MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
September 16, 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 Finance and Information Technology Hilary Chumpitazi 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 (absent)

*Also MWDOC-MET Directors

Staff
Harvey De La Torre, General Manager
Angela Crespi, District Secretary
Charles Busslinger, Director of Engineering/ District Engineer
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT
Cathy Harris, Director of HR/Administration
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Jennifer Wicks, Communications Manager
Sarina Sriboonlue, Principal Engineer
Kathy Pham, Assistant Board Secretary
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel

Other MWDOC-MET Directors
Linda Ackerman
Dennis Erdman

Also Present

Dick Ackerman	Ackerman Consulting
Doug Davert	East Orange County 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
Peer Swan	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Weghorst	Irvine Ranch Water District
Keith Van Der Maaten	Laguna Beach County Water District
Jim Atkinson	Mesa Water District
James Fisler	Mesa Water District
Donald Froelich	Moulton Niguel Water District
Marina Lindsay	Moulton Niguel Water District
Sherry Wanninger	Moulton Niguel Water District
Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Alicia Dunkin	Orange County Water District
Fred Jung	Orange County Water District
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
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Chuck Gibson	
Bobby Lapointe	
Michael Miller	

TELECONFERENCE SITE

Director McVicker participated via teleconference location (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. 2180

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 6)

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Seckel, and carried (7-0), 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. August 3, 2026 Planning & Operations Committee Meeting
b. August 5, 2026 Joint Workshop Board Meeting
c. August 12, 2026 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
d. August 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
e. August 19, 2026 Special Executive Committee Meeting

2. TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

a. MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of August 31, 2026
b. Disbursement Registers (August/September)

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 July 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 July 31, 2026

4. EXTENSION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH WESTERLY METER SERVICE COMPANY FOR CUSTOMER METER TESTING

The Board authorized the General Manager to extend an agreement with Westerly Meter Service Company to provide customer meter accuracy testing services for an additional six months through June 30, 2027.

5. AWARD OF AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY FUEL SUPPLY DELIVERY AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The Board awarded Merrimac Petroleum, Inc., doing business as Merrimac Energy Group, a one-year agreement with the option for four additional one-year renewals, to provide emergency fuel supply delivery and support services on an as-needed basis and authorized the General Manager to execute the agreement.

6. APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

The Board reviewed and approved changes to the records retention schedule.

End of Consent Calendar

ACTION ITEMS

7. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (SDRMA) HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Crane, and carried (6-0), to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding and participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority Health Benefits Program by the following roll call vote:

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

INFORMATION CALENDAR

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

General Manager Harvey De La Torre thanked the MWDOC-MET Directors for their recent efforts and success at the Metropolitan Board meetings.

9. 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, Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) Executive Committee meeting, Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) meeting, Orange County Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee, Administrative Code Review Ad Hoc Committee meetings, Urban Water Institute Annual Conference, and California Special Districts Association Annual Conference. Director Nederhood provided a recap of the 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 Regular Board meetings), Administrative Code Review Ad Hoc Committee meetings, and Orange County Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

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 as well as meetings regarding the Ethics Committee, meetings with Bill Hasencamp, and a meeting with San Diego County Water Authority Director Marty Miller. 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, WACO, Irvine Ranch Water District Board meeting, El Toro Water District Board meeting, Moulton Niguel Water District Board meeting, and San Diego County Water Authority 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 meeting.

Director Dick reported 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, League of California Cities Orange County Division quarterly meeting, Orange County Taxpayers Association Morning Ballot Briefing, ISDOC, WACO and WACO Planning meetings.

b. Requests for Future Agenda Topics

No future agenda topics were requested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Dick adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Angela Crespi
District Secretary