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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, June 11, 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 4:31 p.m. by President DePasquale.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Bockmiller 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
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator/
Acting District Treasurer
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
Juan Hernandez, Assistant Water Operations Manager
Nadia Boutros, Civil Engineer
Kirk Harper, Interim Chief Financial Officer
Camille Shehadeh, Senior Human Resources Analyst
Kaitlyn Norris, Senior Public Affairs Specialist
Rob Anslow, General Legal Counsel

Others Present

Bill Dunlap, Member of the Public
Nrapendra Prasad, Member of the Public
Dennis Albiani, President, California Advocates *(teleconference)*
Adam Quiñonez, Managing Director, California Advocates
(teleconference)
Lisa Ohlund, Principal, Ohlund Management and Technical
Services *(teleconference)*
Ryan Cislo, Senior Manager, Plante Moran

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Member of the Public Bill Dunlap offered comments related to the Karl Kemp Reservoir site at Lindbergh Park.

Member of the Public Nrapendra Prasad offered additional comments regarding the site.

President DePasquale thanked the two speakers for their comments and proceeded with the meeting.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED, REMOVED OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Director Bockmiller pulled Item 3 for discussion. There were no objections.

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of May 28, 2025.
2. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
 - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
3. Approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Attendance at Conferences, Seminars, Meetings and Events.
4. Authorize President Marice H. DePasquale to be the voting delegate for the Association of California Water Agencies' election of Board President, Vice President and region board members for the 2026 – 2027 term.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve Items 1, 2 and 4 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ITEM 3 – Approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Attendance at Conferences, Seminars, Meetings and Events.

Director Bockmiller suggested modifying the list of Conferences, Seminars, Meetings and Events.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve Item 3 of the Consent Calendar, with modifications. Motion passed 5 – 0.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

5. DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT ADVOCACY REPORT:

Water Policy Manager Taylor provided an overview of the topic and introduced California Advocates President Dennis Albiani and Managing Director Adam Quiñonez, and Ohlund Management and Technical Services Principal Lisa Ohlund.

Messrs. Albiani and Quiñonez proceeded with an update on the Proposed Delta Conveyance Project.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

Messrs. Albiani and Quiñonez and Ms. Ohlund responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the information.

6. PIPELINE INTEGRITY PROGRAM:

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

- Pipeline Integrity Program – Brief History
- HydraSnake Inspection Work Area
- HydraSnake – How Does It Work?
- Avocado Street Inspection Route
- Maple Avenue Inspection Route
- Sample from Avocado Street Pipeline
- Next Steps

Senior Public Affairs Specialist Norris then provided information on the outreach portion of the program:

- Public Outreach

GM Shoenberger, Ms. Boutros and Ms. Norris responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the presentation.

7. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET:

Interim Chief Financial Officer Harper proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Strategic Plan Goals
- Mesa Water Financial Ratings
- Committed to Transparency
- District of Distinction
- Budget Assumptions
- Budget Assumptions – Increased Water Costs
- FY 2026 Proposed Budget:
 - Operating Revenue
 - Designated Funds
 - Debt Service Coverage Ratio

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- Debt Service Payments
- Cash on Hand
- Days Cash Ratio
- Water Production (AF)
- FY 2026 Budget Water Supply Needs (Historical and Projected)
- Conservation Impact on Billing Rate
- Operating Expenses by Department as a Percentage
- Capital
- Capital Replacement & Refurbishment (R&R)
- District Memberships
- District Conferences & Seminars
- Community Outreach
- FY 2026 Budget Summary
- FY 2026 Budget Recommendation

RECESS

President DePasquale declared a recess at 5:38 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 5:43 p.m.

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

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Motion passed 5 – 0.

8. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES:

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve a contract with T2 Tech to provide Information Technology Support Services in the amount of \$1,392,000 in Fiscal Year 2026 plus \$696,000 for the first half of Fiscal Year 2027, totaling \$2,088,000 through December 31, 2026, and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ACTION ITEMS:

9. MESA WATER DISTRICT'S STRATEGIC PLAN:

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Atkinson, to modify Mesa Water District's Strategic Plan to include the adoption of Strategic Goal #8: Practice continual business improvement. Motion passed 5 – 0.

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REPORTS:

10. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
11. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

RECESS

President DePasquale declared a recess at 5:59 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 6:03 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

President DePasquale announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 6:05 p.m.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

14. 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 Board returned to Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

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

ACTION ITEMS (CONT.):

15. FISCAL YEAR 2026 STAFFING PLAN:

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by President DePasquale, to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Staffing Plan with a modification for staff to present a revised reporting structure at a future Board meeting. Motion passed 5 – 0.

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President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Marice H. 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