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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Wednesday, August 14, 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**

Vice President DePasquale 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**

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager  
Denise Khalifa, Chief Administrative Officer/  
District Secretary  
Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/  
District Treasurer  
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., District Engineer  
Tyler Jernigan, Water Operations Manager  
Camille Shehadeh, Senior Human Resources Analyst  
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

**Others Present**

Ralph Heckert, Senior Vice President, Capital Group  
Jeff Ruderman, Vice President, Capital Group  
  
Linda Pandey, Learning and Development Consultant, Gallup

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

President Dewane asked for public comments on items not on the agenda.

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

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

General Manager Shoenberger requested to reorder the agenda to take Item 8 after the Consent Calendar. There were no objections.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of July 10, 2024.
2. Approve minutes of regular Board Meeting of July 24, 2024.
3. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
4. Board Schedule:
  - Conferences, Seminars and Meetings
  - Board Calendar
  - Upcoming Community Outreach Events

**MOTION**

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Atkinson, to approve Items 1 – 4 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 – 0.

**ITEM 8 – MESA WATER RELIABILITY FACILITY FLAGPOLE:**

District Engineer Wiesner provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Preliminary Tasks for Flagpole Design
- Potential Flagpole Locations
- Recommendation

Mr. Wiesner responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the presentation.

**MOTION**

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Fisler, to approve staff to develop preliminary plans and cost estimates for a flagpole at the Mesa Water Reliability Facility for an amount not-to-exceed the General Manager’s contracting authority. Motion passed 4 – 1, with Director Bockmiller voting no.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**5. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INCREASED EFFICIENCIES:**

Chief Financial Officer Khalifa provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Strategic Plan Goals
- Current Accounts
- Current Fee Structure
- Future Fee Structure
- Fee & Return Comparison

Capital Group Senior Vice President Ralph Heckert and CFO Khalifa responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the information.

6. 2024 EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT SURVEY:

Senior Human Resources Analyst Shehadeh introduced Gallup Learning and Development Consultant Linda Pandey who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Engagement Matters
- 2024 Employee Engagement SummaryQ<sup>12</sup> Mean
- Key Highlights from the 2024 Engagement Survey
- Employee Engagement Item-Level Results
- Employee Engagement Additional Item-Level Results
- Recommendations
- Next Steps

Ms. Pandey responded to questions from the Board and they thanked her for the presentation.

7. LEVINE ACT:

Attorney Anslow provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Overview of the Levine Act
- Overview of SB 1439 (2022) & Levine Act Amendments
- Applicability: Officers & Agencies
- Applicability: Proceedings
- Applicability: Party & Participant
- Curing Disqualifications
- FPPC Regulatory Changes
- Relevant Considerations

Attorney Anslow responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the presentation.

8. MESA WATER RELIABILITY FACILITY FLAGPOLE:

This item was taken earlier in the agenda.

9. BOARD WORKSHOP PLANNING:

GM Shoenberger reviewed the proposed agenda topics for the October 29, 2024 Board Workshop.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

The Board directed staff to add a workshop topic regarding ballot propositions.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

NONE.

**REPORTS:**

- 10. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
- 11. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- 12. CLAIM OF GABRIEL LOZANO
- 13. CLAIM OF ANGEL DORADO
- 14. ELITE CUSTOMER SERVICE
- 15. FISCAL YEAR 2024 SOLE SOURCE REPORT
- 16. DIRECTORS' REPORTS (AB 1234) PER CA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3(D)

President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Shawn Dewane, President

Signed by:  
  
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Denise Khalifa, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer