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**AGENDA  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.  
Panian Conference Room**

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Committee Members: Marice H. DePasquale, President  
Shawn Dewane, Vice President  
Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager  
Denise Khalifa, Chief Administrative Officer

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Items Not on the Agenda:** Members of the public are invited to address the Board regarding items which are not appearing on the posted agenda. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes. The Executive Committee will set aside 30 minutes for public comments for items not appearing on the posted agenda.

**Items on the Agenda:** Members of the public shall be permitted to comment on agenda items before action is taken, or after the Executive Committee has discussed the item. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes. The Executive Committee will set aside 60 minutes for public comments for items appearing on the posted agenda.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

*Items recommended for approval at this meeting may be agendized for approval at a future Board meeting.*

1. Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission - Coastal Region Municipal Service Review

**ACTION ITEMS:**

2. Proclamation Honoring the Career of Kevin Hanson

**REPORTS:**

3. Future Agenda Topics
4. Report of the General Manager
5. Directors' Reports and Comments



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## **ADJOURNMENT**



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee  
FROM: Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager  
DATE: May 12, 2026  
SUBJECT: Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission –  
Coastal Region Municipal Service Review

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### RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided for discussion.

### STRATEGIC PLAN

- Goal #1: Provide an abundant, local, reliable and safe water supply.
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- Goal #8: Practice continual business improvement.

### PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

At its March 26, 2018 workshop, the Board of Directors (Board) received information regarding the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission – Coastal Region Municipal Service Review; no action was taken.

### BACKGROUND

The Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission ([OC LAFCO](#)) must periodically conduct Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs) for all Orange County cities and special districts to look at present capabilities, projections of future growth, and how local agencies are planning for growth within their boundaries. Since 2005, OC LAFCO has completed the following three cycles of MSRs:

- the [first cycle of MSRs](#) (2005-2008) involved a collaborative, stakeholder-driven process involving county, city, special district and LAFCO staff, and resulted in detailed MSRs for each Orange County agency.
- the [second cycle of MSRs](#) (2008-2013) resulted in OC LAFCO's reconfirmation of MSR determinations for most Orange County agencies; and
- the [third cycle of MSRs](#) (2013-2018) involved OC LAFCO's new approach to use technology, where possible, to develop ongoing monitoring tools for Orange County's local agencies.

Mesa Water District's (Mesa Water®) General Manager (GM) participated in OC LAFCO's stakeholder process for the third cycle of MSRs.



DISCUSSION

On April 20, 2026 Mesa Water GM Paul Shoenberger received a letter from OC LAFCO’s Executive Officer Luis Tapia. OC LAFCO staff, in conjunction with the consultant RSG, Inc. (RSG), are undertaking the Coastal Region MSR, which will include a comprehensive review of the following agencies:

<b>Coastal MSR Region</b>	
<b>Cities (5)</b>	Costa Mesa
	Huntington Beach
	Los Alamitos
	Newport Beach
	Seal Beach
<b>Special Districts (8)</b>	Costa Mesa Sanitary District
	Irvine Ranch Water District
	Mesa Water District
	Rossmoor Community Services District
	Rossmoor/Los Alamitos Sewer District
	Sunset Beach Sanitary District
	Surfside Colony Community Services District
	Surfside Colony Stormwater Protection District

The completed MSR will inform future OC LAFCO decisions regarding jurisdictional boundary and sphere of influence (SOI) changes. In concert with the MSRs, OC LAFCO is also required to review each agency’s SOI which identifies the probable future boundary and service area of the agency.

Mesa Water will soon be contacted by RSG to initiate the data collection process for the MSR and SOI review report. OC LAFCO anticipates the MSR/SOI being completed by March 2027.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: OC LAFCO Correspondence

**REGULAR MEMBERS**

CHAIR  
**Wendy Bucknum**  
City Member

VICE CHAIR  
**James Fisler**  
Special District Member

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR  
**Donald P. Wagner**  
County Member

**Douglass Davert**  
Special District Member

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City Member

**Derek J. McGregor**  
Public Member

**VACANT**  
County Member

**ALTERNATES**

**Kathryn Freshley**  
Special District Member

**Carol Moore**  
City Member

**Lou Penrose**  
Public Member

**VACANT**  
County Member

**STAFF**

**Luis Tapia**  
Executive Officer

**Scott Smith**  
General Counsel

April 20, 2026

**Via Electronic Mail and USPS**

Paul Shoenberger, General Manager  
Mesa Water District  
1965 Placentia Avenue  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

**SUBJECT: OC LAFCO – Coastal Region Municipal Service Review**

Dear Mr. Shoenberger,

The Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County (OC LAFCO) is required to periodically conduct Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs) for all cities and special districts within Orange County. At this time, our staff, in conjunction with our consultant RSG, Inc., is undertaking the MSR for the coastal region, which will include a comprehensive review of the following agencies:

Coastal MSR Region	
<b>Cities (5)</b>	Costa Mesa
	Huntington Beach
	Los Alamitos
	Newport Beach
	Seal Beach
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	Irvine Ranch Water District
	Mesa Water District
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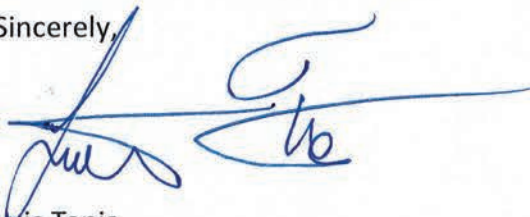
MSRs require LAFCOs to evaluate present service capabilities, projections of future growth, and how local agencies are planning for growth within their boundaries. This will inform future Commission decisions regarding jurisdictional boundary and/or sphere of influence (SOI) changes. In concert with the MSR, OC LAFCO is also required to review each agency’s SOI. An SOI identifies the probable future boundary and service area of the agency. Any potential SOI amendments that are identified as part of the MSR/SOI review, would likely require further research and discussion and consideration by staff, the respective agency, and the Commission subsequent to approval of the MSRs.

Your agency will be contacted by RSG, Inc. during the latter part of April to initiate the data collection process. Your agency's responsiveness will assist our consultant team as they review and summarize technical data and information for the MSR and SOI review report. OC LAFCO anticipates the MSR/SOI review being completed by March 2027. Please be prepared to provide RSG, Inc. with a designated contact for the duration of the MSR process. The consulting team from RSG, Inc. includes:

RSG Consulting Team		
<b>Jim Simon, Principal</b>	<a href="mailto:jsimon@webrsg.com">jsimon@webrsg.com</a>	714.316.2120
<b>Mark Sawicki, Director</b>	<a href="mailto:msawicki@rsgsolutions.com">msawicki@rsgsolutions.com</a>	510.989.4908
<b>Jenny Benitez, Senior Analyst</b>	<a href="mailto:jbenitez@rsgsolutions.com">jbenitez@rsgsolutions.com</a>	949.316.3746
<b>Yutong Bo, Research Assistant</b>	<a href="mailto:ybo@rsgsolutions.com">ybo@rsgsolutions.com</a>	858.214.8738

In advance, we appreciate your participation in this process and look forward to working with you as we begin the MSR process. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the process, you may contact me directly or Leo Lara at 714.640.5100. You may also submit any inquiries by email to [llara@oclafco.org](mailto:llara@oclafco.org).

Sincerely,



Luis Tapia  
Executive Officer



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee  
FROM: Denise Khalifa, Chief Administrative Officer  
DATE: May 12, 2026  
SUBJECT: Proclamation Honoring the Career of Kevin Hanson

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### RECOMMENDATION

Recommend the Board of Directors approve a proclamation honoring Kevin Hanson for his dedicated and committed service to Mesa Water District.

### STRATEGIC PLAN

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- Goal #5: Attract, develop and retain skilled employees.
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- Goal #8: Practice continual business improvement.

### PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

### DISCUSSION

Field Customer Service Representative II Kevin Hanson recently announced his retirement, effective May 28, 2026.

Kevin Hanson began his career at Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) in 2003 as a Meter Reader and, following two promotions, has served as Field Customer Service Representative II since 2006.

Kevin followed in his father's footsteps in joining Mesa Water, building a career marked by his unwavering dedication to customer service. Over the years, he played a key role in advancing the District's meter reading platforms and making a commitment to mentoring new staff, generously sharing his knowledge and experience. Kevin's professionalism, patience and genuine care for others have left a lasting impact on both customers and colleagues alike. He has consistently gone above and beyond to ensure every interaction was handled with excellence and integrity. His commitment has not only strengthened the team but also set a standard for those who follow. Kevin's dedication to excellence and his meticulous attention to detail will leave a legacy within Mesa Water for years to come.

Kevin's certifications and recognitions include the Water Distribution D2 Certification, a Water Treatment T2 Certification, a Water Use Efficiency Practitioner Grade 1 Certification, the 2013



Mesa Water Silver Lining Award, and the Mesa Water Elite Customer Service Award in 2020, 2022 and 2025.

The Board of Directors (Board) recognizes and honors Kevin for his 23 years of dedicated and committed service to the District and wishes him the best in his retirement.

Staff recommends the Board approve a proclamation honoring Kevin Hanson.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

#### ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Draft Proclamation

## *A Day of Recognition for the Career of Kevin Hanson*

*Kevin Hanson began his career at Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) in 2003 as a Meter Reader and, following two promotions, has served as Field Customer Service Representative II since 2006; and*

*Whereas, Kevin followed in his father's footsteps in joining Mesa Water, building a career marked by his unwavering dedication to customer service. Over the years he played a key role in advancing the District's meter reading platforms and making a commitment to mentoring new staff, generously sharing his knowledge and experience. Kevin's professionalism, patience, and genuine care for others have left a lasting impact on both customers and colleagues alike. He has consistently gone above and beyond to ensure every interaction was handled with excellence and integrity. His commitment has not only strengthened our team but also set a standard for those who follow. Kevin's dedication to excellence and his meticulous attention to detail will leave a legacy within Mesa Water for years to come; and*

*Whereas, Kevin's certifications and recognitions include the Water Distribution D2 Certification, a Water Treatment T2 Certification, a Water Use Efficiency Practitioner Grade 1 Certification, the 2013 Mesa Water Silver Lining Award and the Mesa Water Elite Customer Service Award in 2020, 2022 and 2025.*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Mesa Water District hereby recognizes and honors you for 23 years of dedicated and committed service to the District and wishes you the best as you begin your retirement.*

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*Marice H. DePasquale, President*

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*Shawn Dewane, Vice President*

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*Jim Atkinson, Director*

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*May 13, 2026*

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*Fred Bockmiller, P.E., Director*

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*James R. Fisler, Director*



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee  
FROM: Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager  
DATE: May 12, 2026  
SUBJECT: Future Agenda Topics

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### RECOMMENDATION

Review future agenda topics.

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### PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

### DISCUSSION

Staff will provide a list of future agenda topics at the Executive Committee meeting.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

### ATTACHMENTS

None.

**REPORTS:**

4. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

**REPORTS:**

5. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS