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# **MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESA WATER DISTRICT** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 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	Vice President Dewane led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Directors Present	Marice H. DePasquale, President Shawn Dewane, Vice President Jim Atkinson, Director Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director James R. Fisler, Director
Directors Absent	None
Staff Present	<ul> <li>Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager</li> <li>Phil Lauri, P.E., Assistant General Manager</li> <li>Wendy Duncan, Records Management Specialist/ Acting District Secretary</li> <li>Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/ District Treasurer</li> <li>Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager</li> <li>Tracy Manning, Water Operations Manager</li> <li>Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager</li> <li>Kurt Lind, Business Administrator</li> <li>Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., Principal Engineer</li> <li>Karyn Igar, Senior Civil Engineer</li> <li>Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator</li> <li>Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Specialist</li> </ul>
Others Present	Mitch Barker, Executive Vice President, Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) Keith Stribling, Vice President/Senior Portfolio Manager, Highmark Capital Management, Inc.
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#### **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 suggested reordering the agenda to take Item 13 after the Consent Calendar. There were no objections.

## CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

- 1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of April 13, 2022.
- 2. Receive and file the Developer Project Status Report.
- 3. Receive and file the Mesa Water and Other Agency Projects Status Report.
- 4. Receive and file the Water Quality Call Report.
- 5. Receive and file the Water Operations Status Report.
- 6. Receive and file the Accounts Paid Listing.
- 7. Receive and file the Monthly Financial Reports.
- 8. Receive and file the Major Staff Projects.
- 9. Receive and file the State Advocacy Update.
- 10. Receive and file the Orange County Update.
- 11. Receive and file the Outreach Update.

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

#### MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Atkinson, to approve Items 1 - 11 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 - 0.

ITEM 13 – PENSION & OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST UPDATE:

Chief Financial Officer Khalifa introduced PARS Executive Vice President Mitch Barker and Highmark Capital Management, Inc. Vice President/Senior Portfolio Manager Keith Stribling.

Mr. Barker proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Summary of Agency's Other-Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Plan
- OPEB Actuarial Results
- Summary of Agency's Pension Plan
- Pension Funding Status

Mr. Stribling provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Annualized Return Comparison
- Disclosures
- Discussion Highlights: Mesa Water District

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

The Board directed staff to examine the pension trust and explore at which point the funds would be sufficient to pay for the unfunded liability and ongoing pension payments.

GM Shoenberger, CFO Khalifa, and Mr. Stribling responded to questions from the Board.

The Board thanked Messrs. Barker and Stribling for their presentations.

# PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

12. FISCAL YEAR 2021 WATER LOSS AUDIT:

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

- Water Loss Audits
- Water Loss Audit Inputs
- Water Loss Audit Outputs Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Real Losses
- Water Loss Performance Improvements
- New Water Loss Regulations

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

13. PENSION & OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST UPDATE:

Item taken earlier in the agenda.

14. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RENEWAL QUARTERLY UPDATE:

AGM Lauri introduced Principal Engineer Wiesner who provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Overview
- Well Program
- Reservoir Program
- Distribution Program
- Routine Planned Capital
- District Facilities Program
- Financial Summary
- CIPR Program Planned vs. Actual
- CIPR Program Cost Impacts

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

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

15. 2022 STATE LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS AND DESALINATION FEASIBILITY STUDY:

GM Shoenberger introduced Water Policy Manager Taylor who provided an overview of the topic.

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

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

### MOTION

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve the recommended positions on the 2022 State Legislation pertaining to Cybersecurity Preparedness and Desalination Feasibility Study. Motion passed 5 – 0.

### **REPORTS:**

- 16. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
- 17. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

18. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer