

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT  
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA  
Tuesday, April 14, 2009  
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order on April 14, 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 Ohlig-Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

None

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  
Glynis Litvak, Financial Analyst  
Rob Anslow, Attorney, Bowie, Arneson, Wiles & Giannone

Others Present

Laer Pearce, President, Laer Pearce and Associates  
Ben Boyce, Vice President, Laer Pearce and Associates  
Ernie Feeney, Mesa Customer

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

President Dewane invited members of the public to address the Board of Directors (Board) on matters that were not on the agenda. There being none, President Dewane proceeded with the meeting.

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED, WITHDRAWN, OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA**

There were no items to be added, withdrawn, or reordered.

Motion by Director Ohlig-Hall, seconded by Director Shoenberger, to approve Item E of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0.

President Dewane recognized Customer Mrs. Feeney. She questioned the need to develop a new logo. She noted that she identifies with the current logo and does not believe the District should spend the money to develop a new one.

Director Shoenberger commented that Mesa will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and part of the Laer Pearce & Associates services will be promotion plans to celebrate this milestone with a new logo.

Director Atkinson noted that he supported the Branding Exercise, which takes in more than the development of a logo. It includes the development of a message package to provide Mesa's Board and staff with a platform for creating and reinforcing Mesa's public image as an industry leader.

Item G - Approve a District Open House and Employee BBQ in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration events.

Director Ohlig-Hall noted that she wanted to make sure the Board was involved with the development of the events as it is an exciting time for Mesa.

President Dewane commented that the issue of the event is being addressed by the Public Information Committee (PIC).

Director Bockmiller directed the Board's attention to staff's memo on the subject noting that in the interest of financial responsibility during the current state of the economy, staff is only recommending a District Open House and the Employee BBQ. It was noted the original amount that was budgeted for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was \$20,000.

Director Ohlig-Hall would like an expanded discussion on this subject to develop a plan to make this celebration a memorable event. She noted the number events could be expanded if the District obtained sponsors.

No action was taken on this item and it was referred to the PIC for additional discussions on how to expand the celebration.

## **I. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

A. CALIFORNIA MARCH FOR WATER:

President Dewane provided background on this event noting it is sponsored by a non-profit group, California Latino Water Coalition (CLWC). This group represents the migrant farm works in Central Valley. He commented that the Central Valley has been seriously affected by the water decisions that have been made in Sacramento. This is a multi-day event with a march to begin in the City of Mendota and end at the San Luis Reservoir.

Director Shoenberger commented on the water issues noting that Board of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California voted to raise its rates by 20% effective September 2009, and voted for 10% mandatory water rationing.

President Dewane asked for public comments. There being none he proceeded with the item.

MOTION 2009-35

Motion by Director Shoenberger, seconded by Director Atkinson, to approve \$2,500 for the non-profit group, California Latino Water Coalition for its April event to emphasize California's water crisis. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board re-ordered the agenda to take Item II-C Amendments to Fair Political Commission Regulations regarding "gifts".

Item II – C AMENDMENTS TO FAIR POLITICAL COMMISSION REGULATIONS REGARDING "GIFTS".

President Dewane recognized Attorney Rob Anslow who proceeded with an update for the Board on the recently revised regulations of the California Fair Political Practices Commission. Attorney Anslow highlighted the changes to the regulations: gifts, meals, ticket policies, etc. He commented it is the recommendation of Bowie, Arneson, Wiles & Giannone that the Board adopt a brief direct policy to comply with the regulations. He noted a policy would help the District avoid future potential issues and applies specifically to Directors.

The Board received the information and referred the issue to the Executive Committee for discussion.

President Dewane recognized Customer Mrs. Feeney. Mrs. Feeney commented on her support of the regulation.

**RECESS**

President Dewane declared a recess at 7:44 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

B. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET:

President Dewane introduced Financial Services Manager Beatley who proceeded with a review of the proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Budget.

Ms. Beatley noted that there have been on-going discussions regarding the FY 2010 Budget beginning in March 2009. Ms. Beatley referred to the matrix in the Board packet that addresses questions and concerns that were discussed at the March 24, 2009 Board meeting.

Staff responded to additional questions from the Board.

Director Ohlig-Hall questioned the need for the items budgeted for the Urban Water Research Center and Leadership Tomorrow. She noted she opposes both items and would like them removed from the Budget.

Director Shoenberger suggested that the total amount of cuts proposed by Director Ohlig-Hall be reviewed by staff and recommend a preference alternative.

President Dewane recognized Customer Mrs. Feeney. Mrs. Feeney asked for a breakdown of information on the Wellness program and other employee benefits; i.e. Turkeys for the employees, and staff luncheon. She asked for information on when an item is budgeted and when the item is purchased what happens to the difference in funds. She reviewed employee salaries on a general basis.

Barbara Wiseman, Human Resources Manager, provided a brief review of the salaries of the District employees. It was noted that an outside firm performs a classification and compensation review per the Board's policy and salaries are in the mid-range when compared to other districts.

C. AMENDMENTS TO FAIR POLITICAL COMMISSION REGULATIONS REGARDING "GIFTS":

Item taken before Item B.

**II. ACTION ITEMS:**

A. SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED'S "ONE WATER ONE WATERSHED" INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN:

The Executive Committee reviewed this item at its April 2, 2009 meeting and recommends Board approval.

MOTION 2009-36

Motion by Director Ohlig-Hall, seconded by Director Atkinson, to approve Resolution No. 1373, supporting the "One Water One Watershed" Santa Ana River Watershed

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Motion passed 5-0 with the following roll call vote.

AYES: DIRECTORS Ohlig-Hall, Atkinson, Shoenberger, Bockmiller, Dewane  
NOES: DIRECTORS None  
ABSENT: DIRECTORS None  
ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS None

B. PROCLAMATIONS HONORING DELOITTE, ALAN GREELEY, AND STEVE MENSINGER:

MOTION 2009-37

Motion by Director Ohlig-Hall, seconded by Director Shoenberger, to approve and sign the proclamations honoring recipients of the 2009 Costa Mesa Hall of Fame Awards: Deloitte for the Corporate Leadership Award, Alan Greeley for the Community Spirit Award, and Steve Mensinger for the Individual Achievement Award. Motion passed 5-0.

**III. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:**

A. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

1. Items of general interest:
  - ◆ Update on Colored Water Treatment Facility (CWTF) bromate treatment system
  - ◆ Other
    - Four office employees passed the Distribution 2 exam; two Operations employees passed their Distribution 4 exam.
    - Ms. Beatley reported that she was contacted by Moody's who is doing a voluntary review of Mesa's credit rating.
    - President Dewane will be presenting at the Thursday, April 23, 2009, Chamber of Commerce meeting.
    - A letter was received from the Mesa Verde Homeowners Association (HOA) with questions regarding the Poseidon project. General Manager Pearl noted staff will be responding to the HOA. Director Shoenberger asked to have the responses provided to the Mesa Verde HOA reviewed by the Board prior to staff's meeting with the owners. Director Bockmiller commented that he would prefer to have the presentation made to the public at a Board meeting. In that, public funds are being used to respond to a private organization, all of Mesa's customers should have the opportunity to receive the same information in a public forum rather than a closed meeting of only HOA members.

**B. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Director Bockmiller reported on the following meetings:
  - a. Public Information Committee Meeting, 4/6
  - b. City/Districts Liaison Committee Meeting, 4/10
2. Director Shoenberger reported on the following meeting:
  - a. Engineering and Operations Committee Meeting, 4/10
3. Director Dewane reported on the following meeting:
  - a. Executive Committee Meeting, 4/2
  - b. City/Districts Liaison Committee Meeting, 4/10

**RECESS**

President Dewane declared a recess at 9:22 p.m. The Board meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

**C. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

1. Director Atkinson reported on the following meetings:
  - a. OCWD Meeting, 4/1
  - b. WACO Meeting, 4/3
  - c. Other
2. Director Ohlig-Hall reported on the following meetings:
  - a. MWDOC/OCWD Jt. Planning Committee Meeting, 3/25
  - b. LAFCO Stakeholder Summit, 3/27
  - c. International Water Efficiency Conference, 3/30 – 3/31
  - d. CA-NV AWWA Spring Conference, 4/6 – 4/9
  - e. Other
3. Director Shoenberger:
  - a. Other – Commented on the status of the General Manager vacancy.
4. Director Bockmiller reported on the following meeting:
  - a. Newport Banning Ranch Scoping Meeting, 4/2
  - b. Other
5. President Dewane reported on the following meeting:
  - a. ISDOC Meeting, 4/7
  - b. Other

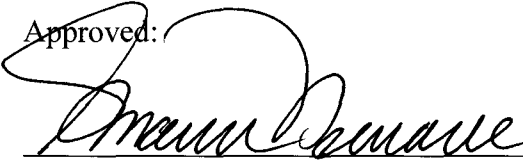
**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**A. ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST:**

1. Online Bill Pay Activity Update.
2. Water Vending Machine Activity Update.

3. District Cross-Training Update.
4. OCWD Groundwater Producers meeting minutes, 03/11/09
5. Thank you letters for bottle water donations from the following organizations:
  - ◆ Costa Mesa High School, letter dated 03/16/09
  - ◆ City of Costa Mesa, letter dated 03/24/09
  - ◆ Coastline Regional Occupational Program, letter dated 03/26/09

President Dewane adjourned the regular Board meeting at 9:59 p.m. to a regular Board meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved: 

Shawn Dewane, President

  
Coleen L. Monteleone, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer