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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, August 23, 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

Director Bockmiller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

Shawn Dewane, President
Jim Atkinson, Director *(teleconference)*
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director
James R. Fisler, Director

Directors Absent

Marice H. DePasquale, Vice President

Staff Present

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

Others Present

Marc Quitoriano, Senior Account Executive II, Southern California Gas

District Secretary Garcia stated 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."

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

There were no comments and President Dewane proceeded with the meeting.

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

Acting General Manager Khalifa reported there were no items to be added, removed, or reordered on the agenda.

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. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2023 Fourth Quarter Financial Update.
8. Receive the Quarterly Training Report for April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

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 – 8 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:

9. BALANCED ENERGY SOLUTIONS:

Chief Operating Officer Manning provided a brief overview of the topic and introduced Southern California Gas Senior Account Executive II Marc Quitariano who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- About SoCalGas
- Reliable Natural Gas
- Mesa Water District’s Gas Usage
- Customer Services and Programs
- Aspire 2045
- Accelerating the Transition to Clean Energy
- Protecting the Climate and Improving Air Quality in Our Communities
- Increasing Clean Energy Access and Affordability
- Advancing a Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive Culture for All
- Achieving World-Class Safety

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

10. KEY MESSAGE WATER QUALITY:

Senior Public Affairs Specialist Carrillo provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Mesa Water Key Messages
- Mesa Water is Safe
- Is My Water Safe?

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

ACTION ITEMS:

11. APPOINTMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT TREASURER:

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

MOTION

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

- a. Appoint Kurt Lind as an additional Assistant District Treasurer, effective August 23, 2023;
- b. Confirm the delegation of the same authority to the Assistant District Treasurer as the District Treasurer, as previously confirmed by the Board of Directors; and
- c. Authorize a prorated stipend of \$220 per meeting for the Assistant District Treasurer when acting in the role of the District Treasurer, as previously authorized by the Board of Directors.

Motion passed 4 – 1, by the following roll call vote:

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

REPORTS:

12. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- July Key Indicators Report

13. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

14. FISCAL YEAR 2023 ANNUAL SOLE SOURCE AND COVID-19 EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION SOLE SOURCE REPORTS

15. FEDERAL ADVOCACY UPDATE

16. STATE ADVOCACY UPDATE

17. ORANGE COUNTY UPDATE

President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Shawn Dewane
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Shawn Dewane, President

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Denise Garcia
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Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer