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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, August 12, 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
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
Jacob Hester, P.E., District Engineer
Juan Hernandez, Water Operations Manager
Peter DeMarco, Water Policy Manager
Brandi Chapman, Board Secretary
Nadia Boutros, Civil Engineer
Karyn Igar, Principal Engineer
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Supervisor
Rob Anslow, General Legal Counsel

Others Present

Karl Seckel, P.E., Director, Municipal Water District of Orange County
Harvey De La Torre, General Manager, Municipal Water District of Orange County

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

There was no public present and President DePasquale proceeded with the meeting.

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

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

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CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

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

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve Items 1 – 4 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 – 0.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

5. MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY BRIEFING:

GM Shoenberger introduced MWDOC Director Karl Seckel and General Manager Harvey De La Torre who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- MWDOC' Partnership with Mesa Water District in FY 25 – 26
- Metropolitan Adopted Rates and Projections
- Metropolitan Key Rate Drivers
- San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA)/Metropolitan (MET) Water Exchanges
 - Metropolitan Rate Increases
 - A New Era with Metropolitan
 - SDCWA Partnership in Riverside County
- Southern California Exchange
- Interstate Exchange Framework

Messrs. Seckel and De La Torre responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the presentation.

6. LOCAL GROUNDWATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

GM Shoenberger introduced Civil Engineer Boutros who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Local Supply Improvement Project (SIP)
 - Local SIP Project Status
 - Grant Considerations
 - Recommended Grant Pursuit

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

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7. BOARD WORKSHOP PLANNING:

GM Shoenberger reviewed the proposed agenda topics on the agenda for the October 28, 2026 Board Workshop.

The Board offered staff an additional topic to add to the workshop agenda.

RECESS

President DePasquale declared a recess at 5:14 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:19 p.m.

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

Water Policy Manager DeMarco provided a brief overview of the upcoming ISDOC election, including the offices available for election. He noted that any candidate nominations are due by Friday, September 4, 2026.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

There were no nominations.

ACTION ITEMS:

9. NEWPORT BEACH INTERAGENCY WATER TRANSFER PROJECT:

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by President DePasquale, to 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. Motion passed 5 – 0.

10. REGULATORY WATER POLICY CONSULTING SERVICES:

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by President DePasquale, to 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. Motion passed 5 – 0.

REPORTS:

11. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

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12. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

13. RATE ADJUSTMENT COMMUNICATION

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

RECESS

President DePasquale declared a recess at 5:37 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:42 p.m.

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

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.

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:54 p.m.

Attorney Anslow announced the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, District Secretary, District Engineer, Principal Engineer, and General Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1) & (2) and 54954.5(b). The Board received information and there was no further announcement.

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Marice H. DePasquale, President

Signed by:

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Denise Khalifa, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer