

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MESA WATER DISTRICT Wednesday, May 11, 2022 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 4:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

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Water Needs

**CALL TO ORDER**The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at

4:30 p.m. by Acting President Dewane.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Director Bockmiller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present Shawn Dewane, Acting President

Jim Atkinson, Director (teleconference) Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director

James R. Fisler, Director

Directors Absent Marice H. DePasquale, President

Staff Present Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager

Phil Lauri, P.E., Assistant General Manager Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager/

**District Secretary** 

Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/

**District Treasurer** 

Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager

Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager

Anthony Phou, Controller

Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., Principal Engineer Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator Tyler Jernigan, Water Operations Supervisor

Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Others Present Jeffrey Ball, President/Chief Executive Officer, Orange County

**Business Council (OCBC)** 

Andrew Barnes, Member of the Public

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Acting President Dewane asked for public comments on items not on the agenda.

There were no public comments.

There were no public members present at the teleconference site.

District Secretary Garcia stated that one Mesa Water Director was attending the meeting via teleconference.

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."

Acting President Dewane 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:**

- 1. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of April 23, 2022.
- 2. Approve minutes of adjourned regular Board meeting of April 26, 2022.
- 3. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
- 4. Board Schedule:
  - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
  - Board Calendar
- 5. Receive the Quarterly Training Report for January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022.

Acting President Dewane asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

#### **MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Fisler, to approve Items 1-5 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 4-1, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS Atkinson, Bockmiller, Fisler, Dewane

NOES: DIRECTORS None ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS None

ABSENT: DIRECTORS DePasquale

#### PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

#### 6. ORANGE COUNTY BUSINESS COUNCIL:

GM Shoenberger introduced OCBC President/Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Ball who provided an overview of OCBC's goals and objectives.

Mr. Ball responded to guestions from the Board and they thanked him for the information.

# **ACTION ITEMS:**

## PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET:

GM Shoenberger provided an overview of the topic and introduced Chief Financial Officer Khalifa who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Budget Assumptions
- Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget
- Operating Revenue
- Designated Funds

- Designated Funds With MWRCC
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio
- Debt Service Payments
- Water Production (AF)
- Operating Expenses by Department as a Percentage
- Capital
- Capital Replacement & Refurbishment (R&R)
- District Memberships
- Board Conferences & Seminars
- Community Outreach
- Summary

Messrs. Shoenberger and Khalifa responded to questions from the Board and they thanked CFO Khalifa for the presentation.

Acting President Dewane asked for comments from the public.

Member of the Public Andrew Barnes provided comments.

#### MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Fisler, to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. Motion passed 4 - 1, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS Atkinson, Bockmiller, Fisler, Dewane

NOES: DIRECTORS None ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS None

ABSENT: DIRECTORS DePasquale

#### 8. 2022 STATE LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO SPECIAL DISTRICTS WEEK:

Water Policy Manager Taylor provided an overview of the topic.

Acting President Dewane asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

# **MOTION**

Motion by Director Fisler, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve the recommended position on the 2022 State Legislation pertaining to *Special Districts Week*. Motion passed 4 - 1, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS Atkinson, Bockmiller, Fisler, Dewane

NOES: DIRECTORS None ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS None

ABSENT: DIRECTORS DePasquale

#### **REPORTS:**

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

The Board acknowledged Assistant General Manager Phil Lauri's retirement and they thanked him for his contributions and service to the District.

Photographs were taken.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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

#### **RECESS**

Acting President Dewane declared a recess at 5:34 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 5:35 p.m.

#### **CLOSED SESSION:**

Acting President Dewane announced that the Board was going into Closed Session at 5:35 p.m.

13. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6:

District Negotiator: General Manager

Employee Organization: Represented and Non-Represented Employees

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:05 p.m.

District Secretary Garcia announced that the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager and District Secretary pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6. Action will be taken under Item 14.

# **ACTION ITEMS (CONT.):**

#### 14. STAFFING PLAN:

Acting President Dewane asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

#### **MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Acting President Dewane, to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Staffing Plan. Motion passed 4 - 1, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS Atkinson, Bockmiller, Fisler, Dewane

NOES: DIRECTORS None ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS None

ABSENT: DIRECTORS DePasquale

Acting President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Marice H. Defasquale

Marice H. DePasquale, President

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Denise Garcia

Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer