

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
October 15, 2025**

At 8:30 a.m., President McVicker 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, Director Dick 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 (arrived at 8:36 a.m.)  
Megan Yoo Schneider

\*Also MWDOC MET Directors

**Other MWDOC MET Directors**

Linda Ackerman (absent)  
Dennis Erdman

**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  
Katrina Wraight, Legal Counsel

**Also Present**

Dick Ackerman  
Doug Davert  
Vu Chu  
Kathryn Freshley  
Mike Gaskins  
Kay Havens  
Sherri Seitz  
Doug Reinhart  
Peer Swan  
Paul Weghorst  
Keith Van Der Maaten  
James Fisler  
Albert Napoli  
Donald Froelich  
Sherry Wanninger

Ackerman Consulting  
East Orange County Water District  
El Toro Water District  
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El Toro Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Laguna Beach County Water District  
Mesa Water District  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
Moulton Niguel Water District  
Moulton Niguel Water District

Lisa Ohlund  
Saundra Jacobs  
Laura Freese  
Brad Reese  
Jerry Vilander  
Bill Green  
Jennifer Lopez  
John Horst  
Brett Barbre  
Tom Lindsey  
Chuck Gibson

Ohlund Management & Technical Services  
Santa Margarita Water District  
Santa Margarita Water District  
Serrano Water District  
Serrano Water District  
South Coast Water District  
South Coast Water District  
Trabuco Canyon Water District  
Yorba Linda Water District  
Yorba Linda Water District

**TELECONFERENCE SITES**

Directors McVicker and Yoo Schnieder participated via teleconference locations (all agenda requirements pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act requirements were complied with).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

There were no public comments.

**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 McVicker 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. 2163**

**CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 6)**

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (6-0), the Board approved Consent Calendar Items 1 – 6 by the following roll call vote:

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

**1. MINUTES**

The following minutes were approved.

- a. September 2, 2025 Planning & Operations Committee Meeting
- b. September 3, 2025 Workshop Board Meeting
- c. September 10, 2025 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
- d. September 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- e. September 18, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting

**2. TREASURER'S REPORTS**

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

- a. MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of September 30, 2025
- b. Disbursement Registers (September/October)

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 August 31, 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 August 31, 2025

**4. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND CONFIGURATION**

The Board awarded a contract to Consultadd Public Services in an amount not to exceed \$53,200 to provide Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system architecture and configuration and authorized the General Manager to execute the contract.

**5. FY 2025–26 CHOICE PROGRAMS BUDGET RECONCILIATION**

The Board approved the MWDOC Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025–26 with the final Choice Programs Budget reconciliation.

**6. 2026 HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Board approved an increase to the District's annual Health Savings Account (HSA) contribution amounts, made by the District, to the Kaiser and Anthem Consumer Driven Health Plans (CDHP) for the 2026 plan year, as follows:

	Employee Only	2-party	Family
Kaiser	\$1,700	\$3,400	\$3,400
Anthem	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$2,800

**End Consent Calendar**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**7. CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: SEAT C – SOUTHERN NETWORK**

General Manager Harvey De La Torre provided an overview of the item.

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Crane, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted Resolution No. 2162 nominating Director Albert Nederhood to the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors, Southern Network Seat C by the following roll call vote:

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

Director Thomas arrived at 8:36 a.m.

**8. BIENNIAL BUDGET FRAMEWORK AND APPROACH**

General Manager Harvey De La Torre provided an overview of the topic.

Following a brief discussion, the Board commended staff for their efforts in preparing the biennial budget framework and approach.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board directed the General Manager to develop a proposed Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2026–27 and 2027–28 to enhance efficiencies and support long-term financial planning, to approve the tentative budget schedule supporting a Biennial Budget, and to authorize amendments to the Administrative Code to reflect the change from an annual to biennial budget 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, OCTOBER (ORAL AND WRITTEN)**

General Manager Harvey De La Torre announced that the Metropolitan Board of Directors has appointed Shivaji Deshmukh as Metropolitan's next general manager. He also recognized Director of Emergency Management Vicki Osborn for her efforts during yesterday's flash flood watch, noting her constant communication with the County's Emergency Operating Center and member agencies that would be impacted by the storm.

**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 most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations and Administration & Finance Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting), ISDOC meeting, Yorba Linda Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, WACO Planning meeting, several MET meetings, OC Water Summit, OC Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee meeting. He also attended Costa Mesa Sanitary District Board meeting and Capistrano Beach Community Services District Board meeting to seek support for CSDA. Director Nederhood thanked the MET Board of Directors for allowing a transition period for the new general manager, acknowledged Director Erdman for his leadership on the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee, and commended MET staff for their recent budget drivers presentation at the Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency Committee.

Director Dick reported that he attended all the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting), most of the scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, Orange Park Acres Well Number 1 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Sheriffs Advisory Council meeting, Urban Water Institute Board meeting, South Orange County Economic Council with Senator Blakespear, OC Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee meeting, OC Grand Jury Tour, WACO, ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, and MET caucus meetings. Director Dick announced his resignation as MWDOC's representative on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board of Directors, effective upon selection and appointment of his replacement

Director McVicker thanked Director Dick for his service as a MWDOC MET Director and informed the Board that he will outline the process of appointing the next MWDOC MET Director at tomorrow's Executive Committee meeting. Director McVicker advised that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting), several MET Board and Committee meetings, CAMP4W Subcommittee, WACO, and the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting.

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 meeting and Regular Board meeting), most of the MET Board and Committee meetings, WACO and WACO Planning meetings, CAMP4W Subcommittee, OC Grand Jury Tour, Diamond Valley Lake Inlet/Outlet Tower Dedication, Inland Caucus meeting, and South Orange County Agencies Group. He informed the Board of his upcoming MET Inspection Trip in November, the possibility of a Seven States agreement, and provided an update on MET's Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency Committee meeting.

Director Crane 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), Irvine Ranch Water District Board meetings, ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, WACO, and OC Grand Jury Tour.

Director Thomas reported that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations and Administration & Finance Committee meetings, as well as the Regular Board meeting), OC Water Summit Speakers Dinner, OC Water Summit, OC Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee meeting, and South Orange County Agencies Group.

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations and Administration & Finance Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting), several MET meetings, South Orange County Agencies Group, WACO, UCI Dean Leadership's Council, Santa Margarita Water District Committee meeting, and South Coast Water District Board meeting.

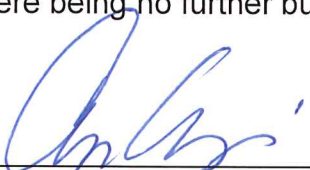
The Board of Directors each thanked Director Dick for over two decades of service and dedication as a MWDOC MET Director.

b. Requests for Future Agenda Topics

No future agenda topics were requested.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President McVicker adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

  
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Angela Crespi  
District Secretary