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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, February 28, 2024
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 4:40 p.m. by President Dewane.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Fisler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

Shawn Dewane, President
Marice H. DePasquale, Vice President *(arrived at 4:52 p.m.)*
Jim Atkinson, Director *(arrived at 4:52 p.m.)*
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director
James R. Fisler, Director

Directors Absent

None

Staff Present

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
Denise Garcia, Chief Administrative Officer/
District Secretary
Tyler Jernigan, Water Operations Manager/Acting District
Treasurer
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., District Engineer
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator
Hester "Fritz" Petropoulos, M.Ed., Water Use Efficiency and
Education Coordinator
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Specialist
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Others Present

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Dewane asked for public comments.

There was no public present and President Dewane 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. There were no objections.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Receive and file the Developer Project Status Report.
2. Receive and file the Mesa Water and Other Agency Projects Status Report.
3. Receive and file the Water Quality Call Report.
4. Receive and file the Accounts Paid Listing.
5. Receive and file the Monthly Financial Reports.
6. Receive and file the Outreach Update.
7. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2024 Second Quarter Financial Update.
8. Receive and file the Quarterly Training Report for October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

MOTION

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

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

9. WATER-WISE GARDENS AT COSTA MESA CITY HALL:

Water Use Efficiency and Education Coordinator Petropoulos provided an overview of the topic and proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Public Water-Wise Garden Goals
- Current Water-Wise Gardens
- Water-Wise Gardens Locations at City Hall
- Rendering of New Signage
- Benefits of Project
- Financial Impact
- Recommendation

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Fisler, to approve the refurbishment of three public-facing gardens at Costa Mesa City Hall with water-wise plants and updated branded signage. Motion passed 3 – 2, with Vice President DePasquale and Director Atkinson absent.

10. PROCEDURE FOR WILL-SERVE LETTERS:

District Engineer Wiesner provided an overview of the topic and proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following will-serve letter procedure:

- District Engineer will review the request
- Requester provides information as to the location, type of use, number of units, estimated fixtures, and preliminary plans

- Will-Serve Letter Requests will be listed on the Developer Project Status Report
- Obtain approval for Will-Serve Letter:
 - Four or fewer residential parcels will be approved by the District Engineer
 - More than four residential parcels or a commercial, industrial, or institutional development will be agendized at a meeting of the Board of Directors

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

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

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to approve the proposed process.

A substitute motion was offered.

MOTION

Motion by President Dewane, second by Director Fisler, to approve the proposed process, with a modification to remove the requirement of Board approval. Motion passed 3 – 2, with Directors Bockmiller and Atkinson voting no.

11. REQUESTS FOR WILL-SERVE LETTERS:

District Engineer Wiesner provided an overview of the topic and proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- 695 W. 19th Street
- 615 and 617 Victoria Street
- 3333 Susan Street
- Recommendation

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

ACTION ITEMS:

12. CALIFORNIANS FOR ENERGY AND WATER ABUNDANCE:

Water Policy Manager Taylor provided an overview of the topic.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

MOTION

Motion by President Dewane, second by Vice President DePasquale, to approve a grant contribution to the California Policy Center for \$25,000 to help fund and support the organization's ongoing research on Water Solutions for California and include in annual Memberships. Motion failed 2 – 3, with Directors Atkinson, Bockmiller and Fisler voting no.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to approve a grant contribution to the California Policy Center for \$12,500 to help fund and support the organization's ongoing research on Water Solutions for California. Motion passed 5 – 0.

13. WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND OPTIMIZATION MODEL UPGRADES:

Water Operations Manager Jernigan provided an overview of the topic.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by President Dewane, to approve a contract with Carollo Engineers for an amount not to exceed \$122,500 to implement Blue Plan-It software which upgrades the original Water Supply and Demand Optimization Model. Motion passed 5 – 0.

14. DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT:

GM Shoenberger provided an overview of the topic.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

The Board directed staff to agendize *Directors' Compensation and Expense Reimbursement* biennially beginning in 2025.

REPORTS:

15. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- January Key Indicators Report

16. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

17. FEDERAL ADVOCACY UPDATE

18. STATE ADVOCACY UPDATE

19. ORANGE COUNTY UPDATE

Mesa Water Regular Board Meeting of February 28, 2024

President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Shawn Dewane, President

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Denise Garcia
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Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer