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# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESA WATER DISTRICT

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 3:30 p.m. Adjourned Regular Board Meeting

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER** 

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at

3:31 p.m. by President Dewane.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Atkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Directors Present** 

Shawn Dewane, President (teleconference)

Marice H. DePasquale, Vice President (teleconference)

Jim Atkinson, Director (teleconference)

Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director (teleconference)

James R. Fisler, Director (teleconference)

**Directors Absent** 

None

Staff Present

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager (teleconference)
Phil Lauri, P.E., Assistant General Manager (teleconference)

Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager/

District Secretary

Wendy Duncan, Records Management Specialist/ Assistant District Secretary (teleconference)

Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/

District Treasurer (teleconference)

Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager (teleconference) Tracy Manning, Water Operations Manager (teleconference)

Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager (teleconference)

Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator (teleconference)

Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

(teleconference)

**Others Present** 

John Hamas, IT Project Manager, T2 Technology Group

Dennis Albiani, Vice President, California Advocates, Inc.

(teleconference)

Anthony Molina, Legislative Advocate, California Advocates,

Inc. (teleconference)

Mark Monin, Director, El Toro Water District (teleconference)

President Dewane stated that the Board of Directors was attending the meeting via teleconference per Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 which suspended certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

President Dewane stated that for each action, a roll call vote was taken in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(b)(2), which states, "all votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by roll call."

President Dewane proceeded with the meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

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

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

General Manager Shoenberger pulled Item 8 and recommended the agenda be reordered to take Item 11 before Item 8 of the Consent Calendar. There were no objections.

### **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. Receive and file the Developer Project Status Report.
- 2. Receive and file the Mesa Water and Other Agency Projects Status Report.
- 3. Receive and file the Water Quality Call Report.
- 4. Receive and file the Water Operations Status Report.
- 5. Receive and file the Accounts Paid Listing.
- 6. Receive and file the Monthly Financial Reports.
- 7. Receive and file the Major Staff Projects.
- 8. Receive and file the State Advocacy Update.
- 9. Receive and file the Orange County Update.
- 10. Receive and file the Outreach Update.

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

### MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Fisler, to approve Items 1-7 and 9-10 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS Atkinson, Bockmiller, Fisler, DePasquale, Dewane

NOES: DIRECTORS None ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS None

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

# 11. INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION:

Water Policy Manager Taylor reviewed the topic and introduced El Toro Water District Director Monin who provided a brief statement regarding his candidacy for President of Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC).

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

The Board thanked Director Monin for his statement.

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

### **MOTION**

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve support for El Toro Water District Director Mark Monin for the position of President for the Independent Special Districts of Orange County Executive Committee election, and authorize President Dewane to be the District's voting delegate. Motion passed 5–0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: DIRECTORS None ABSENT: DIRECTORS None ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS None

ITEM 8 – Receive and file the State Advocacy Update.

Water Policy Manager Taylor introduced California Advocates, Inc. Vice President Dennis Albiani who proceeded with the State Advocacy update. Mr. Albiani introduced California Advocates, Inc. Legislative Advocate Anthony Molina who provided a brief budget update.

Mr. Albiani responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the update.

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

### **MOTION**

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Fisler, to approve Item 8 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5–0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS Atkinson, Bockmiller, Fisler, DePasquale, Dewane

NOES: DIRECTORS None ABSENT: DIRECTORS None ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS None

#### PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None.

### **REPORTS:**

- 12. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
- 13. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Director Bockmiller offered that the candidate running for Mesa Water District's Board of Directors for Division 2 has still not attended any Mesa Water Board or Committee meetings.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

14. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved

Shawn Dewane, President

Denise Garcia, District Secretary