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# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESA WATER DISTRICT Tuesday, March 23, 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	<ul> <li>Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager (teleconference)</li> <li>Phil Lauri, P.E., Assistant General Manager (teleconference)</li> <li>Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager/ District Secretary</li> <li>Wendy Duncan, Records Management Specialist/ Assistant District Secretary (teleconference)</li> <li>Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/ District Treasurer (teleconference)</li> <li>Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager (teleconference)</li> <li>Tracy Manning, Water Operations Manager (teleconference)</li> <li>Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager (teleconference)</li> <li>Kurt Lind, Business Administrator (teleconference)</li> <li>Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., Principal Engineer (teleconference)</li> <li>Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator (teleconference)</li> </ul>	
Others Present	Jonathan Aparicio, IT Support Engineer, T2 Technology Group John Lewis, President, Lewis Consulting Group (teleconference) Jo MacKenzie, Director, Vista Irrigation District (teleconference) Adam Zacheis, Senior Client Service Manager, Brown and Caldwell (teleconference) Katie Porter, Client Service Manager/Project Manager, Brown and Caldwell (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.

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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.

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.

Director Fisler pulled Item 9 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.

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 - 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
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	DIRECTORS	None
ABSENT:	DIRECTORS	None

ITEM 9 – RECEIVE AND FILE THE ORANGE COUNTY UPDATE.

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

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

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 Fisler, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve Item 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
ABSENT:	DIRECTORS	None

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

11. CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION, SOUTHERN NETWORK, SEAT A, CONCURRING NOMINATION:

Water Policy Manager Taylor introduced Vista Irrigation District Director Jo MacKenzie who provided a brief overview of her background.

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 adopt Resolution No. 1539 Concurring in the Nomination of Jo MacKenzie as a candidate for the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat A. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

## 12. WATER SUPPLY, ENERGY, AND SUPPLY CHAIN RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT:

Assistant General Manager Lauri provided a brief overview of the topic.

AGM Lauri 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 Vice President Dewane, second by Director Atkinson, to approve the proposed recommendations for the Water Supply, Energy, and Supply Chain Reliability Assessment as identified in the Executive Summary and Technical Memorandums 1, 2, and 3, and implement as part of the Capital Improvement Program Renewal. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

13. FINANCIAL AUDITOR SELECTION:

Cheif Financial Officer Khalifa provided a brief overview of the topic.

CFO Khalifa and GM Shoenberger responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them 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 Vice President Dewane, second by President DePasquale, to add to the next regular Board meeting Consent Calendar approval of a one-year contract extension to Clifton Larson Allen, formerly White Nelson Diehl Evans LLP, to perform annual financial audit services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Motion passed 4-1, by the following roll call vote:

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

# **PRESENTATION AN DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

None.

## **REPORTS:**

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

## **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

16. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

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President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved: Marice H. DePasquale, President

Denise Garcia, District Secretary