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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, May 27, 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

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
James R. Fisler, Director

Directors Absent

None

Staff Present

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
Andie Jacobsen, Executive Assistant to the General Manager/
Acting District Secretary
Kurt Lind, Business Manager/Acting District Treasurer
Calvin Hsu, CPA, Chief Financial Officer
Juan Hernandez, Water Operations Manager
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
Nadia Boutros, Civil Engineer
Karyn Igar, Principal Engineer
Dawn Jordan-Romero, Public Affairs Specialist
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Supervisor
Rob Anslow, General Legal Counsel

Others Present

Diego Xahuentitla, Costa Mesa High School Student
Xavier Barrios, Costa Mesa High School Student
Emmet Van Berckelaer, Estancia High School Student
Isaak Askenaze, Orange Coast College Student
Family Members of Students
John Kennedy, P.E., General Manager, Orange County Water District
Erik K. Weigand, 2nd Vice President, Orange County Water District
Mike Vernick, Senior Vice President, Partner, Voit Real Estate Services
Mike Hefner, Executive Vice President, Partner, Voit Real Estate Services

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MESA WATER 2026 VIDEO CONTEST AWARD WINNERS

President DePasquale welcomed the top student finalists of Mesa Water’s 2026 Video Contest, along with their family members, and acknowledged the winning Costa Mesa High School teacher, Kirby Piazza, who was not present for the presentation.

Public Affairs Supervisor Norris introduced Public Affairs Specialist Jordan-Romero who provided a brief overview of the topic, noting that the contest was open to local high school and college students to bring awareness of Mesa Water and its local water system to the younger residents in the District’s service area.

Awards were presented for:

- 3rd place to Diego Xahuentitla and Xavier Barrios for Costa Mesa High School
- 2nd place to Isaak Askenaze from Orange Coast College
- 1st place to Emmet Van Berckelaer from Estancia High School

Photographs were taken and the Board thanked the winners for their presentation in the contest.

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 recommended reordering the agenda to take Item 19 after Item 10. There were no objections.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approve minutes of the adjourned regular Board meeting of April 29, 2026.
2. Receive and file the Developer Project Status Report.
3. Receive and file the Mesa Water and Other Agency Projects Status Report.
4. Receive and file the Water Quality Call Report.
5. Receive and file the Accounts Paid Listing.
6. Receive and file the Monthly Financial Reports.
7. Receive and file the Outreach Update.
8. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2026 Third Quarter Financial Update.
9. Receive and file the Quarterly Training Report for January 1 through March 31, 2026.

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to approve Items 1 – 9 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 – 0.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

10. ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BRIEFING:

GM Shoenberger introduced Orange County Water District 2nd Vice President Erik Weigand who offered introductory comments and introduced Orange County Water District General Manager John Kennedy who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- FY 26-27 Budget
 - FY 26-27 Budget Components
 - Historical Basin Production Percentage
 - Recent OCWD Replenishment Assessment and Five-Year Projection (\$/af)
 - OCWD 19 Producers Historical Total Water Demands and Groundwater Production
- Talbert Seawater Barrier
 - Talbert Barrier Monitoring Well OCWD-M26
 - Chloride Contours (2024)
- Groundwater Basin Conditions
 - OCWD Anaheim Field Headquarters Rain Gage
 - Prado Dam Water Conservation Program
 - OCWD Groundwater Basin Accumulated Overdraft
- Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances – PFAS
 - Total PFAS Impacted Wells Summary
 - PFAS Project Timeline Summary
 - Approximate PFAS Capital Funding Sources

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

RECESS

President DePasquale declared a recess at 5:04 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:07 p.m.

President DePasquale announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 5:07 p.m.

ITEM 19 – CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8:

- Properties:
- (1) 8702 Atlanta Avenue, Huntington Beach
 - (2) 9901 Yorktown Avenue, Huntington Beach
 - (3) 20972 Brookhurst Street, Huntington Beach
 - (4) 20932 & 20902 Brookhurst Street, Huntington Beach

District Negotiator: General Manager

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:47 p.m.

Attorney Anslow announced that the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, Acting District Secretary, Principal Engineer, Civil Engineer, Voit Real Estate Services Senior Vice President Mike Vernick and Executive Vice President Mike

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Hefner, and General Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8. The Board gave direction to staff and there was no further announcement.

RECESS

President DePasquale declared a recess at 5:47 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:50 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

11. LOCAL GROUNDWATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

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

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by President DePasquale, to approve a contract amendment with Black & Veatch for \$361,117 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$943,223 to complete Phase II of the Local Groundwater Supply Improvement Project, and authorize execution of the contract. Motion passed 5 – 0.

12. FINANCIAL AUDITING SERVICE:

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

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Bockmiller, to direct staff to conduct a comprehensive Request for Proposal process and return to the Board of Directors with a strong recommendation for the most qualified firm to serve as Mesa Water District's Independent Auditor. Motion passed 5 – 0.

REPORTS:

13. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- April Key Indicators Report

Vice President Dewane read a letter dated August 28, 2025 from the President of the United States into the record.

14. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

15. FEDERAL ADVOCACY UPDATE

16. STATE ADVOCACY UPDATE

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17. ORANGE COUNTY ADVOCACY UPDATE

RECESS

President DePasquale declared a recess at 6:22 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:27 p.m.

President DePasquale announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 6:27 p.m.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

18. CONFERENCE WITH GENERAL LEGAL COUNSEL — PENDING LITIGATION:
Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(4) and 54954.5(b)
Number of Cases: 1
Ferreira Construction Co. Inc. v. Mesa Water District, et al

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:32 p.m.

Attorney Anslow announced that the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, Acting District Secretary, Principal Engineer and General Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(4) and 54954.5(b). The Board gave direction to staff and there was no further announcement.

19. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8:
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District Negotiator: General Manager

Item was taken earlier in the agenda.

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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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