MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
August 19, 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 Human Resources and Administration Cathleen Harris 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
Charles Busslinger, Director of Engineering/ District Engineer
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
Rachel Waite-Harvey, Water Use Efficiency Programs Manager
Kathy Pham, Assistant Board Secretary
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel

Also Present

Dick Ackerman	Ackerman Consulting
Kathryn Freshley	El Toro Water District
Mike Gaskins	El Toro Water District
Kay Havens	El Toro Water District
Paul Jones	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Weghorst	Irvine Ranch Water District
Keith Van Der Maaten	Laguna Beach County Water District
James Fisler	Mesa Water District
John Erickson	Moonshot Missions
Donald Froelich	Moulton Niguel Water District
Sherry Wanninger	Moulton Niguel Water District
Alicia Dunkin	Orange County Water District
Chris Olsen	Orange County Water District
Charles Luas	Orchard Dale Water District
Saundra Jacobs	Santa Margarita Water District
Greg Mills	Serrano Water District

Bill Green	South Coast Water District
John Horst	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Michael Perea	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Chuck Gibson	
Doug Johnson	
Michael Miller	

TELECONFERENCE SITES

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

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. 2178

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 7)

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

AYES:	Directors Dick, McVicker, Seckel, Crane, Thomas, and Yoo Schneider
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Nederhood (Item 4)
ABSENT:	None

1. MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

a. July 1, 2026 Joint Workshop Board Meeting

b. July 6, 2026 Planning & Operations Committee Meeting
c. July 8, 2026 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
d. July 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
e. July 16, 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 July 31, 2026
b. Disbursement Registers (July/August)

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 June 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 June 30, 2026

4. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR WATER LOSS CONTROL PROGRAMS

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Amazon.com, Inc. to receive $2,194,491 over three years for water loss control programs.

5. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PRODUCTION METER FLOW TESTING AND PUMP EFFICIENCY TESTING SERVICES

The Board awarded Henschel Pump Test, LLC and Pump Check, Inc. each a 3-year contract with the option for two additional 1-year renewals for a total not to exceed amount of $625,000 over five years, each, for a combined total of $1,250,000 to provide production meter flow testing and pump efficiency testing services and authorize the General Manager to execute the contracts.

6. CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE – 2026 BIENNIAL REVIEW

The Board reviewed the District's Conflict of Interest Code; determined whether updates are needed; and authorized staff to submit the 2026 Biennial Review to the Orange County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

7. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR COMPREHENSIVE CLASSIFICATION, COMPENSATION, AND BENEFITS STUDY

The Board awarded Public Pay, LLC a 1-year contract, for $56,250 plus a $3,750 contingency for a total not to exceed amount of $60,000, to provide a Comprehensive Classification, Compensation, and Benefits Study, and authorize the General Manager to execute the contract.

End of Consent Calendar

ACTION ITEMS

8. ADOPT A RESOLUTION NOMINATING ROBERT McVICKER TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT ON THE INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Upon MOTION by Director Crane, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), to adopt a resolution nominating Robert McVicker to the Office of President on the Independent Special Districts of Orange County Executive Committee 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 DEEMING VOLUNTEERS AND OTHER DESIGNATED INDIVIDUALS AS EMPLOYEES SOLELY FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Nederhood, and carried (7-0), to adopt a resolution deeming volunteers and other designated individuals as employees solely for workers' compensation coverage 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)

Director Seckel informed the Board that he has coordinated staff to work with Metropolitan staff on the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements.

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 all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meetings), Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) meetings, the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) Executive Committee and ISDOC Quarterly meetings, and the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) meeting, Orange County Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee, Administrative Code Review Ad Hoc Committee, and Southern California Water Dialogue webinar. Director Nederhood provided a recap of the meetings he attended.

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

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 meetings), Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, Southern California Water Coalition meeting, and Sustain SoCal Solutions 11. Director Seckel provided an overview of the meetings he attended.

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 meetings), Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, Southern California Water Dialogue webinar, El Toro Water District Board meeting, and Moulton Niguel Water District Board meeting.

Director McVicker 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 meetings), Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, WACO and WACO Planning meetings, ISDOC Executive Committee and ISDOC Quarterly meetings.

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 Joint Workshop and Regular Board meetings), Santa Margarita Water District Committee meeting, South Coast Water District Board meetings, WACO meeting, and Admin Code Review Ad Hoc Committee.

Director Dick advised that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Regular Board meeting), Serrano Water District Board meeting, meeting with Orange County Water District President Dennis Bilodeau, Urban Water Institute Executive Committee meeting, Orange County Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee, ISDOC, WACO and WACO Planning meetings, and a meeting with Senator Strickland.

b. Requests for Future Agenda Topics

No future agenda topics were requested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Dick adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Angela Crespi
District Secretary