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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, August 11, 2021
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

Director Fisler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

Marice H. DePasquale President
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director
Jim Atkinson, Director *(arrived at 4:40 p.m.)*
James R. Fisler, Director

Directors Absent

Shawn Dewane, Vice President

Staff Present

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager/
District Secretary
Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/
District Treasurer
Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E, Principal Engineer
Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Others Present

Brenda Deeley CEO, Brenda Deeley, PR, LLC
Wendy Wiles, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

There were no comments and President DePasquale proceeded with the meeting.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED, REMOVED OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

Director Bockmiller pulled Item 9 for discussion. 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 adjourned regular Board meeting of July 6, 2021.

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2. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of July 8, 2021.
3. Approve minutes of adjourned regular Board meeting of July 27, 2021.
4. Approve minutes of adjourned regular Board meeting of July 28, 2021.
5. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
6. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
7. Approve a contract with Brenda Deeley PR, LLC from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$115,200 to provide Public Affairs Consulting Services.
8. Receive the Quarterly Training Report for April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.
9. Authorize President DePasquale to be the voting delegate for the Association of California Water Agencies Region 10 Board Election for the 2022-2023 term and direct staff to cast Mesa Water District's ballot in favor of the slate of nominees as recommended by the Region 10 Nominating Committee.

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Fisler, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve Items 1 – 8 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 3 – 2, with Vice President Dewane and Director Atkinson absent.

ITEM 9 - Authorize President DePasquale to be the voting delegate for the Association of California Water Agencies Region 10 Board Election for the 2022-2023 term and direct staff to cast Mesa Water District's ballot in favor of the slate of nominees as recommended by the Region 10 Nominating Committee.

Water Policy Manager Taylor provided a brief overview of the topic.

Ms. Taylor responded to questions from the Board and they thanked her for the information.

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Fisler, to approve Item 9 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 3 – 2, with Vice President Dewane and Director Atkinson absent.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

10. CHANDLER & CRODDY WELLS AND PIPELINE PROJECT – CHANDLER WELL WATER QUALITY AND YIELD:

Principal Engineer Wiesner provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Background
- Chandler Well No. 12 Zone Sampling
- Chandler and Croddy Well Water Quality

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Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

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

11. FISCAL YEAR 2022 PUBLIC AFFAIRS PLAN:

Brenda Deeley, PR, LLC CEO Brenda Deeley provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Fiscal Year 2021 Accomplishments/Successes
- Mesa Water Strategic Plan Goals
- Mesa Water Communications Objectives
- Strategy
- Paid, Earned, Shared, and Owned Media (PESO) Model
- Internal Communications
- Mesa Water Education Center Grand Opening

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

12. ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS:

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to approve the appointment nominations for Mesa Water District representatives to serve on committees of the Association of California Water Agencies. Motion passed 4 – 1, with Vice President Dewane absent.

13. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM ASSISTANT DISTRICT TREASURER:

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

MOTION

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

- a. Appoint Kurt Lind as Interim Assistant District Treasurer, effective August 12, 2021;
- b. Authorize a prorated stipend of \$190 per meeting for the Interim Assistant District Treasurer when acting in the role of the Assistant District Treasurer; and
- c. Authorize the General Manager to determine and direct when the Interim Assistant District Treasurer appointment shall terminate.

Motion passed 4 – 1, with Vice President Dewane absent.

REPORTS:

14. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- July Key Indicators Report
- Other (no enclosure)

15. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

INFORMATION ITEMS:

16. DELINQUENT PAYMENTS

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

18. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

RECESS

President DePasquale declared a recess at 5:27 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 5:34 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

President DePasquale announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 5:34 p.m.

19. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:

Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9 (d)(1) and 54954.5 (c)

Case: *Mesa Water District v. KDC, INC., dba KDC SYSTEMS, INC., dba DYNALECTRIC*

Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2016-00832860-CU-BC-CJC

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:49 p.m.

District Secretary Garcia 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)(1) and 54954.5 (c). The Board received information and there was no further announcement.

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President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Marice H. DePasquale, President

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Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer