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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Thursday, February 11, 2021
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President DePasquale.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Atkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

Marice H. DePasquale President *(teleconference)*
Shawn Dewane, 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 *(teleconference)*
Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/
District Treasurer
Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager *(teleconference)*
Tracy Manning, Water Operations Manager *(teleconference)*
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager *(teleconference)*
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator *(teleconference)*
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo
(teleconference)

Others Present

Jonathan Aparicio, IT Support Engineer, T2 Technology Group
Karl W. Seckel, Director, Municipal Water District of Orange
County (MWDOC) *(teleconference)*
Harvey De La Torre, Assistant General Manager, MWDOC
(teleconference)
Sandra L. Kerl, General Manager, San Diego County Water
Authority (SDCWA) *(teleconference)*
Amy Chen, Director of the MWD Program, SDCWA
(teleconference)
Elizabeth Mendelson-Goossens, Senior Water Resources
Specialist, SDCWA *(teleconference)*
Kristy Khachigian, Founder/CEO, KK Consulting *(teleconference)*

Louis C. Klein, Managing Partner, Foley and Mansfield

(teleconference)

Thomas L. Epperson, P.E., Senior Project Manager, Tetra Tech

(teleconference)

President DePasquale stated that the Board of Directors was 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 DePasquale 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 DePasquale proceeded with the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

President DePasquale welcomed MWDOC Director Karl Seckel who offered comments.

President DePasquale thanked Mr. Seckel for his comments and proceeded with the meeting.

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

General Manager Shoenberger recommended reordering the agenda to take Item 13 after Item 5. There were no objections.

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 minutes of regular Board meeting of January 14, 2021.
2. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
3. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
4. Receive the Quarterly Training Report for October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

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

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Fisler, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve Items 1 – 4 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5–0, by the following roll call vote:

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

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

5. SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY:

General Manager Shoenberger introduced SDCWA General Manager Sandra Kerl, who provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Water Authority Serves a Vibrant Region
- Few Natural Water Resources
- Becoming a Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Member Agency
- Inception to 1980s: “Pipeline Agency”
- MWD Water Supply Shortages
- Today’s Life at the “End of the Pipeline”
- Innovative Investments in Supply Reliability
- Result: Sufficient Water During Drought
- Increasing San Diego County’s Water Supply Reliability through Supply Diversification
- Investing for the Future: Water Authority’s Regional Conveyance Study
- MWD Must Grapple with Lower Demands
- Data, Analysis and Member Agency Need Must Drive MWD’s Resource Investments
- 2020 Integrated Water Resources Plan (IRP) Update is Critical

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

President DePasquale announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 6:41 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

ITEM 13 – CONFERENCE WITH SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)
Case: *Irvine Ranch Water District v. Orange County Water District and related cross-actions*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case Nos. BS168278 and BS 175192

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:52 p.m.

District Secretary Garcia announced that the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, District Secretary, and Special Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1). The Board gave direction to staff and Special Legal Counsel. There was no further announcement.

ACTION ITEMS:

6. CHANDLER & CRODDY WELLS AND PIPELINE PROJECT WELL EQUIPPING:

GM Shoenberger introduced Assistant General Manager Lauri who provided a brief overview of the topic.

AGM Lauri responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the information.

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

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to award a contract to Gateway Pacific Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$12,975,000 and a 10% contingency of \$1,297,500 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$14,272,500 for the equipping of Chandler Well, No. 12 and Croddy Well No. 14, and authorize execution of the contract. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

7. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

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

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to reschedule the Thursday, November 11, 2021 regular Board of Directors' meeting to Thursday, November 4, 2021. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

REPORTS:

8. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- January Key Indicators Report
- Other (no enclosure)

9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

10. GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICES

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

12. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

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Item taken earlier in the agenda.

President DePasquale announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 7:30 p.m.

14. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6:

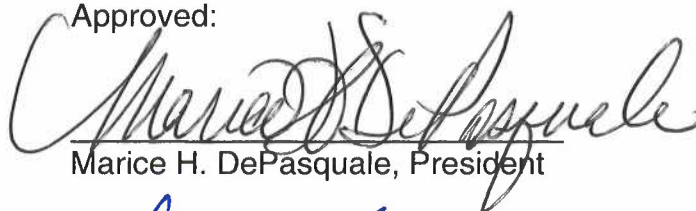
District Negotiator: General Manager
Employee Organization: District Employees

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President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:



Marice H. DePasquale, President



Denise Garcia, District Secretary