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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Wednesday, July 23, 2025  
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 President DePasquale.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice President Dewane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Directors Present**

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

**Directors Absent**

None

**Staff Present**

Paul E. Shoenberger, P. E., General Manager  
Denise Khalifa, Chief Administrative Officer/  
District Secretary  
Tyler Jernigan, Water Operations Manager/  
Acting District Treasurer  
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., District Engineer  
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator  
Anthony Phou, Controller  
Karyn Igar, Principal Engineer  
Kaitlyn Norris, Senior Public Affairs Specialist  
Rob Anslow, General Legal Counsel

**Others Present**

Emily Owens-Bennett, P.E., BCEE, Drinking Water Lead,  
Trussell Tech *(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.

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## **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.

Director Bockmiller pulled Item 8 for discussion. There were no objections.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of June 25, 2025.
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 Accounts Paid Listing.
6. Receive and file the Monthly Financial Reports.
7. Receive and file the Outreach Update.
8. Approve attendance at conferences, seminars, meetings and events for the following organizations: California Water Efficiency Partnership, Ducks Unlimited, Festival of Children Foundation, KOCI, Newport-Mesa Schools Foundation, Pacific Research Institute, Power of One Foundation and Share Ourselves.

## **MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve Items 1 - 7 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ITEM 8 – Approve attendance at conferences, seminars, meetings and events for the following organizations: California Water Efficiency Partnership, Ducks Unlimited, Festival of Children Foundation, KOCI, Newport-Mesa Schools Foundation, Pacific Research Institute, Power of One Foundation and Share Ourselves.

Director Bockmiller asked for clarification regarding one of the listed organizations. Senior Public Affairs Specialist Norris responded to his request for clarification and he thanked her for the information.

## **MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve Item 8 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 – 0.

## **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **9. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2025 PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS REPORT:**

President DePasquale announced the Public Hearing was now opened for the purpose of receiving comments regarding the 2025 Public Health Goals Report.

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District Secretary Khalifa reported that a Notice of Public Hearing was posted at Mesa Water District's office and website from July 8, 2025 through July 24, 2025 and at Costa Mesa City Hall. Legal advertisements were published in the *Daily Pilot* on July 10, 2025 and July 17, 2025.

Water Operations Manager Jernigan introduced Trussell Tech Drinking Water Lead Emily Owens-Bennett who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Drinking Water Standards
- Public Health Goals Reporting
- Parameters with Exceedances
- Public Health Risk
- Best Available Technology
- Estimated Treatment Costs

President DePasquale opened the floor for discussion by the Board. Comments were offered.

President DePasquale opened the floor for public comments. There were no comments.

District Secretary Khalifa reported that the District had not received any written or verbal comments or letters of protest regarding the 2025 Public Health Goals Report.

President DePasquale declared the public comments section closed.

President DePasquale opened the floor for discussion by the Board. There were no comments.

President DePasquale declared the Public Hearing closed.

## MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to receive and file Mesa Water District's 2025 Public Health Goals Report. Motion passed 5 – 0.

## 10. RESERVOIRS 1 AND 2 PUMP STATION UPGRADES PROJECT QUARTERLY UPDATE:

District Engineer Wiesner provided an overview of the topic and introduced Principal Engineer Igar who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Reservoir 1 – Site Layout
- Reservoir 1 – Heavy Equipment Port
- Reservoir 1 – Generator Pads
- Reservoir 1 – Generator Delivery
- Reservoir 2 – Site Layout
- Reservoir 2 – Chemical System Pad and Pump Station
- Reservoir Project Schedule
- Reservoir Project Planned vs. Actual

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

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11. PUBLIC AFFAIRS FISCAL YEAR 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

GM Shoenberger provided an overview of the topic and introduced Senior Public Affairs Specialist Norris who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Strategic Plan Goal #4
- Community Events
- Hosted Programs
- Water Issues Study Group
- Mesa Water Notify
- Updated Brand Guide and Graphics
- New Customer Welcome and 25-Year Anniversary Programs
- Social Media
- Earned Media
- Customer Communications
- Water Use Efficiency
- Water Vending Machine & OC Fair Stations
- Mesa Water Education Center Grand Opening
- Mesa Water Education Center Field Trips & Tours

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

***RECESS***

President DePasquale declared a recess at 5:30 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 5:35 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

12. HUNTINGTON BEACH INTERAGENCY WATER TRANSFERS:

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to award a contract to MKN & Associates, Inc. for \$78,821 and a 10% contingency of \$7,882 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$86,703 to prepare a Feasibility Study for Huntington Beach Interagency Water Transfers, and authorize execution of the contract. Motion passed 5 – 0.

**REPORTS:**

13. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- June Key Indicators Report

14. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

15. ZERO USAGE ACCOUNTS
16. FEDERAL ADVOCACY UPDATE
17. STATE ADVOCACY UPDATE
18. ORANGE COUNTY UPDATE

**CLOSED SESSIONS:**

President DePasquale announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 5:55 p.m.

19. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR:

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6(a)  
District Negotiator: General Manager  
Employee Organization: Represented and Non-Represented Employees

The Board returned to open session at 6:20 p.m.

GM Shoenberger announced the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6(a). The Board received information and provided direction to staff.

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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*Marice H. DePasquale*

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Marice H. DePasquale, President

Signed by:

*Denise Khalifa*

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Denise Khalifa, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer