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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Wednesday, December 10, 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 Fisler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Directors Present**

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

**Directors Absent**

Shawn Dewane, Vice President *(teleconference) (left at 5:02 p.m.)*

**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  
Calvin Hsu, CPA, Chief Financial Officer  
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., District Engineer  
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager  
Nadia Boutros, Civil Engineer  
Karyn Igar, Principal Engineer  
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Supervisor  
Dawn Jordan-Romero, Public Affairs Specialist  
Danielle Rodriguez, Public Affairs Specialist  
Rob Anslow, General Legal Counsel

**Others Present**

David Spencer, P.E., Water Pipeline Asset Management Lead,  
HDR, Inc. *(teleconference)*

District Secretary Khalifa stated one Mesa Water Director was attending the meeting via teleconference.

For each action, a roll call vote was taken in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(b)(2) which states, "all votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by roll call."

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**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 reported that there were no items to be added, removed or reordered on the agenda.

President DePasquale requested to remove Items 18 and 20 and defer them to a future meeting. There were no objections.

***WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES***

Public Affairs Supervisor Norris introduced Mesa Water's two new Public Affairs Specialists, Dawn Jordan-Romero and Danielle Rodriguez. Mesa. Jordan-Romero and Rodriguez each offered a short summary of their education and work experience.

GM Shoenberger introduced Mesa Water's new Chief Financial Officer, Calvin Hsu. Mr. Hsu provided a short summary of his education and work experience.

The Board welcomed the three new employees and thanked them for the information.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

Director Bockmiller requested to pull Item 16. There were no objections.

1. Approve minutes of adjourned regular Board meeting of October 28, 2025.
2. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of October 30, 2025.
3. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of November 12, 2025.
4. Approve minutes of adjourned regular Board meeting of November 17, 2025.
5. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
6. Board Schedule:
  - Conferences, Seminars and Meetings
  - Board Calendar
  - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
7. Receive and file the Developer Project Status Report.
8. Receive and file the Mesa Water and Other Agency Projects Status Report.
9. Receive and file the Water Quality Call Report.
10. Receive and file the Accounts Paid Listing.
11. Receive and file the Monthly Financial Reports.
12. Receive and file the Outreach Update.
13. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2026 First Quarter Financial Update.
14. Receive and file the Quarterly Training Report for July 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025.

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15. Award a one-year contract to Burns & McDonnell for \$498,000 and a 10% contingency of \$49,800 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$547,800 to provide assessment of the business processes for Mesa Water District's Engineering Department, and authorize execution of the contract.
16. Confirm the Board of Directors' Regular Board Meeting schedule for Calendar Year 2026 and cancel the April 22, October 28, November 25 and December 23, 2026 Board of Directors' meetings.

**MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to approve Items 1 – 15 of the Consent Calendar. 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

Item 16 to be taken following Item 19.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**17. WELL NOS. 12 AND 14 POWER QUALITY MITIGATION:**

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

- Why We're Evaluating Options
- Options 1 – 4
- Staff Recommendation

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

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

**MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to authorize the General Manager, up to his signing authority, to execute contracts with:

- a. Academy Electric to install power quality monitoring equipment at Well Nos. 12 and 14; and
- b. TerraVerde Energy to submit Self-Generation Incentive Program funding applications and support in planning for securing the Inflation Reduction Act Investment Tax Credit for battery energy storage systems at Well Nos. 12 and 14.

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Motion passed 4–1, by the following roll call vote:

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

18. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER SERVICE (INCLUDING SINGLE METER POLICY):

Item deferred to a future meeting.

19. FEES AND CHARGES FOR MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES (INCLUDING PLAN CHECK RESIDENTIAL METER UPGRADE ONLY PROJECTS):

District Engineer Wiesner gave a brief overview of the topic. He responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the information.

**MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Fisler, to adopt Resolution No. 1608 Adopting Certain Policies Concerning Designated Fees and Charges for Miscellaneous Services, Setting Certain Service-Related Fees and Charges Effective December 10, 2025, Making Certain Findings and Superseding Resolution No. 1595.

Motion passed 4–1, by the following roll call vote:

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

ITEM 16 - Confirm the Board of Directors' Regular Board Meeting schedule for Calendar Year 2026 and:

- a. Cancel the April 22, October 28, November 25 and December 23, 2026 Board of Directors' meetings;
- b. Reschedule the November 11, 2026 meeting to Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.; and
- c. Schedule adjourned regular Board meetings on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

District Secretary Khalifa responded to questions from the Board and they thanked her for the information.

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**MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Fisler, to approve Item 16 of the Consent Calendar.

Motion passed 4–1, by the following roll call vote:

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

20. REPLACEMENT OF ASSETS INCLUDING PIPELINE AND WELL REHABILITATION (INCLUDING PIPELINE INTEGRITY PROGRAM UPDATE):

Item deferred to a future meeting.

**REPORTS:**

21. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:
- October Key Indicators Report
22. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

***RECESS***

President DePasquale declared a recess at 5:33 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:40 p.m.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

23. SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION NEEDS ASSESSMENT
24. CLAIM OF BOHDAN SUCHAROV
25. FEDERAL ADVOCACY UPDATE
26. STATE ADVOCACY UPDATE
27. ORANGE COUNTY ADVOCACY UPDATE
28. DIRECTORS' REPORTS (AB 1234) PER CA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3 (D)

**CLOSED SESSIONS:**

President DePasquale announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 5:40 p.m.

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29. CONFERENCE WITH GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:  
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) – significant exposure to litigation.  
(Three potential cases; the publicly disclosable claims are included in the agenda packet)
30. CONFERENCE WITH GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION:  
Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(4) and 54954.5(b)  
Number of Cases: 1  
*Ferreira Construction Co. Inc. v. Mesa Water District, et al*

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:08 p.m.

District Secretary Khalifa announced the Board conducted Closed Session Item 29 with the General Manager, District Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, Water Operations Manager, District Engineer, Principal Engineer and General Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). The Board received information regarding the Patton Claim and there was no further announcement.

#### MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to approve the settlement of the claims of Ms. Mathilde Tromp and Mr. Donald Neal, and authorize the General Manager to resolve any future claims arising from the October 28, 2025 Fairview Mainline Break, with all such resolved claims to be reported to the Board of Directors at a future meeting.

Motion passed 4–1, by the following roll call vote:

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

District Secretary Khalifa announced the Board conducted Closed Session Item 30 with the General Manager, District Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, Water Operations Manager, District Engineer, Principal Engineer and General Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(4) and 54954.5(b). The Board received information and there was no further announcement.

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President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Marice H. DePasquale, President

Signed by:  
  
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Denise Khalifa, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer