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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, April 8, 2026
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

Director Fisler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

None

Staff Present

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
Denise Khalifa, Chief Administrative Officer/District Secretary
Kurt Lind, Business Manager/Acting District Treasurer
Calvin Hsu, CPA, Chief Financial Officer
Juan Hernandez, Assistant Water Operations Manager
Nadia Boutros, Civil Engineer
Karyn Igar, Principal Engineer
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Supervisor
Rob Anslow, General Legal Counsel

Others Present

Lee Portillo, Senior Project Manager & Senior Process Engineer,
Black & Veatch
Hannah Young, Project Engineering Manager, Black & Veatch
J. Keith Stribling, Senior Portfolio Manager, PFM Asset
Management
Rachael Sanders, Vice President, Consulting, Public Agency
Retirement Services
Alexandra Irving, Client Services Coordinator, Public Agency
Retirement Services

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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

ITEMS TO BE ADDED, REMOVED OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

President DePasquale reported there was one item that arose after the agenda was posted and action needs to be taken prior to the next Board meeting. She recommended adding Item 6.5 – Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission Regular and Alternate Special District Member Seats Election.

President DePasquale asked for comments from the Board. There were no comments.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to add Item 6.5 – Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission Regular and Alternate Special District Member Seats Election. Motion passed 5 – 0.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of March 11, 2026.
2. Approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of March 25, 2026.
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 Dewane, second by Director Atkinson, to approve Items 1 – 4 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 – 0.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

5. LOCAL GROUNDWATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

General Manager Shoenberger provided an overview of the topic and introduced Black & Veatch Senior Project Manager & Senior Process Engineer Lee Portillo who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Definition of the Local Supply Improvement Project (SIP)
- Need for Local SIP
- Local SIP Benefits & Objectives
- Local SIP Feasibility Study
- Feasibility Study Conclusion
- Proposed Local SIP Infrastructure
- Projected Water Supply Deficit
- Estimated Supply Costs
- Cost Competitive Supply
- Multi-Benefit Project
- Next Steps
- Call to Action
- Local SIP Phase II Next Steps

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

6. PENSION & OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST UPDATE:

Chief Financial Officer Hsu introduced PFM Asset Management Senior Portfolio Manager J. Keith Stribling and Public Agency Retirement Services Vice President of Consulting Rachael Sanders who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Summary of Agency’s OPEB Plan
- OPEB Actuarial Results
- Summary of Agency’s Pension Plan
- Pension Funding Status
- Annualized Return Comparison
- Investment Discussion Highlights
- Quarterly Market Summary

Mr. Stribling and Ms. Sanders responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the presentation.

ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM 6.5 - ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION REGULAR AND ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER SEATS ELECTION

The Board voted 5 – 0 earlier in the agenda to authorize President Marice H. DePasquale as the voting delegate and Vice President Shawn Dewane as the alternate for the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Member Seats Election.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to approve Item 6.5.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

Director Bockmiller withdrew his motion.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by President DePasquale, to approve Action Items 6.5 – 13. 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

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7. WATER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN AND 10-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

The Board voted 5 – 0 earlier in the agenda to adopt the 2026 Water Systems Master Plan Update and 10-Year Capital Improvement Program Update.

8. CHANDLER & CRODDY WELLS AND PIPELINE PROJECT:

The Board voted 5 – 0 earlier in the agenda to:

- a. Award a contract to All American Asphalt for \$1,391,292 and a contingency of \$139,129 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,530,421 to provide Construction of the Chandler Avenue and Croddy Way Pavement Replacement, and authorize execution of the contract;
- b. Award a contract to MCM Consulting, Inc. for \$186,800 and a contingency of \$18,680 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$205,480 to provide Construction Management and Inspection Services of the Chandler Avenue and Croddy Way Pavement Replacement, and authorize execution of the contract; and
- c. Amend the contract with Tetra Tech for an additional \$26,680 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$147,680 to provide Engineering Services During Construction for the Chandler Avenue and Croddy Way Pavement Replacement, and authorize execution of the contract.

9. HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SERVICES:

The Board voted 5 – 0 earlier in the agenda to approve an amendment to extend the contract with ACCO Engineered Systems, Inc. for 2 years for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$150,000 annually to provide Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Services at Mesa Water District’s Administration and Operations Buildings, Reliability Facility, Education Center, reservoirs and well sites, and authorize execution of the contract through the term ending March 31, 2028.

10. CUSTOMER INFORMATION SYSTEM SUPPORT SERVICES:

The Board voted 5 – 0 earlier in the agenda to approve a contract with The Northridge Group, Inc. for \$102,600 to provide readiness support services to prepare the Customer Services and Public Affairs departments for the SpryCIS go-live, and authorize execution of the contract.

11. ELITE CUSTOMER SERVICE:

The Board voted 5 – 0 earlier in the agenda to approve a five-year contract with The Northridge Group, Inc. for \$94,380 and a 10% contingency for an amount not to exceed \$103,818 to conduct training and optimize the Elite Customer Service Program, and authorize execution of the contract.

12. EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS, MEMBERSHIPS AND SPONSORSHIPS POLICY:

The Board voted 5 – 0 earlier in the agenda to adopt Resolution No. 1611 Establishing an External Partnerships, Memberships and Sponsorships Policy.

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13. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT EVENTS:

The Board voted 5 – 0 earlier in the agenda to adopt Resolution No. 1612 Amending the Guidelines for Employee Retirement Events Superseding Resolution No. 1586.

REPORTS:

14. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

15. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

16. CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY

17. DIRECTORS' REPORTS (AB 1234) PER CA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3 (D)

CLOSED SESSIONS:

18. CONFERENCE WITH GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) – significant exposure to litigation.
(One potential case; Claim #26-0699)

The Closed Session was not conducted.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Fisler, to deny the claim of Mr. Diego Mendoza. Motion passed 5 – 0.

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Approved:

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Marice DePasquale

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Marice H. DePasquale, President

Signed by:
Denise Khalifa

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Denise Khalifa, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer