

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
June 19, 2024**

At 8:30 a.m., Vice President Thomas called to order the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County, in the Board Room at the District facilities located in Fountain Valley, as well as via the Zoom Webinar application. Following a moment of silence, Director Nederhood led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

**MWDOC DIRECTORS**

Al Nederhood  
Larry Dick (absent)  
Bob McVicker (absent)  
Karl Seckel  
Randall Crane  
Jeffery M. Thomas  
Megan Yoo Schneider

**STAFF**

Harvey De La Torre, General Manager  
Katrina Wraight, Legal Counsel  
Maribeth Goldsby, District Secretary  
Joe Berg, Director of WUE  
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs  
Alex Heide, Sr. Water Resources Analyst  
Cathy Harris, Director of HR/Administration  
Charles Busslinger, Dir. of Engineering/Dist. Eng.  
Kevin Hostert, Sr. Water Resources Analyst  
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer  
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT  
Rachel Davis, Water Loss Control Prog. Supervisor

**ALSO PRESENT**

Linda Ackerman (absent)  
Dennis Erdman  
Doug Davert  
Kathryn Freshley  
Mike Gaskins  
Kay Havens  
Vu Chu  
Doug Reinhart  
Peer Swan  
Paul Weghorst  
Jose Diaz  
Rick Hurtado  
Sunny Tran  
Jim Atkinson  
Stacy Taylor  
Keith Van Der Maaten  
Laura Freese  
Chuck Gibson  
Frank Ury  
Brad Reese  
Jerry Vilander  
Rick Shintaku  
Jennifer Lopez  
Fernando Paludi  
Tom Lindsey

MWDOC/MET Director  
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East Orange County 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  
City of Orange  
City of Orange  
City of Orange  
Mesa Water  
Mesa Water  
Laguna Beach County Water District  
Santa Margarita Water District  
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

Lisa Ohlund  
Charles Luas

Ohlund Management & Technical Services  
Orchard Dale Water District

**TELECONFERENCE SITE**

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice President Thomas announced that members of the public wishing to comment on agenda items could do so after the item has been discussed by the Board and requested members of the public identify themselves when called on. Vice President Thomas asked whether any member of the public had any comments on items that were not on the agenda.

No public comments were received.

**ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED**

No items were received.

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

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

No items were distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Vice President Thomas stated all matters under the Consent Calendar would be approved by one MOTION unless a Director wished to consider an item separately.

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (5-0) the Board approved the following Consent Calendar items, by the following roll call vote:

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

**MINUTES**

The following minutes were approved.

- May 1, 2024 Workshop Board Meeting
- May 15, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

The following Committee Meeting reports were received and filed as presented.

Combined Planning & Operations and Administration & Finance Committee Meetings:	May 6, 2024
Executive Committee Meeting:	May 16, 2024

**TREASURER'S REPORTS**

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of May 31, 2024  
Disbursement Registers (May/June)

The following items were received and filed as presented.

- Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment Report) as of April 30, 2024
- PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The following items were received and filed as presented.

- Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending April 30, 2024

**CONTINUATION OF THE RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE DESIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Board authorized staff to implement a Residential Landscape Design Assistance Rebate Program in support of the Turf Replacement Rebate Program using a combination of grant funds from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MET), U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, California Department of Water Resources, and member agencies.

**ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a two-year professional services agreement with E-Source in an amount not to exceed \$41,640 for facilitation of up to six AMI Workgroup meetings.

**APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION POLICY AND SECTION 1307 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

The Board approved the revisions to the General Manager Performance Evaluation Policy and the District's Administrative Code, Section 1307 (as revised by the Administration & Finance Committee).

**- END CONSENT CALENDAR -**

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**MEMBER AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – CITY OF ORANGE**

Following an introduction by General Manager De La Torre, Jose Diaz, Water Manager for the City of Orange (Orange) presented information regarding Orange’s water operations, including an overview of its service area, budget, Capital Improvement Program, employee structure, infrastructure, and current projects. He also highlighted the Orangewood Transmission Line, PFAS treatment, field crew operations, Orange’s 24 hour a day phone line, and the need to continue to use MWDOC’s services and programs (e.g. Leak Detection, Water Use Efficiency, and legislative advocacy).

Following a brief discussion and question/answer period, the Board thanked Mr. Diaz and received and filed the report.

**INFORMATION CALENDAR**

**GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT, JUNE 2024**

General Manager De La Torre advised that the full General Manager’s report was included in the Board packet.

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

**MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board members each reported on their attendance at the regular (and special) 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 first commented on the recent MET Board meeting regarding MET’s General Manager Adel Hagekhalil, wherein the Board placed Mr. Hagekhalil on administrative leave and suggested the MET Board monitor the issues and be alert for any conflicts of interest. He highlighted several issues/concerns he has with MET (budget, etc.) and he asked that the MWDOC Board be notified of these types of issues as soon as possible. He then advised that he attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the MET Board and Committee meetings, the Brea Mayor’s breakfast, a Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) presentation by California Natural Resources Secretary Crowfoot (in Tustin), a DCP economic briefing by Dr. Sunding, the ACWA conference, the WACO and WACO planning meetings, the OC Water Summit planning meeting(s), a Water Infrastructure Networking Summit, and the Data Collaborative webinar.

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 and Regular Board meetings), the Water Infrastructure Networking Summit,

California Natural Resources Secretary Crowfoot's presentation regarding the DCP, the South Orange County Watershed Management Area Executive Committee, and the OC Water Summit planning meeting(s).

Director Seckel advised that he attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, the WACO and WACO planning meetings, the Mesa Water Board meeting, the ETWD Communications Advisory Committee meeting, a meeting with Westminster Councilmember Amy Phan West, the Water Infrastructure Networking Summit, the ACWA conference, the MET CAMP4W Task Force meeting, and the DCP economic briefing. He also advised that he taught a class at Cal Poly Pomona on Ocean Desalination policy issues, and that the Pure Water subcommittee meeting was coming up.

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the SMWD Board and Committee meetings, the SCWD Board meeting, several CCEEB meetings, and the WACO meeting.

Director Thomas stated that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the ACWA Finance Committee and subcommittee meetings, the OC Water Summit planning meetings, Ethics Training, and Santa Margarita Water District's Oso Creek dedication.

**a. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

No items for future agenda topics were presented.

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

Although closed session items regarding the General Manager's performance evaluation were agendized, the Board opted to defer holding closed session items until July.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary