROC
Charles Busslinger, Director of Engineering/
District Engineer
Heather Baez, Director of Government Affairs
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT
Cathy Harris, Director of Human Resources and
Administration
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Jennifer Wicks, Public Affairs Communications
Manager
Rachel Davis, Water Loss Control Programs
Manager
Kathy Pham, Assistant Board Secretary
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer
Rachel Waite-Harvey, Water Use Efficiency
Programs Supervisor
Joseph Byrne, Legal Counsel

Also Present

Dick Ackerman
Lisa Ohlund
Doug Davert
Darcy Burke
Dennis Cafferty
Vu Chu
Kathryn Freshley
Mike Gaskins
Kay Havens
Mark Monin
Doug Reinhart
Peer Swan
Paul Weghorst

Ackerman Consulting
Ohlund Management and Technical Services
East Orange County Water District
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District

Keith Van Der Maaten
Marice DePasquale
James Fisler
Stacy Taylor
Albert Napoli
Sherry Wanninger
John Kennedy
Chris Olsen
Charles Luas
Brad Reese
Rick Erkeneff
Jennifer Lopez
Joe Muller
John Horst
Brett Barbre
Tom Lindsey
Montserrat Coria
Chuck Gibson
Michael Tou

Laguna Beach County Water District
Mesa Water District
Mesa Water District
Mesa Water District
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Moulton Niguel Water District
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
Orchard Dale Water District
Serrano Water District
South Coast Water District
South Coast Water District
South Coast Water District
Trabuco Canyon Water District
Yorba Linda Water District
Yorba Linda Water District

TELECONFERENCE SITE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Dick asked whether any member of the public had any comments on items that were not on the agenda.

Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD) Director John Horst welcomed Larry McKenney and introduced him as the newly appointed General Manager of TCWD.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

No items were received.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD LESS THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING

President Dick inquired as to whether there were any items distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

District Secretary Crespi reported that no items were distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2167

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 5)

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board approved Consent Calendar Items 1 – 5 by the following roll call vote:

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

1. MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

- a. December 1, 2025 Planning & Operations Committee Meeting
- b. December 10, 2025 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
- c. December 11, 2025 Special Regular Board Meeting
- d. December 11, 2025 Special Executive Committee Meeting

2. TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

- a. MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of December 31, 2025
- b. Disbursement Registers (December/January)

The following items were received and filed as presented.

- c. Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment report) as of November 30, 2025
- d. PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

The following item was received and filed as presented.

- a. Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending November 30, 2025

4. SPONSORSHIP OF CALWARN WEBSITE FOR CY 2026

The Board of Directors approved a one-time sponsorship up to \$4,500 to support the hosting, maintenance, and technical support of the new California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CalWARN) website through 2026, bridging the transition until CalWARN becomes a subset of the California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA).

5. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS

The Board of Directors authorized the General Manager to execute a 3-year professional services agreement with Stetson Engineers, Inc., with a term ending December 31, 2028, and an option to renew the agreement for two additional years, in an amount not to exceed \$264,000 as follows:

- Year 1: \$58,400 plus a 10% contingency (\$5,840) for a total cost not to exceed \$64,240;
- Year 2: \$96,100 plus a 10% contingency (\$9,610) for a total cost not to exceed \$105,710; and
- Year 3: \$85,500 plus a 10% contingency (\$8,550) for a total cost not to exceed \$94,050.

End Consent Calendar

ACTION ITEMS

6. ADOPT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED AGENTS AS SIGNATORIES TO EXECUTE FISCAL YEAR 2024 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE AGREEMENT

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Crane, and carried (7-0), the Board approved execution of the Grant Transfer Agreement with the City of Anaheim as the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Homeland Security Grant Administrator and adopt Resolution No. 2167 designating WEROC Director of Emergency Management and the General Manager as Authorized Agents for FY 2024 UASI Grant, by the following roll call vote:

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

7. 2026 STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS, SUBJECT MATTER ASSIGNMENTS, AND STANDING COMMITTEE DATES

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board of Directors ratified the 2026 Standing Committee Appointments, Subject Matter Assignments, and Standing Committee dates, by the following roll call vote:

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

8. ASSOCIATION AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS FOR 2026

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board of Directors ratified the agency representatives' Associations and Commission Appointments for 2026 and adopt Resolution No. 2168 approving the appointment of a Member and Alternated to the Santiago Aqueduct Commission (SAC), by the following roll call vote:

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

INFORMATION CALENDAR

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, JANUARY (ORAL AND WRITTEN)

Director Seckel requested that staff agendaize Making Conservation a California Way of Life update at a future meeting.

10. MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Board of Directors - Reports re: Conferences and Meetings

The Board members each reported on their attendance at the regular 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 Regular Board meeting), ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, WACO meeting, ACWA Fall conference, CRWUA Annual Conference, and several Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings.

Director Thomas reported that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Regular Board meeting), ACWA Fall Conference, and CRWUA Annual Conference.

Director Seckel advised that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Regular Board meeting), and several Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings. Director Seckel also provided an overview of Metropolitan activities.

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 Regular Board meeting), and several Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings.

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 Regular Board meeting), WACO and WACO planning, Water Resources Research Center webinar, ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, and several Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings.

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations and Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Regular Board meeting), ACWA Fall Conference, South Coast Water District Board meeting, Santa Margarita Water District Board meeting, Moulton Niguel Water

District Board meeting, meeting with Peter Whittingham, and several Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings.

Director Dick reported that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations and Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Regular Board meeting), Metropolitan Board meeting, WACO and WACO Planning, ISDOC Executive Committee, MWDOC Water Policy Ad Hoc Committee meeting and the ACWA Fall Conference.

b. Requests for Future Agenda Topics

No future agenda topics were requested.

11. MWDOC 75TH ANNIVERSARY

In celebration of MWDOC's 75th Anniversary, Michael Tou (Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris' office), Monserrat Coria (Senator Tom Umberg's office), Darcy Burke (Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District), Joe Muller (South Coast Water District), Paul Weghorst (Irvine Ranch Water District), Dennis Cafferty (El Toro Water District), Marice DePasquale (Mesa Water District), John Kennedy (Orange County Water District), John Horst (Trabuco Canyon Water District), and Brett Barbre (Yorba Linda Water District) presented resolutions from their districts and extended their congratulations to MWDOC.

In addition, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and Yorba Linda Water District provided resolutions honoring Director Dick.

General Manager Harvey De La Torre offered remarks in celebration of MWDOC's 75th Anniversary, expressing his gratitude to colleagues and partners in attendance. He also presented two videos commemorating the milestone: the MWDOC 75th Anniversary Reflection Video and a Tribute Video.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Dick adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.



Angela Crespi
District Secretary