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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Wednesday, May 27, 2020  
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627  
3:30 p.m. Adjourned Regular Board Meeting**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by President Dewane.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Atkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Directors Present**

Shawn Dewane, President *(teleconference)*  
Marice H. DePasquale, Vice President *(teleconference)*  
Jim Atkinson, Director *(teleconference)*  
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director *(teleconference)*  
James R. Fisler, Director *(teleconference)*

**Directors Absent**

None

**Staff Present**

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager *(teleconference)*  
Phil Lauri, P.E., Assistant General Manager *(teleconference)*  
Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager/  
District Secretary  
Wendy Duncan, Records Management Specialist/  
Assistant District Secretary  
Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/  
District Treasurer  
Tracy Manning, Water Operations Manager *(teleconference)*  
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager *(teleconference)*  
Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator *(teleconference)*  
Brittany Erdman, Public Affairs Specialist *(teleconference)*

**Others Present**

Jonathan Aparicio, IT Support Engineer, T2 Tech Group  
Dennis Albiani, Vice President, California Advocates, Inc. *(teleconference)*  
Anthony Molina, Legislative Advocate, California Advocates, Inc. *(teleconference)*  
Sanjay Gaur, Vice President, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. *(teleconference)*  
Michael Hicks, Associate Consultant, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. *(teleconference)*

President Dewane stated that the Board of Directors were attending the meeting via teleconference per Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 which suspended certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

President Dewane stated that for each action, a roll call vote was taken in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953 (b)(2) which states, "all votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by roll call."

President Dewane proceeded with the meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

There was no public present and President Dewane 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.

## **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.

Director Atkinson pulled Item 5 for discussion. There were no objections.

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 Water Operations Status Report.
5. Receive and file the Accounts Paid Listing.
6. Receive and file the Major Financial Reports.
7. Receive and file the Monthly Staff Projects.
8. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2020 Third Quarter Financial Update.

## **MOTION**

Motion by Director Fisler, second by Director Atkinson, to approve Items 1 - 4 and 6 - 8 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

Item 5 – Receive and file the Accounts Paid Listing.

Staff responded to questions from the Board regarding the Accounts Paid Listing.

## **MOTION**

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve Item 5 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

None.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

9. STATE ADVOCACY UPDATE:

Water Policy Manager Taylor introduced California Advocates, Inc. Vice President Dennis Albiani who provided a brief State Advocacy Update.

Mr. Albiani introduced California Advocates, Inc. Legislative Advocate Anthony Molina who provided a brief update on the State of California 2020-21 Governor's Budget and Bond Funding Options.

Messers. Albiani and Molina responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the information.

10. WATER COST COMPARISON STUDY:

Chief Financial Officer Khalifa introduced Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. Vice President Sanjar Gaur who provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Objective of the Study
- Water Rates Comparison 2017
- Sample Water Rates Comparison 2018
- Using Water Rates to Measure Operational Efficiency
- Sources of Income 2018
- Share of Sales in Total Revenues 2008 – 2018
- Total Expenditures per Capita
- Expenditure Comparison per Capita 2018
- Population and Total Expenditures 2018
- Total Expenditures per Capita 2008 – 2018
- The Value of Water and Water Conservation

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

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

The Board directed staff to expand the next Water Cost Comparison Study to include sewer service and the per acre-foot cost of water delivery.

**REPORTS:**

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

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

13. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RENEWAL ON-CALL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES
14. CHANDLER & CRODDY WELLS AND PIPELINE PROJECT BID PACKAGES
15. PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES
16. CLAIM OF ORANGE COUNTY PRODUCE
17. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:



Shawn Dewane, President



Denise Garcia, District Secretary