

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA
Tuesday, March 10, 2009
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order on March 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. by President Dewane at the District Office Boardroom, located at 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Atkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance in memory of one of Mesa's Civic Leaders, Donn Hall.

ROLL CALL

District Secretary Monteleone noted that Director Ohlig-Hall was absent.

Directors Present

Shawn Dewane, President
Fred R. Bockmiller, First Vice President
James F. Atkinson, Vice President
Paul E. Shoenberger, Vice President

Directors Absent

Trudy Ohlig-Hall, Vice President

Staff Present

Lee Pearl, General Manager
Coleen L. Monteleone, Administrative Services Manager/
District Secretary
Victoria L. Beatley, Financial Services Manager/Treasurer
Robert R. McVicker, District Engineer
Jerry Vilander, Water Operations Manager
Barbara Wiseman, Human Resources Manager
Leanne Talbott, Associate Civil Engineer
Jeff Hoskinson, Attorney, Bowie, Arneson, Wiles & Giannone
Rob Anslow, Attorney, Bowie, Arneson, Wiles & Giannone

Others Present

Larry Porter, Residents for Responsible Desalination

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Dewane invited members of the public to address the Board of Directors (Board) on matters that were not on the agenda. President Dewane acknowledged Mr. Larry Porter representing Residents for Responsible Desalination. Mr. Porter offered information on a group called Food and Water Watch that publishes information on desalination. He distributed brochures to the Board and Mesa staff, which was developed by the Food and Water Watch. He spoke in opposition to Mesa providing part of Mesa's infrastructure for conveyance of desalinated water as proposed by the Poseidon Resources. He thanked the Board for their attention. President Dewane proceeded with the meeting.

Mission: Dedicated to satisfying our community's water needs

ITEMS TO BE ADDED, WITHDRAWN, OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

There were no items to be added, withdrawn, or reordered.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

All matters on the Consent Calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Board member, staff, or a member of the public requests a separate action.

- A. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of February 24, 2009.
- B. Approve minutes of adjourned regular Board meeting of March 2, 2009.
- C. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
 - 1. Mesa Verde Community, Inc. Meeting; Costa Mesa, CA; March 11, 2009.
 - 2. Costa Mesa Chamber Meeting; Costa Mesa, CA; April 16, 2009.
 - 3. Costa Mesa 2009 Hall of Fame Awards; Costa Mesa, CA; April 23, 2009.
- D. Board Schedule:
 - 1. Tentative Meeting Topics
 - 2. Conference, Seminars, and Meetings
 - 3. Board Calendar

MOTION 2009-24

Motion by Director Bockmiller, seconded by Director Atkinson, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Director Ohlig-Hall absent.

II. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM UPDATE:

District Engineer McVicker introduced Associate Civil Engineer Leanne Talbott. Ms. Talbott proceeded with a demonstration of the various components of the Geographic Information System. It was noted that Mesa's field personnel will have access to this information when they are in the field and will synchronize information with Mesa's mainframe on a nightly basis via a wireless interface.

Ms. Talbott responded to questions from the Board and the Board thanked Ms. Talbott for the demonstration.

RECESS

President Dewane declared a recess at 7:40 p.m. The Board meeting reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

B. MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY WATER ALLOCATION:

District Engineer McVicker provided an update on the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) allocation. He offered that MWDOC is projecting a stage four shortage (out of a 10 stage measure), which results in a regional shortage level of 70% and explained the components considered in the allocation and the penalty program.

Mr. McVicker responded to questions from the Board and the Board thanked Mr. McVicker for the update.

C. WATER RATIONING/DROUGHT TALKING POINTS:

Director Shoenberger reviewed the history of Mesa's well infrastructure development noting that in the early 1970's Mesa was 100% dependent upon imported water. He commented that the decisions and actions of prior boards took Mesa from 100% reliance on imported water to 60 – 70% local ground water. Previous boards also made the bold move to tap into the colored zone and constructed the Colored Water Treatment Facility. In addition, the Board brought in recycled water. The Board, the District, and staff have made commitments of financial resources and energy that has made Mesa better suited than any other district to withstand the current drought conditions. He noted that Mesa would continue to support conservation on a regional level to support fellow agencies.

The Board agreed to add an additional talking point based on Director Shoenberger's comments.

MOTION 2009-25

Motion by Director Bockmiller, seconded by Director Shoenberger, to approve the Water Rationing/Drought Talking Points as amended. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Director Ohlig-Hall absent.

III. ACTION ITEMS:

No items.

IV. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

1. Items of general interest:
 - ◆ Update on Colored Water Treatment Facility bromate treatment system
 - ◆ Other

- Director Shoenberger, General Manager Pearl, and Barry Carlson are attending the Annual Meeting of the Mesa Verde Homeowners' Association on March 11, 2009 to give a presentation on water conservation and the status of water in CA.
- Mr. McVicker responded to a question from Director Bockmiller regarding the future conversion of the Mesa Verde Golf Course to recycled water. Mr. McVicker reported that staff is in discussion with golf course personnel.
- On March 12, 2009, staff is conducting a customers' tour of Mesa's facilities. Board members are welcome to attend.
- March 11, 2009 Financial Workshop noon to 4:00 p.m.
- New artwork in the lobby is on loan courtesy of the O C Fair.
- Brief summary on the ACWA 2009 Washington D.C. Conference and the independent meetings held with various governmental personnel in an effort to secure funding for the Colored Water Treatment Facility upgrades. He noted that follow-up meetings have been scheduled.
- Donn Hall's memorial service has been arranged for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 14 at the Estancia Adobe Park. Mr. Hall was the husband of Director Trudy Ohlig-Hall as well as a former Costa Mesa Mayor, City Council Member and Planning Commissioner.

B. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Director Bockmiller reported on the following meeting:
 - a. Special Public Information Committee Meeting, 3/9
 - The Public Information Committee recommends continuing the tours: In 2008, 52 people participated in the Behind-the-Scenes Tours and 32 people graduated from Water Issues Study Group.

C. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

1. Director Atkinson reported on the following meetings:
 - a. ACWA 2009 Washington D.C. Conference, 2/24-2/27
 - b. Youth in Government Meeting, 3/2
 - c. OCWD Meeting, 3/4
 - d. WACO Meeting, 3/6
 - e. Other
2. Director Ohlig-Hall - was not present for a report at this meeting.
 - a. MWDOC/OCWD Jt. Planning Committee Meeting, 2/25
 - b. Youth in Government Meeting, 3/2
 - c. Other

3. Director Shoenberger:
 - a. Other
4. Director Bockmiller reported on the following meeting:
 - a. Youth in Government Meeting, 3/2
 - b. Other
5. President Dewane reported on the following meeting:
 - a. ACWA 2009 Washington D.C. Conference, 2/24-2/27
 - b. Other

V. INFORMATION ITEMS:

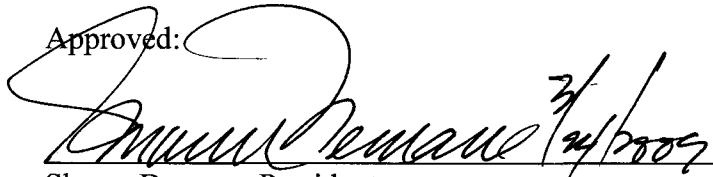
A. ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2009-26

Motion by Director Bockmiller, seconded by Director Atkinson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. in honor of the late Donn Hall. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Director Ohlig-Hall absent.

Approved:


Shawn Dewane, President


Coleen L. Monteleone, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer