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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Thursday, April 3, 2025
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
1:00 p.m. Adjourned Regular Board Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 1:00 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
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director
Jim Atkinson, Director
James R. Fisler, Director

Directors Absent

None

Staff Present

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
Denise Khalifa, Chief Administrative Officer/
District Secretary
Tyler Jernigan, Water Operations Manager/
Acting District Treasurer
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., District Engineer
Lynda Halligan, MFA, Public Affairs Manager
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator
Anthony Phou, Controller
Hester "Fritz" Petropoulos, M.Ed., Water Use Efficiency and
Education Coordinator

Others Present

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

There was no public present 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.

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ACTION ITEMS:

1. DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACCOLADES:

General Manager Shoenberger provided an overview of the District's performance over the past year and introduced each Department Manager who presented the accomplishments of their respective departments:

- Water Operations
- Engineering
- Financial Services
- Office of the General Manager
- Human Resources & Administrative Services
- Water Policy
- Customer Services
- Public Affairs

President DePasquale thanked the General Manager and Department Managers for their presentation.

2. REGIONAL WATER ISSUES:

Local Supply Improvement Project (SIP)

General Manager Shoenberger introduced District Engineer Wiesner who provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Wellfield Locations
- Simulated Well Locations
- Groundwater Modeling Results
- Project Alternatives
- Preliminary Treatment Train Development
- Next Steps

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

Interagency Water Transfer

District Engineer Wiesner provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Scope of Work
- Next Steps

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Atkinson, to direct the General Manager to execute a contract with MKN & Associates for a feasibility study for interagency water transfer from Mesa Water District to the City of Newport Beach.

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Director Bockmiller offered a substitute motion.

Motion by Director Bockmiller to direct the General Manager and District Engineer to negotiate a sensible scope and cost.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Atkinson, to direct the General Manager to negotiate a contract with MKN & Associates for an amount not to exceed \$46,691 to conduct a feasibility study for interagency water transfer from Mesa Water District to the City of Newport Beach. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Water Use Efficiency

District Engineer Wiesner provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Water Use Efficiency (WUE)
- The Water Use Objective Calculation
- Water Use Objective Schedule
- Next Steps

Proposition 218

Water Policy Manager Taylor provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Amicus Engagement
- Outreach/Education

Groundwater Basin Emergency Interconnection Project

Water Policy Manager Taylor provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Current Agreement
- Issues
- Next Steps

President DePasquale thanked District Engineer Wiesner and Water Policy Manager Taylor for their presentations.

3. SINGLE METER POLICY:

District Engineer Wiesner provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Rules and Regulations for Water Service
- Homeowners Association Communities
- Apartment Communities
- Potential Single Meter Policy
- Updated Single Meter Policy Pros and Cons
- Outreach Approach to Existing Master Metered Communities
- Recommendation

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Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

MOTION

Motion by President DePasquale, second by Director Bockmiller, to develop an updated single-meter policy for all residential units within the District's service area, effective immediately for all projects currently underway, in plan check, future developments, and re-piping projects. For residential units on private streets where Mesa Water does not own the piping, Mesa Water will install sub-meters consistent with current third-party practices. Staff should develop a District-wide communication plan to reach all residents in the District's service area. Motion passed 5 – 0.

RECESS

President DePasquale declared a recess at 2:40 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

4. FISCAL YEAR 2026 STRATEGIC PLAN:

General Manager Shoenberger provided an overview of the seven strategic plan goals in the proposed FY 2026 Strategic Plan.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

Vice President Dewane suggested adding Strategic Plan Goal # 8 – *Business Improvement Process* to include a timeline for the audits to be conducted and presented to the Board.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve Mesa Water District's Fiscal Year 2026 Strategic Plan with modifications, and direct staff to bring back a fully developed Strategic Plan Goal #8: *Business Process Improvement Plan*. Motion passed 5 – 0.

5. MESA WATER EDUCATION CENTER ENHANCEMENTS:

General Manager Shoenberger introduced Water Use Efficiency and Education Coordinator Petropoulos who provided a brief overview of how the Mesa Water Education Center is being used and the feedback she has received from visitors to the new center.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

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MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Atkinson, to direct staff to negotiate a contract with Western Audio Visual & Security for an amount not to exceed \$70,000 to install audio/visual capabilities at the Mesa Water Education Center. Motion passed 5 – 0.

6. FISCAL YEAR 2026 PERFORMANCE AUDIT PROCESS GUIDE:

General Manager Shoenberger introduced Business Administrator Lind who provided an overview of the Performance Audit Process Guide, communicating to the Board the significant changes to the measures and Key Performance Indicators.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by President DePasquale, to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Performance Audit Process Guide and direct staff to bring back Engineering Projects Measures 6 and 8 to either justify retaining the current metrics or to propose alternatives. Motion passed 5 – 0.

REPORTS:

7. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

RECESS

President DePasquale declared a recess at 4:20 p.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened at 4:34 p.m.

President DePasquale announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 4:35 p.m.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

9. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR:

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6(a)

District Negotiator: General Manager

Employee Organization: Represented and Non-Represented Employees

The District Secretary left the Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. and the Business Administrator joined the Closed Session at 5:00 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:36 p.m.

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District Secretary Khalifa announced the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, District Secretary and Business Administrator pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6(a). The Board received information and there was no further announcement.

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

Signed by:

Marice DePasquale

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Marice H. DePasquale, President

Signed by:

Denise Khalifa

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Denise Khalifa, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer