

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
December 11, 2025**

At 8:30 a.m., President McVicker called to order the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County in Conference Room 101 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
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
Pari Francisco, Records Specialist
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer
Rachel Waite-Harvey, Water Use Efficiency
Programs Supervisor
Joseph Byrne, Legal Counsel

Also Present

Dick Ackerman
Lisa Ohlund
Vu Chu
Mark Monin
Doug Reinhart
Keith Van Der Maaten
Jim Atkinson
Stacy Taylor
Charles Luas
Emily Novak
Brad Reese
Chuck Gibson

Ackerman Consulting
Ohlund Management and Technical Services
El Toro Water District
El Toro Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Laguna Beach County Water District
Mesa Water District
Mesa Water District
Orchard Dale Water District
San Diego County Water Authority
Serrano Water District

TELECONFERENCE SITES

Director McVicker via teleconference location (all agenda and meeting requirements pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act 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. 2164

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 4)

Director Seckel requested, and General Manager Harvey De La Torre provided, a brief overview of Consent Calendar Item No. 4 for anyone who may not have been in attendance at the Administration & Finance Committee meeting.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board approved Consent Calendar Items 1 – 4 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. November 3, 2025 Planning & Operations Committee Meeting
- b. November 5, 2025 Workshop Board Meeting
- c. November 12, 2025 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
- d. November 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- e. November 20, 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 November 30, 2025
- b. Disbursement Registers (November/December)

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 October 31, 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 October 31, 2025

4. AMENDMENT TO THE BEST BEST & KRIEGER, LLP AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

The Board authorized the General Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement with Best Best & Krieger, LLP (BBK) for District legal services that adjusts its legal service rates effective January 1, 2026, and extends the time before the Board will consider resoliciting by an additional three years to September 1, 2030; in concurrence with the provisions of Admin Code §8000.

End Consent Calendar

ACTION ITEMS

5. REORGANIZATION OF THE MWDOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS; ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted Resolution No. 2164 appointing Larry Dick as President, by the following roll call vote:

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

Immediate Past President McVicker deferred to newly elected President Dick for the remainder of the meeting.

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted Resolution No. 2165 appointing Jeffery Thomas as Vice President, by the following roll call vote:

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

6. APPOINTMENT OF MWDOC OFFICERS

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted Resolution No. 2166 appointing the MWDOC Officers, 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

7. SUMMARY OF SENATE BILLS 707 AND 827

District Legal Counsel Joseph Byrne provided an overview of the relevant portions of SB 707 (Durazo), a new law that amends the Ralph M. Brown Act (the Brown Act), and focused on specific changes directly applicable to MWDOC. He also provided a summary of SB 827 (Gonzalez), a new law amending the Government Code regarding local agency officials' training.

Director Seckel inquired about an upcoming change to the Board's filing of Form 700s. District Secretary Crespi confirmed that Senate Bill 852 will require public officials who manage public investments to file Form 700s electronically with the FPPC through its e-filing system.

As indicated by Director Crane and confirmed by District Legal Counsel Joseph Byrne, the records shall note that there was a small typo in the report on page 78 or 97 in the packet in the section pertaining to Social Media Rules. Instead of "existing law permits," it should read "existing law prohibits".

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, NOVEMBER (ORAL AND WRITTEN)

General Manager Harvey De La Torre introduced Thevin Rajapaksha as the new WEROC Coordinator and Miriam Aldana as the new WEROC Specialist. Director of Emergency Management/WEROC Vicki Osborn then shared a brief overview of their professional background.

General Manager Harvey De La Torre provided an overview of the District's accomplishments in 2025 and shared opportunities and goals for 2026.

9. 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 Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting), ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, Yorba Linda Water District Board meeting, WACO and WACO Planning meetings, the heli-hydrant dedication at the Diemer Water Treatment Plant, OC Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee meeting, and several MET Board and Committee meetings.

Director Thomas reported that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Regular Board meeting), the heli-hydrant dedication at the Diemer Water Treatment Plant, OC Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee meeting, several MET Board and Committee meetings, ACWA Fall Conference, and is planning to attend the upcoming CRUWA 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 Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting). He also attended the heli-hydrant dedication at the Diemer Water Treatment Plant, WACO Planning, and MET Board and Committee meetings.

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 meeting and Regular Board meeting), Irvine Ranch Water District Board meeting, El Toro Water District Board meeting, several MET Board and Committee meetings, and the ACWA Fall Conference.

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 Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting), ACWA Fall Conference, South Coast Water District Board meeting, several MET Board and Committee meetings, met with Dick Ackerman, and served as a guest lecturer at UCI and UC Riverside.

Director Dick 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), UWI meeting, ACWA Fall Conference, heli-hydrant dedication at the Diemer Water Treatment Plant, and OC Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee 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 meeting and Regular Board meeting), California State Water Resources Control Board, California Natural Resources Agency webinar, Delta Stewardship Council, several MET Board and Committee meetings, OCBC Infrastructure Committee, and the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting.

b. Requests for Future Agenda Topics

No future agenda topics were requested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Dick adjourned the meeting in honor of Gordon Dillow at 9:21 a.m.



Angela Crespi
District Secretary