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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, January 28, 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

Vice President Dewane 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. Fidler, 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
Nadia Boutros, Civil Engineer
Karyn Igar, Principal Engineer
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Supervisor
Rob Anslow, General Legal Counsel

Others Present

Geoff Bowman, Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates
(*teleconference*)
Peter Evich, Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates (*teleconference*)
Jessica Flewallen, Legislative Assistant, Van Scoyoc Associates
(*teleconference*)
Inge Wiersema, Senior Vice President, Water Resources
Practice Director, Carollo Engineers, Inc.
David Spencer, P.E., Water Pipeline Asset Management Lead,
HDR, Inc. (*teleconference*)
Ryan Cislo, Senior Manager, Plante Moran (*teleconference*)

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

There were no public present and President DePasquale 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:

1. Receive and file the Developer Project Status Report.
2. Receive and file the Mesa Water and Other Agency Projects Status Report.
3. Receive and file the Water Quality Call Report.
4. Receive and file the Accounts Paid Listing.
5. Receive and file the Monthly Financial Reports.
6. Receive and file the Outreach Update.
7. Receive and file the easement documents for Customer Project C0681-25-01 – 1400 Bristol Street.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Fisler, to approve Items 1 – 7 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5–0.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

8. FEDERAL ADVOCACY REPORT:

Water Policy Manager Taylor provided an overview of the topic and introduced Van Scoyoc Associates' Vice President Geoff Bowman, Vice President Peter Evich and Legislative Assistant Jessica Flewallen. Mr. Bowman proceeded with the Federal Advocacy Report.

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

9. WATER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN & 10-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

GM Shoenberger introduced the item, informing the Board this is their first an opportunity to review the Water System Master Plan – a topic scheduled to return to the Board for their approval in March 2026. District Engineer Wiesner gave a brief overview of the topic and introduced Carollo Engineers, Inc. Senior Vice President of Water Resources Practice Director Inge Wiersema who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

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- Project Purpose
- Water Demand Forecast
- Water Supply Reliability Analysis
- Distribution System Analysis
- Transmission System & Cathodic Protection Analysis
- Facility Condition Assessment
- Regulatory Compliance
- Asset Management Roadmap
- Technological Advancements
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Near Term CIP
- 10-Year CIP

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

10. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER SERVICE (INCLUDING SINGLE METER POLICY):

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to adopt Resolution No. 1609 Amending Mesa Water District's Rules and Regulations for Water Service Superseding Resolution No. 1593, with modifications. Motion passed 5 – 0, by the following roll call vote:

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| AYES: | DIRECTORS | Atkinson, Bockmiller, Fisler, Dewane, DePasquale |
| NOES: | DIRECTORS | None |
| ABSTAIN: | DIRECTORS | None |
| ABSENT: | DIRECTORS | None |

11. REPLACEMENT OF ASSETS INCLUDING PIPELINE AND WELL REHABILITATION (INCLUDING PIPELINE INTEGRITY PROGRAM UPDATE):

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Atkinson, to adopt Resolution No. 1610 Regarding Mesa Water District's Replacement of Assets Including Pipeline and Well Rehabilitation Superseding Resolution No. 1525, with modifications. Motion passed 5 – 0, by the following roll call vote:

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| AYES: | DIRECTORS | Atkinson, Bockmiller, Fisler, Dewane, DePasquale |
| NOES: | DIRECTORS | None |
| ABSTAIN: | DIRECTORS | None |
| ABSENT: | DIRECTORS | None |

12. MESA WATER 2026 POLICY PLATFORMS AND POSITIONS

Water Policy Manager Taylor provided an overview of the topic.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

MOTION

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve the proposed updates to Mesa Water District's Policy Platforms and Positions for 2026, with modifications. Motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS:

13. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- December Key Indicators Report

14. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

15. SENATE BILL 707

16. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES

17. FEDERAL ADVOCACY UPDATE

18. STATE ADVOCACY UPDATE

19. ORANGE COUNTY UPDATE

RECESS

President DePasquale declared a recess at 6:45 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

President DePasquale announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 6:50 p.m.

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20. PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6:
Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: General Manager
21. CONFERENCE REGARDING CYBER SECURITY PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(a):
The Board will meet in Closed Session regarding cybersecurity risks and protections.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:56 p.m.

District Secretary Khalifa announced the Board conducted Closed Session Item 20 with the Business Manager and Plante Moran Senior Manager Ryan Cislo pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6. The Board received direction and there was no further announcement.

District Secretary Khalifa announced the Board conducted Closed Session Item 21 with the General Manager, District Secretary and Business Manager pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(a). The Board received information and took the following action:

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by President DePasquale, to approve a ten-month contract with T2 Tech for \$128,000 to procure Amazon Web Services software which will provide a cloud-based data center services platform.

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 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