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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, June 8, 2022
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. Fidler, Director

Directors Absent

None

Staff Present

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager/
District Secretary
Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager
Tracy Manning, Water Operations Manager
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator
Anthony Phou, Controller
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., Principal Engineer
Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Specialist
Kay Lee, Water Quality and Compliance Supervisor
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Others Present

John Drake, Member of the Public
Craig Miller, General Manager, Western Municipal Water
District *(teleconference)*
Karl W. Seckel, P.E., Director, Municipal Water District of
Orange County (MWDOC)
Harvey De La Torre, Assistant General Manager, MWDOC
Dave Bolland, Water Policy Consultant *(teleconference)*

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Member of the Public John Drake offered comments related to water barrels.

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

ITEMS TO BE ADDED, REMOVED OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

General Manager Shoenberger suggested reordering the agenda to take Item 6 after Item 8. There were no objections.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Approve minutes of adjourned regular Board meeting of April 28, 2022.
2. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of May 11, 2022.
3. Approve minutes of adjourned regular Board meeting of May 18, 2022.
4. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
 - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
5. Approve the Fiscal Year 2023 attendance at Conferences, Seminars, Meetings, and Events.
6. Approve support of Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District General Manager Don Bartz for the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Seat B – Southern Network, authorize President Marice H. DePasquale to be the District's voting delegate, and direct staff to cast the electronic ballot.

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

MOTION

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

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

7. SOLVE THE CALIFORNIA WATER CRISIS COALITION:

GM Shoenberger introduced Western Municipal Water District General Manager Craig Miller who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Our Water Future Does Not Look Good
- Current State Priorities
- Agriculture Hit Hard
- Mission
- Solutions
- Growing Membership

MWDOC Director Karl Seckel was acknowledged and spoke in support of the Coalition.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

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

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

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Fisler, to approve a membership with Solve the California Water Crisis Coalition in the amount of \$15,000. Motion passed 5 – 0.

8. MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY BRIEFING:

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

- Overview
- Colorado Basin Conditions
- Northern California Conditions
- State Water Project (SWP) & Impacts to Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- State Water Project Dependent Areas
- Upcoming Metropolitan Activities
- MWDOC Activities

RECESS

President DePasquale declared a recess at 5:50 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 5:54 p.m.

Mr. De La Torre responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the presentation.

ITEM 6 - Approve support of Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District General Manager Don Bartz for the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Seat B – Southern Network, authorize President Marice H. DePasquale to be the District's voting delegate, and direct staff to cast the electronic ballot.

GM Shoenberger provided an overview of the topic.

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

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to approve support of Fallbrook Public Utility District Director Ken Endter for the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Seat B – Southern Network, authorize President Marice H. DePasquale to be the District's voting delegate, and direct staff to cast the electronic ballot.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

Director Bockmiller withdrew his motion.

MOTION

Motion by Director Fisler, second by Director Atkinson, to approve support of Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District General Manager Don Bartz for the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Seat B – Southern Network, authorize President Marice H. DePasquale to be the District's voting delegate, and direct staff to cast the electronic ballot. Motion passed 5 – 0.

ACTION ITEMS:

9. CA DROUGHT RESPONSE – COMPLIANCE WITH STATE WATER BOARD REGULATIONS:

Water Policy Manager Taylor introduced Water Policy Consultant Dave Bolland who provided an overview of the topic. Mr. Bolland, Principal Engineer Wiesner, and Public Affairs Coordinator Carrillo provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Emergency Regulation Requirements
- Level 2 Demand Reduction Actions
- Be Mesa Water Wise – Level 2 Water Use Reduction Order Communications
- Be Mesa Water Wise – Future Stages, if Needed
- Recommendation

Mr. Bolland and staff responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the presentation.

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

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to schedule a special board meeting to discuss the Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

Director Bockmiller withdrew his motion.

MOTION

Motion by Director Fisler, second by President DePasquale, to direct staff to implement water conservation measures, with modified outreach messaging, required by the State Water Resources Control Board's Resolution No. 2022-0018. Motion passed 5 – 0.

10. PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONSULTING SERVICES:

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

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Fisler, to approve a contract renewal with Brenda Deeley, PR, LLC from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 for an amount not to exceed \$125,000 to provide Public Affairs Consulting Services. Motion passed 5 – 0.

REPORTS:

11. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- May Key Indicators Report
- Other (no enclosure)

GM Shoenberger announced that Mesa Water has received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award for the District's Fiscal Year 2020 Audit.

12. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

14. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

RECESS

President DePasquale declared a recess at 7:11 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

President DePasquale announced that the Board was going into Closed Session at 7:18 p.m.

15. CONFERENCE WITH GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION:
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (4) – the Board of Directors will meet with General Legal Counsel to consider possible initiation of civil proceedings.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:35 p.m.

Attorney Rob Anslow announced that the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, District Secretary, Water Policy Manager, and General Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (4). The Board received information and there was no further announcement.

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m. in memory of Dr. Peter Green to an Adjourned Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Marice H. DePasquale

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Marice H. DePasquale, President

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Denise Garcia

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Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer