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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, October 23, 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

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
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Specialist
Hester "Fritz" Petropoulos, M.Ed., Water Use Efficiency and
Education Coordinator
Bob Mitchell, Water Operations Supervisor
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Others Present

Rodulfo Castro, Industrial Hygiene & Safety Senior Consultant,
Citadel EHS, Inc.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Water Operations Supervisor Mitchell offered comments on Well Nos. 12 and 14 and the efforts related to the Reservoirs 1 and 2 Pump Station Upgrades Project.

President Dewane thanked him for the information and proceeded with the meeting.

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

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

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

7. FISCAL YEAR 2024 ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM AUDIT:

Business Administrator Lind introduced Citadel EHS, Inc. Industrial Hygiene & Safety Senior Consultant Rodulfo Castro who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- The Road to Excellence
- Scorecard
- 2024 Significant Improvements
- Experience Modification Rate (EMR)
- 2024 Opportunities for Improvement
- Next Steps

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

8. RESERVOIRS 1 AND 2 PUMP STATION UPGRADES PROJECT QUARTERLY UPDATE:

District Engineer Wiesner provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Reservoir 1 – Site Layout
- Reservoir 2 – Site Layout
- Reservoir 2 – Construction
- Reservoir 1 – Construction
- Reservoir Project Schedule
- Reservoir Project Planned vs. Actual

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

9. MESA WATER EDUCATION CENTER EVENT SPACE CONSIDERATIONS:

Water Use Efficiency and Education Coordinator Petropoulos provided a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Mesa Water Education Center (MWEC) – A Unique Space
- Strategic Plan Goal & Objective
- Year One: Primary Uses of the MWEC
- Other Event Opportunities
- Flexible Space
- Indoor Meeting
- Indoor Class
- Indoor Mixer
- Outdoor Luncheon
- Outdoor Special Event
- Other Considerations
- VIP Tours

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

ACTION ITEMS:

10. URBAN WATER INSTITUTE MEMBERSHIP:

MOTION

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Vice President DePasquale, to approve a Board Chair's Circle Founder annual membership with Urban Water Institute in the amount of \$5,000. Motion passed 5 – 0.

11. PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 36 – DIRECTOR COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT:

President Dewane announced the Public Hearing was opened for the purpose of receiving comments regarding Ordinance No. 36 Director Compensation and Expense Reimbursement.

District Secretary Khalifa reported that a Notice of Public Hearing was posted at Mesa Water District's office and website, and at Costa Mesa City Hall. Legal advertisements were published in the *Daily Pilot* on October 5, 2024 and October 12, 2024.

President Dewane opened the floor for discussion by the Board. Comments were offered.

President Dewane opened the floor for public comments. There were no members of the public present.

District Secretary Khalifa reported that the District had not received any written or verbal comments regarding proposed Ordinance No. 36.

President Dewane declared the public comments segment closed.

President Dewane opened the floor for discussion by the Board. Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

President Dewane declared that the Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION

Motion by President Dewane, second by Vice President DePasquale, to adopt Ordinance No. 36 Director Compensation and Expense Reimbursement superseding Ordinance No. 35, with a modification to Section 4, the matching contributions on behalf of a Director will equal the amount of such Director's salary deferrals to the District's Section 401(a) deferred compensation plan, up to the maximum annual limit permitted by Internal Revenue Service regulations. Motion passed 5 – 0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	DIRECTORS	Atkinson, Bockmiller, Fislser, DePasquale, Dewane
NOES:	DIRECTORS	None
ABSTAIN:	DIRECTORS	None
ABSENT:	DIRECTORS	None

REPORTS:

12. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- September Key Indicators Report

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 6:12 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:

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 Shawn Dewane, President

Signed by:

 Denise Khalifa, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer