

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
February 18, 2026**

At 8:30 a.m., President Dick called to order the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) 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, Former California Senator Dick Ackerman led the Pledge of Allegiance, and District Secretary Crespi called the roll.

**MWDOC Directors**

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

\*Also MWDOC MET Directors

**Other MWDOC MET Directors**

Linda Ackerman  
Dennis Erdman

**Also Present**

Dick Ackerman  
Tuan Pham  
Doug Davert  
Vu Chu  
Kay Havens  
Mark Monin  
Paul Weghorst  
Keith Van Der Maaten  
Jim Atkinson  
Stacy Taylor  
Donald Froelich  
Marina Lindsay  
Sherry Wanninger  
Chris Olsen

**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, Communications Manager  
Tiffany Baca, Education and Workforce 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

Ackerman Consulting  
City of Westminster  
East Orange County Water District  
El Toro Water District  
El Toro Water District  
El Toro Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Laguna Beach County Water District  
Mesa Water District  
Mesa Water District  
Moulton Niguel Water District  
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Orange County Water District

Charles Luas  
Laura Freese  
Saundra Jacobs  
Brad Reese  
Jennifer Lopez  
John Horst  
Gene Hernandez  
Tom Lindsey  
John Earl

Orchard Dale Water District  
Santa Margarita Water District  
Santa Margarita Water District  
Serrano 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.

Maintenance & Utilities Manager Tuan Pham presented a proclamation on behalf of City of Westminster Mayor and City Council, extending their congratulations to MWDOC on its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

John Earl inquired about the Board of Directors' (Board) position on Climate Change.

The Board thanked Mr. Tuan Pham and Mr. John Earl for their comments and for attending the Board meeting.

### **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. 2169**

### **EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD**

General Manager Harvey De La Torre presented an award to Assistant General Manager Melissa Baum-Haley in recognition of her 15 years of dedicated service to the District and highlighted her accomplishments.

**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. January 5, 2026 Planning & Operations Committee Meeting
- b. January 7, 2026 Workshop Board Meeting
- c. January 14, 2026 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
- d. January 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- e. January 22, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting

**2. TREASURER'S REPORTS**

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

- a. MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of January 31, 2026
- b. Disbursement Registers (January/February)

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 December 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 December 31, 2025

**4. INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY (ISDOC) BYLAWS UPDATE**

The Board of Directors authorized President Dick, or his designee, to cast a vote on behalf of MWDOC approving the amended and restated ISDOC bylaws.

## **5. ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND CONFIGURATION CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER AND LICENSING COSTS**

The Board of Directors approved a contract change order with Consultadd Public Services in the amount of \$27,800, for a total not to exceed amount of \$81,000, to provide Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system architecture and configuration, as well as all of the licensing costs and one-time setup fees for the ERP system and its associated modules, totaling \$121,556.

### **End Consent Calendar**

## **INFORMATION CALENDAR**

### **6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, JANUARY (ORAL AND WRITTEN)**

General Manager Harvey De La Torre notified the Board that a Colorado River Salinity Forum will be held at MWDOC today and tomorrow.

Director Seckel commended WEROC staff for their active involvement and participation in numerous meetings throughout the county.

### **7. 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 Joint Workshop and Regular Board meeting), several Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) Board and Committee meetings, Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) Executive Committee meeting, ISDOC Quarterly Meeting, Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) meeting, Orange County Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee meetings, and MWDOC Water Policy Forum. Director Nederhood provided a recap of the Metropolitan meetings he attended.

Director Thomas reported that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop meeting), MWDOC Water Policy Forum, Orange County Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee meetings, and ISDOC Quarterly event.

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 Joint Workshop and Regular Board meeting), several Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, Southern California Water Coalition Quarterly meeting, Inland Caucus meeting, WACO and WACO Planning. Director Seckel informed the Board that he welcomed the Colorado River Salinity Forum yesterday and invited the Board to join the sessions today and tomorrow if they are available. Director Seckel provided his input on the Metropolitan budget, staffing, and Capital Improvement Programs.

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 Joint Workshop and Regular Board meeting), several Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, WACO meeting, ISDOC Quarterly meeting, MWDOC Water Policy Forum, and Moulton Niguel Water District Board meeting.

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Administration & Finance and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Regular Board meeting), Santa Margarita Water District Board meeting, South Coast Water District Board meeting, meeting with Linda Ackerman, meeting with staff, WACO Meeting, and several Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings. Director Yoo Schneider also presented to the University of California, Irvine, Engineers Without Borders on behalf of MWDOC.

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 Joint Workshop and Regular Board meeting), Orange County Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee meetings, MWDOC Water Policy Forum, ISDOC meeting, meeting with staff, WACO and WACO Planning, and a meeting with Dick Ackerman.

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), ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, several Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, and WACO Planning.

b. Requests for Future Agenda Topics

No future agenda topics were requested.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Dick adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m.



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Angela Crespi  
District Secretary