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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, June 26, 2024
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
4:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Dewane.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Atkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

Shawn Dewane, President
Marice H. DePasquale, Vice President
Jim Atkinson, Director
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director
James R. Fidler, Director

Directors Absent

None

Staff Present

Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/
District Treasurer/Acting General Manager
Denise Garcia, Chief Administrative Officer/
District Secretary
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., District Engineer
Tyler Jernigan, Water Operations Manager
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Specialist
Eva Pierce, NIGP-CPP, Senior Buyer
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Others Present

Trisha Murakawa, Principal, Murakawa Communications, Inc.
John Saito, Project Manager, Murakawa Communications, Inc.
Erick P. Verduzco-Vega, Managing Partner, CCE Consulting Group

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Dewane asked for public comments.

There was no public present and President Dewane proceeded with the meeting.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED, REMOVED, OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

Acting General Manager Khalifa reported there were no items to be added, removed, or reordered on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Receive and file the Developer Project Status Report
2. Receive and file the Mesa Water and Other Agency Projects Status Report.
3. Receive and file the Water Quality Call Report.
4. Receive and file the Accounts Paid Listing.
5. Receive and file the Monthly Financial Reports.
6. Receive and file the Outreach Update.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve Items 1 – 6 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 – 0.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

7. RESERVOIRS 1 AND 2 PUMP STATION UPGRADES PROJECT – COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Public Affairs Specialist Norris introduced Murakawa Communications, Inc. Principal Trisha Murakawa who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Overview of Reservoir 2
- Reservoir 2 Upgrades
- Reservoir 2 Location & Neighbors
- Potential Impacts
- Completed Construction Outreach
- Look-Ahead Construction Outreach
- What We've Heard From Our Neighbors
- Construction Outreach Team Contact

Ms. Murakawa responded to questions and the Board thanked her for the presentation.

ACTION ITEMS:

8. GRANT WRITING AND GRANT ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT SERVICES:

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President DePasquale, to award a one-year contract to West Yost for an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to provide Grant Writing and Grant Administration Support Services. Motion passed 5 – 0.

9. ON-CALL PIPELINE AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES:

MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Bockmiller, to award contracts to GCI Construction, Inc., J.A. Salazar Construction and Supply, Paulus Engineering, and W. A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc. for a period of five years with two one-year renewal options for an annual amount not to exceed \$150,000 across all contracts to

provide On-Call Pipeline and Construction Services, and authorize execution of the contracts. Motion passed 5 – 0.

10. ON-CALL ELECTRICAL SERVICES:

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President DePasquale, to award contracts to Academy Electric, Inc., A.C. Pozos Electric Corporation, Baker Electric & Renewables, LLC and Inter-Pacific, Inc. for a period of five years with two one-year renewal options for an annual amount not to exceed \$90,000 across all contracts to provide On-Call Electrical Services, and authorize execution of the contracts. Motion passed 5 – 0.

11. MESA WATER EDUCATION CENTER CONSULTING SERVICES:

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

Acting General Manager Khalifa responded to questions from the Board.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by President Dewane, to amend the contract with Mad Systems for \$387,320.34 for the Mesa Water Education Center Consulting Services. Motion passed 5 – 0.

REPORTS:

12. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

13. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

14. FEDERAL ADVOCACY UPDATE

15. STATE ADVOCACY UPDATE

16. ORANGE COUNTY UPDATE

President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

Shawn Dewane

Shawn Dewane, President

Denise Garcia

Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer