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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Monday, February 9, 2026  
1350 Gisler Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
5:30 p.m. Special Board Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by President DePasquale.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President DePasquale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

None

Staff Present

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager  
Elizabeth Roth, Public Affairs Department Assistant  
Danielle Rodriguez, Public Affairs Specialist  
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Supervisor  
Judith Miller, Senior Customer Service Representative  
Andres Medina, Senior Operator

Others Present

Benjamin T. Smith, P.E., Director of Recharge and Wetland Operations, Orange County Water District

25 participants

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

General Manager Shoenberger reported there were no items to be removed or reordered on the agenda. There were no objections.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. WATER ISSUES STUDY GROUP MEETING:

President DePasquale welcomed the Water Issues Study Group participants and introduced Public Affairs Supervisor Norris who provided the group with housekeeping details and introduced Orange County Water District's (OCWD) Director of Recharge and Wetland Operations Benjamin T. Smith.

Mr. Smith provided an overview of OCWD's Groundwater Basin and Groundwater Replenishment System, and responded to questions from the class participants.

President DePasquale thanked Mr. Smith for the presentation and introduced the Board of Directors, each of whom addressed the group. They answered questions from the class participants and thanked the Water Issues Study Group for their participation.

Senior Customer Service Representative Miller led the participants through a game of Mesa Water Education Center Bingo.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

President DePasquale asked for public comments on items not on the agenda. There were no comments.

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Approved:

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*Marice DePasquale* 3/12/2026  
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Marice H. DePasquale, President

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Denise Khalifa, District Secretary