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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Wednesday, March 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 4:32 p.m. by President DePasquale.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Bockmiller 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  
Phil Lauri, P.E., Assistant General Manager  
Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager/  
District Secretary  
Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/  
District Treasurer  
Tracy Manning, Water Operations Manager  
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager  
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator  
Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator  
Camille Shehadeh, Human Resources Analyst  
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

**Others Present**

Susie Emami, Senior Vice President, Capital Group  
Ralph Heckert, Senior Vice President, Capital Group  
Bob Kelly, Senior Vice President, Capital Group  
Max Sasso, Senior Vice President, Capital Group  
Jeff Ruderman, Vice President, Capital Group  
Georg S. Krammer, Managing Director, Koff & Associates  
*(teleconference)*

**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**

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

### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of February 9, 2022.
2. Approve minutes of adjourned regular Board meeting of February 22, 2022.
3. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
4. Board Schedule:
  - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
  - Board Calendar

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

### **MOTION**

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve Items 1 – 4 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 – 0.

### **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### **5. INVESTMENT UPDATE:**

Chief Financial Officer Khalifa introduced Capital Group Senior Vice President Bob Kelly who provided a brief overview of the topic and introduced each member of his team.

The Capital Group team provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Capital Markets Overview
- Investment Strategy Analysis
- Investment Recommendations
- Reporting
- Next Steps
- Capital Group Team Bios

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

The Capital Group team responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the presentation.

### **RECESS**

President DePasquale declared a recess at 5:09 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 5:20 p.m.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **6. CAPITAL CHARGE:**

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to direct staff to bring an updated Secretary's Report to the April Board meeting based on the following:

- a. A parcel with a single meter to be charged the capital charge equal to that parcel's meter size;
- b. A parcel with multiple meters to be charged the capital charge equal to the numbers of meters and the meter size located on those parcels;
- c. A community that has a HOA with a meter and no taxable parcel number spread the capital charge for the meters over the number of homeowner parcels;
- d. When a meter is located on a taxable parcel owned by the HOA, charge the capital charge to the HOA on their property tax; and,
- e. When a meter is located on one commercial property but serves multiple commercial parcels, spread that capital charge evenly over the number of parcels served by the meter.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

7. 2022 STATE LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO WATER AND GOVERNANCE:

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

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

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

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

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Fisler, to approve the recommended positions on the 2022 State Legislation pertaining to Water and Governance. Motion passed 5 – 0.

**RECESS**

President DePasquale declared a recess at 5:50 p.m. to conduct the Mesa Water District Improvement Corporation Annual Meeting.

8. MESA WATER DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING:

The Board meeting reconvened at 5:52 p.m.

**REPORTS:**

9. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- February Key Indicators Report
- Other (no enclosure)

10. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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

12. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

President DePasquale announced that the Board was going into Closed Session at 6:15 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

13. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6:

District Negotiator: General Manager

Employee Organization: Represented and Non-Represented Employees

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:57 p.m.

District Secretary Garcia announced that the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, District Secretary, Human Resources Analyst, and Koff & Associates Managing Director pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6. The Board received information and gave direction to staff. There was no further announcement.

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Marice H. DePasquale, President

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Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer