



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Thursday, August 13, 2015**

**1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

*Dedicated to
Satisfying our Community's
Water Needs*

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order on August 13, 2015 at 6:06 p.m. by President Dewane at the District Office Boardroom, located at 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Temianka led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

Shawn Dewane, President
Ethan Temianka, Vice President
Jim Atkinson, Director
Fred R. Bockmiller, Director
James R. Fisler, Director

Directors Absent

None

Staff Present

Paul E. Shoenberger P.E., General Manager
Coleen L. Monteleone, Assistant General Manager/ District Secretary
Phil Lauri, Assistant General Manager
Andrew Hamilton, Chief Financial Officer
Stacy Taylor, Public & Government Affairs Manager
Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager
Denise Garcia, Executive Assistant to the General Manager
Rob Anslow, Attorney, Bowie, Arneson, Wiles & Giannone

Others Present

John Bliss, Vice President, SCI Consulting Group
Kathleen Abler, Public
Debbie Cook, Public
Joe Geever, Public
Greg Ridge, Public
Linda Armendark, Public
Shirley McDaniel, Mesa Water® Customer
Scott Maloni, Poseidon Resources representative

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments on non-agendized topics. President Dewane proceeded with the meeting.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED, WITHDRAWN, OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

General Manager Shoenberger reported there were not items to be added, withdrawn or reordered on the agenda.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 July 9, 2015.
2. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of July 20, 2015.
3. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of July 21, 2015.
4. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of July 23, 2015.
5. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
6. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
 - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
7. Receive the Quarterly Training Report for April 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015.
8. Award a contract to Jamison Engineering in the amount of \$412,923 with a 10% contingency for a not to exceed amount of \$454,215 to perform the OC-44 Pipeline Turnouts Meter Replacement Project (TO-2, TO-4, TO-5) and Santa Ana Vault.

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Fisler, seconded by Director Bockmiller, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

9. PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY – DESALINATION FUNDING:

Mr. Shoenberger introduced the topic and turned the presentation over to John Bliss, SCI Consulting Group.

Mr. Bliss offered the purpose of the survey done by SCI was to gauge the level of support for a local funding measure and to evaluate priorities and concerns of registered voters within the Mesa Water® District regarding the potential desalination plant.

- About SCI Consulting Group
- Survey Objectives
- Scope of Work – Survey Methodology
 - Mailed 6,116 surveys to registered voters in the Mesa Water® service area
 - Two price breaks were identified: a \$29 rate and an \$89 rate
- Survey Results
- Overall Registered Voter Support
- Detailed Registered Voter Support by Rate
- Support by Political Party and Rate
- Support by Rate and Age

- Service Priorities – Most Popular Projects
- Summary of Findings
 - Very strong support for a \$29 rate
 - Strong support for an \$89 rate
- Support Levels Throughout OCWD
- Recommendations and Next Steps

Mr. Bliss noted this was a scientific poll where a process is described and produces predictable and repeatable results with an underlying statistical validity. A key factor that dictates whether a poll is scientific or not is whether the group that was surveyed was selected randomly.

President Dewane offered there are two funding components to consider. The construction of the desalination plant which is intended to be built and paid for by Poseidon and the second component is the infrastructure to deliver the water which would be the responsibility of OCWD and that funding would be a ratepayer/property owner responsibility.

Members of the Public, Kathleen Abler, Debbie Cook, Joe Geever, Greg Ridge, and Shirley McDaniel offered comments on desalination, polling and funding.

Scott Maloni from Poseidon Resources offered comments on the leadership role the District has taken and funding for the Huntington Beach Desalination project.

Mr. Bliss responded to questions from the Board and President Dewane thanked Mr. Bliss for the presentation.

RECESS

President Dewane declared a recess at 7:14 p.m. The Board meeting reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

10. WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE:

Mr. Shoenberger introduced Customer Services Manager Stacie Sheek who proceeded with the update.

Ms. Sheek offered that Mesa Water® adopted Ordinance 26, the Water Conservation and Water Supply Emergency Program on May 14, 2015 and passed Resolution 1460 which activated the Conservation Program and authorized the General Manager to take actions as necessary to carry out the directives of the Resolution and the Conservation Program.

Six part-time temporary Water Conservation Ambassadors were hired, who have been patrolling the service area with the goal of observing and documenting violations of the Conservation Ordinance, educating on the severity of the drought, and value of water conservation. Mesa Water® has taken steps to reduce water use at its facilities. The staff has achieved a 20% reduction in water use.

Mr. Shoenberger reviewed the sample four notices that are sent to the water users who are found in violation of the following:

- Designated Water Hours and Days
- Water Flow/Runoff
- Leaks, Breaks or Malfunctions
- Washing Vehicles
- Washing Paved Surfaces

11. BOARD WORKSHOP PLANNING:

Mr. Shoenberger reviewed the proposed agenda topics. The Board Workshop is tentatively scheduled for October 9, 2015, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will be confirmed with the Directors.

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, seconded by President Dewane, to approve the Board Workshop agenda topics as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

12. RESOLUTION NO. 1463 – ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY:

Mr. Shoenberger noted the topic was reviewed by the Finance Committee on July 20, 2015.

Chief Financial Officer Hamilton responded to a Board question regarding an employee's ability to purchase surplus property. He noted that while there is no specific restriction in the Resolution, it is the policy that employees may not purchase the District's surplus property unless they were going through the same procedure as the general public.

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, seconded by Director Atkinson, to approve Resolution No. 1463 Establishing Rules and Regulations for Disposal of Surplus Property, Option 2. Motion passed 5-0 with the following roll call vote:

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

13. RESOLUTION NO. 1464 – ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES ELECTION:

Ms. Monteleone offered this is a request for support of a nomination, not a request for a vote. The Board also received a request for support for Brent Hasley as Vice President. Direction was given to write a letter in support of Mr. Hasley.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, seconded by President Dewane, to approve Resolution No. 1464 - Endorsing the nomination of Cucamonga Valley Water District Director Kathleen Tieg to the Association of California Water Agencies office of Board President for 2016-2017 term. Motion passed 5-0 with the following roll call vote:

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

14. CLOSED SESSION:

President Dewane announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 7:55 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:
Pursuant to Government Codes Sections 54956.9 (d) (1) and 54954.5 (c)
Case: Synetcom Digital, Inc. vs. Mesa Water District, KDC, Inc., etc., et al

The Board returned to Open Session 8:15 p.m.

Attorney Anslow announced the Board met in Closed Session with the General Manager, Assistant General Managers Lauri and Monteleone, and Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to Government Codes Sections 54956.9 (d) (1) and 54954.5 (c). The Board received information and there is no other announcement.

REPORTS:

15. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

- July Key Indicators Report
- Other (no enclosure)

16. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

18. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2015 6:00 p.m.

Approved:



Shawn Dewane, President



Coleen L. Monteleone, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer