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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Thursday, January 9, 2020
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 6:01 p.m. by President Dewane.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Atkinson 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
Phil Lauri, P. E., Assistant General Manager
Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager/
District Secretary
Wendy Duncan, Records Management Specialist/
Assistant District Secretary
Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/
District Treasurer
Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager
Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager
Tracy Manning, Water Operations Manager
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator
Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator
Brittany Erdman, Public Affairs Department Assistant
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Others Present

Sharon M. Browning, Principal, Sharon Browning & Associates
Dennis Albiani, Vice President, California Advocates, Inc.
Anthony Molina, Legislative Advocate, California Advocates, Inc.
Timothy McLarney, Ph.D., President, True North Research, Inc.

WELCOME BOARD WORKSHOP FACILITATOR

Item taken later in the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

There were no public comments and President Dewane proceeded with the meeting.

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

General Manager Shoenberger recommended reordering the agenda to take Items 17 and 18 after the Consent Calendar. 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 December 12, 2019.
2. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of December 17, 2019.
3. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of December 19, 2019.
4. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of December 19, 2019.
5. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
6. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
 - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
7. Ratify the 2020 Board Committee & Other Agency Liaison Assignments.
8. Approve a change order to Michael Baker International's contract to provide Construction Monitoring Services for the OC-44 Pipeline Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$145,323 (\$85,159 Mesa Water District's share, \$60,164 City of Huntington Beach's share) for a contract amount not to exceed \$886,126.
9. Award a contract to Pacific Premier Bank for five years with 2 one-year renewal options to provide Banking Services.
10. Award a contract to Fieldman Rolapp & Associates for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to provide Financial Advisory Services, and authorize execution of the contract.
11. Award a contract to T2 Tech Group, LLC for as needed Information Technology project support services in the amount of \$400,000 per year for five years.
12. Approve \$150,000 for a Strategic Communications Advisor.
13. Approve an amendment to the special legal services contract with Foley & Mansfield for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Director Fidler, to approve Items 1 – 13 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 17 - STATE ADVOCACY BRIEFING:

External Affairs Manager Taylor introduced California Advocates, Inc. Vice President Dennis Albiani and Legislative Advocate Anthony Molina. Mr. Albiani provided the Board a brief overview of the advocacy work they provided for Mesa Water in 2019 and anticipated legislation in 2020.

Messrs. Albiani and Molina responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the overview.

ITEM 18 - MESA WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMER SURVEY:

GM Shoenberger introduced Public Affairs Department Assistant Erdman who provided an overview of the topic and introduced True North Research, Inc. President Timothy McLarney who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Methodology of Study
- Most Important Issue Facing the Community
- Perceived Reliability of Water Supply
- Knowledge of Water Origin
- Aided & Unaided Awareness of Mesa Water District
- Awareness of Mesa Water by Own vs. Rent
- Opinion of Mesa Water District
- Statements about Mesa Water District
- Overall Satisfaction with Service Provider
- Satisfaction with Services Tier 1 and 2
- Satisfaction with District's Communication Efforts
- Key Findings

Dr. McLarney responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the presentation.

WELCOME BOARD WORKSHOP FACILITATOR

GM Shoenberger introduced Sharon Browning & Associates Principal Sharon M. Browning who proceeded with an introduction of herself and her firm, and an overview of her role as the District's Board Workshop Facilitator.

Ms. Browning responded to questions from the Board and they thanked her for the overview.

ACTION ITEMS:

14. PROCLAMATION IN MEMORIAM OF FORMER DIRECTOR R. MICHAEL HEALEY:

Director Bockmiller read the proclamation into the record:

Whereas, in 1995, R. Michael Healey was appointed to represent Division 5 on Mesa Water District's (Mesa Water) Board of Directors (Board). He was re-elected to the Board thereafter and retired in June of 2005; and

Whereas, he served as president of the Board from 1997 to 1998 and as first vice president in 2002 and 2003; and

Whereas he chaired several Mesa Water Board committees including Finance, Human Resources and Public Information; and

Whereas, Mr. Healey served as Mesa Water's liaison to the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) for many years and was on the Mesa Water/MWDOC Ad Hoc Committee; and

Whereas, in 2005, the R. Michael Healey Award was created by Mesa Water to honor his involvement in the loss prevention programs while he served as our representative on the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority. The award is given annually to individual employees whose contributions result in creating a safer work environment for everyone at Mesa Water. The award is Mesa Water's highest safety honor; and

Whereas, Mr. Healey has left behind a legacy that will continue to benefit the water industry and Mesa Water customers for years to come.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Mesa Water District, with deep respect and gratitude, honor the life and memory of R. Michael Healey.

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President DePasquale, to approve a proclamation honoring the life and memory of former Director R. Michael Healey. Motion passed 5-0.

15. PROCLAMATION IN MEMORIAM OF FORMER DIRECTOR TRUDY OHLIG-HALL:

Director Atkinson read the proclamation into the record:

Whereas, in 1987, Trudy Ohlig-Hall was elected to the Mesa Water District's (Mesa Water) Board of Directors (Board) and represented Division 3 for 25 years; and

Whereas, she served three terms (1994, 1996 and 2001) as Board President; and

Whereas, she served on numerous Mesa Water committees such as Engineering & Operations, Finance, Human Resources, Public Information, Audit Ad Hoc, and 50th Anniversary Ad Hoc; and

Whereas, before becoming a Mesa Water Director, Ms. Ohlig-Hall was a member of Mesa Water's Water Advisory Committee for 10 years and was appointed to the Municipal Water District of Orange County's ad-hoc committee on re-organization; and

Whereas, she was a member of the Water Advisory Council of Orange County (WACO) in its early stages. In 1993, she was instrumental in changing the charter of WACO to give all Orange County Water Agencies a voice; and

Whereas, for numerous years, Ms. Ohlig-Hall was a member of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and instrumental in the creation and chair of its "Policy Makers Forum" that was held during the AWWA Conferences. She also received the AWWA Chair's Award twice; and

Whereas, she represented Region 10 as a member of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). She served on ACWA's Water Quality Committee for over 10 years and on the statewide Finance and Audit Committee; and

Whereas, Ms. Ohlig-Hall has left behind a legacy that will continue to benefit the water industry and Mesa Water customers for years to come.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Mesa Water District, with deep respect and gratitude, honor the life and memory of Trudy Ohlig-Hall.

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve a proclamation honoring the life and memory of former Director Trudy Ohlig-Hall. Motion passed 5-0.

16. RESOLUTION NO. 1528 - INTENT TO ISSUE TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS:

Chief Financial Officer Khalifa provided an overview of the topic.

Mr. Khalifa responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the information.

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

MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Atkinson, to adopt Resolution No. 1528 Regarding the District's Intention to Issue Tax-Exempt Obligations. Motion passed 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

17. STATE ADVOCACY BRIEFING:

Item taken earlier in the agenda.

18. MESA WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMER SURVEY:

Item taken earlier in the agenda.

REPORTS:

19. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- December Key Indicators Report
- Other (no enclosure)

20. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 21. DIRECTORS' REPORTS (AB 1234) PER CA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3 (D)
- 22. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

RECESS

President Dewane declared a recess at 7:30 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

President Dewane announced that the Board was going into Closed Session at 7:33 p.m.

- 23. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6:

District Negotiator: General Manager

Employee Organization: District Employees

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:49 p.m.

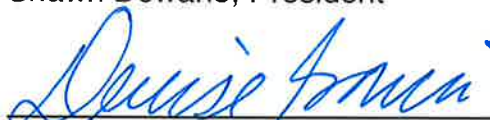
District Secretary Garcia announced that the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, Assistant General Manager, District Secretary, Chief Financial Officer and Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. The Board received information and there was no further announcement.

President Dewane adjourned the meeting in honor of former Directors R. Michael Healey and Trudy Ohlig-Hall at 7:50 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:



Shawn Dewane, President



Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Sharon D. Brimer, Recording Secretary