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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Tuesday, July 27, 2021
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
3:30 p.m. Adjourned Regular Board Meeting**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President DePasquale.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Director Bockmiller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present Marice H. DePasquale President
Shawn Dewane, Vice President
Jim Atkinson, Director
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director
James R. Fidler, Director

Directors Absent None

Staff Present Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager/
District Secretary
Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/
District Treasurer
Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator

Others Present Dennis Albiani, Vice President, California Advocates, Inc.
(teleconference)
Anthony Molina, Legislative Advocate, California Advocates,
Inc. *(teleconference)*

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

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

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

Director Bockmiller pulled Item 9 for discussion. There were no objections.

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.

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1. Approve the minutes of adjourned regular Board meeting of June 22, 2021.
2. Receive and file the Developer Project Status Report.
3. Receive and file the Mesa Water and Other Agency Projects Status Report.
4. Receive and file the Water Quality Call Report.
5. Receive and file the Water Operations Status Report.
6. Receive and file the Accounts Paid Listing.
7. Receive and file the Monthly Financial Reports.
8. Receive and file the Major Staff Projects.
9. Receive and file the State Advocacy Update.
10. Receive and file the Orange County Update.
11. Receive and file the Outreach Update.
12. Reschedule the Tuesday, November 23, 2021 Board of Directors Committee meeting to Tuesday, November 16, 2021 and cancel the December 28, 2021 Committee meeting.

President DePasquale asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Atkinson, to approve Items 1 – 8 and 10 – 12 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ITEM 9 – Receive and File the State Advocacy Update.

Water Policy Manager Taylor introduced California Advocates, Inc. Vice President Dennis Albiani who provided the State Advocacy Update. Mr. Albiani introduced California Advocates, Inc. Legislative Advocate Anthony Molina who provided additional information.

Messrs. Albiani and Molina responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the information.

President DePasquale asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

MOTION

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve Item 9 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ACTION ITEMS:

13. PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONSULTING SERVICES:

GM Shoenberger provided a brief overview of the topic.

President DePasquale asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

MOTION

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Vice President Dewane, to add to the next regular Board meeting Consent Calendar approval of a contract with Brenda Deeley PR, LLC from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$115,200 to provide Public Affairs Consulting Services. Motion passed 5 – 0.

14. PROCEDURES FOR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

GM Shoenberger provided a brief overview of the topic.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

President DePasquale asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller second by Vice President Dewane, to adopt Resolution No. 1547 Adopting Amended Procedures for Meetings of the Board of Directors, Superseding Resolution No. 1509, with modifications. Motion passed 5 – 0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	DIRECTORS	Atkinson, Bockmiller, Fisler, Dewane, DePasquale
NOES:	DIRECTORS	None
ABSTAIN:	DIRECTORS	None
ABSENT:	DIRECTORS	None

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None.

REPORTS:

- 15. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
- 16. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 17. ZERO USAGE ACCOUNTS
- 18. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

RECESS

President DePasquale declared a recess at 4:25 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

President DePasquale announced that the Board was going into Closed Session at 4:30 p.m.

- 19. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6:
District Negotiator: General Manager
Employee Organization: District Employees

20. CONFERENCE WITH SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)
Case: *Irvine Ranch Water District v. Orange County Water District and related cross-actions*
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case Nos. BS168278 and BS175192

The Board returned to Open Session at 4:37 p.m.

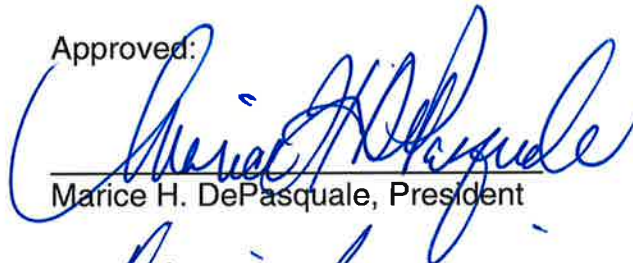
District Secretary Garcia announced that the Board conducted two Closed Sessions:

The first Closed Session, Item 19, was held with the General Manager and District Secretary pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6. The Board gave direction to staff and there was no further announcement.

The second Closed Session, Item 20, was held with the General Manager and District Secretary pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1). The Board gave direction to staff and there was no further announcement.

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:



Marice H. DePasquale, President



Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Sharon D. Brimer, Recording Secretary