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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Thursday, September 12, 2019  
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 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. by President Dewane at the District Upstairs Conference Room, located at 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Atkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Directors Present**

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

**Directors Absent**

None

**Staff Present**

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager  
Phil Lauri, P.E., Assistant General Manager  
Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager/  
District Secretary  
Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/  
District Treasurer  
Jeff Hoskinson, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud &  
Romo

**Others Present**

John Domenici, Field Representative, Southland Sod Farms  
Michael R. Marcus, General Manager, Orange County Water  
District (OCWD)

**SOUTHLAND SOD PRESENTATION**

General Manager Shoenberger introduced Southland Sod Farms Field Representative John Domenici who provided a brief overview of Southland Sod Farms products and the benefits of its proprietary grass varieties, which have been tested for adaptability to Southern California climate and soils.

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

**RECESS**

President Dewane declared a recess at 6:30 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 6:33 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

There were no comments and President Dewane proceeded with the meeting.

## **ITEMS TO BE ADDED, REMOVED, OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA**

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

### **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.

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of August 8, 2019.
2. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of August 20, 2019.
3. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of August 26, 2019.
4. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of August 26, 2019.
5. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
6. Board Schedule:
  - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
  - Board Calendar
  - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
7. Adopt the 2019 Orange County Regional Water and Wastewater Hazard Mitigation Plan and direct staff to prepare a letter to Municipal Water District of Orange County certifying adoption.
8. Award a contract with Badger Meter, Inc. using the Special Pricing Consideration contract option; and renegotiate contract pricing at the end of the contract term and accept the lower of the Pricing Index increase or renegotiated Fixed Escalation.
9. Adopt Badger Meter Cellular Endpoint technology as the standard for non-high use customers at the customer's sole expense; and allow customers to spread the capital cost repayment over six billing cycles (1 year).
10. Approve a sponsorship to The HERD Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 to assist in the continuation of regenerative agriculture in Orange County.
11. Award a five-year contract to True North Research, Inc. for \$34,875 per year to conduct the Mesa Water District Customer Survey.

President Dewane asked for public comments. There were no comments.

## **MOTION**

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Fisler, to approve Items 1 – 9 and 11 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0.

## **MOTION**

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Fisler, to approve Item 10 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 4-1, with Director Atkinson voting no.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

None.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

12. ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BRIEFING:

GM Shoenberger introduced OCWD General Manager Mike Markus who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Groundwater Basin Conditions
- Ground Water Replenishment System (GWRS) Final Expansion
- Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) Financial Impacts
- FY19-20 Imported Water Deliveries

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

**REPORTS:**

13. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- August Key Indicators Report
- Other (no enclosure)

14. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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

16. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

**CLOSED SESSIONS:**

President Dewane declared the Board was going into Closed Session at 8:00 p.m.

17. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 1310 South Coast Drive, Costa Mesa (APN: 140-041-49)

District Negotiator: General Manager

Negotiating Parties: AAA Automobile Club of Southern California

Under Negotiation: Price and/or terms concerning property rights

18. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION/ADJUDICATORY PROCEEDINGS:

Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9 (d)(2) and 54954.5 (c) - based on existing facts and circumstances, the Board is meeting with General Legal Counsel to review matters relating to legal proceedings presented to the California Fair Political Practices Commission involving Mesa Water District.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:14 p.m.

District Secretary Garcia announced that the Board conducted two Closed Sessions:

The first Closed Session, Item 17, was conducted with the General Manager, Assistant General Manager, District Secretary, Chief Financial Officer and Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. The Board received information and there was no further announcement.

The second Closed Session, Item 18, was conducted with the General Manager, Assistant General Manager, District Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, Legal Counsel and Special Legal Counsel participating via telephone pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9 (d)(2) and 54954.5 (c). The Board received information and there was no further announcement.

President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:



Shawn Dewane, President



Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Sharon D. Brimer, Recording Secretary