

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESA WATER DISTRICT

Thursday, May 13, 2021 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

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Satisfying our Community's
Water Needs

CALL TO ORDER

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

6:01 p.m. by President DePasquale.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Fisler 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

Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager (teleconference) 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

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 comments on items not on the agenda.

There was no public present and President DePasquale proceeded with the meeting.

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

General Manager Shoenberger recommended deferring Item 14 to a future Board meeting. 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. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of April 8, 2021.
- 2. Approve minutes of adjourned regular Board meeting of April 27, 2021.
- 3. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
- 4. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
- 5. Approve legal fees to Meyers Nave, A Professional Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to provide Special Legal Counsel Services.
- 6. Receive the Quarterly Training Report for January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021.

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 Director Fisler, to approve Items 1-6 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

DIRECTORS

Atkinson, Bockmiller, Fisler, Dewane, DePasquale

NOES: ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS

None

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DIRECTORS

None

ABSENT:

DIRECTORS

None

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

7. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RENEWAL UPDATE:

GM Shoenberger provided a brief overview of the topic and introduced Assistant General Manager Lauri who provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Overview
- Wells Program
- Reservoirs Program
- Distribution Program
- Routine Capital
- District Facilities Program

- Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Planned vs. Actual
- CIPR Program Planned vs. Actual
- CIPR Program FY 2022 Planned
- Financial Summary

AGM Lauri responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the presentation.

ACTION ITEMS:

8. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET:

Chief Financial Officer Khalifa provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Budget Assumptions
- FY 2022 Proposed Budget
- Designated Funds
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio
- Debt Service Payments
- Cash on Hand
- Days Cash Ratio
- Actual/Budgeted Water Production (AF)
- FY 2022 Budget Water Supply Needs
- Operating Expenses by Department as a Percentage
- Capital
- Capital Replacement & Refurbishment (R & R)
- District Memberships, Board Conferences & Seminars, Community Outreach
- FY 2022 Budget Summary

GM Shoenberger, CFO Khalifa, and Water Policy Manager Taylor responded to questions from the Board and they thanked CFO Khalifa for the presentation.

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 the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. Motion passed 4-1, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS Bockmiller, Fisler, Dewane, DePasquale

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

9. WILSON STREET PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

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 award a contract to J.A. Salazar Construction & Supply Corp. for \$1,997,439 and a 10% contingency of \$199,744 for a contract amount not to exceed \$2,197,183 to provide construction services for replacement of the existing 12-inch pipeline in Wilson Street with a new pipeline, and authorize execution of the contract. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

DIRECTORS

Atkinson, Bockmiller, Fisler, Dewane, DePasquale

NOES: ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS DIRECTORS

None None

ABSENT:

DIRECTORS

None

REPORTS:

- 10. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:
 - April Key Indicators Report
 - Other (no enclosure)
- 11. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 12. DIRECTORS' REPORTS (AB 1234) PER CA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3 (D)
- 13. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

CLOSED SESSION:

14. CONFERENCE WITH SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION: Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1) Case: Irvine Ranch Water District v. Orange County Water District and related cross-actions Los Angeles County Superior Court Case Nos. BS168278 and BS175192

Item deferred to a future meeting.

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:

Marice H. DePasquale, Preside

Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Sharon D. Brimer, Recording Secretary