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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
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 DePasquale.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Fisler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

Marice H. DePasquale, President
Shawn Dewane, 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 Khalifa, 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 Manager
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Specialist
Karyn Igar, Senior Civil Engineer
Hester "Fritz" Petropoulos, M.Ed., Water Use Efficiency and
Education Coordinator
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Others Present

Paul Mesmer, First Vice President, Independent Special
Districts of Orange County
Brian Pesis, Senior Manager, Plante Moran
Chris Scalia, Chief Customer Officer, SpryPoint

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Water Policy Manager Taylor introduced Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) First Vice President Paul Mesmer who provided an update on ISDOC initiatives and thanked the Board for their support.

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The Board thanked Mr. Mesmer for the information and President DePasquale 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 regular Board meeting of January 8, 2025.
2. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of January 22, 2025.
3. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
4. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
 - Upcoming Community Outreach Events

MOTION

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve Items 1 – 4 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 – 0.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

5. MESA WATER EDUCATION CENTER MID-YEAR UPDATE:

Water Use Efficiency and Education Coordinator Petropoulos provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Strategic Plan Goal and Objective
- Mesa Water Education Centers Tours (as of 02/01/25)
- Field Trips
- Community Tours
- Events
- Teacher Survey Data
- Event Survey Data
- Looking Ahead
- Mesa Water Education Center Bingo

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

6. CUSTOMER INFORMATION SYSTEM:

Business Administrator Lind provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Mission – Enhance & Modernize the Customer Information System (CIS)
- Project Objectives
- 25 Years with Cogsdale CIS

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- Road to a Modern CIS
- Competitive Process Results
- SpryPoint Services Benefits

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve a contract with SpryPoint Services, Inc. for \$643,900 and a 10% contingency of \$64,390 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$708,290 to provide Customer Information System Software and Implementation Services, and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract. Motion passed 5 – 0.

7. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES:

Business Administrator Lind provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- 5 Years of IT Improvements & Accomplishments
- Current T2 Contracts and Services Provided
- Request 1: Change Order to Existing Contracts
- Request 2: T2 Contract Extension
- The Plan

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

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by President DePasquale, to:

- a. Approve a contract change order with T2 Tech for \$414,860 for Information Technology Support Services provided through December 31, 2024; and
- b. Approve a contract with T2 Tech for \$772,781 to provide Information Technology Support Services through June 30, 2025, and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

ACTION ITEMS:

8. ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AND WASTEWATER MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:

Water Operations Manager Jernigan provided an overview of the topic.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

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During the Board's discussion, Director Bockmiller recalled the event where an actual tornado passed over his nearby home, near the Mesa Water District Headquarters, and struck a nearby automotive repair business.

Staff noted that the report was a final version.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Fisler, to adopt the 2024 Orange County Regional Water and Wastewater Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and direct staff to prepare a letter to the Municipal Water District of Orange County certifying adoption. Motion passed 4 – 1, with Director Bockmiller voting no.

Director Bockmiller noted that his "nay" vote on the report was solely due to its exclusion of an analysis of the known risk of tornadoes and that the other parts of the report seemed adequate.

9. CHANDLER & CRODDY WELLS AND PIPELINE PROJECT:

Senior Civil Engineer Igar provided an overview of the topic.

Ms. Igar responded to questions from the Board and they thanked her for the information.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Bockmiller, to award two sole source contracts for installation of a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) at Well No. 14:

- a. Leed Electrical Inc. (Leed) for \$60,550 and a contingency of \$6,055 for an amount not to exceed \$66,605 to transport, install, and wire the VFD.
- b. Prime Systems Industrial Automation (Prime Systems) for \$68,000 and a contingency of \$6,800 for an amount not to exceed \$74,800 to provide programming of instrumentation, SCADA integration for the VFD, and electrical construction oversight.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

10. MESA WATER DISTRICT'S 2025 POLICY POSITIONS AND POLICY PLATFORMS:

Water Policy Manager Taylor provided an overview of the topic.

Ms. Taylor responded to questions from the Board and they thanked her for the information.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Fisler, to approve the proposed updates to Mesa Water District's Policy Positions and Policy Platforms, with modifications. Motion passed 5 – 0.

11. MESA WATER EDUCATION CENTER LANDSCAPE CONTRACT:

Water Operations Manager Jernigan provided an overview of the topic.

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve a contract with Nature Care for \$78,000 to complete landscaping at the Mesa Water Education Center, and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract. Motion passed 5 – 0.

REPORTS:

12. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

13. DIRECTORS' REPORT AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

14. DIRECTORS' REPORT (AB 1234) PER CA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3(D)

RECESS

President DePasquale declared a recess at 6:10 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 6:14 p.m.

President DePasquale announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 6:15 p.m.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

15. 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.

**16. PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6:
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
TITLE: GENERAL MANAGER**

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:26 p.m.

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District Secretary Khalifa announced that the Board conducted Closed Session Item 15 with the General Manager, District Secretary, Business Administrator and General Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(A). The Board received information and subsequently took action on Item 15.

MOTION

Motion by President DePasquale, second by Vice President Dewane, to:

- a. Approve a one-year contract with an identified cyber security firm for \$144,000 for web services; and
- b. Approve a six-month contract with an identified cyber security firm for \$60,000 for online security monitoring and reporting.

Motion passed 5-0.


To protect Mesa Water District's cyber security, the identification of the services provider(s) has been withheld from minutes published online.

Identification of such provider(s) can be provided by way of a California Public Records Act request.

District Secretary Khalifa announced that the Board conducted Closed Session Item 16 with the General Manager pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6. The Board received information and there was no further announcement.

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Marice H. DePasquale, President

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Denise Khalifa, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer