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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Thursday, January 10, 2019
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order on January 10, 2019, at 6:01 p.m. by President Dewane at the District Office Boardroom, located at 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Fisler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

Shawn Dewane, President
Marice H. DePasquale, Vice President
Jim Atkinson, Director
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director
James R. Fisler, Director

Directors Absent

None

Staff Present

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
Phil Lauri, P.E., Assistant General Manager
Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager/
District Secretary
Wendy Duncan, Records Management Specialist/
Assistant District Secretary
Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/
District Treasurer
Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager
Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager
Sara J. Fahy, Public Affairs Manager
Tracy Manning, Water Operations Manager
Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Others Present

Greg Newmark, Principal, Meyers Nave

RECOGNITION OF MESA WATER DISTRICT PAST PRESIDENT JIM ATKINSON

President Dewane recognized and thanked Immediate Past President Jim Atkinson for his contributions and service to the District.

Photographs were taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Dewane asked for public comments on items not on the agenda.

There were no comments and President Dewane proceeded with the meeting.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED, REMOVED OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

General Manager Shoenberger recommended reordering the agenda to take Closed Session Item 15 prior to the Consent Calendar. There were no objections.

President Dewane asked for public comments. There were no comments.

President Dewane announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 6:07 p.m.

ITEM 15 - CONFERENCE WITH SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)

Case: Irvine Ranch Water District v. Orange County Water District and related cross - actions, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case Nos. BS168278 and BS175192

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:48 p.m.

District Secretary Garcia reported that the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, District Secretary, and Special Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1). The Board received information and there was no further announcement.

RECESS

President Dewane declared a recess at 6:48 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 6:54 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

President Dewane pulled Item 11 for discussion. There were no objections.

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of December 13, 2018.
2. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of December 17, 2018.
3. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of December 20, 2018.
4. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
5. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
 - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
6. Approve a Charter Membership with Community Water Systems Alliance for an amount up to \$20,000 to help guide policy and strategy on the safe drinking water issue.
7. Reschedule the Thursday, May 9, 2019 regular Board of Directors' meeting to Thursday, May 2, 2019.
8. Ratify the 2019 Board Committee & Other Agency Liaison Assignments.

9. Renew the contract with California Advocates for Advocacy Consulting Services through December 31, 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$84,000.
10. Approve a first-year membership with California Municipal Utilities Association for Fiscal Year 2019 in the amount of \$2,250.
11. Approve Soto Resources' proposal in the amount of \$21,180 to submit a grant application on behalf of Mesa Water District to help fund the design/build of the Mesa Water Reliability Facility Outreach Center.

President Dewane asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Fisler, to approve Items 1 – 10 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 11 – Approve Soto Resources' proposal in the amount of \$21,180 to submit a grant application on behalf of Mesa Water District to help fund the design/build of the Mesa Water Reliability Facility Outreach Center.

GM Shoenberger noted that there was a revised staff report that contained a modification to the recommendation. GM Shoenberger introduced External Affairs Manager Taylor who reviewed a brief history of the MWRF and the topic.

GM Shoenberger and Ms. Taylor responded to questions from the Board.

President Dewane asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Fisler, to approve Item 11 of the Consent Calendar to:

- a. Approve Soto Resources' proposal for an amount not to exceed \$22,000 to submit a grant application on behalf of Mesa Water District to help fund the design/build of the Mesa Water Reliability Facility Outreach Center.
- b. Approve an amount not to exceed \$38,000 to IBI Group for professional design services to develop updated renderings for improvements to the Mesa Water Reliability Facility Outreach Center.

Motion passed 4 – 1, with Director Atkinson voting no.

ACTION ITEMS:

President Dewane announced that an item arose after the January 10, 2019 agenda was posted when staff provided the Executive Committee with an update on the ongoing Building and HVAC Improvements. To leverage economies of scale with those improvements, President Dewane recommended adding Item 12A - Boardroom Improvements to the agenda. There were no objections.

ITEM 12A – BOARDROOM IMPROVEMENTS:

GM Shoenberger introduced Assistant General Manager Lauri who provided an overview of the topic and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board directed staff to agendize the item, “Administration Building Improvements/HVAC Replacement/Operations Building Repair”, at the next Finance Committee meeting.

12. POLICY POSITIONS:

President Dewane asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President DePasquale, to approve the updated Policy Positions for Mesa Water District. Motion passed 5-0.

13. BOARD WORKSHOP PLANNING:

GM Shoenberger reviewed the proposed topics and noted the Board Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2019. He asked if there were additional topics to be added and the Board replied that there were none at this time.

No action was taken on this topic.

14. ORDINANCE NO. 28 – DIRECTORS’ COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT:

Attorney Anslow reviewed the public hearing notice process.

Administrative Services Manager Garcia responded to questions from the Board.

President Dewane asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Fisler, to direct staff to schedule a public hearing for the February 14, 2019 Board meeting to address Directors compensation. Motion passed 4-1, with Director Atkinson voting no.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

Item taken earlier in the agenda.

15. CONFERENCE WITH SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1)

Case: Irvine Ranch Water District v. Orange County Water District and related cross-actions, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case Nos. BS168278 and BS 175192

REPORTS:

16. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:
 - December Key Indicators Report
 - Other (no enclosure)
17. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

INFORMATION ITEMS:

18. DIRECTORS' REPORTS (AB 1234) PER CA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3 (D)
19. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m. to a regular Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:



Shawn Dewane, President



Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Sharon D. Brimer, Recording Secretary