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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Thursday, September 13, 2018
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 September 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. by President Atkinson at the District Office Boardroom, located at 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Bockmiller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

Jim Atkinson, President
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Vice President
Marice H. DePasquale, Director
Shawn Dewane, Director
James R. Fisler, 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, External Affairs Manager
Syndie Ly, Human Resources Manager
Sara J. Fahy, Public Affairs Manager
Tracy Manning, Water Operations Manager
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Others Present

Michael R. Markus, General Manager, Orange County Water District

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

There were no comments and President Atkinson 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:

Vice President Bockmiller pulled Item 5 for discussion. There were no objections.

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of August 9, 2018.
2. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of August 16, 2018.
3. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of August 21, 2018.
4. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of August 27, 2018.
5. Approve a proclamation honoring the career of John Cernek for his dedicated and committed service to Mesa Water District.
6. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
7. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
 - Upcoming Community Outreach Events

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Dewane, second by Director Fisler, to approve Items 1 – 4 and 6 – 7 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0.

Vice President Bockmiller offered that John Cernek has worked at Mesa Water District for over 39 years, making Mr. Cernek the longest serving employee in District history.

Vice President Bockmiller read the proclamation into the record:

Whereas, John Cernek began his career at Mesa Water District on April 23, 1979 as a Meter Reader and worked his way up through the organization holding job titles including Water Quality Representative I & II and Field Customer Service Representative I & II; and

Whereas, as a Water Quality Representative, John performed various tasks and water quality duties such as responding to customers' water quality concerns and ensuring that the water served to the public was safe; and

Whereas, as a Field Customer Service Representative, John performed a variety of field customer service duties such as responding to customer concerns and requests regarding water consumption, leaks, service connections/disconnections, and water conservation; and

Whereas, John's achievements include receiving the District's Distinctive Service Award in the 3rd Quarter of 1989-90 and Excellent Service Recognition Award in 2010, and being nominated for the Silver Lining Award in 2006, 2011, and 2015; and

Whereas, he also obtained the State Water Resources Control Board Drinking Water Operator Grade 3 Water Distribution and Grade 2 Water Treatment certificates, completed the ACWA/JPIA Professional Development Program (Operations Specialty) and served as a Safety Ambassador for many years; and

Whereas, John is the longest serving Mesa Water employee with nearly 40 years of service to the District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Mesa Water District hereby recognizes and honors you for your dedicated and committed service to the District and wishes you the best as you begin your retirement.

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

MOTION

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

President Atkinson reordered the agenda to take Item 9 before Item 8. There were no objections.

Item 9 – ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BRIEFING:

General Manager Shoenberger introduced Orange County Water District General Manager Mike Markus who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Groundwater Basin Conditions
- Ground Water Replenishment System (GWRS) Operations
- GWRS Final Expansion
- Ocean Desalination Update

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

RECESS

President Atkinson declared a recess at 7:00 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

8. RESOLUTION NO. 1515 – RECORDS RETENTION POLICY:

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

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Bockmiller, second by Director DePasquale, to adopt Resolution No. 1515 - Amending the Records Retention Policy Superseding Resolution No. 1425. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

9. ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BRIEFING:

Item was taken earlier in the agenda.

10. INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION:

GM Shoenberger provided an overview of the topic.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

The Board directed staff to review the Independent Special Districts of Orange County's (ISDOC) bylaws regarding the section on their Executive Committee candidacy eligibility.

REPORTS:

11. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- August Key Indicators Report
- Other (no enclosure)

12. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

14. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

CLOSED SESSION:

President Atkinson announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 7:39 p.m.

15. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6:

District Negotiator: General Manager and Human Resources Manager

Employee Organization: Mesa Water District Employee Association Represented Employees

Number of Matters: 2

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:16 p.m.

District Secretary Garcia reported that the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, District Secretary and Human Resources Manager pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6. The Board received information on two matters. Action will be taken under Item 16 regarding the first matter. There was no further announcement regarding the second matter.

ACTION ITEMS (CONT.):

16. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BENEFITS FOR DISTRICT EMPLOYEES:

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

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Bockmiller, second by Director Dewane, to approve the terms and conditions of benefits for District employees for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022 and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement.
Motion passed 5-0.

President Atkinson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. to an adjourned Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Approved:



Jim Atkinson, President



Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Sharon D. Brimer, Recording Secretary