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**AGENDA  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Wednesday, August 12, 2026  
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627  
4:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Items Not on the Agenda:** Members of the public are invited to address the Board regarding items which are not appearing on the posted agenda. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes. The Board will set aside 30 minutes for public comments for items not appearing on the posted agenda.

**Items on the Agenda:** Members of the public shall be permitted to comment on agenda items before action is taken, or after the Board has discussed the item. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes. The Board will set aside 60 minutes for public comments for items appearing on the posted agenda.

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

At the discretion of the Board, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed as an Action Item, may be deliberated and may be subject to action by the Board.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

Approve all matters under the Consent Calendar by one motion unless a Board member, staff or a member of the public requests a separate action.

1. Approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of July 8, 2026.
2. Approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of July 22, 2026.
3. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
4. Board Schedule:
  - Conferences, Seminars and Meetings
  - Board Calendar

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

5. MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY BRIEFING:

**Recommendation: Receive the presentation.**

6. LOCAL GROUNDWATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

**Recommendation: Receive the presentation.**

7. BOARD WORKSHOP PLANNING:

**Recommendation: Review agenda topics and discuss planning for the October 28, 2026 Board of Directors' workshop.**

8. INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION:

**Recommendation: Review the Independent Special Districts of Orange County Executive Committee election information and discuss potential candidacy interest.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

9. NEWPORT BEACH INTERAGENCY WATER TRANSFER PROJECT:

**Recommendation: Approve a contract amendment with T.E. Roberts, Inc. for \$275,324.45 and a 10 % contingency of \$27,532.45 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$1,127,282.90 for construction of the Newport Beach Interagency Water Transfer Project, and authorize execution of the contract.**

10. REGULATORY WATER POLICY CONSULTING SERVICES:

**Recommendation: Approve a sole source contract to Edward Ring for an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to provide Regulatory Water Policy Consulting Services through January 31, 2027, and authorize execution of the contract.**

**REPORTS:**

11. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

12. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

13. RATE ADJUSTMENT COMMUNICATION

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



## **CLOSED SESSIONS:**

15. CONFERENCE WITH GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION:  
Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1) & (2) and 54954.5(b) –  
significant exposure to litigation.

*In compliance with California law and the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aids or services in order to participate in the meeting, or if you need the agenda provided in an alternative format, please call the District Secretary at (949) 631-1205. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) to make reasonable arrangements to accommodate your requests.*

*Members of the public desiring to make verbal comments using a translator to present their comments into English shall be provided reasonable time accommodations that are consistent with California law.*

*Agenda materials that are public records, which have been distributed to a majority of the Mesa Water Board of Directors (Board), will be available for public inspection at the District Boardroom, 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA and on Mesa Water's website at [www.MesaWater.org](http://www.MesaWater.org). If materials are distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior or during the meeting, the materials will be available at the time of the meeting.*

**ADJOURN TO A REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 26, 2026 AT 4:30 P.M.**



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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Wednesday, July 8, 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 Bockmiller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Directors Present**

Marice H. DePasquale, President  
Shawn Dewane, Vice President *(departed at 4:56 p.m.)*  
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, Assistant General Manager/District Secretary  
Kurt Lind, Business Manager/Acting District Treasurer  
Calvin Hsu, CPA, Chief Financial Officer  
Peter DeMarco, Water Policy Manager  
Brandi Chapman, Board Secretary  
Karyn Igar, Principal Engineer  
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Supervisor  
Rob Anslow, General Legal Counsel

**Others Present**

Chris Palmer, Senior Public Affairs Field Coordinator, California Special District Association (CSDA)

***SPECIAL DISTRICTS LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION RECOGNITION***

General Manager Shoenberger introduced CSDA Senior Public Affairs Field Coordinator Chris Palmer. Mr. Palmer announced he was at this meeting on behalf of the CSDA Board and staff of the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) to present Mesa Water with both the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence and the District of Distinction Certificate. The SDLF is dedicated to promoting good governance, leadership skills, and professional development for California's special districts.

Photographs were taken.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

GM Shoenberger introduced two new employees: Board Secretary Brandi Chapman and Water Policy Manager Peter DeMarco who introduced themselves and gave a brief summary of their experience and qualifications.

The Board welcomed Ms. Chapman and Mr. DeMarco to the District.

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

There were no comments from the public 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. Approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of June 10, 2026.
2. Board Schedule:
  - Conferences, Seminars and Meetings
  - Board Calendar
  - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
3. Approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Attendance at Conferences, Seminars, Meetings and Events.
4. Approve support of Altadena Library District Director Nikki Winslow for the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Seat C – Southern Network, authorize President Marice H. DePasquale to be the District's voting delegate, and direct staff to cast the electronic ballot.

## **MOTION**

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

## **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

NONE.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

5. COMPUTERIZED MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SUPPORT SERVICES:

**MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve a contract with LA Consulting, Inc. for \$37,200 and a 10% contingency of \$3,720 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$40,920 to provide Computerized Maintenance Management System support services including training, program planning, performance analysis and ongoing system optimization, and authorize execution of the contract. Motion passed 5 – 0.

**6. DISTRICT OFFICERS:**

**MOTION**

Motion by President DePasquale, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve Mesa Water District's Officers off-cycle, effective July 1, 2026 – December 13, 2028:

- a. Confirm Denise Khalifa as District Secretary;
- b. Confirm Andie Jacobsen as Assistant District Secretary;
- c. Appoint Calvin Hsu as District Treasurer;
- d. Confirm Kurt Lind as Assistant District Treasurer;
- e. Confirm the delegation of the same authority to the Assistant District Secretary and Assistant District Treasurer, as the District Secretary and District Treasurer, respectively, as previously authorized and approved by the Board of Directors and as authorized by the California Water Code; and
- f. Authorize the continuance of the monthly stipends for the offices of District Secretary and District Treasurer in the amount of \$440 and a prorated stipend of \$220 per meeting for the Assistant District Secretary and Assistant District Treasurer.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

**REPORTS:**

**7. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**

**8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Director Bockmiller asked for a correction to Item 6f.

**MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to correct the stipend amounts stated in Item 6f (\$440 corrected to \$500) (\$220 corrected to \$250). Motion passed 5 – 0.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**9. ZERO USAGE ACCOUNTS**

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

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2026 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



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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Wednesday, July 22, 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 Atkinson 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, Assistant General Manager/District Secretary  
Calvin Hsu, CPA, Chief Financial Officer/District Treasurer  
Kurt Lind, Business Manager  
Juan Hernandez, Water Operations Manager  
Peter DeMarco, Water Policy Manager  
Brandi Chapman, Board Secretary  
Karyn Igar, Principal Engineer  
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Supervisor  
Rob Anslow, General Legal Counsel

**Others Present**

Aaron Klemm, Member of the Public  
Geoff Bowman, Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates  
(teleconference)  
Steve Gagnon, P.E., Vice President, Raftelis  
Theresa Jurotich, P.E., Manager, Raftelis (teleconference)  
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.

Member of the Public Aaron Klemm addressed the Board regarding a concern related to properties in his neighborhood overwatering.

The Board thanked Mr. Klemm for bringing the issue to the Board's attention.

### **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. Approve minutes of the adjourned regular Board meeting of June 24, 2026.
2. Receive and file the Developer Project Status Report.
3. Receive and file the Mesa Water and Other Agency Projects Status Report.
4. Receive and file the Water Quality Call Report.
5. Receive and file the Accounts Paid Listing.
6. Receive and file the Monthly Financial Reports.
7. Receive and file the Outreach Update.

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

### **MOTION**

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

### **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### **8. FEDERAL ADVOCACY REPORT:**

Water Policy Manager DeMarco provided a brief overview of the topic and introduced Van Scoyoc Associates Vice President Geoff Bowman who proceeded with a verbal presentation that highlighted the following:

- An update on the March 30 – April 1, 2026 Washington, D.C. advocacy trip.
- Potential next steps, including consideration of a follow-up Washington, D.C. fly-in for later in 2026 to continue advancing Mesa Water's projects and objectives.

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

#### **9. SERVICE COST AND PER CAPITA ANALYSIS:**

Chief Financial Officer Hsu introduced Raftelis Vice President Steve Gagnon who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Analysis Objective
- Challenges of Using Water Rates to Measure Operational Efficiency
- Sample Water Rate Comparison – 2024
- Estimated Percent Fixed Water Sales Revenue 2015 – 2024
- Estimated Percent Variable Water Sales Revenue 2015 – 2024
- Comparison of Revenue Sources – 2024

- Share of Total Sales in Revenues
- Total Expenditure Per Capita
- Total Expenses Per Capita
- Comparisons of MGD of Water Delivered per Employee 2024

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

10. FINANCIAL SERVICES INITIATIVES UPDATE:

Chief Financial Officer Hsu introduced Plante Moran Partner Matthew Bohdan and Senior Manager Michael Davidson who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Plante Moran Reports
- Control Assessment Report Summary
- Phase 1 (December 2025 to May 2026)
  - o Timeline and Scorecard (Phase 1)
- Phase 2 (May 2026 to March 2027)
  - o Timeline and Scorecard (Phase 2)
- Observations and Initiatives Summary
- The Road to Gold: Continuous Monitoring and Compliance

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

11. PUBLIC AFFAIRS FISCAL YEAR 2026 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

GM Shoenberger introduced Public Affairs Supervisor Norris who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Strategic Plan: Water Awareness
- Meet the Team
- Customer Communications
- My MesaWater Launch
- New Customer Welcome and 25-year Anniversary Programs
- Community Events
- Hosted Programs
- Directors Community Chats
- Mesa Water Education Center Field Trips and Tours
- Mesa Water Education Center Open House
- Water Use Efficiency

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

**REPORTS:**

12. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- June Key Indicators Report

13. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

14. HUNTINGTON BEACH INTERAGENCY WATER TRANSFER PROJECT

15. FEDERAL ADVOCACY UPDATE

16. STATE ADVOCACY UPDATE

17. ORANGE COUNTY ADVOCACY UPDATE

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2026 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



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Denise Khalifa, Assistant General Manager  
DATE: August 12, 2026  
SUBJECT: Attendance at Conferences, Seminars, Meetings, and Events

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### RECOMMENDATION

Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).

### STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #1: Provide an abundant, local, reliable and safe water supply.  
Goal #2: Perpetually renew and improve our infrastructure.  
Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.  
Goal #4: Increase public awareness of Mesa Water.  
Goal #5: Attract, develop and retain skilled employees.  
Goal #6: Provide excellent customer service.  
Goal #7: Actively participate in regional and statewide water issues.  
Goal #8: Practice continual business improvement.

### PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

At its October 23, 2024 meeting, the Board of Directors (Board) adopted Ordinance No. 36 Director Compensation and Expense Reimbursement, which authorizes attendance at conferences, seminars, meetings, and events.

At its July 8, 2026 meeting, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2027 attendance at conferences, seminars, meetings, and events, with modifications.

### DISCUSSION

During the discussion of this item, if any, the Board may choose to delete any item from the list and/or may choose to add additional conferences, seminars, meetings, or events for approval, subject to available budget or additional appropriation.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

### ATTACHMENTS

None.

## 2026 CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND MEETINGS:

|                                                                             |                             |
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| <b>August 19 - 20, 2026</b>                                                 |                             |
| 11th Annual CA Water Data Summit                                            |                             |
| Los Angeles, CA                                                             |                             |
| <b>August 19 - 21, 2026</b>                                                 |                             |
| Urban Water Institute Annual Conference                                     | <i>Atkinson, DePasquale</i> |
| San Diego, CA                                                               |                             |
| <b>August 24 - 26, 2026</b>                                                 |                             |
| WaterReuse California Annual Conference                                     |                             |
| San Francisco, CA                                                           |                             |
| <b>August 24 - 27, 2026</b>                                                 |                             |
| CSDA Annual Conference                                                      |                             |
| Palm Desert, CA                                                             |                             |
| <b>September 15 - 18, 2026</b>                                              |                             |
| CAJPA Annual Conference                                                     |                             |
| South Lake Tahoe, CA                                                        |                             |
| <b>September 25, 2026</b>                                                   |                             |
| OC Water Summit                                                             |                             |
| Costa Mesa, CA                                                              |                             |
| <b>September 26 - 30, 2026</b>                                              |                             |
| Water Environment Federation's Technical Exhibition and Conference (WEFTEC) | <i>Atkinson</i>             |
| Chicago, IL                                                                 |                             |
| <b>October 14 - 15, 2026</b>                                                |                             |
| Membrane Technology USA 2026                                                | <i>DePasquale, Dewane</i>   |
| Miami, FL                                                                   |                             |
| <b>October 21, 2026</b>                                                     |                             |
| CALAFCO Annual Conference                                                   |                             |
| Sacramento, CA                                                              |                             |
| <b>November 18 - 19, 2026</b>                                               |                             |
| SWMOA Annual Symposium                                                      |                             |
| Pico Rivera, CA                                                             |                             |
| <b>December 1 - 3, 2026</b>                                                 |                             |
| ACWA JPIA Fall Conference                                                   |                             |
| San Diego, CA                                                               |                             |
| <b>December 9 - 11, 2026</b>                                                |                             |
| Colorado River Water Users Association Conference                           |                             |
| Las Vegas, NV                                                               |                             |

# August 2026

| August 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | September 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| SUNDAY                                                                             | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                | TUESDAY                                                                                     | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                | THURSDAY                                                                  | FRIDAY                                                                           | SATURDAY |
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| Jul 26                                                                             | 27                                                                                                                                                    | 28                                                                                          | 29                                                                                                                       | 30                                                                        | 31                                                                               | Aug 1    |
| 2                                                                                  | 3<br>8:30am MWDOC Planning and Operations Committee Meeting                                                                                           | 4<br>7:30am ISDOC Executive Committee Meeting<br>6:00pm Costa Mesa City Council Meeting (In | 5<br>8:30am Jt. MWDOC/MWD<br>12:00pm Executive<br>5:30pm OCWD Board                                                      | 6<br>Pay Period Ends<br>12:00pm OCWD Communications/Legislative Committee | 7<br>7:30am WACO Meeting (Virtual)<br>11:30am Newport Beach Chamber State of the | 8        |
| 9                                                                                  | 10<br>NOAA Public Hearing<br>5:00pm IRWD Board Meeting (In Person and Virtual)                                                                        | 11                                                                                          | 12<br>Payday<br>8:15am LAFCO Meeting<br>8:30am MWDOC Admin<br>12:00pm OCWD Water<br>4:30pm Board Meeting                 | 13<br>12:00pm OCWD Admin & Finance Committee (IN PERSON & VIRTUAL)        | 14                                                                               | 15       |
| 16                                                                                 | 17                                                                                                                                                    | 18<br>7:30am WACO Planning Committee Meeting<br>6:00pm Costa Mesa City Council Meeting (In  | 19<br>Urban Water Institute Annual Conference (San Diego, CA)<br>8:30am MWDOC Board<br>8:30am MWDOC<br>5:30pm OCWD Board | 20<br>Pay Period Ends                                                     | 21                                                                               | 22       |
| 23                                                                                 | 24<br>CSDA Annual Conference (Palm Desert, CA)<br>WaterReuse California Annual Conference (San Francisco, CA)<br>5:00pm IRWD Board Meeting (In Person | 25                                                                                          | 26<br>Payday<br>4:30pm Board Meeting                                                                                     | 27                                                                        | 28                                                                               | 29       |
| 30<br>4:00pm Costa Mesa Historical Society<br>6:00pm Costa Mesa Historical Society | 31                                                                                                                                                    | Sep 1                                                                                       | 2                                                                                                                        | 3                                                                         | 4                                                                                | 5        |

# September 2026

| September 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | October 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| SUNDAY                                                                                               | MONDAY                                                                                       | TUESDAY                                                                                                   | WEDNESDAY                                                                                               | THURSDAY                                                                               | FRIDAY                                                                          | SATURDAY                          |
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| Aug 30                                                                                               | 31                                                                                           | Sep 1<br>7:30am ISDOC Executive Committee Meeting (Virtual)<br>6:00pm Costa Mesa City Council Meeting (In | 2<br>8:30am Jt. MWDOC/MWD<br>12:00pm Executive Committee Meeting<br>5:30pm OCWD Board                   | 3<br>Pay Period Ends<br>12:00pm OCWD Communications/Legislative Committee (IN PERSON & | 4<br>7:30am WACO Meeting (Virtual)                                              | 5                                 |
| 6                                                                                                    | 7<br>District Holiday<br>8:30am R/S to 9/8 - MWDOC Planning and Operations Committee Meeting | 8<br>8:30am R/S from 9/7 - MWDOC Planning and Operations Committee Meeting (IN PERSON &                   | 9<br>Payday<br>8:15am LAFCO Meeting<br>8:30am MWDOC Admin<br>12:00pm OCWD Water<br>4:30pm Board Meeting | 10<br>12:00pm OCWD Admin & Finance Committee (IN PERSON & VIRTUAL)                     | 11                                                                              | 12                                |
| 13                                                                                                   | 14<br>5:00pm IRWD Board Meeting (In Person and Virtual)                                      | 15<br>7:30am WACO Planning Committee Meeting (VIRTUAL)<br>6:00pm Costa Mesa City Council Meeting (In      | 16<br>8:30am MWDOC Board Meeting (IN PERSON & VIRTUAL)<br>5:30pm OCWD Board Meeting (IN PERSON          | 17<br>Pay Period Ends<br>8:30am MWDOC Executive Committee (IN PERSON & VIRTUAL)        | 18                                                                              | 19                                |
| 20                                                                                                   | 21                                                                                           | 22                                                                                                        | 23<br>Payday<br>8:30am Jt. MWDOC/OCWD<br>4:30pm Board Meeting (Boardroom)                               | 24                                                                                     | 25<br>7:30am 18th Annual OC Water Summit (686 Anton Blvd, Costa Mesa, CA 92626) | 26<br>Water Environment Federatic |
| 27<br>Water Environment Federation's Technical Exhibition and Conference (WEFTEC) 99th (Chicago, IL) | 28<br>5:00pm IRWD Board Meeting (In Person and Virtual)                                      | 29                                                                                                        | 30                                                                                                      | Oct 1                                                                                  | 2                                                                               | 3                                 |

# October 2026

| October 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | November 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY                                                                                         | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                       | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                           | THURSDAY                                                                                            | FRIDAY                                                                     | SATURDAY |
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| Sep 27 | 28                                                                                             | 29                                                                                                                                            | 30                                                                                                                  | Oct 1<br>Pay Period Ends<br>12:00pm OCWD Communications/Legislative Committee (IN PERSON & VIRTUAL) | 2<br>7:30am WACO Meeting (Virtual)                                         | 3        |
| 4      | 5<br>8:30am MWDOC Planning and Operations Committee Meeting (IN PERSON & VIRTUAL)              | 6<br>7:30am ISDOC Executive Committee Meeting<br>8:00am OCBC Infrastructure<br>6:00pm Costa Mesa City Council Meeting (In Person and Virtual) | 7<br>Payday<br>8:30am Jt. MWDOC/MWD<br>12:00pm Executive Committee<br>5:30pm OCWD Board                             | 8<br>12:00pm OCWD Admin & Finance Committee (IN PERSON & VIRTUAL)                                   | 9                                                                          | 10       |
| 11     | 12<br>5:00pm IRWD Board Meeting (In Person and Virtual)<br>5:00pm OCWD GWRS Steering Committee | 13                                                                                                                                            | 14<br>8:15am LAFCO Meeting (400 W Civic Center)<br>8:30am MWDOC Admin<br>12:00pm OCWD Water<br>4:30pm Board Meeting | 15<br>Pay Period Ends                                                                               | 16<br>8:00am City/Districts Liaison Committee Meeting (City of Costa Mesa) | 17       |
| 18     | 19                                                                                             | 20<br>7:30am WACO Planning Committee Meeting (VIRTUAL)<br>6:00pm Costa Mesa City Council Meeting (In Person and Virtual)                      | 21<br>CALAFCO Annual Conference<br>Payday<br>8:30am MWDOC Board<br>5:30pm OCWD Board                                | 22<br>8:30am MWDOC Executive Committee (IN PERSON & VIRTUAL)                                        | 23                                                                         | 24       |
| 25     | 26<br>5:00pm IRWD Board Meeting (In Person and Virtual)                                        | 27<br>1:00pm Board Workshop (Boardroom)                                                                                                       | 28<br>8:30am Jt. MWDOC/OCWD Planning Meeting (In Person and Virtual)<br>1:00pm Board Workshop Meeting               | 29<br>Pay Period Ends<br>11:30am ISDOC Quarterly Meeting (MWDOC/OCWD Boardroom)                     | 30                                                                         | 31       |



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager  
DATE: August 12, 2026  
SUBJECT: Municipal Water District of Orange County Briefing

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### RECOMMENDATION

Receive the presentation.

### STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #1: Provide an abundant, local, reliable and safe water supply.  
Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.  
Goal #4: Increase favorable opinion of Mesa Water.  
Goal #7: Actively participate in regional and statewide water issues.

### DISCUSSION

At the request of the Board of Directors, the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) has presented briefings since 2003. MWDOC Director Karl Seckel and General Manager Harvey De La Torre will make a presentation to the Mesa Water District Board of Directors at the August 12, 2026 meeting.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

### ATTACHMENTS

None.



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Jacob Hester, P.E., District Engineer  
DATE: August 12, 2026  
SUBJECT: Local Groundwater Supply Improvement Project

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### RECOMMENDATION

Receive the presentation.

### STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #1: Provide an abundant, local, reliable and safe water supply.  
Goal #2: Perpetually renew and improve our infrastructure.  
Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.  
Goal #4: Increase public awareness of Mesa Water.  
Goal #7: Actively participate in regional and statewide water issues.

### PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

At its January 25, 2023 meeting, the Board of Directors (Board) authorized staff to commit \$250,000 from Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) for a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) WaterSmart Water grant for a feasibility study regarding brackish groundwater desalination and to offer to partner with Orange County Water District (OCWD) and neighboring cities.

At its May 22, 2024 meeting, the Board awarded a contract to Black & Veatch Corporation (Black & Veatch) for \$524,085 and a contingency of \$52,409 for an amount not to exceed \$576,494 for the Local groundwater Supply Improvement Project (Local SIP), in partnership with OCWD, the City of Huntington Beach and the City of Newport Beach.

At its August 13, 2025 meeting, the Board approved a contract amendment with Black & Veatch for \$5,612 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$582,105 to engage Clean Energy Capital to develop financial modeling and funding strategy support for the Local SIP.

At its April 8, 2026 meeting, the Board received a presentation regarding the Local SIP Feasibility Study findings, project benefits, projected supply gap, conceptual infrastructure, estimated project costs, and recommended next steps for advancing the project.

At its April 29, 2026 workshop, the Board received a presentation outlining the next steps for the Local SIP.

At its May 27, 2026 meeting, the Board approved a contract amendment with Black & Veatch for \$341,117 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$943,223 to complete Phase II of the Local SIP.

## BACKGROUND

The Local SIP is envisioned to be a brackish groundwater desalination facility located seaward of the groundwater injection barrier within the Mesa Water, City of Huntington Beach, and City of Newport Beach service areas. A feasibility study funded through a partnership between Mesa Water (as the lead agency), the City of Huntington Beach, the City of Newport Beach, OCWD, and a grant from the USBR found that the project is feasible and has several benefits to the region. The next steps in the Local SIP project are as follows:

- Perform the next steps identified in the feasibility study, including the following:
  - Investigation of potential groundwater subsidence associated with brackish groundwater extraction.
  - Performing groundwater modeling and injection barrier scenario simulations.
  - Development of a preliminary drinking water well permitting strategy and permitting considerations.
  - Refinement of the conceptual treatment design to reduce capital and operational costs
- Develop a funding strategy to position the project for state and federal grant opportunities.
- Continue close coordination among project partners and regulatory stakeholders to support project advancement.
- Identify property to purchase to build the Local SIP brackish water treatment plant.
- Retain a Program Management Consultant responsible for retaining and managing a project team for planning, permitting, design, construction, and construction management of the Local SIP wells, pipelines, and treatment facility.

## DISCUSSION

Since the Board received an update on the Local SIP at its April 29, 2026 workshop, staff has continued advancing several priority implementation activities while refining the scope of the next steps. Under a Notice to Proceed issued to Black & Veatch, work has begun on development of a preliminary drinking water well permitting plan. This effort will identify permitting constraints and potential exclusion zones for future source water wells, helping to focus future site selection and real estate efforts.

Staff has also continued coordinating with Black & Veatch, INTERA, OCWD, and OCWD's consultant, Geoscience Support Services, Inc. (GSI), regarding the proposed subsidence evaluation. Based on recent discussions, GSI's basin-wide subsidence work and InSAR data processing may provide information that can be leveraged for the Local SIP. Staff is evaluating opportunities to incorporate these efforts where appropriate while maintaining the project-specific technical analyses necessary for the Talbert Gap area.

Staff has also started an application for the USBR WaterSMART Desalination Construction Projects grant program, with the first application submission period due August 26, 2026. The grant program provides up to \$120 million in federal funding across two application submission periods (August 2026 and August 2027) for the planning, design, and construction of seawater and brackish groundwater desalination facilities. Eligible projects require a minimum 75% non-federal cost share with no funding cap per project. The Local SIP aligns well with the program objectives



by developing a drought resilient local water supply through brackish groundwater desalination. Staff is working with Mesa Water's grant-writing consultant West Yost to prepare a competitive application and identify any additional technical or financial information needed to support the submittal.

Real estate acquisition activities are currently pending direction regarding the purchasing entity and source of funding. The preliminary well permitting evaluation will help identify potential exclusion zones and refine future source water well locations, allowing staff to better focus future real estate efforts once these decisions have been made.

A Request for Proposal for a Program Management Consultant is expected to be developed and released in Calendar Year 2027.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2027, \$678,000 is budgeted for the Local SIP; no funds have been spent to date.

#### ATTACHMENTS

None.



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Denise Khalifa, Assistant General Manager  
DATE: August 12, 2026  
SUBJECT: Board Workshop Planning

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### RECOMMENDATION

Review agenda topics and discuss planning for the October 28, 2026 Board of Directors' workshop.

### STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #1: Provide an abundant, local, reliable and safe water supply.  
Goal #2: Perpetually renew and improve our infrastructure.  
Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.  
Goal #4: Increase public awareness of Mesa Water.  
Goal #5: Attract, develop and retain skilled employees.  
Goal #6: Provide excellent customer service.  
Goal #7: Actively participate in regional and statewide water issues.  
Goal #8: Practice continual business improvement.

### PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

### DISCUSSION

For the Board of Directors' review, the proposed agenda topics for the workshop are as follows:

- Fiscal Year 2026 District-Wide Performance Audit
- Fiscal Year 2026 Strategic Plan Status
- Regional Water Issues
- Strategic Branding Discussion
- Closed Session (Public Employee Performance Evaluation)
- Annual Performance Evaluation of the General Manager

The workshop will take place on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 1 p.m. in the Mesa Water District Boardroom.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2027, \$1,000 is budgeted for Board workshop expenses; no funds have been spent to date.

### ATTACHMENTS

None.



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Denise Khalifa, Assistant General Manager  
DATE: August 12, 2026  
SUBJECT: Independent Special Districts of Orange County Executive Committee Election

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### RECOMMENDATION

Review the Independent Special Districts of Orange County Executive Committee election information and discuss potential candidacy interest.

### STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.  
Goal #4: Increase public awareness of Mesa Water.  
Goal #7: Actively participate in regional and statewide water issues.

### PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

### DISCUSSION

On July 23, 2026, Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) received official notice from the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) calling for nominations for the 2027-2028 Executive Committee officer positions. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Mesa Water's Board of Directors (Board) with an opportunity to review the election information and determine whether any Director wishes to seek nomination for one of the available officer positions.

The available offices include President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer (see Attachment A). The elected Executive Committee members will serve a two-year term beginning January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2028. ISDOC's Executive Committee meetings are typically held virtually via Zoom on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m.

Any Board Member or Trustee of a regular ISDOC member agency is eligible to seek nomination. Candidates must submit a letter or email of interest together with a Board resolution authorizing their candidacy no later than Friday, September 4, 2026. Member agencies must also be current on their 2026 ISDOC annual membership dues to be eligible to nominate a candidate and vote in the election.

Ballots will be distributed to regular ISDOC member agencies in good standing on September 8, 2026, with completed ballots due by Friday, October 23, 2026. Newly elected officers will be announced at the ISDOC Quarterly Meeting on October 29, 2026.



The election notice also advises that the ISDOC membership approved amendments to its bylaws in February 2026 allowing either a staff member or an elected or appointed official of a Regular Member District to serve as Secretary.

Should a Director express interest in seeking nomination, staff will prepare a resolution authorizing the candidacy for consideration by the Board prior to the September 4, 2026 nomination deadline.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

#### ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: ISDOC Call for Nominations  
Attachment B: ISDOC 2026 Election Timeline  
Attachment C: ISDOC Current Executive Board



July 23, 2026

PLEASE DISSEMINATE TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS

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Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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The **Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC)** is conducting an election of its **Executive Committee**. The elected Executive Committee members will serve a **two-year term beginning on January 1, 2027, and ending on December 31, 2028**. Meetings of the Executive Committee typically occur on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. virtually via Zoom.

This email shall serve as official notice and call for candidates for the positions of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer on the Executive Committee of the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC).

The election will be conducted via email and mail ballot.

**Nominations will close on Friday, September 4, 2026.** Any Board Member/Trustee of a regular ISDOC member agency is eligible for nomination to any of the open positions. Individuals who wish to be considered for a position should submit a letter of interest for that position, together with a resolution from their Board authorizing their candidacy. A brief description of the Executive Committee positions and duties is on page two of this notice.

Ballots will be mailed to all regular ISDOC members in good standing on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026, and are due by Friday, October 23, 2026.**

New officers will be announced and introduced at the **Quarterly Meeting on October 29, 2026.**

If you are seeking nomination to a position on the Executive Committee, please send your letter/email of interest and a copy of your Board's authorizing resolution to Heather Baez at [hbaez@mwdoc.com](mailto:hbaez@mwdoc.com). All nomination requests must be received by **Friday, September 4, 2026.**

**Please note** – your district must be a current member and up to date on your annual membership dues for 2026 to run for the Executive Committee and vote in the election. If you have any questions about your district's membership status, or if you have any questions about any of the positions or the election process, please contact either Heather Baez at [hbaez@mwdoc.com](mailto:hbaez@mwdoc.com) or Katie Vincent at [kvincent@mwdoc.com](mailto:kvincent@mwdoc.com).

Responsibilities of the positions are as follows:

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**PRESIDENT:** The President is the chief executive officer of ISDOC. He or she presides over all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, appoints all committees, and serves as ISDOC's official spokesperson.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:** The First Vice President chairs the Program Committee. Duties include planning the Quarterly Luncheon program, inviting and coordinating with the invited speaker, and, in the absence of the President, shall perform all duties of the President.

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:** The Second Vice President chairs the Membership Committee. Duties include maintaining a list of current regular and associate members, following up with any outstanding membership dues as needed, and, in the absence of the President and First Vice President, shall perform all duties of the President.

**THIRD VICE PRESIDENT:** The Third Vice President chairs the Legislative Committee. Duties include providing a legislative update, making legislative position recommendations to the Executive Committee, and, in the absence of the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President, shall perform all duties of the President.

**SECRETARY:** The Secretary is responsible for all correspondence and the dissemination of information to members. Duties include preparing and distributing agendas and minutes for the Executive Committee meeting, as well as any other formal correspondence as directed by the Executive Committee. All official correspondence to the members will be approved in advance by the President or the President's designee.

Note: The ISDOC bylaws were updated and approved by the membership on February 27, 2026, making an addition to Section III (B) of Article III to allow for a *staff member or elected/appointed official of a Regular Member District* to serve as Secretary.

**TREASURER:** The Treasurer maintains the complete financial records and bank accounts in the name of the Organization, and pays all bills duly approved by the Executive Committee, with a report to be presented to the membership at the Organization's next membership meeting.



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# Independent Special Districts of Orange County

## 2026 Election Timeline

|                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>July 23, 2026</b>     | Call for nominations sent out for the 2027-2028 Executive Committee officer positions. We are seeking candidates for President, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Programs, Membership, and Legislation for the 1st, 2nd, and 3 <sup>rd</sup> VP.                       |
| <b>September 4, 2026</b> | The Nomination period for Executive Committee officer positions closed. Nominations should include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board Resolution authorizing your candidacy;</li> <li>2. Position for which you are running;</li> <li>3. What you will bring to ISDOC, and;</li> <li>4. Introductory about yourself.</li> </ol> |
| <b>September 8, 2026</b> | Ballots sent out – Via US mail and email.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>October 23, 2026</b>  | Ballots are due – Via US mail or email to Heather Baez:<br>18700 Ward Street, Unit B<br>Fountain Valley, CA 92728 or<br><a href="mailto:hbaez@mwdoc.com">hbaez@mwdoc.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>October 29, 2026</b>  | The names of officers elected are announced at the ISDOC quarterly meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>January 1, 2027</b>   | Executive Committee officers begin new term.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

# Independent Special Districts of Orange County



## ISDOC Executive Board

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Jacob Hester, P.E., District Engineer  
DATE: August 12, 2026  
SUBJECT: Newport Beach Interagency Water Transfer Project

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### RECOMMENDATION

Approve a contract amendment with T.E. Roberts, Inc. for \$275,324.45 and a 10% contingency of \$27,532.45 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$1,127,282.90 for construction of the Newport Beach Interagency Water Transfer Project, and authorize execution of the contract.

### STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #1: Provide an abundant, local, reliable and safe water supply.  
Goal #2: Perpetually renew and improve our infrastructure.  
Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.  
Goal #4: Increase favorable opinion of Mesa Water.  
Goal #7: Actively participate in regional and statewide water issues.

### PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

At its April 3, 2025 workshop, the Board of Directors (Board) directed the General Manager to negotiate a contract with MKN & Associates for an amount not to exceed \$46,691 to conduct a feasibility study for an interagency water transfer from Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) to the City of Newport Beach.

At its September 10, 2025 meeting, the Board authorized the General Manager to proceed, up to his signing authority, with MKN & Associates for the Newport Beach Interagency Water Transfer cost estimate for design and construction.

At its November 12, 2025 meeting, the Board authorized the General Manager to approve contracts for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the construction, construction management, and engineering services necessary to proceed with a new interconnection between Mesa Water and the City of Newport Beach.

At its June 24, 2026 meeting, the Board approved a contract with T.E. Roberts, Inc. (T.E. Roberts) for \$749,478 and a 10% contingency of \$74,948 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$824,426 for construction of the Newport Beach Interagency Water Transfer Project, and authorized execution of the contract.

### DISCUSSION

Following approval of the construction contract with T.E. Roberts, staff completed final coordination with the City of Costa Mesa, the City of Newport Beach, Southern California Edison, and other project stakeholders in preparation for construction.



The June 24, 2026 Board memorandum noted that T.E. Roberts' proposal did not include the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) work required to integrate the new interconnection into Mesa Water's SCADA system and that staff would return to the Board with a separate request for this work. Staff now recommends amending T.E. Roberts' scope of work to include this additional scope. The SCADA work will be performed by Prime Systems Industrial Automation, Inc. (PSIA), as a subcontractor to T.E. Roberts, and includes furnishing the required control system equipment, panel fabrication, wiring, programming, testing, commissioning, and integration necessary to place the interconnection into service.

The proposed amendment also incorporates additional construction-related items identified during final project coordination, including enhanced traffic control required by the City of Costa Mesa and other permitting and utility coordination requirements.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2027, \$750,000 is budgeted for the Newport Beach Interagency Water Transfer Project; no funds have been spent to date.

#### ATTACHMENTS

None.



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Peter DeMarco, Water Policy Manager  
DATE: August 12, 2026  
SUBJECT: Regulatory Water Policy Consulting Services

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### RECOMMENDATION

Approve a sole source contract to Edward Ring for an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to provide Regulatory Water Policy Consulting Services through January 31, 2027, and authorize execution of the contract.

### STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #7: Actively participate in regional and statewide water issues.

### PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

### BACKGROUND

Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) is engaged in several advocacy services to fulfill the Board-adopted Strategic Plan Goal #7 to *actively participate in regional and statewide water issues*. Mesa Water initially retained Edward Ring via his role with the California Policy Center to supplement the District's regulatory advocacy efforts related to water policy issues.

Based in Fair Oaks, CA, Mr. Ring is a policy analyst and journalist after spending the first half of his career working for private companies and startups. In 2021 he was the founder and leader of the "[More Water Now](#)" campaign, which culminated in the drafting of the [Water Infrastructure Funding Act of 2022](#), which the campaign attempted to qualify for California's November 2022 state ballot.

Mr. Ring is the director of energy and water policy for the [California Policy Center](#), a nonpartisan public policy research institute which he co-founded in 2013 and served as its first president. Mr. Ring is a prolific writer on the topics of political reform and sustainable economic development. His articles and columns have appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, the *San Jose Mercury*, the *Orange County Register*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Cal Matters*, and other media outlets. Mr. Ring has an undergraduate degree in political science from UC Davis, and an MBA in finance from USC.

Mr. Ring has knowledge of, and expertise in, the areas of regulatory advocacy strategy, coalition-building, position messaging, expert testimony, persuasive formal comment letters, policy white papers, and rulemaking negotiations. He is a credible thought-leader with policymakers and staff, an effective communicator who delivers compelling arguments, a strategic influencer, and a trusted advisor.



## DISCUSSION

Mesa Water requested and received a proposal from Edward Ring to continue supplementing its regulatory advocacy efforts related to water policy issues for the first six months of Fiscal Year 2027 from August 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027, in five key areas:

1. General Regulatory Consulting related to water policy issues;
2. Other related regulatory processes upon request by Mesa Water;
3. Desalination White Paper follow-up;
4. Drought Monitor Paper follow-up; and
5. Periodic regulatory consulting tasks.

The total cost for these services during the term of the six-month contract is expected to not exceed \$35,000. District staff are confident in Mr. Ring's ability to provide the above-listed services to Mesa Water in an effective and cost-efficient manner. Due to Mr. Ring's specialized expertise, established relationships with policymakers, and ongoing work on Mesa Water's regulatory advocacy initiatives, staff determined that competitive solicitation would not provide additional value. Staff recommends approval of a sole source contract to Edward Ring for an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to provide Regulatory Water Policy Consulting Services through January 31, 2027.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2027, \$396,500 is budgeted for Water Policy Support Services; the requested funding will come from Cash on Hand.

## ATTACHMENTS

None.

**REPORTS:**

11. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

**REPORTS:**

12. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Supervisor  
DATE: August 12, 2026  
SUBJECT: Rate Adjustment Communication

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### RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided for information.

### STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.  
Goal #4: Increase public awareness of Mesa Water.  
Goal #6: Provide excellent customer service.

### PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

At its December 13, 2023 meeting, the Board of Directors (Board) adopted Resolution No. 1584 Determining Compliance with Procedural Requirements, Making Findings, Revising Water Rates, Revising Meter Rates, Revising Capital Charges, Revising Fireline Stand-By Charges, Adopting a Rate and Charge Implementation Schedule, Amending the Water and Charge Schedule, Taking Related Actions, and Superseding Resolution No. 1559.

### DISCUSSION

Based upon the five-year rate plan approved on December 13, 2023, and in accordance with the preparation and mailing of Proposition 218 notices, Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) staff will mail notices to customers in November 2026 regarding water rate adjustments that will take effect on January 1, 2027. This information will also be updated and available on Mesa Water's website.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2027, \$861,035 is budgeted for Public Affairs Support Services; \$8,300 has been spent to date.

### ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Prior Rate Adjustment Communication



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## Information About 2026 Water Rates

### Mesa Water District Your 100% Local Water Provider

Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) is an independent special district, governed by a publicly elected five-member Board of Directors, that provides 100% local water service to 110,000 customers in most of Costa Mesa, a portion of Newport Beach and some unincorporated areas of Orange County.



One of Mesa Water's newest groundwater wells that pumps 4,000 gallons of local, clean, safe water per minute.

### Investments in Capital Infrastructure Improvements Ensure a Reliable Water Supply for You: Reservoir Upgrades Under Way

Mesa Water is committed to providing its customers an abundance of local, reliable, clean, safe water, and continually investing in its infrastructure, which pumps, treats and delivers nearly five billion gallons of drinking water to residential and business customers each year.

Even without the need for repair, a water system requires regular wide-ranging maintenance to help achieve its designed lifespan. Mesa Water's maintenance program is one of the ways that we are able to protect customers from rate volatility because maintaining infrastructure is much less costly than emergency repairs.

Mesa Water is currently at work on upgrades to two reservoirs, which includes updating pump stations and implementing a reservoir chemical management system. These upgrades will allow Mesa Water to manage peak water demands by storing up to 15 million gallons more water.

### Operational Efficiency and Exceptional Financial Management

Over the past several years, Mesa Water's cost controls have continued to result in Mesa Water accomplishing a number of key achievements in the following areas:



#### Efficient Operations

Since Fiscal Year 2011, Mesa Water has been one of Orange County's most efficient water agencies based on expenditures per capita.



#### Financial Stability

Fitch and Standard & Poor's have consistently reaffirmed Mesa Water's existing AAA credit rating – the highest achievable by an organization. This allows Mesa Water to save by borrowing funds at the lowest available interest rate for infrastructure improvements.



#### No Unfunded Pension Liabilities

Mesa Water has no unfunded pension liabilities, which is a unique accomplishment, ensuring long-term financial stability of the District.

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### Be Mesa Water Wise – Check Out Our Rebates

Mesa Water offers a number of residential and commercial rebates to help customers be more efficient with water use – and save money on their water bill. Washing machines, toilets, rotating sprinkler nozzles, smart sprinkler timers, rain barrels, cisterns, soil moisture sensor systems and weather-based irrigation controllers are just some of the rebates you can find on our website. Mesa Water also offers a swimming pool cover rebate to help reduce water loss from evaporation.

Learn more at [www.MesaWater.org/BeMesaWaterWise](http://www.MesaWater.org/BeMesaWaterWise).

Mesa Water District Water Rates  
Effective January 1, 2026

As a public agency, Mesa Water’s rate setting process is regulated by State law. Proposition 218, which is part of the California Constitution, states that a public water agency can only charge for the cost to procure, treat and deliver water to the customer, and the amount of water delivered to the customer is documented at the customer’s water meter. Mesa Water cannot charge rates that result in a profit. Mesa Water strives to provide efficient and cost-effective water services while aligning its rates with the cost of providing those services. As of January 1, 2026, the following Mesa Water rates will go into effect:

| Water Usage Charges<br>(and date of implementation) |          |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                                                     | 2025     | 2026     |
| Per Unit* (CCF)                                     | 1/1/2025 | 1/1/2026 |
| Potable Water **                                    | \$5.96   | \$6.38   |
| Recycled Water                                      | \$3.82   | \$4.09   |

\*One unit equals 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons.  
\*\* Also applies to construction and fireline water use.

Monthly and Bi-monthly Basic Charges –  
Potable & Recycled Water (and date of implementation)

| Meter Size | 1/1/25 Monthly | 1/1/25 Bi-Monthly | 1/1/26 Monthly | 1/1/26 Bi-Monthly |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 5/8”       | \$27.04        | \$36.22           | \$28.93        | \$38.75           |
| 3/4”       | \$31.63        | \$45.40           | \$33.84        | \$48.58           |
| 1”         | \$40.81        | \$63.76           | \$43.67        | \$68.23           |
| 1 1/2”     | \$63.76        | \$109.67          | \$68.23        | \$117.35          |
| 2”         | \$91.31        | \$164.76          | \$97.70        | \$176.29          |
| 3”         | \$178.53       | \$339.20          | \$191.03       | \$362.94          |
| 4”         | \$307.07       | \$596.28          | \$328.56       | \$638.02          |
| 6”         | \$660.54       | \$1,303.23        | \$706.78       | \$1,394.46        |
| 8”         | \$1,119.61     | \$2,221.36        | \$1,197.98     | \$2,376.85        |
| 10”        | \$1,762.30     | \$3,506.73        | \$1,885.66     | \$3,752.20        |

Monthly and Bi-Monthly Fireline Stand-By Charges –  
Class I & II (and date of implementation)

| Meter Size | 1/1/25 Monthly | 1/1/25 Bi-Monthly | 1/1/26 Monthly | 1/1/26 Bi-Monthly |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1”         | \$18.56        | \$19.27           | \$19.86        | \$20.62           |
| 1 1/2”     | \$19.91        | \$21.97           | \$21.30        | \$23.50           |
| 2”         | \$22.23        | \$26.61           | \$23.79        | \$28.48           |
| 3”         | \$30.57        | \$43.29           | \$32.71        | \$46.32           |
| 4”         | \$44.96        | \$72.05           | \$48.10        | \$77.10           |
| 6”         | \$96.57        | \$175.29          | \$103.33       | \$187.56          |
| 8”         | \$185.61       | \$353.36          | \$198.60       | \$378.09          |
| 10”        | \$319.53       | \$621.20          | \$341.90       | \$664.68          |

Capital Charge – Collected by Property Owner’s Annual  
Property Tax Bill (and date of implementation)

| Meter Size | 1/1/25 Annually | 1/1/26 Annually |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 5/8”       | \$180.00        | \$231.00        |
| 3/4”       | \$270.00        | \$346.00        |
| 1”         | \$450.00        | \$576.00        |
| 1 1/2”     | \$899.00        | \$1,151.00      |
| 2”         | \$1,439.00      | \$1,842.00      |
| 3”         | \$3,147.00      | \$4,028.00      |
| 4”         | \$5,664.00      | \$7,249.00      |
| 6”         | \$12,585.00     | \$16,109.00     |
| 8”         | \$21,575.00     | \$27,616.00     |
| 10”        | \$34,160.00     | \$43,724.00     |

For more information, please visit  
MesaWater.org/Customer-Service/Rates-and-Fees

Tarifas de Agua de Mesa Water District  
Vigentes a Partir del 1 de Enero de 2026

Como agencia pública, las leyes estatales regulan el proceso de establecimiento de tarifas de Mesa Water. La Propuesta 218, que forma parte de la Constitución de California, establece que una agencia pública de aguas solo puede cobrar por el costo de obtener, tratar y suministrar agua al cliente, y la cantidad de agua suministrada al cliente se registra en su medidor de agua. Mesa Water no puede cobrar tarifas que le generen ganancias. Mesa Water se esfuerza por brindar servicios de agua eficientes y económicos al mismo tiempo que adapta sus tarifas al costo de brindar dichos servicios. A partir del 1 de enero de 2026, entrarán en vigencia las siguientes tarifas de Mesa Water.

| Tarifas por consumo de agua<br>(y fecha de aplicación) |          |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                                                        | 2025     | 2026     |
| Por unidad* (CCF)                                      | 1/1/2025 | 1/1/2026 |
| Agua potable **                                        | \$5.96   | \$6.38   |
| Agua reciclada                                         | \$3.82   | \$4.09   |

\*Una unidad equivale a 100 pies cúbicos o 748 galones. \*\* También se aplica al uso del agua en la construcción y en las líneas de incendio.

Cargos básicos mensuales y bimensuales –  
Agua potable y reciclada (y fecha de aplicación)

| Tamaño del medidor | 1/1/25 Mensual | 1/1/25 Bimensual | 1/1/26 Mensual | 1/1/26 Bimensual |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 5/8”               | \$27.04        | \$36.22          | \$28.93        | \$38.75          |
| 3/4”               | \$31.63        | \$45.40          | \$33.84        | \$48.58          |
| 1”                 | \$40.81        | \$63.76          | \$43.67        | \$68.23          |
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Cargos mensuales y bimensuales por línea de fuego en espera –  
Clases I y II (y fecha de aplicación)

| Tamaño del medidor | 1/1/25 Mensual | 1/1/25 Bimensual | 1/1/26 Mensual | 1/1/26 Bimensual |
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Cargo de Capital – Recaudado en la factura anual del impuesto  
sobre bienes inmuebles del propietario (y fecha de aplicación)

| Tamaño del medidor | 1/1/25 Anualmente | 1/1/26 Anualmente |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
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## **DIRECTORS' REPORTS (AB 1234) PER CA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3(D)**

*In accordance with CA Government Code Section 53232.3(d), the following report identifies the meetings for which Mesa Water Directors received expense reimbursement.*

### **Jim Atkinson**

#### **Meetings Attended**

| Reimbursement Date: | Description, Date                |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 7/23/26             | AWWA ACE26 Conference, 6/21-6/26 |

### **Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E.**

#### **Meetings Attended**

| Reimbursement Date: | Description, Date                                             |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7/9/26              | City Districts Liaison Committee Meeting, 5/15                |
| 7/9/26              | Mesa Water Education and Career Center Event, 5/16            |
| 7/9/26              | Institute for Conservation Research and Education Event, 5/29 |
| 7/9/26              | Mesa Water Neighborhood Chat, 6/2                             |
| 7/9/26              | Mesa Water Education and Career Center Event, 6/4             |
| 7/9/26              | Mesa Water Board Breakfast, 6/9                               |
| 7/9/26              | Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions Club Event, 6/27              |
| 7/9/26              | Serrano Water District Event, 6/29                            |
| 7/9/26              | Meeting with General Manager, 6/30                            |

### **Marice H. DePasquale**

#### **Meetings Attended**

| Reimbursement Date: | Description, Date                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 7/9/26              | Mesa Water Education and Career Center Event, 5/21 |
| 7/9/26              | Mesa Water Neighborhood Chat, 6/17                 |
| 7/9/26              | Serrano Water District Event, 6/29                 |

### **Shawn Dewane**

#### **Meetings Attended**

| Reimbursement Date: | Description, Date                                           |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7/9/26              | Treatment Plant Tour & Water District Exchange, 4/12 – 4/18 |
| 7/9/26              | Mesa Water Education and Career Center Event, 5/21          |
| 7/9/26              | Mesa Water Board Breakfast, 6/9                             |
| 7/9/26              | Mesa Water Advocacy - Calvert, 6/17                         |
| 7/23/26             | Meeting with Mesa Water Director and Staff, 6/23            |
| 7/23/26             | Meeting with Mesa Water Director, 7/13                      |

### **James R. Fisler**

#### **Meetings Attended**

| Reimbursement Date: | Description, Date |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| N/A                 |                   |

**CLOSED SESSION:**

15. CONFERENCE WITH GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION:  
Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1) & (2) and 54954.5(b) –  
significant exposure to litigation.