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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, October 11, 2023
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
4:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Acting President DePasquale.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Atkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

Shawn Dewane, President

Staff Present

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
Denise Garcia, Chief Administrative Officer/
District Secretary
Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/
District Treasurer
Tracy Manning, Chief Operating Officer
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., District Engineer
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
Kurt Lind, District Business Administrator
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Specialist
Celeste Carrillo, Senior Public Affairs Specialist
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Others Present

Geoff Bowman, Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates (VSA)
(teleconference)
Pete Evich, Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates *(teleconference)*
Ashley Strobel, Director of Government Affairs, Van Scoyoc
Associates *(teleconference)*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Acting President DePasquale asked for public comments on items not on the agenda.

There were no comments and Acting President DePasquale proceeded with the meeting.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED, REMOVED, OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

General Manager Shoenberger reported there were no items to be added, removed, or reordered on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of September 13, 2023.
2. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of September 27, 2023.
3. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
4. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
 - Upcoming Community Outreach Events

MOTION

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

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

5. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW:

Water Policy Manager Taylor introduced VSA Vice President Geoff Bowman, VSA Vice President Pete Evich and VSA Director of Government Affairs Ashley Strobel.

Mr. Bowman provided a verbal presentation regarding their advocacy efforts in 2023.

Mr. Bowman responded to questions from the Board and they thanked VSA for the presentation.

6. POTABLE AND RECYCLED WATER RATES:

Chief Financial Officer Khalifa provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Financial Plan Considerations
- Inflation Assumptions
- Utility Rates vs Other Goods
- Proposed Financial Plan:
 - Days Cash
 - Cash on Hand
 - Debt Coverage
- Basic Charge Derivation – FY 2024
- Bi-Monthly Basic Charge
- Monthly Basic Charge
- Annual Capital Charge
- Consumption Rate – Hundred Cubic Feet
- Average Single Family Customer Charges
- Average Single Family Monthly Charges
- Next Steps
- Recommendation

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

CFO Khalifa responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the presentation.

MOTION

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Director Bockmiller, to direct staff to finalize proposed rates and bring back a Draft Rate Study at a future meeting. Motion passed 4 – 1, with President Dewane absent.

ACTION ITEMS:

None.

REPORTS:

7. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Recess

Acting President DePasquale declared a break at 5:43 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 5:46 p.m.

8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS (AB 1234) PER CA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3 (D)

Acting President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Shawn Dewane

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Shawn Dewane, President

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Denise Garcia

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Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer