

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
May 15, 2024**

At 8:30 a.m., President McVicker 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 Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

**MWDOC DIRECTORS**

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

**STAFF**

Harvey De La Torre, General Manager  
Joe Byrne, 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  
Dennis Erdman  
Christine Carson  
Doug Davert  
Kathryn Freshley  
Mike Gaskins  
Kay Havens  
Mark Monin  
Dennis Cafferty  
Sherri Seitz  
Vu Chu  
Ken Vecchiarelli  
Doug Reinhart  
Peer Swan  
Paul Weghorst  
Jim Atkinson  
Jim Fisler  
Stacy Taylor  
Dick Fiore  
Don Froelich  
Sherry Wanninger  
John Kennedy  
Chris Olsen  
Nicole Standfield

MWDOC/MET Director  
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Aleshire & Wynder  
East Orange County Water District  
El Toro Water District  
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El Toro Water District  
El Toro Water District  
El Toro Water District  
El Toro Water District  
Golden State Water Company  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Mesa Water  
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Moulton Niguel Water District  
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Orange County Water District  
Orange County Water District  
Santa Margarita Water District

Greg Mills	Serrano Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Rick Shintaku	South Coast Water District
Jennifer Lopez	South Coast Water District
Glen Acosta	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Michael Perea	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Brett Barbre	Yorba Linda Water District
Gene Hernandez	Yorba Linda Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Dick Ackerman	Ackerman Consulting
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Charles Luas	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**

President McVicker 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. President McVicker 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**

President McVicker 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**

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

Director Dick referenced Item No. 6 on the agenda (District’s Benchmark Compensation & Benefits Study), noting that he preferred more specific job titles (e.g., Database Coordinator versus Administrative Assistant). Following a brief discussion the Board opted to leave the titles as recommended by the Consultant.

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Crane, and carried (7-0) the Board approved the following Consent Calendar items, by the following roll call vote:

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

**MINUTES**

The following minutes were approved.

April 3, 2024 Workshop Board Meeting  
 April 10, 2024 Special Board Meeting (Elected Officials Forum)  
 April 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

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

Planning & Operations Committee Meeting: April 1, 2024  
 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: April 10, 2024  
 Executive Committee Meeting: April 18, 2024  
 MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee: April 24, 2024

**TREASURER'S REPORTS**

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of April 30, 2024  
 Disbursement Registers (April/May)

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 March 31, 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 March 31, 2024
- Quarterly Budget Report

**APPROVE DISTRICT’S BENCHMARK COMPENSATION & BENEFITS STUDY**

The Board (1) Approved the recommended position reclassifications and title changes; (2) approved the recommended adjustment for all Pay Structure ranges to be 40%, thereby adjusting rages 1 to 21 from 35 to 40%; and (3) approved the District Pay Structure, effective July 1, 2024.

**- END CONSENT CALENDAR –**

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**BUREAU OF RECLAMATION GRANT RESOLUTION FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND INSTITUTIONAL (CII) WATER CONSERVATION PLANNING PROJECT**

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2148 in support of MWDOC’s 2024 Water Conservation Field Services Program grant application for the Orange County Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) Water Conservation Planning Project, by the following roll call vote:

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

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**MEMBER AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY**

Following an introduction by General Manager De La Torre, Golden State Water Company’s General Manager (Orange County) (GSWC) Ken Vecchiarelli presented information regarding GSWC’s history and mission and its commitment to reliable quality water service. The presentation included an overview of GSWC’s community involvement, infrastructure (and infrastructure investments) and overall service area.

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

**INFORMATION CALENDAR**

**GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT, MAY 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 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 WACO and WACO planning meetings, the MWDOC Elected Officials Forum, the YLWD PFAS Plant dedication, the OC Water Summit planning meeting(s), the ACWA/AWWA reception honoring ACWA and AWWA leaders, the ACWA conference, OCWD's tour of the GWRS facility (for Steve Garvey), and the California Data Collaborative webinar.

Director Dick stated that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings, (Executive Committee as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, the Southern California Water Committee meeting, the South Orange County reception, the ACWA/AWWA reception honoring ACWA and AWWA leaders, preparation meetings for MET's Executive and Finance Committees, the UWI meeting, and the WACO meeting.

Director McVicker noted his attendance at all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Administration & Finance, Planning & Operations, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), the MET Long-Term Regional Planning Process and Business Modeling subcommittee meeting, the WACO meeting, the MET Board and Committee meetings, and the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting.

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 MET CAMP4W Task Force meeting, the ACWA/AWWA reception honoring ACWA and AWWA leaders, the YLWD PFAS Plant dedication, a meeting with Harvey De La Torre and Shane Chapman, an inspection trip to the State Water Project, and the ACWA conference. He then provided an overview of current MET Board approval items and activities, including the collaborative MOUs recently entered into between MET and Central Valley farming groups/entities, AMP repair funding, the CAMP4W efforts, the Long-Term planning and Business Modeling efforts, and the Pure Water project.

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), WACO meeting, and the ACC-OC Leadership Summit. He advised that he spoke at the OC Civic Learning event (through MWDOC's Speakers Bureau) and encouraged staff to send any speakers ideas for sharing.

Director Thomas stated that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations and Administration & Finance Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop and Regular Board meetings), meetings with Directors from various member agencies,

including OCWD Director Steve Sheldon, SMWD Director Frank Ury, and EOCWD Director Doug Davert, the OC Water Summit planning meetings, the MWDOC Elected Officials Forum, ACWA's Finance Committee meeting, the MET Board and Committee meetings, and the WACO meeting.

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, the WACO meeting, the Seawater Chemistry & Waste Committee meeting, the Seawater Quality Task Force meeting, and the SCWD Administration & Finance Committee meeting.

**a. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

No items for future agenda topics were presented.

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

At 9:55 a.m., it was announced that the Board would adjourn to closed session to discuss the following items:

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water of Southern California on April 8, 2014, et al., former Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC547139, transferred on December 2, 2014, to San Francisco Superior Court, now Case No. CPF-14-514004.

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on April 12, 2016, effective January 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018, et al., former Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS161729, transferred to San Francisco Superior Court, now Case CPF-16-515282.

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on April 10, 2018 to be effective January 1, 2019, and Jan. 1, 2020, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 173868, Transferred to San Francisco Superior Court, now Case CPF-18-516389.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened at 10:31 a.m., and Legal Counsel Carson announced that upon MOTION by Director Thomas, which was seconded by Director Nederhood and carried (7-0), the Board ratified filing a Notice of Appeal and authorized participation in the appeal in the above-referenced litigation matters.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President McVicker adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary