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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, June 12, 2024
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 4:31 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 *(teleconference, left the meeting at 6:23 p.m.)*
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director
James R. Fisler, Director

Directors Absent

None

Staff Present

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
Wendy Kovacevic, Records Management Specialist/
Acting District Secretary
Tyler Jernigan, Water Operations Manager/Acting District
Treasurer
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., District Engineer
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator
Anthony Phou, Controller
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Specialist
Karyn Igar, Senior Civil Engineer
Camille Shehadeh, Senior Human Resources Analyst
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Others Present

Karl Seckel, P.E., Director, Municipal Water District of Orange
County (MWDOC)
Harvey De La Torre, General Manager, MWDOC

Acting District Secretary Kovacevic 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."

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

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of May 22, 2024.
2. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
 - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
3. Approve the Fiscal Year 2025 attendance at Conferences, Seminars, Meetings and Events.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Atkinson, to approve Items 1 – 3 of the Consent Calendar. 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

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4. MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY BRIEFING:

GM Shoenberger introduced MWDOC General Manager Harvey De La Torre who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Colorado River Lower Basin Proposal
 - Post 2026 Timeline
 - Tenets of the Lower Basin Alternative
 - Reduction Distribution Between States
 - Difference from Upper States Alternative and Next Steps
- Pure Water Southern California (PWSC) Update
 - Current Program Schedule
 - Current Approach to Program Phasing
 - 2023 PWSC Cost Estimate Phase 1
- Interagency Local Supply Exchange Program (ILSEP)
 - Background
 - What is the Proposed Framework?
 - How Would the Water and Money Exchange Work?
 - Proposed ILSEP Key Terms
- Summary

MWDOC Director Karl Seckel and Mr. De La Torre responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the presentation.

RECESS

President Dewane declared a recess at 5:21 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:25 p.m.

5. DETAIL THE DISTRICT PLAN:

GM Shoenberger provided an overview of the topic and introduced Public Affairs Specialist Norris who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Strategic Plan Goals
- Existing Branded Assets
- Sample Station Covers
- Import Station Pedestals
- Cathodic Protection Stations
- Air Vac Covers
- Timeline
- Next Steps

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

6. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT:

GM Shoenberger introduced Business Administrator Lind who provided an overview of the topic.

Mr. Lind responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the information.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Fisler, to approve the changes to Mesa Water's Performance Audit Process Guide for the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Performance Audit. 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

7. MESA WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMER SURVEY:

MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Fisler, to approve a contract amendment with True North Research, Inc. for \$38,362.50 to conduct the 2024 Mesa Water District Customer Survey. 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

8. WORKFORCE OPTIMIZATION:

GM Shoenberger provided an overview of the topic.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Fisler, to adopt a Workforce Optimization statement that reads as follows:

The greatest asset and the foundation of Mesa Water District's success are its people. Mesa Water is focused on creating an optimized workforce whose differences are welcomed and valued in an environment where employees are supported and developed to reach their full potential. 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

9. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED COLLECTION OF CAPITAL CHARGES THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE ORANGE COUNTY TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR:

President Dewane announced the Public Hearing was now opened for the purpose of receiving comments regarding the Proposed Collection of Capital Charges through the Office of the Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector.

Acting District Secretary Kovacevic reported that a Notice of Public Hearing was posted at Mesa Water District's office and website and at Costa Mesa City Hall. Legal advertisements were published in the Daily Pilot on May 30, 2024 and June 6, 2024.

GM Shoenberger introduced Controller Phou who provided an overview of the topic.

President Dewane opened the floor for discussion by the Board. Comments were offered.

Director Bockmiller noted this is not in any form or in any way a property tax. Mesa Water is not collecting or assessing a property tax, nor does Mesa Water share in any property tax revenue. Mesa Water has not shared in any tax revenue in over 40 years.

President Dewane opened the floor for public comments. There were no members of the public present.

Acting District Secretary Kovacevic reported that the District had not received any written or verbal comments.

President Dewane opened the floor for discussion by the Board. Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

President Dewane declared the Public Hearing Closed.

MOTION

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Vice President DePasquale, to:

- a) Adopt Resolution No. 1597 Determining Compliance with Procedural Requirements, Making Findings, Authorizing Collection of Mesa Water Fiscal Year 2024/25 Capital Charges Through the Office of the Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector and County Property Tax Roll Process and Taking Related Actions; and
- b) Accept Mesa Water District's Updated Secretary's Report Listing the Capital Charge Property Tax Roll for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

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

REPORTS:

10. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

11. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

RECESS

President Dewane declared a recess at 6:19 p.m.

Director Atkinson left the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 6:27 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

12. DIRECTORS' REPORTS (AB 1234) PER CA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3 (D)

President Dewane announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 6:28 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

13. CONFERENCE WITH GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION:
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) and 54954.5(b)

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:30 p.m.

Acting District Secretary Kovacevic announced that the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, Acting District Secretary, District Engineer, Senior Civil Engineer and General Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(4) and 54954.5(b). The Board received information and there was no further announcement.

President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Shawn Dewane

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Shawn Dewane, President

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Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer