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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, June 10, 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 Bockmiller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

Marice H. DePasquale, President *(departed the meeting at 5:03 p.m.)*
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
Calvin Hsu, CPA, Chief Financial Officer
Juan Hernandez, Water Operations Manager
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
Nadia Boutros, Civil Engineer
Danielle Rodriguez, Public Affairs Specialist
Dawn Jordan-Romero, Public Affairs Specialist
Rob Anslow, General Legal Counsel

Others Present

Andrew Barnes, Member of the Public
John Page, Member of the Public

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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

ITEMS TO BE ADDED, REMOVED OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

President DePasquale recommended reordering the agenda to take Item 5 before Item 4. There were no objections.

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CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of May 13, 2026.
2. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
3. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
 - Upcoming Community Outreach Events

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

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve Items 1 – 3 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 – 0.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM 5 – PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET:

General Manager Shoenberger provided an overview of the topic and introduced Chief Financial Officer Hsu who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Strategic Plan Goals
- Mesa Water Financial Ratings
- Committed to Transparency
- District of Distinction
- FY 2027 Budget Assumptions:
 - Increased Water Costs
- FY 2027 Proposed Budget:
 - Operating Revenue
 - Funds
 - Debt Service Coverage Ratio
 - Debt Service Payments
 - Cash on Hand
 - Days Cash Ratio
 - Water Production (AF)
- FY 2027 Budget – Water Supply Needs (Historical and Projected)
- Conservation Impact on Billing Rate
- Operating Expenses by Department as a Percentage
- Capital
- Capital Replacement & Refurbishment (R&R)
- FY 2027 Budget Summary
- FY 2027 Budget Recommendation

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Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

President DePasquale asked for comments from the public. Member of the Public Andrew Barnes inquired regarding whether energy costs were built into the budget.

President DePasquale thanked Mr. Barnes for his question.

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

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by President DePasquale, to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget, with modifications. Motion passed 5 – 0.

4. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ASSEMBLY BILL 2561 – LOCAL PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; VACANT POSITIONS:

President DePasquale announced the Public Hearing was now opened for the purpose of receiving comments regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 2561 – Local Public Employees; Vacant Positions.

District Secretary Khalifa stated AB 2561 requires public agencies to conduct a noticed public hearing at least once each fiscal year prior to the adoption of the budget.

To comply with AB 2561, Ms. Khalifa provided Mesa Water's Calendar Year 2025 Vacant Positions Report to the Board, highlighting the status of the District's vacant positions, recruitment and retention efforts.

President DePasquale opened the floor for discussion by the Board. Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

District Secretary Khalifa reported that the Mesa Water District Employees Association was invited to make a presentation or provide comments at today's meeting and they declined.

President DePasquale opened the floor for comments from the public. There were no comments and she declared the public comments section of the hearing closed.

President DePasquale opened the floor for additional discussion by the Board. There were no comments.

President DePasquale declared the Public Hearing closed.

MOTION

Motion by Director Atkinson, second by Director Fisler, to file Mesa Water District's 2025 Vacant Positions Report as presented in the June 10, 2026 Public Hearing. Motion passed 5 – 0.

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5. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET:

Item taken earlier in the agenda.

6. SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION SUPPORT SERVICES:

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve a contract amendment with Prime Systems Industrial Automation, Inc. for \$75,000 to provide Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Support Services from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, and authorize execution of the contract. Motion passed 5 – 0.

7. CUSTOMER INFORMATION SYSTEM SUPPORT SERVICES:

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

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Fisler, to approve a contract amendment with Plante Moran for \$63,044 to provide additional support services to complete the implementation of the SpryPoint Customer Information System, and authorize execution of the contract. Motion passed 5 – 0.

REPORTS:

8. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

GM Shoenberger reported out that:

Consistent with direction previously provided from the Board of Directors in Closed Session on May 27, 2026, the General Manager has signed an Exclusive Authorization Agreement for Voit Real Estate Services to represent Mesa Water District as its sole broker, granting Voit the exclusive right to facilitate and coordinate its efforts to locate new facilities for purchase. This Exclusive Authorization shall remain effective through December 31, 2026, and shall automatically renew on a monthly basis but can be terminated by either party with 30-day's written notice.

9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

10. 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

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

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Vice President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 4:30 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