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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Thursday, November 12, 2015
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 November 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. by President Dewane at the District Office Boardroom, located at 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President 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
Andrew Hamilton, Chief Financial Officer
Stacy Taylor, Public & Government Affairs Manager
Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager
Noelle Collins, Public Affairs Coordinator
Justin Finch, Resource Efficiency Specialist
Denise Garcia, Executive Assistant to the General Manager
Jeff Hoskinson, Attorney, Bowie, Arneson, Wiles & Giannone

Others Present

50 members of the public

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Dewane asked for public comments on non-agendized items.

Two Costa Mesa residents offered comments:

- 1) Additional clarification and a tighter documentation process for reporting water wasters was requested.
- 2) Information from Mesa Water® providing free water was requested.

President Dewane responded that Item 1 will be addressed by Mr. Finch's presentation; and regarding Item 2, Mesa Water® does not provide free water service to anyone, as it is illegal to do so.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED, WITHDRAWN, OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

General Manager Shoenberger noted there were no items to be added, withdrawn or reordered on the agenda.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

Director Bockmiller pulled items 12 and 13. There were no objections.

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of October 8, 2015.
2. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of October 19, 2015.
3. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of October 20, 2015.
4. Approve minutes of adjourned Board meeting of October 22, 2015.
5. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
6. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
 - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
7. Approve and adopt standardized reporting within the Financial Impact section of staff memos to enhance Mesa Water® District's financial decision-making process.
8. Award Change Order #3 to Michael Baker International in the amount of \$325,000 and revise the GIS Support Services Project estimate to \$700,500.
9. Approve the Well Automation and Rehabilitation Project and the filing of the Notice of Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act.
10. Approve Director James R. Fidler to be the authorized voting delegate for the Association of California Water Agencies' (ACWA) election of Board President and Vice President for the 2016-2017 term and the proposed amendments to ACWA's Bylaws.
11. Receive the Quarterly Training Report for July 1, 2015 – September 30, 2015.
12. Approve a proclamation honoring Roger Demers for his service to Mesa Water® District.
13. Approve proclamations honoring Mesa Water® employee Tracy Manning for receiving her State Water Resources Control Board Grade 5 Water Distribution Operator Certificate and employees Dustin Burnside and Scott Sullivan for passing their State Water Resources Control Board Grade 5 Water Distribution Operator exam.

MOTION

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Director Fidler, to approve Items 1 – 11 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0.

President Dewane asked for comments.

Mesa Water® customer Mark Abrams asked if there was a conflict of interest with Director Fidler seconding the Consent Calendar motion when Director Fidler is named in Item 10.

Attorney Hoskinson offered that there is no conflict of interest with Director Fisler seconding the motion to approve Items 1 through 11, which included the Mesa Water® Board authorizing Director Fisler's voting authority on behalf of the Board at the next ACWA conference.

Item 12 – Approve a proclamation honoring Roger Demers for his service to Mesa Water® District.

Director Bockmiller offered that Rogers Demers is retiring after 23 years of service to the District and would like to recognize Mr. Demers for his excellent service to the District. Mr. Demers had many achievements throughout his career, including obtaining the State Water Resources Control Board Grade 4 Distribution System Operator and Grade 3 Treatment Operator certificates, completing the ACWA/JPIA Professional Development Program (Operations Specialty), and being recognized for his outstanding efforts in the design and installation of customized ozone destruct units at Well No. 4. Mr. Demers was nominated for the Distinctive Service Award in 2008 and was a Silver Lining Award recipient in 2011.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to approve Item 12 of the Consent Calendar honoring Roger Demers for his 23 years of notable service to the District. Motion passed 5-0.

Item 13 - Approve proclamations honoring Mesa Water® employee Tracy Manning for receiving her State Water Resources Control Board Grade 5 Water Distribution Operator Certificate and employees Dustin Burnside and Scott Sullivan for passing their State Water Resources Control Board Grade 5 Water Distribution Operator exam.

Director Bockmiller noted that the Grade 5 Water Distribution Operator is the highest level of certification and wanted to note that Mesa Water® has 3 employees who have obtained the recognition.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to approve Item 13 of the Consent Calendar honoring Tracy Manning, Dustin Burnside and Scott Sullivan for recent achievements. Motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

14. WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE:

1. Adopt Draft Resolution No. 1466 – Activating the Water Conservation and Water Supply Emergency Program Level 2 Water Supply Shortage.

General Manager Shoenberger introduced the topic noting on January 17, 2014, Governor Brown declared a drought state of emergency. As the state of California (State) entered a fourth year of severe drought, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted and expanded emergency regulations on March 17, 2015 to safeguard the State's remaining water supplies. Inclusive of those regulations, Mesa Water® is required to reduce its total water production by 20% compared to a 2013 baseline. Mesa Water® has met or surpassed the 20% reduction mandate for the months of June through August; however, the District fell short of its goal in September and October. The cumulative percent saved was approximately 21.1%.

Shoenberger noted that at Level 1, the public was asked to water two days a week. Before the Board is the adoption of Draft Resolution No. 1466. He offered that staff is recommending the District implement the following:

- 1-Day per week irrigation, on Saturday;
- No filling of fountains, lakes, and ponds excluding exceptions;
- Obligation to fix leaks within 48 hours; and,
- Large landscape areas must use rain sensors on irrigation controllers.

Mr. Shoenberger introduced Resource Efficiency Specialist, Justin Finch, who proceeded with the presentation. Mr. Finch presented the elements covered by Level 2 Emergency Water Use Restrictions.

President Dewane asked for comments from the Board.

General Manager Shoenberger offered that emails have been received from Mesa Water® Customers and those emails have been distributed to the Board.

President Dewane asked for public comments. 17 Mesa Water® customers offered comments.

Mr. Shoenberger noted that on Saturday December 12, 2015, Mesa Water® is giving away a free conservation kit. This event will take place in the Estancia High School parking lot between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

RECESS

President Dewane declared a recess at 7:39 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

President Dewane asked for comments from the Directors.

MOTION

With great reluctance, motion by Director Bockmiller, second by President Dewane, to adopt staff's recommendation and approve Resolution No. 1466 superseding Resolution No. 1460.

President Dewane asked for public comments. One comment was received. A substitute motion was offered:

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Motion by Director Temianka, second by Director Atkinson, to adopt staff's recommendation (Resolution 1455) with the amendment making the one day a week watering restriction a recommendation rather than mandatory. Motion failed 2-3, with the following roll call vote:

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

With the substitute motion having failed, President Dewane asked for a roll call vote on the first motion made by Director Bockmiller. Motion passed 3-2, with the following roll call vote:

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

2. Award a contract to Fraser Communications in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000 for water conservation outreach professional services.

Public & Government Affairs Manager Stacy Taylor explained the advertising campaign for the Mesa Water® customers is primarily to inform the customers of the one day a week landscape watering restriction and to reinforce water savings strategies.

MOTION

Motion by Director Temianka, second by President Dewane, to approve a contract with Fraser Communications in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for water conservation outreach professional services. Motion passed 5-0 with the following roll call vote:

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

REPORTS:

- 15. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
- 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 8:42 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:



Shawn Dewane, President



Coleen L. Monteleone, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer