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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Thursday, January 14, 2021  
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 at 6:00 p.m. by President DePasquale.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

No Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

**Directors Present**

Marice H. DePasquale President *(teleconference)*  
Shawn Dewane, 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  
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  
Tracy Manning, Water Operations Manager *(teleconference)*  
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager *(teleconference)*  
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator *(teleconference)*  
Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator *(teleconference)*  
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo  
*(teleconference)*

**Others Present**

Jonathan Aparicio, IT Support Engineer, T2 Technology Group  
Dennis Albiani, Vice President, California Advocates, Inc.  
*(teleconference)*  
Anthony Molina, Legislative Advocate, California Advocates,  
Inc. *(teleconference)*  
Bryan Falconer, Customer Experience Management – Senior  
Advisor, Southern California Edison (SCE) *(teleconference)*  
Tiffani Tubbs, Account Management Advisor, SCE  
*(teleconference)*  
Jessica Fernandez, Government Relations Manager, SCE  
*(teleconference)*  
Dan Miller, Customer Care Manager, SCE *(teleconference)*

President DePasquale 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 DePasquale 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 DePasquale proceeded with the meeting.

**RECOGNITION OF MESA WATER DISTRICT PAST PRESIDENT SHAWN DEWANE**

President DePasquale recognized and thanked Immediate Past President Shawn Dewane for his contributions and service to the District

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

There were no comments and President DePasquale proceeded with the meeting.

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

General Manager Shoenberger reported there were no items to be added, removed, 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 adjourned regular Board meeting of November 10, 2020.
2. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of December 10, 2020.
3. Approve minutes of adjourned regular Board meeting of December 17, 2020.
4. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
5. Board Schedule:
  - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
  - Board Calendar

President DePasquale asked for comments from the Board. There were no comments.

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

**MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve Items 1 – 5 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

6. COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION:

GM Shoenberger provided a brief overview of the topic.

Water Policy Manager Taylor introduced California Advocates, Inc.'s Vice President Dennis Albiani and Legislative Advocate Anthony Molina who provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- What is Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)
- Pros of CCAs
- Cons of CCAs
- California Municipalities Using CCAs

Water Policy Manager Taylor introduced Southern California Edison's Customer Experience Management – Senior Advisor Bryan Falconer, Account Management Advisor Tiffani Tubbs and Government Relations Manager Jessica Fernandez who provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- SCE Follows the CCA Code of Conduct
- Community Choice Aggregation
- SCE Business Customer Division (BCD) Perspective
- SCE's Perspective
- Helping Customers Go Green

GM Shoenberger, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Falconer and Ms. Tubbs responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the information.

7. STATE ADVOCACY BRIEFING:

Water Policy Manager Taylor introduced California Advocates, Inc. Vice President Dennis Albiani who provided a briefing on State Advocacy.

Mr. Albiani introduced California Advocates, Inc. Legislative Advocate Anthony Molina who provided a brief update on the State budget.

Messrs. Albiani and Molina responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the information.

8. INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VACANCY:

Water Policy Manager Taylor provided a brief overview of the topic.

Ms. Taylor responded to questions from the Board and they thanked her for the information.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

9. MESA WATER EDUCATION CENTER STUDENT EDUCATION PROGRAM:

GM Shoenberger introduced Public Affairs Coordinator Carrillo who provided a brief overview of the topic.

GM Shoenberger and Ms. Carrillo responded to questions from the Board.

President DePasquale asked for comments from the Board. There were no comments.

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

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Fisler, to award a three-year contract to Brain Builders STEM Education, Inc. for \$95,169 to develop, market, and facilitate a student education program for the Mesa Water Education Center. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

10. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND AUDITS:

GM Shoenberger introduced Business Administrator Lind who provided information on the Annual Performance Measures and Audits.

Mr. Lind responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the information.

President DePasquale asked for comments from the Board. There were no comments.

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Vice President Dewane, to award a five-year contract to LA Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$162,079 to conduct the annual performance audit and to formalize by resolution the process of conducting annual performance audits. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

11. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 30 – DIRECTORS COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT:

President DePasquale announced the Public Hearing was now opened for the purpose of receiving comments regarding a proposed change in Directors' Compensation.

District Secretary Garcia reported that public notices were posted at Mesa Water District's office kiosk and website, and at the Costa Mesa City Hall. Additionally, legal advertisements were published in the Daily Pilot on December 31, 2020 and January 7, 2021.

President DePasquale opened the floor to the Board of Directors. Comments were offered.

Attorney Anslow responded to questions from the Board.

District Secretary Garcia reported that the District had not received any written or verbal comments regarding proposed Ordinance No. 30.

President DePasquale asked for public comments. There were no members of the public present.

President DePasquale declared the public comments segment closed.

President DePasquale opened the floor for discussion by the Board. There were no comments.

President DePasquale declared the Public Hearing was closed.

## MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Fisler, to adopt Ordinance No. 30 Directors Compensation and Expense Reimbursement Superseding Ordinance No. 29 setting the rate in Section 1 to \$305 effective March 15, 2021 and \$320 effective July 1, 2021 and adopting all proposed changes. Motion passed 4-1, by the following roll call vote:

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

## REPORTS:

12. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:
  - December Key Indicators Report
  - Other (no enclosure)
13. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

## INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:



Marice H. DePasquale, President



Denise Garcia, District Secretary