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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Wednesday, February 9, 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 4:31 p.m. by Acting President Dewane.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Fisler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Directors Present**

Shawn Dewane, Vice President  
Jim Atkinson, Director  
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director  
James R. Fisler, Director

**Directors Absent**

Marice H. DePasquale, President

**Staff Present**

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager  
Phil Lauri, P.E., Assistant General Manager  
Wendy Duncan, Records Management Specialist/  
Acting District Secretary  
Tracy Manning, Water Operations Manager  
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager  
Anthony Phou, Controller  
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., Principal Engineer  
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

**Others Present**

Michael R. Markus, General Manager, Orange County Water District (OCWD)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

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

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

General Manager Shoenberger reported that there were no items to be added, removed, or reordered on the agenda.

**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.

Director Bockmiller pulled Item 6 for discussion. There were no objections.

*Mesa Water Regular Board Meeting February 9, 2022*

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of January 12, 2022.
2. Approve minutes of adjourned regular Board meeting of January 25, 2022.
3. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
4. Board Schedule:
  - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
  - Board Calendar
5. Receive the Quarterly Training Report for October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.
6. Approve a proclamation honoring Eddie Nunez for his dedicated and committed service to Mesa Water District.

Acting President Dewane 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 4 – 1, with President DePasquale absent.

ITEM 6 – Approve a proclamation honoring Eddie Nunez for his dedicated and committed service to Mesa Water District.

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Fisler, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve Item 6 of the Consent Calendar and to include the proclamation text in the meeting minutes. Motion passed 4 – 1, with President DePasquale absent.

*A Day of Celebration to Honor the Career of Eddie Nunez*

*“Eddie Nunez began his career at Mesa Water District on December 9, 1996 as a Water Maintenance Worker I and worked his way up through the organization holding job titles including Water Maintenance Worker II, Water Maintenance Crewleader and Senior Operator; and*

*Whereas, as a Water Maintenance Worker I/II, Eddie was involved in operating, maintaining, installing, and repairing the District’s water distribution infrastructure to ensure an uninterrupted supply of quality potable water to the customers of Mesa Water District; and*

*Whereas, as a Water Maintenance Crewleader and Senior Operator, Eddie worked on many capital projects, supervised the work sites for many of our valve and hydrant replacements over the years, and successfully completed countless emergency repairs; he also ensured that the projects were completed in a timely manner and that proper work methods were followed; and*

*Whereas, Eddie’s achievements throughout his career included completing the ACWA/JPIA Professional Development Program Certification and obtaining the State Water Resources Control Board Drinking Water Operator Grade 1-3 Water Distribution certificates and serving as a Safety Ambassador for many years; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Mesa Water District hereby recognizes and honors you for your more than 25 years of dedicated and committed service to the District and wishes you the best as you begin your retirement.”*

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**7. ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BRIEFING:**

Acting President Dewane introduced OCWD General Manager Michael Markus who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Fiscal Year (FY) 22-23 Proposed Budget
  - FY 22-23 Budget Recommendations
- Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances
  - Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)
  - PFAS Treatment Plants
- Groundwater Basin Conditions
  - OCWD Groundwater Basin Accumulated Overdraft
- Potential South Orange County/Moulton Niguel Water District Emergency Water Supply Program
- Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) Final Expansion Update

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**8. 2020 WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN:**

GM Shoenberger introduced Principal Engineer Wiesner.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

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

**MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to adopt Resolution No. 1562 Approving the Adoption of the 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan as Amended. Motion passed 4 – 1, by the following roll call vote:

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

**9. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE ORDINANCE:**

Acting President Dewane announced that the Public Hearing was now opened for the purpose of receiving comments on the Water Shortage Response Ordinance.

Acting District Secretary Duncan reported that the Notice of Public Hearing and full text of the proposed Ordinance was posted at Mesa Water District’s kiosk and website and at

Costa Mesa City Hall. A ¼ page legal advertisement was published in the Daily Pilot on January 26, 2022 and February 2, 2022.

Acting President Dewane opened the floor for Board discussion. No comments were offered.

Acting District Secretary Duncan reported that the District had not received any written or verbal comments regarding proposed Ordinance No. 33.

Acting President Dewane opened the floor for public comments. There were no members of the public present.

Acting President Dewane declared the public comments segment closed.

Acting President Dewane opened the floor for discussion by the Board. There were no comments.

Acting President Dewane declared that the Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Director Fisler, to adopt Ordinance No. 33 Making Findings, Adopting the Mesa Water District Water Shortage Response Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance No. 32 and Taking Related Actions. Motion passed 4 – 1, by the following roll call vote:

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

10. STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY:

Controller Phou provided a brief overview of the topic.

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

Director Bockmiller offered that state law imposes extreme limitations on investment vehicles, which result in funds being invested in ways that guarantee a loss of value against inflation. This is the opposite of the intent of preservation of principal stated in the investment policy. For example, the current rate of return is below two percent and inflation is running between five and seven percent.

MOTION

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

- a. Approve the administrative changes to Resolution No. 1563 Statement of Investment Policy to reflect the same data on both the resolution and Exhibit B;
- b. Approve Mesa Water District’s authorized limits to match those allowed by statute, including investing no more than 10 percent of its total investment assets in the commercial paper of any single issuer; and

- c. Adopt Resolution No. 1563 Delegating Authority Relative to Investment or Reinvestment of Specified Funds, and Adopting a Revised Statement of Investment Policy, Superseding Resolution No. 1540.

Motion passed 4 – 1, by the following roll call vote:

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

**REPORTS:**

- 11. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:
  - January Key Indicators Report
  - Other (no enclosure)
- 12. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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

Acting President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:

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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