MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
September 17, 2025

At 8:30 a.m., President McVicker called to order the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County in the Boardroom at the District facilities located in Fountain Valley, as well as including attendance via the Zoom Webinar application. Following a moment of silence, Director Seckel led the Pledge of Allegiance, and District Secretary Crespi called the roll.

MWDOC Directors
Al Nederhood
Larry Dick* (arrived at 9:01 a.m.)
Karl W. Seckel*
Bob McVicker
Randall Crane
Jeffery M. Thomas
Megan Yoo Schneider

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

Other MWDOC MET Directors
Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman

Staff
Harvey De La Torre, General Manager
Melissa Baum-Haley, Assistant General Manager
Angela Crespi, District Secretary
Charles Busslinger, Director of Engineering/ District Engineer
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT
Cathy Harris, Director of Human Resources and Administration
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Jennifer Wicks, Public Affairs Communications Manager
Kathy Pham, Assistant Board Secretary
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer
Rachel Waite-Harvey, Water Use Efficiency Programs Supervisor
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel
Katrina Wraight, Legal Counsel

Also Present

Dick Ackerman	Ackerman Consulting
Richard Armendariz	City of Fullerton
Andrew Grajeda	City of Fullerton
Dennis Cafferty	El Toro Water District
Vu Chu	El Toro Water District
Mike Gaskins	El Toro Water District
Kay Havens	El Toro Water District
Doug Reinhart	Irvine Ranch Water District
Peer Swan	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Weghorst	Irvine Ranch Water District
Jim Atkinson	Mesa Water District
Albert Napoli	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Dick Fiore	Moulton Niguel Water District
Donald Froelich	Moulton Niguel Water District
Sherry Wanninger	Moulton Niguel Water District
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Chris Olsen	Orange County Water District
Rick Erkeneff	Orange County Water District

Charles Luas	Orchard Dale Water District
Frank Ury	Santa Margarita Water District
Saundra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Jennifer Lopez	South Coast Water District
John Horst	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Brett Barbre	Yorba Linda Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Chuck Gibson	

TELECONFERENCE SITE

Director McVicker participated via teleconference location (all agenda requirements pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act requirements were complied with).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President McVicker asked whether any member of the public had any comments on items that were not on the agenda.

There were no public comments.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

No items were received.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD LESS THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING

President McVicker inquired as to whether there were any items distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

District Secretary Crespi reported that no items were distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2162

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 4)

President McVicker stated that all matters under the Consent Calendar would be approved by one MOTION unless a Director wished to consider an item separately.

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (6-0), the Board approved Consent Calendar Items 1 – 4, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Nederhood, Seckel, McVicker, Crane, Thomas, and Yoo Schneider
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Director Dick

1. MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

a. August 4, 2025 Planning & Operations Committee Meeting
b. August 6, 2025 Workshop Board Meeting
c. August 13, 2025 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
d. August 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
e. August 20, 2025 Special Executive Committee Meeting

2. TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

a. MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of August 31, 2025
b. Disbursement Registers (August/September)

The following items were received and filed as presented.

c. Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment report) as of July 31, 2025
d. PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

The following item was received and filed as presented.

a. Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending July 31, 2025

4. WEB-BASED REBATE PROCESSING AND DATABASING PLATFORM CONTRACT AWARD

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a five-year professional services agreement with Submittable, for the development and implementation of MWDOC's web-based rebate processing platform, at a total cost not to exceed $192,100 across five years ($54,100 in year one and $34,500 for years two through five) and extend the current vendor agreement with Droplet Technologies for six months to June 30, 2026 to allow for any transition work to be completed, at the cost not to exceed $10,750.

End Consent Calendar

PRESENTATION ITEM

5. AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – CITY OF FULLERTON

City of Fullerton Water Systems Manager Andrew Grajeda and Water Production Supervisor Richard Armendariz provided a presentation that highlighted the essential functions of the Public Works Department, Water Engineering, Water Operations, and MWDOC shared services.

Following a brief discussion and question/answer period, the Board thanked Mr. Grajeda and Mr. Armendariz for their presentation.

INFORMATION CALENDAR

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, SEPTEMBER (ORAL AND WRITTEN)

General Manager Harvey De La Torre advised that the full General Manager's report was included in the Board packet.

General Manager Harvey De La Torre informed the Board that he received positive feedback on the recent Metropolitan Inspection Trip hosted by Director Ackerman and Director Erdman, and he thanked both directors for their efforts.

There was a brief discussion on the Wholesale Water Group meeting hosted by San Diego County Water Authority, which serves as a forum for collaboration and the exchange of ideas on the conservation framework.

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

7. MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Board of Directors - Reports re: Conferences and Meetings

The Board members each reported on their attendance at the regular MWDOC Board and Committee meetings. In addition to these meetings, the following reports were made on conferences and meetings attended on behalf of the District.

Director Nederhood reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting), WACO meeting, ISDOC meeting, Yorba Linda Water District Board meeting, several MET meetings, Urban Water Institute Annual Conference, and the California Special Districts Association Annual Conference. He requested a moment of silence prior to adjourning the Board meeting.

Director McVicker advised that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting), several MET meetings (Subcommittee on Imported Water, Joint Board and Executive Committee, and the Engineering, Operations and Technology meetings), meeting with General Manager Harvey De La Torre, ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, State Water Resources Control Board public hearing on DCP, and the WACO Planning Committee meeting.

Director Seckel reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting), WACO and WACO Planning meetings, regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, MET Special Board meeting for the General Manager recruitment, OC Water Summit, Orange County chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies meeting, and a Symposium on Climate. He recommended that the Board attend the September 30th Metropolitan CAMP for Water Subcommittee to discuss upcoming

decisions as well as the Metropolitan Inspection Trip of the Colorado River scheduled for November 7 – 8, 2025.

Director Crane advised that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting), Irvine Ranch Water District Board meeting, Yorba Linda Water District Board meeting, OC Water Summit and UCI Sustain SoCal.

Director Thomas reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting), Urban Water Institute Annual Conference, ACWA Finance Committee, OC Water Summit and Speakers Dinner.

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting), Santa Margarita Water District Committee and Board meetings, South Coast Water District Board meetings, UCI Sustain SoCal, and several National Science Foundation meetings.

Director Dick arrived at 9:01 a.m.

Director Dick reported that he attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Administration & Finance meeting as well as the Regular Board meeting), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, several Urban Water Institute meetings, Urban Water Institute Annual Conference, and the OC Water Summit.

b. Requests for Future Agenda Topics

No future agenda topics were requested.

President McVicker called for a moment of silence.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President McVicker adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Angela Crespi
District Secretary