MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
June 17, 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 of Emergency Management Vicki Osborn 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

*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
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT
Heather Baez, Director of Government Affairs
Cathy Harris, Director of HR/Administration
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Jennifer Wicks, Communications Manager
Rachel Davis, Water Loss Control Programs Manager
Kathy Pham, Assistant Board Secretary
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer
Rachel Waite-Harvey, Water Use Efficiency Programs Supervisor
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel

Also Present

Dick Ackerman	Ackerman Consulting
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
Wyatt McClean	El Toro Water District
Mark Monin	El Toro Water District
Doug Reinhart	Irvine Ranch Water District
Keith Van Der Maaten	Laguna Beach County Water District
James Fisler	Mesa Water District
Jim Atkinson	Mesa 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
Alicia Dunkin	Orange County Water District
John Kennedy	Orange County Water District

Laura Freese	Santa Margarita Water District
Saundra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Rick Erkeneff	South Coast Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Chuck Gibson	
Michael Miller	

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Mesa Water District Water Policy Manager Stacy Taylor informed the Board of Directors (Board) that she will be retiring on July 6. She expressed her gratitude to the Board for their support and collaborative working relationship over the years.

The Board thanked Ms. Taylor for her dedicated years of service to Orange County 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 less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2177

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 5)

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 – 5.

1. MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

a. May 4, 2026 Planning & Operations Committee Meeting
b. May 13, 2026 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
c. May 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
d. May 21, 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 May 31, 2026
b. Disbursement Registers (May/June)

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 April 30, 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 April 30, 2026

4. AWARD OF SOLE SOURCE CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH ACKERMAN CONSULTING

The Board awarded Ackerman Consulting a one-year sole-source contract in an amount not to exceed $42,000 for specialized services and authorized the General Manager to execute the contract.

5. AWARD OF SOLE SOURCE CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH WHITTINGHAM PUBLIC AFFAIRS ADVISORS

The Board awarded Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors a one-year sole-source contract in an amount not to exceed $60,000 for specialized services and authorized the General Manager to execute the contract.

End of Consent Calendar

ACTION ITEM

6. ANNUAL APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT'S PAY STRUCTURE

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Yoo Schneider, and carried (7-0), to approve the proposed pay structure effective July 1, 2026; adjusted the salary ranges by 3.20%; and approved the proposed position changes.

INFORMATION CALENDAR

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

Assistant General Manager Melissa Baum-Haley announced that Executive Assistant Tina Dubuque will be retiring on July 6 and expressed her gratitude for Ms. Dubuque's dedicated service to the District.

General Manager Harvey De La Torre informed the Board that staff recently hosted the 2026

Water Awareness Poster Contest Awards Ceremony in the Boardroom, where 40 student winners were recognized, and noted that the event was a success. In collaboration with the Orange County Water District, the winners were also invited to tour the Groundwater Replenishment System.

8. 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 all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Regular Board meeting), the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) meeting, and the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) and WACO Planning meetings, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Spring Conference, Orange County Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee, Administrative Code Review Ad Hoc Committee, and the Water Policy Forum.

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 Regular Board meeting), Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, California Water Data Consortium event on Co-Creating the Water Future We Deserve, ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, WACO and WACO Planning meetings.

Director Thomas advised that he attended the Administration & Finance Committee meeting as well as the Regular Board meeting, ACWA Spring Conference, Administrative Code Review Ad Hoc Committee, and Orange County Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee.

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 Regular Board meeting), Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, Inland Caucus and Caucus meetings, WACO and WACO Planning meetings.

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 Regular Board meeting), Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, Water Policy Forum, El Toro Water District Board meeting, and Moulton Niguel Water District Board meeting.

Director Yoo Schneider reported that she attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Regular Board meeting), Water Awareness Poster Contest Awards Ceremony, Santa Margarita Water District Committee meeting, meetings with Santa Margarita Water District Board Members, South Coast Water District Board meeting, WACO, and the Water Policy Forum.

Director Dick advised that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Administration & Finance and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Regular Board meeting), Urban Water Institute Annual Conference Planning meetings, Orange County Water

Summit Ad Hoc Committee, ISDOC, Water Policy Forum, Orange County Taxpayers Association event, California Cities Policy event, and WACO Planning.

b. Requests for Future Agenda Topics

No future agenda topics were requested.

President Dick announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 9:13 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

9. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Title: General Manager

10. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Agency designated representatives: General Counsel
Unrepresented employee: General Manager

The Board meeting reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Legal Counsel Joe Byrne announced that the Board met in Closed Session with Legal Counsel and did not take any action that was reportable pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

12. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL MANAGER CONTRACT

Upon MOTION by Director Yoo Schneider, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (7-0), to increase the General Manager's base salary by $29,000 and extend his contract for an additional two years.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Dick adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Angela Crespi
District Secretary