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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, August 13, 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 4:32 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
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
Kurt Lind, Business Manager
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., District Engineer
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
Anthony Phou, Controller
Camille Shehadeh, Senior Human Resources Analyst
Kaitlyn Norris, Senior Public Affairs Specialist
Rob Anslow, General Legal Counsel

Others Present

Rose Bloomfield, Learning & Development Consultant, Gallup
Joe Marrocco, Member of the Public
John Patton, Member of the Public

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

General Manager Shoenberger suggested reordering the agenda to take Item 11 after the Consent Calendar. There were no objections.

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CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of July 9, 2025.
2. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of July 23, 2025.
3. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
4. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
 - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
5. Approve a proclamation honoring Costa Mesa Sanitary District's Arlene Schafer for her nearly five decades of dedicated public service and commitment to the Costa Mesa community.

MOTION

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

ITEM 11 - CLAIM OF JOHN PATTON:

GM Shoenberger introduced the item and outlined the procedure for the Board's consideration.

Member of the Public and Property Owner Joe Marrocco offered comments regarding the costs as noted in the claim.

Member of the Public and Tenant John Patton offered additional comments regarding the claim.

The Board thanked Messrs. Marrocco and Patton for their comments and proceeded with the meeting.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to deny the claim of Mr. John Patton. Motion passed 5 – 0.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

6. 2025 EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT SURVEY:

Senior Human Resources Analyst Shehadeh provided an overview of the topic and introduced Gallup Learning & Development Consultant Rose Bloomfield who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Employees' Prioritized Needs to Perform their Best – Gallup's Q12
- Year Over Year Engagement Grand Mean
- Year Over Year Engagement Index
- Strategic Highlights
- Performance Gain/Loss Compared to Average Impact

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- The Psychological Differences in Responses
- Meaningful Grand Mean Growth: 2023 vs. 2025 Results
- Appreciation & Recognition
- Employee Beliefs & Sense of Responsibility
- The Four Needs of Followers
- Strategic Next Steps

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

RECESS

President DePasquale declared a recess at 5:07 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

7. CUSTOMER PROJECT – C0681-25-01 – 1400 BRISTOL STREET:

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

- 1400 Bristol Street:
 - Existing Site
 - Contractor Hit
 - Repair Options
 - Option 2
 - Option 3
- Recommendation

Mr. Wiesner responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the presentation.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve staff's recommendation to abandon the six-inch line and reinstall all services according to Mesa Water's current standards. Motion passed 5 – 0.

8. BOARD WORKSHOP PLANNING:

GM Shoenberger reviewed the proposed agenda topics for the October 28, 2025 Board Workshop.

The Board offered staff additional topics to add to the workshop agenda.

ACTION ITEMS:

9. LOCAL GROUNDWATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by President DePasquale, to approve a contract amendment with Black & Veatch for \$5,612 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$582,105 to engage Clean Energy Capital to develop financial modeling and funding strategy support for the Local groundwater Supply Improvement Project, and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract. Motion passed 5 – 0.

10. MESA WATER DISTRICT FEDERAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM:

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve expanded advocacy activities to further existing federal policy engagement and pursue new federal policy initiatives, in collaboration with the California Policy Center, as part of the District's Federal Advocacy Program. Motion passed 5 – 0.

11. CLAIM OF JOHN PATTON:

Item 11 taken after Item 5 on the agenda.

REPORTS:

12. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

13. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

14. RATE ADJUSTMENT COMMUNICATION

15. CEQA CHANGES IN STATE'S BUDGET TRAILER BILLS

16. MESA WATER DISTRICT'S PRINT SERVERS

17. CUSTOMER INFORMATION SYSTEM SUPPORT SERVICES

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

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President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, 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