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**AGENDA
MESA WATER DISTRICT
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018 AT 2:30 PM
PANIAN CONFERENCE ROOM**

Committee Members: Jim Atkinson, President
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Vice President
Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
Phil Lauri, P.E., Assistant General Manager
Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Non-Agendized Matters: Members of the public are invited to address the Board on matters which are not on the Agenda. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. The Board will set aside thirty (30) minutes for public comments.

Agendized Matters: Members of the public may comment on Agenda items before action is taken, or after the Board has discussed the item. Each speaker is limited to five (5) minutes.

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.

None

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Items recommended for approval at this meeting may be agendized for approval at a future Board meeting.

1. Cadiz Water Project

ACTION ITEMS:

2. Appointment of the District Treasurer
3. Support for National Priority Listing of the Orange County North Basin Site

4. CLOSED SESSION:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:

Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9 (d) (1) and 54954.5 (c)

Case: *Costa Mesa Sanitary District v. Mesa Water District*

Case No. 30-2017-00923819-CU-PT-CJC

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE:

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.



REPORTS:

5. Future Agenda Topics and Conference Schedule
6. Report of the General Manager
7. Directors' Reports and Comments

INFORMATION ITEMS:

8. Other (no enclosure)

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Members of the public desiring to make verbal comments utilizing a translator to present their comments into English shall be provided reasonable time accommodations that are consistent with California law.

Agenda materials that are public records, which have been distributed to a majority of the Mesa Water Board of Directors (Board), will be available for public inspection at the District Boardroom, 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA and on Mesa Water's website at www.MesaWater.org. If materials are distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior or during the meeting, the materials will be available at the time of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MEMORANDUM



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TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager
DATE: February 6, 2018
SUBJECT: Cadiz Water Project

RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided for discussion only.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #4: Increase public awareness about Mesa Water® and about water.
Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

DISCUSSION

The Cadiz Water Project (Cadiz) aims to provide water sufficient to meet the needs of 400,000 Southern Californians, without significant environmental impacts, to help realize the goals of the area's Integrated Water Resources Plan. Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD) is Cadiz's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead public agency and requests the opportunity to provide a presentation about the project at Mesa Water's Board meeting on March 8, 2018. Similar presentations are being scheduled for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), and for the Municipal Water District of Orange County and its member agencies such as Mesa Water District.

SMWD believes it is important for water districts throughout Orange County to understand Cadiz, its regional water supply reliability benefits, and MWD's role with regard to conveyance (i.e., wheeling the water via its Colorado River Aqueduct system, water quality, requirements for aqueduct operations, etc.). The Cadiz presentation will highlight the project's hydrology and scientific foundation, regulatory process, projected costs, how the project will be operated and managed, and project participants (including Golden State Water, which serves water to North Orange County).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

MEMORANDUM



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TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager
DATE: February 6, 2018
SUBJECT: Appointment of the District Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the Board of Directors appoint Marwan Khalifa as District Treasurer and award the existing stipend for the Treasurer in the amount of \$350 per month.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

At its June 8, 2017 meeting, the Board of Directors (Board) appointed Phil Lauri as District Treasurer and awarded the stipend for the District Treasurer in the amount of \$350 per month, effective July 1, 2017.

At its April 13, 2017 meeting, the Board appointed Coleen L. Monteleone as District Treasurer and awarded the existing Treasurer stipend of \$285 per month.

At its December 8, 2016 meeting, the Board confirmed its District Officers. The Board has chosen to review the Appointment of District Officers to coincide with the Election of Officers which is conducted every two years, per Resolution No. 1479 – Protocols of the Board.

DISCUSSION

With the July 31, 2017 hire of Marwan Khalifa as Chief Financial Officer, staff recommends Mr. Khalifa's appointment to serve as Treasurer of Mesa Water District. If confirmed by the Board, CFO Khalifa will serve in this capacity at the Board's pleasure.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The current stipend in the amount of \$4,200 per year for the District Treasurer is included in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E.
DATE: February 6, 2018
SUBJECT: Support for National Priority Listing of the Orange County North Basin Site

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the Board of Directors direct staff to add Mesa Water District's name and logo to a joint letter of support for National Priority Listing of the Orange County North Basin Site.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #1: Provide a safe, reliable and abundant water supply.
Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.
Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

BACKGROUND

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently accepting comments on its proposal to add the Orange County North Basin site (the Site) to the National Priorities List (NPL), commonly called the Superfund list. The Site, located in Northern Orange County, is a comingled groundwater plume of chlorinated solvents and other contaminants covering more than five square miles. The State of California referred the Site to EPA.

EPA's Superfund program identifies sites that may pose actual or potential threats to public health or the environment due to contamination in groundwater, surface water, soils and air. EPA may conduct investigations, assess cleanup alternatives, and conduct certain response actions at such sites without those sites being on the NPL. However, placing a site on the NPL allows EPA to use federal resources to conduct cleanup activities and require potentially responsible parties to conduct or fund that work.

The attached draft letter expresses the support of the Water Producers Served by Orange County Water District (OCWD) for the National Priority Listing of the Orange County North Basin site. A 60-day public comment period is currently underway to receive community input on EPA's proposal to add the Site to the NPL. Public comments must be postmarked by March 19, 2018.

Mesa Water has Board policies to support OCWD and its good groundwater management. Staff recommends that the Board direct staff to add Mesa Water's name and logo to the joint letter of support.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.



ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Draft Letter of Support

January 31, 2018

Mr. Scott Pruitt, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPA Docket Center
Superfund Docket Number [EPA-HQ-OLEM-2017-0603]
Mail Code 2822IT
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Re: *Support for National Priority Listing of the Orange County North Basin Site*

Dear Mr. Pruitt:

The undersigned groundwater producers operating within the Orange County Water District currently draw 75% of our water supply from the Orange County Groundwater Basin. This supply is critically important to the 2.5 million citizens of our community.

As your agency knows, it is important to protect this water resource from legacy industrial contamination in the North Basin. We support the Orange County Water District's role in managing this problem and are thankful that they invited the USEPA to lead and direct the much-needed remedy.

We were also pleased to see your office identify this site on its short list of 21 sites across the nation calling for special consideration and inclusion on the National Priorities List (NPL). With the site officially proposed for listing, we send this letter affirming our support for North Basin's final listing on the NPL.

If there is anything else that the undersigned water producers can do to support your good work in Orange County, please let us know.

Scott Pruitt
January 31, 2017

Sincerely,
Water Producers Served by OCWD

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Assistant General Manager
City of Anaheim



Michael Grisso
Utilities Manager
City of Buena Park



Lisa Ohlund
General Manager
East Orange County Water District



Mark Lewis
Director of Public Works
City of Fountain Valley



Hye-Jin Lee
Water Director
City of Fullerton



Bill Murray
Water Services Manager
City of Garden Grove



Ken Vecchiarelli
District Manager
Golden State Water Company



Brian A. Ragland
Utilities Manager
City of Huntington Beach



Paul A. Cook
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Irvine Ranch Water District



Carlo Nafarrete
Water Supervisor
City of La Palma



Paul Shoenberger
General Manager
Mesa Water District



Steffen Catron
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City of Newport Beach



Joe DeFranceco
Public Works Director
City of Orange



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City of Santa Ana



David Spitz
Associate Engineer
City of Seal Beach



Jerry Vilander
General Manager
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Water Services Manager
City of Tustin



Scott Miller
Water Superintendent
City of Westminster



Marc Marcantonio
General Manager
Yorba Linda Water District



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ACTION ITEMS:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
DATE: February 6, 2018
SUBJECT: Future Agenda Topics and Conference Schedule

RECOMMENDATION

Review future agenda topics and conference schedule.

STRATEGIC PLAN

- Goal #1: Provide a safe, abundant, and reliable water supply.
- Goal #2: Practice perpetual infrastructure renewal and improvement.
- Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.
- Goal #4: Increase public awareness about Mesa Water® and about water.
- Goal #5: Attract and retain skilled employees.
- Goal #6: Provide outstanding customer service.
- Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

DISCUSSION

Staff will provide an updated future agenda topics and conference schedule at the Executive Committee meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

REPORTS:

6. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

REPORTS:

7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

There are no support materials for this item.