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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Tuesday, July 6, 2021  
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627  
9:00 a.m. Adjourned Regular Board Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President DePasquale.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Fisler 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  
Andie Jacobsen, Executive Assistant to the General Manager

**Others Present**

Mark J. Austin, Partner, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP  
Eric S. Vail, Partner, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP  
A. Patrick Munoz, Partner, Rutan & Tucker, LLP  
Jennifer Farrell, Partner, Rutan & Tucker, LLP  
Travis Van Ligten, Associate, Rutan & Tucker, LLP  
Robert E. Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (AALRR)  
Jeffrey A. Hoskinson, Partner, (AALRR)  
Wendy H. Wiles, Partner, (AALRR)

**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.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICES:

The Board conducted interviews with three firms. The final selection will be expected to provide a broad range of general legal services and will be essential to successfully performing the role of District Counsel.

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Director Bockmiller, to continue with the firm Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo to provide General Legal Counsel Services for a five-year term.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

**MOTION**

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by President DePasquale, to retain the firm Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP to provide General Legal Counsel Services for a five-year term. Motion failed 2 – 3, with Directors Atkinson, Bockmiller and Fisler voting no.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

**MOTION**

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Director Bockmiller, to retain the firm Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo to provide General Legal Counsel Services for a five-year term. Motion passed 4 – 1, with President DePasquale voting no.

**REPORTS:**

2. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
3. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

4. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:



Marice H. DePasquale, President



Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Sharon D. Brimer, Recording Secretary