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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, January 22, 2025
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 DePasquale.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Dewane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

Marice H. DePasquale, President
Shawn Dewane, Vice President
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director
Jim Atkinson, Director *(teleconference)*
James R. Fisler, 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
Hester "Fritz" Petropoulos, M.Ed., Water Use Efficiency and
Education Coordinator
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Others Present

Geoff Bowman, Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates Inc.
Peter Evich, Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates Inc.
(teleconference)
Ashley Strobel, Director of Government Relations, Van Scoyoc
Associates Inc. *(teleconference)*
Jessica Flewallen, Legislative Assistant, Van Scoyoc Associates
Inc. *(teleconference)*

District Secretary Khalifa stated one Mesa Water Director was attending the meeting via teleconference.

For each action, a roll call vote was taken in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(b)(2) which states, "all votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by roll call."

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

There were no comments and President DePasquale proceeded with the meeting.

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

General Manager Shoenberger 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.
7. Ratify the 2025 Board Committee & Other Agency Liaison Assignments.

Director Bockmiller requested to pull Item 1. There were no objections.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve Items 2 – 7 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 – 0, by the following roll call vote:

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

Item 1 – Receive and File the Developer Project Status Report.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve Item 1 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 – 0, by the following roll call vote:

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

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

8. FEDERAL ADVOCACY REPORT:

Water Policy Manager Taylor introduced Van Scoyoc Associates Inc. Vice President Geoff Bowman.

Mr. Bowman introduced his team and proceeded with a verbal presentation regarding their advocacy efforts.

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

9. 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 1 – Construction
- Reservoir 2 – Site Layout
- Reservoir 2 – Construction
- Reservoir Project Schedule
- Reservoir Project Planned vs. Actual

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

10. REBATE PROGRAMS UPDATE:

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

- Strategic Plan Goal
- Postcard Sent to 21,121 Residential Customers in Late September 2024
- Bill Insert Included in November/December Bill
- Bill Message Running September 2024 – February 2025
- News on Tap Articles
- Home Depot Outreach Event – November 2024
- Website Rebates Page Refresh
- Customer Calls
- Residential Rebates Received by Customers for Fiscal Year 2025
- Next Steps in Rebate Outreach

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

11. BOARD WORKSHOP PLANNING:

GM Shoenberger reviewed the proposed agenda topics for the April 3, 2025 Board workshop.

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Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

GM Shoenberger responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the information.

ACTION ITEMS:

12. CHANDLER & CRODDY WELLS AND PIPELINE PROJECT:

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve the Cooperative Cost Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Santa Ana for Croddy Way Street Improvements Project, and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement. Motion passed 5 – 0, by the following roll call vote:

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

REPORTS:

- 13. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
 - December Key Indicators Report


14. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 15. FEDERAL ADVOCACY UPDATE
- 16. STATE ADVOCACY UPDATE
- 17. ORANGE COUNTY UPDATE

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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 Marice H. DePasquale, President

Signed by:

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 Denise Khalifa, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer