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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, January 24, 2024
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 Dewane.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Fisler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

Shawn Dewane, President
Marice H. DePasquale, 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 Garcia, Chief Administrative Officer/
District Secretary
Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/
District Treasurer
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., District Engineer
Tyler Jernigan, Water Operations Manager
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Specialist
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Others Present

Emily Owens-Bennett, P.E., BCEE, Supervising Engineer,
Trussell Technologies, Inc. *(teleconference)*
Harry C. Lorick, P.E., PWLF, Owner, LA Consulting, Inc.
Graham Juby, Vice President, Carollo Engineers, Inc.
Charlie He, Chief Technologist, Carollo Engineers, Inc.
(teleconference)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Dewane asked for public comments.

There were no comments 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. There were no objections.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

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 Accounts Paid Listing.
5. Receive and file the Monthly Financial Reports.
6. Receive and file the Outreach Update.

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

MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Fisler, to approve Items 1 – 6 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 - 0.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

7. FREE CHLORINE CONVERSION:

Water Operations Manager Jernigan provided an overview of the topic and introduced Public Affairs Specialist Norris and Trussell Technologies, Inc. Supervising Engineer Emily Owens-Bennett who provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Chloramines and Nitrification
- Source Waters
- Nitrification Control
- Free Chlorine Conversion
- Outreach
- Next Steps

Ms. Owens-Bennett, GM Shoenberger, Mr. Jernigan and Ms. Norris responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the presentation.

8. WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND OPTIMIZATION MODEL UPGRADES:

Water Operations Manager Jernigan provided an overview of the topic and introduced Carollo Engineers, Inc. Vice President Graham Juby and Chief Technologist Charlie He who provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Existing Water Supply and Demand Optimization Model (WSDOM)
- What are the Drivers for Updating WSDOM?
- Blue Plan-it® Decision Support System
- Dynamic Well Field Operation Plan
- Power Consumption Summary
- Recommendations

Messrs. Juby, He and Jernigan responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the presentation.

9. FISCAL YEAR 2023 PERFORMANCE AUDIT:

Business Administrator Lind provided an overview of the topic and introduced LA Consulting, Inc. Owner Harry Lorick who provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Annual Performance Audit: The Road to Gold
- Overview
- Overall Score
- Conclusion
- Questions

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

Messrs. Lorick, Shoenberger and Lind responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the presentation.

10. BOARD WORKSHOP PLANNING:

GM Shoenberger reviewed the proposed agenda topics for the March 19, 2024 Board Workshop.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

The Board directed staff to agendize *Board Meeting Procedures* at a future meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

11. CALIFORNIA DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND APPLICATION:

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 1587 Authorizing Mesa Water District to Apply for State Water Resources Control Board Funds for the 1951 Cohort Pipeline Replacement Project and Taking Related Actions; and
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 1588 Authorizing Mesa Water District to be Reimbursed by the State Water Resources Control Board for Costs Related to the 1951 Cohort Pipeline Replacement Project, Making Findings and Authorizing Various Actions in Connection Therewith.

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

REPORTS:

12. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:
 - December Key Indicators Report
13. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

14. CLAIM OF RONAN O'MAHONY
15. FEDERAL ADVOCACY UPDATE
16. STATE ADVOCACY UPDATE
17. ORANGE COUNTY UPDATE

Recess

President Dewane declared a recess at 6:17 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 6:21 p.m.

President Dewane announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 6:22 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

18. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION:
Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(4) and 54954.5(b)

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:37 p.m.

Attorney Anslow announced that the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, District Secretary, and General Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(4) and 54954.5(b). The Board received information and there was no further announcement.

Mesa Water Regular Board Meeting of January 24, 2024

In honor of two Navy Seals, Special Warfare Operator 1st Class Christopher J. Chambers and 2nd Class Nathan G. Ingram, who were killed during a sea mission off the coast of Somalia on January 11, 2024, President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Shawn Dewane

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Shawn Dewane, President

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Denise Garcia

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Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer