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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Thursday, June 14, 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 June 14, 2018, at 6:06 p.m. by President Atkinson at the District Office Boardroom, located at 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Dewane 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  
Tracy Manning, Water Operations Manager  
Jeff Hoskinson, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud &  
Romo

**Others Present**

Racine Cross, Teacher, Costa Mesa High School (CMHS)  
Ashley Diaz, Student, CMHS  
Kathrine Fernandez, Student, CMHS  
Dorian Jeffcoat, Student, CMHS  
Cameron Kutz, Student, CMHS  
Bryan Rocha, Student, CMHS  
Matthew Ruiz, Student, CMHS  
Justice Sarte, Student, CMHS  
Fletcher Welling, Student, CMHS  
Brett R. Barbre, President, Municipal Water District of Orange  
County (MWDOC)  
Joan C. Finnegan, Vice President, MWDOC  
Bryce Roberto, Public Affairs Coordinator, MWDOC  
Mark J. Austin, Partner, Rutan & Tucker, LLP  
Diane Legdandt, Member of the Public

Anna Vrska, Member of the Public  
Susan Sarte, Member of the Public

### **COSTA MESA HIGH SCHOOL SOLAR CUP TEAM PRESENTATION**

President Atkinson introduced External Affairs Manager Taylor who offered that Metropolitan Water District of Southern California recently conducted their 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Solar Cup Contest. The Solar Cup competition connects students, faculty, and volunteers in Mesa Water's service area to the water industry through active, hands-on participation by building and racing a solar-powered boat. This year's competition included over 600 students from 38 Southland high schools. Costa Mesa High School, sponsored by MWDOC and Mesa Water District, placed first in the Rookie Division and fourth overall.

Ms. Taylor introduced the CMHS team who provided a presentation about their solar-powered boat and experience.

Ms. Taylor introduced MWDOC President Brett Barbre and Vice President Joan Finnegan who offered comments and congratulated the team.

Certificates were presented to each team member and photographs were taken.

### **RECESS**

President Atkinson declared a recess at 6:40 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

President Atkinson asked for public comments on items not on the agenda. There were no comments.

President Atkinson invited MWDOC President Barbre to comment on current MWDOC topics. Mr. Barbre provided a brief update on the Twin Tunnels re-vote, which will take place on July 10, 2018 and responded to questions from the Board.

President Atkinson proceeded with the meeting.

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

General Manager Shoenberger noted there were no items to be added, removed, or reordered on the agenda.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Approve minutes of adjourned regular Board meeting of May 3, 2018.
2. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of May 15, 2018.
3. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of May 17, 2018.
4. Approve the Fiscal Year 2019 attendance at Conferences, Seminars, Meetings, and Events.

5. Board Schedule:
  - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
  - Board Calendar
  - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
6. Award a contract to British Standards Institute Environmental Health and Safety Services and Solutions for a period of five years for an amount not to exceed \$160,000 per year to provide Environmental Health and Safety Support Services, and authorize execution of the contract.

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

**MOTION**

Motion by Vice President Bockmiller second by Director Dewane, to approve Items 1 - 6 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

7. RESOLUTION NO. 1512 - UPDATING THE SCHEDULE OF POSITIONS AND SALARY RATE RANGES:

General Manager Shoenberger gave a brief overview of the topic.

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

**MOTION**

Motion by Director Dewane, second by Director DePasquale, to adopt Resolution No. 1512 Updating the Schedule of Positions and Salary Rate Ranges Superseding Resolution No. 1500. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

None.

**REPORTS:**

8. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:
  - May Key Indicators Report
  - Other (no enclosure)
9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

10. DIRECTORS' REPORTS (AB 1234) PER CA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3 (D)
11. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

**CLOSED SESSION:**

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

President Atkinson announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 7:20 p.m.

12. 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

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:33 p.m.

District Secretary Garcia announced that the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, the District Secretary and Special Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9 (d) (1) and 54954.5 (c). The Board gave direction to Special Legal Counsel and there was no further announcement.

President Atkinson adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. to a regular Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:

  
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Jim Atkinson, President

  
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Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Sharon D. Brimer, Recording Secretary