MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
July 16, 2025

At 8:30 a.m., President McVicker called to order the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County in Conference Room 101 at the District facilities located in Fountain Valley, as well as including attendance via the Zoom Webinar application. Following a moment of silence, Vice President Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance, and District Secretary Crespi called the roll.

MWDOC Directors
Al Nederhood
Larry Dick*
Karl W. Seckel*
Bob McVicker
Randall Crane (absent)
Jeffery F. Thomas
Megan Yoo Schneider (absent)

*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
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management/ WEROC
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Jennifer Wicks, Communications Manager
Kathy Pham, Assistant Board Secretary
Rachel Davis, Water Loss Control Programs Supervisor
Rachel Waite-Harvey, Water Use Efficiency Program Supervisor
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel
Katrina Wraight, Legal Counsel

Also Present

Dick Ackerman	Ackerman Consulting
Mark Vukojevic	City of Newport Beach
Doug Davert	East Orange County Water District
Dennis Cafferty	El Toro Water District
Vu Chu	El Toro Water District
Kathryn Freshley	El Toro Water District
Mike Gaskins	El Toro Water District
Kay Havens	El Toro Water District
Mark Monin	El Toro Water District
Sherri Seitz	El Toro Water District
Doug Reinhart	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Weghorst	Irvine Ranch Water District
Keith Van Der Maaten	Laguna Beach County Water District
Jim Atkinson	Mesa Water District
Stacy Taylor	Mesa Water District
Albert Napoli	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Donald Froelich	Moulton Niguel Water District
Sherry Wanninger	Moulton Niguel Water District
Diane Rifkin	Moulton Niguel Water District
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
John Kennedy	Orange County Water District
Chris Olsen	Orange County Water District
Charles Luas	Orchard Dale Water District
Greg Mills	Serrano Water District

Laura Freese	Santa Margarita Water District
Betty Olson	Santa Margarita Water District
Nicole Stanfield	Santa Margarita Water District
Jennifer Lopez	South Coast Water District
Bill Green	South Coast Water District
John Horst	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Fernando Paludi	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Gene Hernandez	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 announced that members of the public wishing to comment on agenda items could do so after the item has been discussed by the Board and requested members of the public identify themselves when called on. 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 MEETING

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

No items were distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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 Vice President Thomas, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (5-0), the Board approved Consent Calendar Items 1 – 7, by the following roll call vote:

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

1. MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

a. June 4, 2025 Workshop Board Meeting
b. June 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

2. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

The following Committee Meeting reports were received and filed as presented.

a.	Planning & Operations Committee Meeting:	June 2, 2025
b.	Administration & Finance Committee Meeting:	June 11, 2025
c.	Executive Committee Meeting:	June 19, 2025

3. TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

a. MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of June 30, 2025
b. Disbursement Registers (June/July)

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 May 31, 2025
d. PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

The following item was received and filed as presented.

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

5. SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (SDRMA) ELECTION

The Board authorized the Board President to review the candidates running for the SDRMA Board of Directors, giving priority to the incumbents for Orange County, and authorize staff to cast the District's ballot based on his direction.

6. CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION – SOUTHERN NETWORK, SEAT B

The Board authorized the Board President to review the candidates running for the CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat B, and authorize staff to cast the District's electronic ballot based on his direction.

7. AWARD OF CONSULTANT CONTRACT FOR 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN SHARED SERVICES PROGRAM

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Carollo Engineers, Inc. (Carollo) to assist in the development of MWDOC's and Participating Agencies' 2025 Urban Water Management Plans (UWMP); authorize expenditure of $74,727 plus a contingency of 10% for an amount not to exceed $82,200 for the preparation of MWDOC's 2025 UWMP; and authorized the General Manager to enter into agreements with the Participating Agencies for cost-sharing in this effort.

– END CONSENT CALENDAR –

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. MEMBER AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

City of Newport Beach Utilities Director Mark Vukojevic provided a presentation that highlighted the essential functions of the Utilities Department, including: water systems and use, Big Canyon Reservoir, water meters, a water well project, wastewater, storm drains, tide valves, street sweeping, graffiti removal, streetlights, and oil and gas.

Following a brief discussion and question/answer period, the Board thanked Mr. Vukojevic and received and filed the presentation.

INFORMATION CALENDAR

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, JULY

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

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

11. 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 regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting), multiple MET committee meetings and its Board meeting, WACO, the ACC-OC Annual Leadership Summit and Golden Hub of Innovation Awards, OC Water Summit Planning Committee meeting and MWDOC Water Policy Forum. Director Nederhood thanked MET staff for their update on fluoride, commending their work in presenting the information clearly and effectively. He also informed the Board that Arlene Schaefer from the Costa Mesa Sanitary District will be retiring.

Director Dick reported that he attended the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting) and MET meetings, the OC Water Summit Planning Committee meeting, Urban Water Institute meeting, MWDOC Water Policy Forum, MET Caucus meeting, WACO and WACO Planning

meetings, and MET Ad Hoc Committee meeting on Agriculture and Tribal Partnerships.

Director McVicker advised that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting), MET Committee meetings and MET Special and Regular Board meeting, ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, a California Natural Resources Agency webinar on budget cuts, and WACO and WACO Planning meetings.

Director Seckel reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting), the regularly scheduled MET Board and Committee meetings, MET Caucus meeting, and WACO and WACO Planning meetings, MWDOC Water Policy Forum, and met with Dr. Steven Choi on the Governor's Trailer Bill and Delta Conveyance Project.

Director Thomas reported that he attended all the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Administration & Finance, Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Workshop meeting and Regular Board meeting), MWDOC Water Policy Forum, ACWA Finance Committee meeting, and a ceremony for the naming of the Tustin City Yard.

b. Requests for Future Agenda Topics

No future agenda topics were requested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President McVicker adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Angela Crespi
District Secretary