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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Wednesday, January 14, 2026  
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  
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  
Kurt Lind, Business Manager  
Calvin Hsu, CPA, Chief Financial Officer  
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., District Engineer  
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager  
Karyn Igar, Principal Engineer  
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Supervisor  
Rob Anslow, General Legal Counsel

**Others Present**

Matthew Bohdan, Partner, Risk and Accounting Advisory  
Services, Plante Moran (*teleconference*)  
Michael Davidson, Senior Manager, Risk and Accounting  
Advisory Services, Plante Moran (*teleconference*)

**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.

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## **ITEMS TO BE ADDED, REMOVED OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA**

General Manager Shoenberger reported there was one item that arose after the agenda was posted and action needs to be taken prior to the next Board meeting. GM Shoenberger recommended adding Item 14(B) – Funding for Added Federal Advocacy.

President DePasquale asked for comments from the Board. There were no comments.

### **MOTION**

Motion by President DePasquale, second by Vice President Dewane, to add Item 14B – Funding for Added Federal Advocacy. Motion passed 5–0.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Approve minutes of the regular Board meeting of December 10, 2025.
2. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
3. Board Schedule:
  - Conferences, Seminars and Meetings
  - Board Calendar
  - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
4. Receive and file the Developer Project Status Report.
5. Receive and file the Mesa Water and Other Agency Projects Status Report.
6. Receive and file the Water Quality Call Report.
7. Receive and file the Accounts Paid Listing.
8. Receive and file the Monthly Financial Reports.
9. Receive and file the Outreach Update.
10. Ratify the 2026 Board Committee & Other Agency Liaison Assignments.
11. Confirm the 2026 Board of Directors' workshop dates for Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. and Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.
12. Approve a proclamation commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Municipal Water District of Orange County.

Director Atkinson requested to pull Item 7. There were no objections.

Director Bockmiller requested to pull Item 12. There were no objections.

### **MOTION**

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Fisler, to approve Items 1 – 6 and 8 – 11 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5–0.

**ITEM 7 – Receive and file the Accounts Paid Listing.**

Director Atkinson asked a question regarding the Accounts Paid Listing. GM Shoenberger responded to the question and Director Atkinson thanked him for the information.

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**MOTION**

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve Item 7 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5–0.

ITEM 12 – Approve a proclamation commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Municipal Water District of Orange County.

**MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve Item 12 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5–0.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

13. FINANCIAL SERVICES INITIATIVES:

General Manager Shoenberger introduced Plante Moran’s Risk and Accounting Advisory Services Partner Matthew Bohdan and Senior Manager Michael Davidson.

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

- The Road to Gold: Continuous Monitoring and Compliance
- Plante Moran Reports
- Control Assessment Report Summary
- Areas Need Addressing
- Phase 1 (now to May 2026)
- Financial System Implementation Timeline
- Phase 2 (May 2026 to March 2027)
- Phase 3 (April 2027 and Beyond)
- Observations and Initiatives Summary
- Next Steps

Messrs. Hsu, Bohdan and Davidson responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the presentation.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

14. SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

District Engineer Wiesner proceeded with an overview of the topic.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

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

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**MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to award a contract to West Yost Associates for \$142,848 and a 10% contingency of \$14,285 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$157,133 to conduct a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Needs Assessment, and authorize execution of the contract. Motion passed 5–0.

**ITEM 14B - FUNDING FOR ADDED FEDERAL ADVOCACY:**

**MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by President DePasquale, to approve an additional not-to-exceed \$60,000 for Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP to conduct additional activities on behalf of Mesa Water District as part of the District's Federal Advocacy Program. Motion passed 5–0.

**REPORTS:**

15. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:
  - November Key Indicators Report
16. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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

***RECESS***

President DePasquale declared a recess at 5:39 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 5:42 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSIONS:**

President DePasquale announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 5:42 p.m.

18. PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6:  
Public Employee Performance Evaluation  
Title: General Manager

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:17 p.m.

District Secretary Khalifa announced the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager and District Secretary pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6. Action will be taken under Item 19.

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**ACTION ITEMS (CONT.):**

**19. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:**

**MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve an 8.5% increase to the General Manager's base salary, effective with the pay period ending October 2, 2025, and a one-time performance incentive of \$20,000. The increase and the incentive are to be paid in the pay period ending April 16, 2026. Motion passed 5-0.

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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*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