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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Tuesday, March 19, 2024  
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627  
3:30 p.m. Adjourned Regular Board Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President Dewane.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Bockmiller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Directors Present**

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

**Directors Absent**

None

**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  
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., District Engineer  
Tyler Jernigan, Water Operations Manage  
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager  
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator  
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Specialist  
Hester "Fritz" Petropoulos, M.Ed., Water Use Efficiency and  
Education Coordinator

**Others Present**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

President Dewane asked for public comments.

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 were no items to be added, removed, or reordered on the agenda. There were no objections.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

### 1. REGIONAL WATER ISSUES:

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

- Interagency Water Transfers
- What is the Need?
- Potential Regulatory Issues
- How much can Mesa Water Supply?
- Potential Savings
- Recommendation

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

## **MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President DePasquale, to approve funding a study and authorizing up to 50% of \$150,000 to further investigate providing the City of Huntington Beach with groundwater. Motion passed 5 – 0.

District Engineer Wiesner proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- OC-44 Pipeline Update
- Pros and Cons
- OC-44
- OC-44 Profile
- Recommendation

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

The Board directed staff to initiate an exploratory conversation with City of Huntington Beach staff regarding the OC-44 Pipeline.

District Engineer Wiesner proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- New Local Water Supply Feasibility Study: Local groundwater Supply Improvement Project (Local SIP)
- Potential Source Locations
- Santa Ana River Cross Section
- TDS Contour Map – Layer 1
- Grant Funding and Project Partners
- Mesa Water Supply – Local SIP

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

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

2. DISTRICT CAPITAL EXPECTATIONS:

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

- Well Automation Project
- Capital Improvement Program Renewal
- 2024 Water Master Plan Update
- Mainline Valve Replacement and Cathodic Protection Repair
- Routine Capital Program
- Pipeline Integrity Program
- Funding

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

3. FIVE-YEAR VISION PLAN FOR MESA WATER EDUCATION CENTER:

GM Shoenberger provided an overview of the topic and introduced Water Use Efficiency and Education Coordinator Petropoulos who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Overview
- Years One and Two:
  - Objective: 50 – 75 field trips and tours/annually
- Years Three to Five:
  - Objective: 100 + field trips and tours/annually

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

4. FISCAL YEAR 2025 STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION:

GM Shoenberger introduced the topic.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

Staff was directed to create a draft Fiscal Year 2025 Strategic Plan and bring it back to the Board at a future meeting.

5. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT PROCESS:

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by President Dewane, to adopt Resolution 1591 Formalizing the Business Improvement Process. Motion passed 5 – 0, by the following roll call vote:

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

6. DISTRICT MEMBERSHIPS AND SPONSORSHIPS:

GM Shoenberger provided an overview of the topic.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by President Dewane, to approve staff's recommendations to the District Memberships and Sponsorships, with the following modifications:

- District Memberships:
  - Keep Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce, Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce, and Orange County Farm Bureau.
- Sponsorships:
  - Keep Save Our Youth (SOY) and Vanguard University Christmas.
  - Remove League of California Cities.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

**REPORTS:**

7. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

President Dewane announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 5:24 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

9. CONFERENCE REGARDING CYBER SECURITY PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 (a):

The Board will meet in Closed Session regarding cyber security risks and protections.

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:58 p.m.

District Secretary Garcia announced that the Board conducted a Closed Session with the General Manager, District Secretary, District Engineer, Water Operations Manager, Water Policy Manager, Business Administrator, Public Affairs Specialist, and Water Use Efficiency and Education Coordinator pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957 (a).

The Board received information and there was no further announcement.

*Mesa Water Adjourned Regular Board Meeting of March 19, 2024*

President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2024 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