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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Thursday, August 25, 2016  
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627  
3:30 p.m. Special Board Meeting**

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**LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order on August 25, 2016 at 3:31 p.m. by Chairman Fisler at the District Office Boardroom, located at 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Dewane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

Shawn Dewane, President  
Ethan Temianka, Vice President *(teleconference)*  
Jim Atkinson, Director *(teleconference)*  
Fred R. Bockmiller, Director  
James R. Fisler, Director, Chair

Directors Absent

None

Staff Present

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager  
Phil Lauri, P.E., Assistant General Manager  
Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager *(teleconference)*  
Cynthia Ragland, Interim Public Affairs Manager  
Andie Jacobsen, Office Assistant

Others Present

Dr. Dennis Williams, Founder, GEOSCIENCE Support Services  
Jim Mosher, Member of the Public

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Jim Mosher, Member of the Public, offered a comment that he was in attendance in regards to the Aquifer Age Dating Study and Findings item. He also inquired as to why five Board members were present instead of a committee of two Board members. Director Bockmiller responded that Mesa Water District conducts their committee meetings as such and requested that Mr. Mosher be given a copy of the Protocols of the Board.

There was no public present at the teleconference site.

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED, WITHDRAWN, OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA**

General Manager Shoenberger stated that two of Mesa Water's Directors and the External Affairs Manager were attending the meeting via teleconference.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Advocacy Consulting Services Report
2. Legislative Consulting Services Report
3. Outreach Update

**MOTION**

Motion by President Dewane, second by Director Fisler, to approve Items 1 - 3 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following roll call vote:

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

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

4. Aquifer Age Dating Study and Findings

Assistant General Manager Lauri introduced GEOSCIENCE Support Services Founder Dr. Dennis Williams who delivered a presentation, *"Evaluation of Age Dating of "Colored Water" and "Clear Water" Aquifers in the Mesa Water District Service Area*, that highlighted:

- Project Location
- Hydrogeology
- Source of Colored Water
- Sampling
- Carbon-14 and Tritium Dating
- Results and Conclusions

Director Fisler asked for public comments. Member of the Public Jim Mosher inquired as to the margin of error when dating the water. Discussion ensued among the Board and Dr. Williams.

Director Fisler thanked the Board and Mr. Mosher for their comments and thanked Dr. Williams for his presentation.

5. FY 2017 District Memberships/Community Outreach Events/Sponsorships

Director Fisler introduced GM Shoenberger who provided an overview of the topic.

Director Fisler asked for comments. There were no public comments. Director Atkinson requested to increase the District's Urban Water Institute membership from the current \$1,500 Sustaining Level to the \$2,500 Patron Level. There were no objections.

MOTION

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by President Dewane, to approve an increase in the District's Urban Water Institute membership from the current \$1,500 Sustaining Level to the \$2,500 Patron Level. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

MOTION

Motion by President Dewane, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve three new District memberships - California Association of Sanitation Agencies, Solid Waste Association of North America, and Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

Motion by President Dewane, second by Director Atkinson, to approve the Community Outreach Events/Sponsorships, as listed. No action was taken.

Discussion ensued regarding the costs associated with the Davis Magnet School Learning Garden Welcome Kiosk.

President Dewane directed staff to pull the Davis School Kiosk from the list and bring the item back to the next regularly scheduled Legislative & Public Affairs Committee meeting.

MOTION

Motion by President Dewane, second by Vice President Temianka, to approve the Community Outreach Events/Sponsorships, as amended. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

Director Fisler asked for comments. Member of the Public Jim Mosher offered that the Solid Waste Association of North America membership cost is per individual. He inquired as to how many individuals would be members of this organization. GM Shoenberger recommended that three individuals should become members.

Discussion ensued and Director Fisler thanked Mr. Mosher for his comments.

**MOTION**

Motion by President Dewane, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve three individual memberships to the Solid Waste Association of North America and to designate those individuals at a future date. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

**6. Social Media Metrics Update**

Director Fisler introduced GM Shoenberger who gave a brief overview of the topic.

Director Fisler asked for comments. There were no comments.

**MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by President Dewane, to add to the next regular Board meeting Consent Calendar termination of a contract with Communications LAB and approval to begin a new competitive Request for Proposals process regarding Social Media Metrics. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**7. Communications Consulting Services**

Director Fisler introduced GM Shoenberger who provided an overview of the topic.

Director Fisler asked for comments. There were no public comments. Vice President Temianka inquired as to why the budgeted number does not always match the actual expenditure, in fact being less. GM Shoenberger replied that the District budgets for emergency communications that are not always needed.

**MOTION**

Motion by President Dewane, second by Director Fisler, to add to the next regular Board meeting Consent Calendar award of a contract to Gladstone International, Inc. for Communications Consulting Services for an amount not to exceed \$38,000. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

8. ISDOC Executive Committee Election

Director Fisler asked for comments. There were no comments.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Temianka, second by Director Atkinson, to designate President Shawn Dewane to vote his conscience on behalf of Mesa Water District and cast his ballot by mail in the Independent Special Districts of Orange County Executive Committee election. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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



**REPORTS:**

- 9. Report of the General Manager
- 10. Directors' Reports and Comments

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None.

The Special Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Approved:  
  
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Shawn Dewane, President  
  
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Coleen L. Monteleone, District Secretary