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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Thursday, December 12, 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 December 12, 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 Bockmiller 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  
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  
Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator  
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

**Others Present**

Wendy Ridderbusch, Executive Director, CalDesal  
Ron Ridderbusch, Member of the Public

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

General Manager Shoenberger introduced CalDesal Executive Director Wendy Ridderbusch and provided a brief overview of her 30-year career in the Water Industry.

Ms. Ridderbusch offered comments and thanked Mesa Water District for its support.

President Dewane 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:

Approve all matters under the Consent Calendar by one motion unless a Board member, staff, or a member of the public requests a separate action.

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of October 10, 2019.
2. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of October 15, 2019.
3. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of October 28, 2019.
4. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of October 28, 2019.
5. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of November 14, 2019.
6. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of November 19, 2019.
7. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of November 25, 2019.
8. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of November 25, 2019.
9. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
10. Board Schedule:
  - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
  - Board Calendar
  - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
11. Receive the Quarterly Training Report for July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019.
12. Approve a contract change order with Lewis Consulting Group for a monthly retainer of \$5,000 for Orange County Advocacy Consulting Services from January 1 through June 30, 2020.
13. Approve renewal of the contract with California Advocates for State Advocacy Consulting Services from January 1 to December 31, 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$84,000.
14. Approve the proposed 2020 Legislative Platforms.
15. Approve a proclamation honoring Oscar Gonzalez for his dedicated service and commitment to the Cucamonga Valley Water District.

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

### MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Atkinson, to approve Items 1 – 15 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0.

### ACTION ITEMS:

16. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR GENERAL MANAGER:

### MOTION

Motion by President Dewane, second by Vice President DePasquale, to amend the General Manager's contract to include the following:

- a. Base salary increase of \$8,100 effective mid-shift September 27, 2019; and
- b. One-time performance bonus of \$7,900 payable the first pay period in 2020.

Motion passed 5-0.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

17. OUTREACH TOPIC – FINANCIAL STRENGTH:

GM Shoenberger introduced Public Affairs Coordinator Carrillo who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Mesa Water Key Messages
- Three-Step Approach to Key Messages
- Financial Strength
- Frequently Asked Public Questions

Ms. Carrillo responded to questions from the Board and they thanked her for the presentation.

**REPORTS:**

18. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- November Key Indicators Report
- Other (no enclosure)

19. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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

21. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

**CLOSED SESSIONS:**

President Dewane declared the Board was going into Closed Session at 6:54 p.m.

22. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:

Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9 (d)(1) and 54954.5 (c)

Case: *Mesa Water District v. KDC, INC., dba KDC SYSTEMS, INC., dba DYNALECTRIC*  
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2016-00832860-CU-BC-CJC

23. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:

Property: 1310 South Coast Drive, Costa Mesa (APN: 140-041-49)

District Negotiator: General Manager

Negotiating Parties: AAA Automobile Club of Southern California

Under Negotiation: Price and/or terms concerning property rights

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:11 p.m.

Attorney Anslow announced that the Board conducted two Closed Sessions:

The first Closed Session, Item 22, was held with the General Manager, District Secretary

and Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9 (d)(1) and 54954.5 (c). The Board received information and there was no further announcement.

The second Closed Session, Item 23, was held with the General Manager, District Secretary and Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. The Board received information, and there was no further announcement.

President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:



Shawn Dewane, President



Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Sharon D. Brimer, Recording Secretary