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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Wednesday, January 25, 2023  
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 Dewane.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice President DePasquale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Directors Present**

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

**Directors Absent**

James R. Fidler, Director

**Staff Present**

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager  
Denise Garcia, Chief Administrative Officer/  
District Secretary  
Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/  
District Treasurer  
Tracy Manning, Chief Operating Officer  
Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager  
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., District Engineer  
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager  
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator  
Celeste Carrillo, Senior Public Affairs Specialist  
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Adelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

**Others Present**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

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

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

General Manager Shoenberger reported there was a request to reorder the agenda to take Items 9 and 10 after the Consent Calendar. There were no objections.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

- 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 Accounts Paid Listing
5. Receive and file the Monthly Financial Reports.
6. Receive and file the Outreach Update.
7. Ratify the 2023 Board Committee and Other Agency Liaison Assignments.

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

#### MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President DePasquale, to approve Items 1 - 7 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 4 – 1, with Director Fisler absent.

#### ITEM 9 - PLASTIC SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

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

#### MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President DePasquale, to award a contract to J. A. Salazar Construction and Supply Corporation for \$631,000 and a 10% contingency of \$63,100 for a contract amount not to exceed \$694,100 to provide construction for the Plastic Service Line Replacement Project, and authorize execution of the contract. Motion passed 4 – 1, with Director Fisler absent.

#### ITEM 10 - WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS FOR CALIFORNIA:

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

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President DePasquale, to approve staff's recommendation.

Director Atkinson offered a substitute motion.

Motion by Director Atkinson, second for discussion by Director Bockmiller, to approve a contribution to the California Policy Center for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to support the organization's research on Water Infrastructure Solutions for California.

Upon recognition by President Dewane, Director Bockmiller discussed the motion. After his comments, he withdrew his second and the motion died for lack of a second. There was no further discussion of this motion.

#### MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President DePasquale, to approve a contribution to the California Policy Center for an amount not to exceed \$12,500 to support the organization's research on Water Infrastructure Solutions for California. Motion passed 4 – 1, with Director Fisler absent.

## **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **8. LOCAL WATER SUPPLY:**

GM Shoenberger provided an overview of the topic and introduced District Engineer Wiesner who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Purpose
- Legal
- Engineering and Cost
- Outreach
- Messaging
- Next Steps

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

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

## **MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President DePasquale, to authorize staff to commit \$250,000 from Mesa Water for a U. S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart Water grant for a feasibility study regarding brackish groundwater desalination and to offer to partner with Orange County Water District and neighboring cities. Motion passed 4 – 1, with Director Fisler absent.

## **RECESS**

President Dewane declared a recess at 6:02 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 6:06 p.m.

President Dewane requested to reorder the agenda to take Items 16 and 17 before Item 11. There were no objections.

President Dewane announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 6:07 p.m.

### **ITEM 16 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:**

California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1) and 54954.5(b)

Significant exposure to litigation – 1 claim

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:21 p.m.

Attorney Anslow announced that the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and General Legal Counsel, pursuant to California Government Code 54956.9(d)(1) and 54954.5(b). The Board received information and action will be taken under Item 17.

**ITEM 17 - CLAIM OF MR. GONZALEZ:**

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

**MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President DePasquale, to deny the claim of Mr. Gonzalez. Motion passed 4 – 1, with Director Fisler absent.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

9. PLASTIC SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

Item taken earlier on the agenda.

10. WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS FOR CALIFORNIA:

Item taken earlier on the agenda.

**REPORTS:**

11. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- December Key Indicators Report
- Other (no enclosure)

12. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

13. FEDERAL ADVOCACY UPDATE

14. STATE ADVOCACY UPDATE

15. ORANGE COUNTY UPDATE

**CLOSED SESSION:**

16. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:  
California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1) and 54954.5(b)  
Significant exposure to litigation – 1 claim

Item taken earlier on the agenda.

**ACTION ITEMS (CONT.):**

17. CLAIM OF MR. GONZALEZ:

Item taken earlier on the agenda.

*Mesa Water Regular Board Meeting of January 25, 2023*

President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Shawn Dewane, President

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