MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
May 20, 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, Director McVicker led the Pledge of Allegiance, and District Secretary Angela Crespi called the roll.

MWDOC Directors
Al Nederhood
Larry Dick
Bob McVicker
Karl W. Seckel*
Randall Crane*
Jeffery M. Thomas
Megan Yoo Schneider (arrived at 8:47 a.m.)

*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
Charles Busslinger, Director of Engineering/ District Engineer
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT
Heather Baez, Director of Government Affairs
Cathleen Harris, Director of Human Resources and Administration
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Jennifer Wicks, Communications Manager
Kathy Pham, Assistant Board Secretary
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer
Rachel Waite-Harvey, Water Use Efficiency Programs Supervisor
Jared Dawson, Water Resources Policy Analyst
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel
Katrina Wraight, Legal Counsel

Also Present

Dick Ackerman	Ackerman Consulting
Paul Jones	Dopudja & Wells
Doug Davert	East Orange County 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
Doug Reinhart	Irvine Ranch Water District
Peer Swan	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Weghorst	Irvine Ranch Water District
Keith Van Der Maaten	Laguna Beach County Water District
Albert Napoli	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Donald Froelich	Moulton Niguel Water District
Marina Lindsay	Moulton Niguel Water District
Sherry Wanninger	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
Laura Freese	Santa Margarita Water District
Saundra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Jennifer Lopez	South Coast Water District
Brett Barbre	Yorba Linda Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Chuck Gibson	
John Monsen	

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

John Monsen, representing the Sierra Club, provided an overview of Cadiz, Inc.

President Dick thanked Mr. Monsen for his comments and for attending the Board meeting.

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 of Directors (Board) less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2173

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 6)

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

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

1. MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

a. April 1, 2026 Workshop Board Meeting
b. April 6, 2026 Planning & Operations Committee Meeting

c. April 8, 2026 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
d. April 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
e. April 16, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting
f. April 22, 2026 Jt. Planning Committee Meeting

2. TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

a. MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of April 30, 2026
b. Disbursement Registers (March/April)

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 March 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 March 31, 2026

4. NV5 GEOSPATIAL LANDSCAPE CLASSIFICATION AND MAPPING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

The Board approved a contract change order with NV5 Geospatial in the amount of $200,000, for a total revised not to exceed amount of $1.6 million, to provide landscape classification and mapping requirements and to extend the contract term for an additional two years through June 30, 2028 and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract.

5. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE

The Board awarded Hazen and Sawyer a 1-year contract, for $144,260 plus a 10% contingency for a total not to exceed amount of $158,686, to provide Geographic Information System implementation assistance and authorize the General Manager to executive the contract, with the option for an additional 1-year renewal.

6. ELECTION INFORMATION FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT – CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

The Board authorized staff to submit the Transmittal of Election Information form to the Orange County Registrar of Voters, indicating that the Candidate's Statement of Qualifications will be limited to 200 words and that the District will not pay for the statements.

End of Consent Calendar

ACTION ITEMS

7. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A BUREAU OF RECLAMATION 2026 WATERSMART SMART-SCALE WATER EFFICIENCY PROJECTS GRANT APPLICATION

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted Resolution No. 2173 supporting a Bureau of Reclamation 2026 WaterSMART Smart-Scale Water Efficiency Project Grant Application by the following roll call vote:

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

8. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE THE 2025 WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN AND 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

President Dick opened the Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) and proposed 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP).

Principal Engineer Sarina Sriboonlue provided a presentation highlighting the UWMP requirements, history and key drivers for the UWMPs, MWDOC's regional approach, UWMP key elements, water use characterization, water use projections, water supply characterization, water supply reliability assessment, water shortage contingency plan, and demand management measures.

Director Yoo Schneider arrived at 8:47 a.m.

John Monsen inquired if there is an ability in a crisis to drive the demand management measures down further with other programs. Staff responded to his question and offered further clarification.

Seeing no additional members of the public wishing to provide input, President Dick closed the Public Hearing and announced that the proposed 2025 WSCP and proposed 2025 UWMP were before the Board for discussion and consideration.

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted Resolution No. 2174 Approving the Adoption of the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan by the following roll call vote:

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

Upon MOTION by Director McVicker, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted Resolution No. 2175 Approving the Adoption of the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan by the following roll call vote:

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

9. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INVESTMENT POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), the Board adopted Resolution No. 2176 approving the Investment Policy and Guidelines 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

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (ORAL AND WRITTEN)

General Manager Harvey De La Torre commended Director of Engineering/District Engineer Charles Busslinger, Principal Engineer Sarina Sriboonlue, and staff for their efforts on the WSCP and UWMP, noting that the shared services saved our Member Agencies time and money.

He also informed the Board that the California Department of Water Resources announced an increase in the Table A State Water Project allocation by 15%, from 30% to 45%, due to improved reservoir levels, particularly at Oroville. This means there is now a surplus of supply, and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), along with the Member Agencies, will need to determine how best to manage and store the excess water.

Director Seckel expressed appreciation to all the staff who took part in the 75th anniversary video series.

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 advised that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and MWDOC/Orange County Water District (OCWD) Joint Planning 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) Planning meeting, and the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) meeting. Director Nederhood provided a recap of the Metropolitan meetings and the ISDOC meeting he attended.

Director McVicker reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Executive, and MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meeting), several Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, ISDOC, WACO, OCWD Board meeting, WestFast webinar, and a University of California, Los Angeles Luskin Center for Innovation webinar.

Director Thomas advised that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Administration & Finance, Executive, and MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meeting), Orange County Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee meeting, and Administrative Code Review Ad Hoc Committee.

Director Seckel reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Executive and MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meeting), Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, several Metropolitan Ethics Committee meetings, Meeting with Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, meeting with Metropolitan General Manager, meeting with Eastern Municipal Water District – Metropolitan Director Phil Paule, meeting with Orange County Coastkeeper Carrie Brown and Inland Empire Utilities Agency Michael Camacho and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Spring Conference.

Director Crane reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, Executive, and MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meeting), Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, several Metropolitan Audit Committee Planning meetings, Legislative Days with West Coast Advisors, ACWA Spring Conference, University of California, Los Angeles Luskin Center for Innovation webinar, ISDOC, and WACO.

Director Yoo Schneider advised that she attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meeting), South Coast Water District Committee and Board meetings, Santa Margarita Water District Board and Committee meetings, WACO, and Breakthrough San Juan Capistrano Advisory Board meeting.

Director Dick reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations and Administration & Finance, Executive, MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meeting), WACO and WACO Planning, meeting with Tim Psomas and Dick Ackerman, South Coast Water District Board meeting, ISDOC, and Urban Water Institute Board meeting.

b. Requests for Future Agenda Topics

Director Seckel requested a discussion item on Senate Bill 72, and Director Dick asked that staff agendize the topic of a 75th Anniversary time capsule for a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Dick adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

Angela Crespi
District Secretary