MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH METROPOLITAN DIRECTORS July 1, 2026

At 8:30 a.m., President Dick called to order the Joint Workshop Board Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan or MET) Directors in Conference Room 101 at the District facilities located in Fountain Valley, as well as including attendance via the Zoom Webinar application. Trabuco Canyon Water District General Manager Larry McKenney 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 (absent)
Megan Yoo Schneider

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

Other MWDOC MET Directors
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
Heather Baez, Director of Government Affairs
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Jennifer Wicks, Communications Manager
Rachel Davis, Water Loss Control Programs Manager
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer
Kevin Hostert, Senior Water Resources Analyst
Jared Dawson, Water Resources Analyst
Rachel Waite-Harvey, Water Use Efficiency Programs Supervisor
Joseph Byrne, Legal Counsel

Also Present

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
Peer Swan	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Weghorst	Irvine Ranch Water District
Jim Atkinson	Mesa Water District
Jonathan Cruz	Moulton Niguel Water District
Donald Froelich	Moulton Niguel Water District
Laura Rocha	Moulton Niguel Water District
Sherry Wanninger	Moulton Niguel Water District
Sara Tucker	Natural Resource Results
Alicia Dunkin	Orange County Water District
John Kennedy	Orange County Water District
Chris Olsen	Orange County Water District
Emily Novak	San Diego County Water Authority

Saundra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Greg Mills	Serrano Water District
Rick Erkeneff	South Coast Water District
Larry McKenney	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Beth Olhasso	West Coast Advisors
Peter Whittingham	Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors
Brett Barbre	Yorba Linda Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Dick asked whether any members of the public wished to comment on agenda items.

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

District Secretary Crespi advised that the presentation for Item 1 was distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2177

PRESENTATION ITEM

1. OVERVIEW OF KEY METROPOLITAN PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE CLIMATE ADAPTATION MASTER PLAN FOR WATER (CAMP4W) PROCESS

Water Resources Analyst Jared Dawson provided a presentation highlighting Metropolitan's CAMP4W process and evaluation criteria, future planning scenarios, and the reassessment of individual projects and programs under consideration for CAMP4W readiness. He also presented an in-depth overview of the benefits, costs, and current status of Pure Water Southern California (PWSC), Sites Reservoir, and the Delta Conveyance Project. In addition, he summarized the CAMP4W assessment progress and outlined the next steps.

The Board engaged in discussion regarding the needs associated with these investments and related supply demands, including a comparison of the projects in terms of their benefits and costs, and considerations for CAMP4W planning and implementation. The discussion also emphasized reliability, supply, and storage, and how each of the projects relates to these key factors.

Assistant General Manager Melissa Baum-Haley provided a summary of the Board's discussion, noting that CAMP4W is not a decision-making tool but rather a resource to help assemble the information needed for future decisions before the Metropolitan Board. She emphasized the importance of developing a clearer understanding of the underlying needs, specifically identifying whether the primary issue is storage, supply, or reliability. She also noted that while not all projects are easily comparable, gaining a more consistent understanding of project comparisons is essential for the time-aligned decisions ahead.

The Board thanked Mr. Dawson for his presentation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

a. Federal Legislative Report (Natural Resource Results)

In addition to the report provided in the agenda packet, Natural Resource Results (NRR) Partner Sara Tucker presented an update on the Colorado River Post-2026 negotiations, including the role of the federal government in basin funding and the status of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. She noted that Tanya Trujillo has been appointed as New Mexico's Upper Colorado River Commissioner. She also reported that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Bureau of Reclamation and six water agencies in Arizona, California, and Nevada to explore desalination, water recycling, and new methods for moving water to areas of need.

The Board thanked Ms. Tucker for her report.

b. State Legislative Report (West Coast Advisors)

In addition to the report provided in the agenda packet, West Coast Advisors Vice President Beth Olhasso highlighted key elements of the Governor's proposed budget, including the allocation of $25 million for the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program. Ms. Olhasso also briefed the Board on recent appointments, noting that Jared Blumenfeld had been appointed to the State Water Resources Control Board and Tom Gibson had been appointed Director of the Department of Water Resources. She further reported on Senate Bill 872, the contractors' bill providing funding for subsidence and Delta levee repairs, as well as Assembly Bill 2215, which would extend the timeframe for contractors to fully develop their water rights, and Assembly Bill 1436 regarding Advanced Clean Fleets.

The Board discussed invasive species and inquired about who in Sacramento has expertise in this area. The Board also requested clarification on Assembly Bill 2777, including its relation to the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) detection, as well as Assembly Bills 1881 and 2218.
The Board thanked Ms. Olhasso for her report.

c. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)

There were no questions or comments on the Legal and Regulatory Report.

d. County Legislative Report (Whittingham)

Mr. Peter Whittingham of Whittingham Public Affairs Advisors highlighted the recent Orange County Grand Jury report on PFAS and Public Awareness and its recommendations. He also provided an update on the South Coast Air Quality Management District's proposed Rule 1110.4, which addresses emissions from emergency generators.

The Board requested additional information regarding the proposed regulation for emergency generators, and he provided further explanation.

The Board thanked Mr. Whittingham for his report.

e. MWDOC Legislative Matrix
f. Metropolitan Legislative Matrix

There were no questions or comments on the Legislative Matrices.

The Board received and filed the reports.

3. QUESTIONS OR INPUT ON METROPOLITAN ISSUES FROM THE MEMBER AGENCIES/METROPOLITAN DIRECTOR REPORTS REGARDING METROPOLITAN COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. SENATE BILL (SB) 72 IMPLEMENTATION – MODERNIZING CALIFORNIA'S WATER PLAN

5. METROPOLITAN ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY

a. Metropolitan's Finances
b. Metropolitan's Water Supply Condition Update
c. Metropolitan's Water Quality Update
d. Colorado River Issues
e. Delta Conveyance Activities and State Water Project Issues

6. METROPOLITAN BOARD AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Summary regarding March Metropolitan Board Meeting
b. Review items of significance for the Metropolitan Board Agenda

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Dick adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m

Angela Crespi
District Secretary