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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Thursday, December 19, 2019
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
3:30 p.m. Special Board Meeting**

LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order on December 19, 2019 at 4:19 p.m. by Chairwoman DePasquale in the District Boardroom, located at 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, California.

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

Jim Atkinson, Director

Staff Present

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager/
District Secretary
Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager
Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator

Others Present

John Lewis, President, Lewis Consulting Group

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments on non-agendized topics.

The agenda was reordered to take Item 3 before Consent Calendar. There were no objections.

Item 3 – Orange County Update

General Manager Shoenberger introduced Lewis Consulting Group President John Lewis who proceeded with the Orange County Update.

Mr. Lewis responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the update.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Director Fisler pulled Items 1 and 2 for discussion. There were no objections.

1. State Advocacy Update
2. Outreach Update

Item 1 – State Advocacy Update

External Affairs Manager Taylor provided an update on State Advocacy.

Ms. Taylor responded to question from the Board and they thanked her for the update.

Item 2 – Outreach Update

External Affairs Manager Taylor provided an update on Outreach.

Ms. Taylor responded to questions from the Board and they thanked her for the update.

MOTION

Motion by President Dewane, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve Items 1 and 2 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 4-0-1, with Director Atkinson absent.

ACTION ITEMS:

None.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3. Orange County Update

This item was taken earlier in the agenda.

4. District Messaging

General Manager Shoenberger provided a brief overview of the topic and answered questions from the Board.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by President Dewane, to add to the next regular Board meeting Consent Calendar approval of \$150,000 for a Strategic Communications Advisor. Motion passed 4-0-1, with Director Atkinson absent.

REPORTS:

5. Report of the General Manager


6. Directors' Reports and Comments

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Approved:



Shawn Dewane, President



Denise Garcia, District Secretary