

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
November 19, 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 Nederhood led the Pledge of Allegiance, and District Secretary Crespi called the roll.

**MWDOC Directors**

Al Nederhood  
Larry Dick\*  
Karl W. Seckel\* (AB 2449)  
Bob McVicker  
Randall Crane  
Jeffery M. Thomas  
Megan Yoo Schneider (arrived at 9:05 a.m.)

\*Also MWDOC MET Directors

**Other MWDOC MET Directors**

Linda Ackerman  
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  
Pari Francisco, Records Specialist  
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer  
Rachel Waite-Harvey, Water Use Efficiency Programs Supervisor  
Joseph Byrne, Legal Counsel

**Also Present**

Dick Ackerman  
Iris Lee  
Doug Davert  
Vu Chu  
Dennis Cafferty  
Kathryn Freshley  
Mike Monin  
Kay Havens  
Sherri Seitz  
Doug Reinhart  
Peer Swan  
Keith Van Der Maaten  
Jim Atkinson  
James Fisler  
Stacy Taylor

Ackerman Consulting  
City of Seal Beach  
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  
Laguna Beach County Water District  
Mesa Water District  
Mesa Water District  
Mesa Water District

Albert Napoli  
Donald Froelich  
Sherry Wanninger  
Chris Olsen  
Emily Novak  
Saundra Jacobs  
Laura Freese  
Jerry Vilander  
Rick Erkeneff  
John Horst  
Fernando Paludi  
Brett Barbre  
Tom Lindsey

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
Moulton Niguel Water District  
Moulton Niguel Water District  
Orange County Water District  
San Diego County Water Authority  
Santa Margarita Water District  
Santa Margarita Water District  
Serrano Water District  
South Coast Water District  
Trabuco Canyon Water District  
Trabuco Canyon Water District  
Yorba Linda Water District  
Yorba Linda Water District

### **TELECONFERENCE SITES**

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

District Secretary Crespi announced that Director Seckel was participating remotely due to Just Cause circumstances under AB 2449, and that notice had been provided to the Board. Director Seckel announced that no other individuals were with him in the room. In compliance with requirements, a majority of the Board was in attendance in the Boardroom.

### **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.

### **EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD**

General Manager Harvey De La Torre and Public Affairs Director Damon Micalizzi recognized Public Affairs Coordinator Katie Vincent for her five years of service to the District. The Board and MWDOC staff joined in thanking Katie for her service.

**NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2163****CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 8)**

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Cranel, and carried (6-0), the Board approved Consent Calendar Items 1 – 8 by the following roll call vote:

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

**1. MINUTES**

The following minutes were approved.

- a. October 1, 2025 Workshop Board Meeting
- b. October 6, 2025 Planning & Operations Committee Meeting
- c. October 8, 2025 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
- d. October 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- e. October 16, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting
- f. October 22, 2025 MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee

**2. TREASURER'S REPORTS**

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

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

The following items were received and filed as presented.

- a. Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment report) as of September 30, 2025
- b. 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 September 30, 2025

**4. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR WATER LOSS CONTROL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a five-year professional services agreement with E Source Companies LLC., effective January 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$2.25 million, to provide Choice-based Technical Assistance to Orange County retail water

agencies for Water Loss Control regulation compliance, as well as Core-based work group support, regulatory review, and Technical Assistance to MWDOC.

#### **5. UPDATE TO WATER LOSS CONTROL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS**

The Board authorized the General Manager to execute updated Water Loss Control Participation Agreements with the MWDOC member agencies, City of Anaheim, City of Fullerton, and City of Santa Ana to facilitate Water Loss Control and Shared Services.

#### **6. WEROC FACILITY USE AGREEMENT WITH EL TORO WATER DISTRICT**

The Board authorized the General Manager to execute the WEROC Shared Facilities Use Agreement with El Toro Water District.

#### **7. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FEDERAL ADVOCACY SERVICES**

The Board awarded a 3-year contract, with the option to renew for two additional years, to Natural Resources Results (NRR) in an amount not to exceed \$96,000 per year, plus preapproved travel expenses not to exceed \$3,000/year, to provide federal advocacy services and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract.

#### **8. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR STATE ADVOCACY SERVICES**

The Board awarded a 3-year contract, with the option to renew for two additional years, to West Coast Advisors, in an amount not to exceed \$102,000 per year, plus preapproved travel expenses not to exceed \$3,000/year, to provide state legislative advocacy services and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract.

### **End Consent Calendar**

#### **PRESENTATION ITEM**

#### **9. AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – CITY OF SEAL BEACH**

General Manager Harvey De La Torre introduced Public Works Director Iris Lee from the City of Seal Beach. Ms. Lee provided a presentation highlighting the City's history, water system, staffing, new rate study, and upcoming infrastructure projects.

Ms. Lee outlined several areas in which Seal Beach, as a small city, partners with MWDOC to deliver outcomes to its residents. She thanked Director Seckel for always being available to educate residents and the WEROC team for emergency planning assistance.

The Board thanked Ms. Lee and received and filed the presentation.

Director Yoo Schneider arrived at 9:05 a.m.

**ACTION ITEM****10. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MWDOC-MET DIRECTOR**

President McVicker congratulated Director Dick and thanked Directors Crane and Nederhood for stepping forward and for their willingness to serve as a MWDOC-MET Director. President McVicker invited Directors Crane and Nederhood to make a statement.

Director Nederhood thanked President McVicker for the opportunity and highlighted the time commitment needed to fulfill the MWDOC-Met Director position. He further highlighted his recent engagement on MET issues.

Director Crane highlighted the level of responsibility required of the position and congratulated Director Dick on his service.

President McVicker made a recommendation to appoint Director Crane as MWDOC-MET Director and called upon the Board for a motion.

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted Resolution No. 2163 appointing Randall Crane as representative for the Municipal Water District of Orange County to the Board of Directors of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 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****11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, NOVEMBER (ORAL AND WRITTEN)**

General Manager Harvey De La Torre congratulated Director Crane on his appointment and thanked Director Dick for his service on the MWDOC-MET delegation. He also offered congratulations to Fernando Paludi on his retirement from the Trabuco Canyon Water District.

**12. 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, WACO meeting, and OC Summit Planning meeting. He also attended a special meeting with staff on the Urban Water Management Plan's demand projections, Orange County Cemetery Board, Buena Park Library

Board, and Orange County Mosquito Board.

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, OC Sanitation District Open House, WACO, WACO Planning, OC Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee meeting, a meeting with Greg Quist of San Diego County, OCWD and MWDOC Joint Planning, HOA H2o, Urban Water Institute Board meeting, and Heli Hydrant Ribbon cutting.

Director McVicker reported 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 including the MET subcommittee on imported water, WACO, WACO Planning, 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, Regular Board meeting, and OCWD and MWDOC Joint Planning), most of the MET Board and Committee meetings, and the MET Inspection Trip of the Colorado River Aqueduct. He also attended a meeting with General Manager De La Torre and Tom Love regarding Pure Water and its effects on Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD, a meeting with staff on demand projections, Cal Water Coalition Dinner, Deemer Heli hydrant meeting, ACWA Regions 8, 9 & 10 meeting, and WACO Planning meeting. Finally, he provided information regarding investments in infrastructure and staffing to support MET's reliability.

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, Regular Board meeting, and OCWD and MWDOC Joint Planning), Irvine Ranch Water District Board meetings, ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, and WACO.

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 and OCWD and MWDOC Joint Planning), some MET Board and Committee meetings, a cybersecurity meeting, ACWA JPIA Investment Committee meeting, OC Water Summit Board meeting, the Heli hydrant dedication, and a meeting with General Manager De La Torre.

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, Regular Board meeting, OCWD and MWDOC Joint Planning), MET meeting, a meeting with Santa Margarita Water District Board Member Jacobs, a CCEEB Meeting with MWDOC staff, WACO, and served as a guest lecturer at UCI.

b. Requests for Future Agenda Topics

No future agenda topics were requested.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President McVicker adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m.



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Angela Crespi  
District Secretary