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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Wednesday, September 8, 2021  
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627  
4:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President DePasquale.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice President Dewane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Directors Present**

Marice H. DePasquale, President  
Shawn Dewane, Vice President  
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director  
Jim Atkinson, Director  
James R. Fidler, Director

**Directors Absent**

None

**Staff Present**

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager  
Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager/  
District Secretary  
Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/  
District Treasurer  
Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager  
Syndie Ly, Human Resources Manager  
Tracy Manning, Water Operations Manager  
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator  
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E, Principal Engineer  
Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator  
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Specialist  
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

**Others Present**

Dr. Joni Prado, Professor of Music, Vanguard University  
William Kershaw, Battalion Chief, Costa Mesa Fire Department  
Victor M. Bakkila, Captain, Costa Mesa Police Department  
Tricia Murakawa, Principal, Murakawa Communications, Inc.  
Brenda Deeley, CEO, Brenda Deeley PR

**RECOGNITION OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11**

President DePasquale introduced Vanguard University Professor of Music Dr. Joni Prado who sang the Star-Spangled Banner.

President DePasquale thanked Dr. Prado and photographs were taken.

President De Pasquale presented proclamations to Costa Mesa Fire Department Battalion Chief William Kershaw and Costa Mesa Police Department Captain Victor M. Bakkila for their

department's efforts to protect and serve our community and in observance of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11, 2001.

Photographs were taken.

**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.

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of August 11, 2021.
2. Approve minutes of adjourned regular Board meeting of August 24, 2021.
3. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
4. Board Schedule:
  - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
  - Board Calendar
5. Approve a five-year contract with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo to provide General Legal Counsel Services, and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract.
6. Approve proclamations to City of Costa Mesa emergency response personnel in observance of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11, 2001.

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

**MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Fidler, to approve Items 1 – 6 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 – 0.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

7. **WILSON STREET PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION OUTREACH:**

Public Affairs Coordinator Carrillo provided an overview of the topic and introduced Murakawa Communications, Inc. Principal Tricia Murakawa who provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Public Outreach Team
- Wilson Street Pipeline Alignment & Work Schedule
- Affected Stakeholders
- Wilson Street Bus Turn-Outs

- Construction Outreach Strategies
- Stakeholder Communications
- A Picture of the Wilson Street Canvas
- Communication Tools
- Stakeholder Comments/Questions

Ms. Murakawa responded to questions from the Board and they thanked her for the presentation.

8. MESA WATER NOTIFY:

Public Affairs Coordinator Carrillo provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Introducing Mesa Water Notify
- How it Works
- How it Works – GIS Map
- Dashboard
- Mesa Water Notify Benefits
- Communications Plan Rollout
- Mesa Water Notify Demonstration

GM Shoenberger and Ms. Carrillo responded to questions from the Board and they thanked Ms. Carrillo for the presentation.

9. DRY SEASON AND WATER SUPPLY MESSAGING:

GM Shoenberger introduced Brenda Deeley PR CEO Brenda Deeley who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- ACWA & Save Our Water Research
- Key Findings
- CA Drought Emergency & Met Supply Alert
- Research-Based Recommendations
- Key Messages:
  - No Drought Impact
  - Investments in Infrastructure
  - Abundant, Local, Reliable Water
  - Managing Water Resources Well
  - Committed to Wise Water Use

GM Shoenberger and Ms. Deeley responded to questions from the Board and they thanked Ms. Deeley for the presentation.

10. SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

Principal Engineer Wiesner provided a brief overview of the topic.

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

11. SCADA CONTROL ROOM AND WET LAB UPGRADE PROJECT TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING INSTALLATION:

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to amend Leed Electric, Inc.'s on-call contract for an additional \$162,661 and a 10% contingency of \$16,266 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$278,927 for connection of electrical service and SCADA systems to the temporary facility at the Mesa Water Reliability Facility. Motion passed 5 – 0.

12. CAPTIVE INSURANCE:

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

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve:

- a. the formation of the Mesa Water Risk Retention Corporation as a subsidiary corporation of Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®); and,
- b. the Board of the Corporation to consist of the current Mesa Water Board and Lorin Barker.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

Motion by Director Bockmiller, for the current Mesa Water Board President and Vice President to become the President and Vice President of the Mesa Water Risk Retention Corporation. Their term shall align with the 2-year term of the Mesa Water District Officers; upon expiration, a new President and Vice President will be elected to the Corporation. In the event that a Mesa Water Risk Retention Corporation Board member leaves their Mesa Water District office, they would automatically depart their Mesa Water Risk Retention Corporation office on the same date, as well.

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, for the current Mesa Water Vice President and President to become the President and Vice President, respectively, of the Mesa Water Risk Retention Corporation. Their term shall align with the 2-year term of the Mesa Water District Officers; upon expiration, a new President and Vice President will be elected to the Corporation. In the event that a Mesa Water Risk Retention Corporation Board member leaves their Mesa Water District office, they would

automatically depart their Mesa Water Risk Retention Corporation office on the same date, as well. Motion passed 5 – 0.

**REPORTS:**

13. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- August Key Indicators Report
- Other (no enclosure)

14. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

15. DIRECTORS' REPORTS (AB 1234) PER CA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3 (D)

16. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Marice H. DePasquale, President

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*Denise Garcia*  
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Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer