MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
March 18, 2026

At 8:30 a.m., President Dick called to order the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) 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, Assistant General Manager Melissa Baum-Haley led the Pledge of Allegiance, and District Secretary Crespi called the roll.

MWDOC Directors
Al Nederhood
Larry Dick
Bob McVicker
Karl W. Seckel*
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
Heather Baez, Director of Government Affairs
Cathy Harris, Director of Human Resources and Administration
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Jennifer Wicks, Communications Manager
Tiffany Baca, Education and Workforce Manager
Kathy Pham, Assistant Board Secretary
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer
Rachel Waite-Harvey, Water Use Efficiency Programs Supervisor
Katrina Wraight, Legal Counsel

Also Present

Dick Ackerman	Ackerman Consulting
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
Paul Weghorst	Irvine Ranch Water District
Jim Atkinson	Mesa Water District
James Fisler	Mesa 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
Saundra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Bill Green	South Coast Water District
Jennifer Lopez	South Coast Water District
John Horst	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Michael Perea	Trabuco Canyon Water District

Brett Barbre	Yorba Linda Water District
Gene Hernandez	Yorba Linda Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Chuck Gibson	

TELECONFERENCE SITES

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

Director McVicker was participating remotely due to Just Cause circumstances under Section 54953.8.3 of the Brown Act, and notice had been provided to the Board of Directors (Board).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Dick 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 Dick 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. 2169

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 4)

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board approved Consent Calendar Items 1 – 4 by the following roll call vote:

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

1. MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

a. February 2, 2026 Planning & Operations Committee Meeting
b. February 4, 2026 Workshop Board Meeting
c. February 11, 2026 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
d. February 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
e. February 19, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting

2. TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

a. MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of February 28, 2026
b. Disbursement Registers (February/March)

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 January 31, 2026
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 January 31, 2026

4. AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CENTER FOR DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH (CDR)

The Board approved continued participation in the CDR for Fiscal Years 2026-27 ($77,272), 2027-28 ($80,308), and 2028-29 ($85,656) for a total of $243,236 over the 3-year MOU term.

ACTION ITEM

5. APPROVAL OF 401(a) MONEY PURCHASE PENSION PLAN DOCUMENTS

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted Resolution No. 2169 Approving the Restatement of the Municipal Water District of Orange County Money Purchase Pension Plan by the following roll call vote:

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

INFORMATION CALENDAR

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

The Board discussed Water Energy Education Alliance (WEEA) co-facilitating the Santiago Canyon College documentary screening and student networking event, MWDOC tree incentive program, and Orange County Data Acquisition Partnership (OCDAP) Steering and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting and how aerial imagery is used.

Director Seckel requested that staff agendize Senate Bill (SB) 72 at a future meeting as information becomes available.

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 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 Joint Workshop and Regular Board meeting), South Coast Water District Board meeting, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance Water, Chemistry & Water Project meeting, and several Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) Board and Committee meetings.

Director McVicker reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meeting), several Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) Executive Committee meeting, Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) and WACO Planning, and State Water Resources Control Board hearing.

Director Nederhood advised that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meeting), several Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, ISDOC, WACO meeting, Orange County Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee meeting, California Data Collaborative meeting, and Urban Water Institute Spring Conference. Director Nederhood provided a recap of the Metropolitan meetings he attended.

Director Thomas reported that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Administration & Finance and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meeting), Orange County Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee meetings, Urban Water Institute Spring Conference, and a meeting with the General Manager.

Director Seckel advised that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meeting), Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, WACO and WACO Planning, and Inland Caucus meeting.

Director Crane reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meeting), Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, Urban Water Institute Spring Conference, WACO meeting, ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, and an inspection trip with Director Erdman.

Director Dick advised that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations and Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meeting), Orange County Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee meeting, WACO and WACO Planning, ISDOC, and Cal Cities Orange County Division Quarterly meeting.

b. Requests for Future Agenda Topics

Under Item No. 6, General Manager's Report, Director Seckel requested that staff agendize Senate Bill (SB) 72 at a future meeting as information becomes available.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Dick adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Angela Crespi
District Secretary