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# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESA WATER DISTRICT

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 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

3:30 p.m. by President DePasquale.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Director Atkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 (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)

Syndie Ly, Human Resources Manager (teleconference)
Tracy Manning, Water Operations Manager (teleconference)

Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager (teleconference) Kurt Lind, Business Administrator (teleconference) Karyn Igar, Senior Civil Engineer (teleconference)

Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator (teleconference)

Others Present Jonathan Aparicio, IT Support Engineer, T2 Technology Group

John Lewis, President, Lewis Consulting Group (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.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

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.

Director Fisler pulled Item 9 and Director Atkinson pulled Item 1 for discussion. There were no objections.

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

### **MOTION**

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve Items 2 - 8 and 10 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

ITEM 9 – Receive and file the Orange County Update.

Lewis Consulting Group President John Lewis provided an Orange County Update.

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

ITEM 1 – Receive and file the Developer Project Status Report.

Assistant General Manager Lauri responded to questions regarding the Developer Project Status Report.

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

### **MOTION**

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

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

NOES: DIRECTORS None ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS None

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

## 11. SANTA ANA RIVER CONSERVATION AND CONJUNCTIVE USE PROGRAM AGREEMENT:

GM Shoenberger introduced AGM Lauri who provided an overview of the Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program.

GM Shoenberger and AGM Lauri responded to questions from the Board.

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

### **MOTION**

Motion by Director Fisler, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve the Contract Between Orange County Water District and Mesa Water District Regarding Construction of Wells for Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program, and authorize execution of the contract. Motion passed 4-1, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS Atkinson, Fisler, Dewane, DePasquale

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

### PRESENTATION AN DISCUSSION ITEMS:

### 12. FISCAL YEAR 2020 WATER LOSS AUDIT:

AGM Lauri introduced Senior Civil Engineer Igar who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Water Loss Audits
- Kev Performance Indicators
- Water Loss Program Status Summary

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

The Board thanked Ms. Igar for the presentation.

### **REPORTS:**

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

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

15. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

### **RECESS**

President DePasquale declared a recess at 4:27 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 4:29 p.m.

President DePasquale announced that the Board was going into Closed Session at 4:29 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

16. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6:

District Negotiator: General Manager

Employee Organization: District Employees

The Board returned to Open Session at 4:42 p.m.

District Secretary Garcia announced that the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, District Secretary and the Human Resources Manager pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6. The Board received information and there was no further announcement.

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:

Marice H. DePasquale, President

Denise Garcia, District Secretary