

RESOLUTION NO. 1585**RESOLUTION OF THE
MESA WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REQUESTING THE
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES R. FISLER TO FILL
ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT'S
DIVISION SEVEN BOARD VACANCY**

WHEREAS, Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) is a county water district organized and operating pursuant to the provisions of the laws of the State of California (State or California); and

WHEREAS, due to the unexpected passing of Orange County Water District (OCWD) Director Kelly Rowe of Division Seven, a vacancy exists on the OCWD Board of Directors (OCWD Board); and

WHEREAS, at its December 6, 2023, meeting, the OCWD Board voted to approve a process and schedule to appoint an individual to fill the Division Seven vacancy. If such an appointment is made, the person appointed shall fill the balance of the unexpired term of the Division seat; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James R. Fislser currently meets all of the requirements for appointment to the OCWD Board as he is over 18 years of age, a registered voter, resides within OCWD's Division Seven, and is not disqualified from holding civil office by the Constitution or any law of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fislser has extensive experience in the water industry and in his community, including engagement as Commissioner of the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission, President of the Independent Special Districts of Orange County, Vice Chair of the Orange County Housing and Community Development Commission, Board Member of both the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries, and actively engaged with the City of Costa Mesa – including as Planning Commissioner, Parks Commissioner, Chair of the Finance and Pension Oversight Committee, and Senior Center Board Member; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fislser has demonstrated his commitment to matters important to OCWD and its constituents. His recent close showing in the 2022 November Election for the OCWD Board demonstrates the public's confidence in Mr. Fislser's background, qualifications, and experience; and

WHEREAS, it is Mesa Water's Board of Directors' (Board) belief that Mr. Fislser is well suited and highly qualified to be considered for appointment to fill the current vacancy on the OCWD Board; and

WHEREAS, Mesa Water's Board desires to express its full support for the consideration by the OCWD Board to appoint Mr. Fisler to fill the current OCWD Division Seven Board vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MESA WATER DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Expression of Support and Request for Consideration. The Board of Directors of Mesa Water District hereby expresses its full support for the appointment of Mr. James R. Fisler to fill OCWD's Division Seven Board vacancy. The Board respectfully requests that the OCWD Board consider Mr. Fisler for appointment to fill the current vacancy in Division Seven.

Section 3. Provision of Resolution. The District Secretary is authorized and directed to promptly provide a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary and Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District.

Section 4. Other Actions. Mesa Water's General Manager, other officers, staff, and consultants are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary and appropriate actions as may be required or desirable to carry out the directives of this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Board.

ADOPTED, SIGNED, and APPROVED this 13th day of December 2023 by a roll call vote.

AYES: DIRECTORS:
NOES: DIRECTORS:
ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS:
ABSENT: DIRECTORS:

Shawn Dewane
President, Board of Directors

Denise Garcia
District Secretary