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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, June 24, 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
Jim Atkinson, Director (*teleconference*)
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., 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
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
Karyn Igar, Principal Engineer
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Supervisor
Kaying Lee, Water Quality and Compliance Supervisor
Rob Anslow, General Legal Counsel

Others Present

Cathy Green, Director, Division 6, Orange County Water District
Geoff Bowman, Vice President, Van Scoyoc & Associates
Greg Wolffe, Principal, Yorke Engineering, LLC
Lisa Ohlund, Principal, Ohlund Management and Technical Services/Treasurer, Urban Water Institute Board of Directors
Bob Ohlund, Southern California Strategic Initiatives Lead, West Yost
Sheri Lasick, Funding Practice Lead, West Yost
Michael Gruenbaum, Area Market Lead Southern California, West Yost
Dave Bolland, Water Policy Consultant, Dave Bolland and Associates
Joan Gladstone, Former Board Facilitator and Local Artist
Danielle Blacet-Hyden, Executive Director, California Municipal Utilities Association
Megan Murphy, Senior Regulatory Advocate, California Municipal Utilities Association

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Peter Dorsch, Vice President, Community Engagement,
Venture Strategic

Adam Quiñonez, Managing Director, California Advocates

Dennis Albiani, President, California Advocates

Russell Baldwin, Member of the Public

Christina Parker, Member of the Public

HONORING WATER POLICY MANAGER STACY TAYLOR

President DePasquale announced the retirement of Stacy Taylor following almost 16 years of dedicated service as Water Policy Manager for Mesa Water District. She recognized her significant contributions to advancing water policy throughout Orange County and California, including developing award-winning communications and public outreach programs, leading legislative advocacy efforts, and creating collaborative initiatives such as the Buried Utilities Coalition. She noted that Ms. Taylor's efforts helped ensure Mesa Water maintained a strong and respected voice in regional and statewide water policy discussions.

Board members, colleagues, and industry partners expressed their appreciation for Ms. Taylor's leadership, professionalism, and dedication to public service. They commended her strategic approach to government relations, her ability to build strong relationships and coalitions, and her willingness to advocate for the District's interests when necessary. Speakers also recognized her role as a mentor and collaborator whose integrity, expertise, and commitment earned the trust and respect of peers throughout the water industry. They thanked Ms. Taylor for her many years of service and wished her continued success and happiness in her retirement.

Comments were received from Messrs. Bowman, Wolffe, Gruenbaum, Bolland, Dorsch, Quiñonez, Albiani, and Ms. Green, Ohlund, Lasick, Gladstone, Blacet-Hyden, and Murphy.

President DePasquale thanked all the special guests. Photographs were taken.

RECESS

President DePasquale declared a recess at 5:20 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:28 p.m.

District Secretary Khalifa stated one Mesa Water Director was attending the meeting via teleconference.

For each action, a roll call vote was taken in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(b)(2) which states, "all votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by roll call."

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.

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ITEMS TO BE ADDED, REMOVED, OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

General Manager Shoenberger reported that there were no items to be added, removed, or reordered on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Approve minutes of the regular Board meeting of May 27, 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. Approve Mesa Water District's letter of support for the Association of California Water Agencies' "Vision for Our Water Future" initiative.

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to approve Items 1 – 8 of the Consent Calendar. 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

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

9. NEWPORT BEACH INTERAGENCY WATER TRANSFER PROJECT:

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

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve a contract with T.E. Roberts, Inc. for \$749,478 and a 10% contingency of \$74,948 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$824,426 for construction of the Newport Beach Interagency Water Transfer Project, and authorize execution of the contract. Motion passed 5 – 0, by the following roll call vote:

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AYES:	DIRECTORS	Atkinson, Bockmiller, Fisler, Dewane, DePasquale
NOES:	DIRECTORS	None
ABSTAIN:	DIRECTORS	None
ABSENT:	DIRECTORS	None

10. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM SUPPORT SERVICES:

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 Carollo Engineers, Inc. for \$50,000 to provide Geographic Information System Support Services and Hydraulic Model Hosting and Maintenance Services from July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, and authorize execution of the contract. 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

11. INTEGRATED METER READING SOFTWARE TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

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 three-month contract with T2 Tech Group for \$14,703 and a 10% contingency of \$1,470 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$16,173 to provide technical support for the integrated meter reading software implementation, and authorize execution of the contract. 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

12. GUIDELINES FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

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

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MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by President DePasquale, to adopt Resolution No. 1614 Providing Guidelines for the Procurement of Goods and Services and Disbursements, Superseding Resolution No. 1589, with modifications. Motion passed 4 – 1, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	DIRECTORS	Bockmiller, Fisler, Dewane, DePasquale
NOES:	DIRECTORS	Atkinson
ABSTAIN:	DIRECTORS	None
ABSENT:	DIRECTORS	None

13. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN:

President DePasquale announced the Public Hearing was opened for the purpose of receiving comments regarding the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan.

District Secretary Khalifa reported that a Notice of Public Hearing was posted at Mesa Water's office and website from June 5 through June 25, 2026 and at Costa Mesa City Hall. Legal advertisements were published in the *Daily Pilot* on June 6 and June 13, 2026.

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

President DePasquale opened the floor to receive comments from the public. There were no comments.

District Secretary Khalifa reported that the District had not received any written or verbal comments or letters of protest regarding the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan.

President DePasquale declared the public comments section closed.

President DePasquale declared the Public Hearing closed.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by President DePasquale, to:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 1615 Approving the Adoption of the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan; and
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 1616 Approving the Adoption of the 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

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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14. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED COLLECTION OF CAPITAL CHARGES BY WAY OF THE OFFICE OF THE ORANGE COUNTY TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR:

President DePasquale announced the Public Hearing was now opened for the purpose of receiving comments regarding the proposed Collection of Capital Charges by Way of the Office of the Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector.

District Secretary Khalifa reported that a Notice of Public Hearing was posted at Mesa Water's office and website from June 5 through June 25, 2026 and at Costa Mesa City Hall. Legal advertisements were published in the *Daily Pilot* on June 6 and June 13, 2026.

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

President DePasquale opened the floor to receive comments from the public. There were no comments.

District Secretary Khalifa reported that the District had not received any written or verbal comments or letters of protest regarding the proposed Collection of Capital Charges by Way of the Office of the Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector.

President DePasquale declared the public comments section closed.

Director Bockmiller noted this item is not a tax or any form of tax, and that his record of never voting for a tax to pay for water remains intact. He stated that this is a method of collecting capital through a mechanism other than the water bill.

President DePasquale declared the Public Hearing closed.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Fisler, to:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 1617 Determining Compliance with Procedural Requirements, Making Findings, Authorizing Collection of Mesa Water Fiscal Year 2026/27 Capital Charges By Way of the Office of the Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector and County Property Tax Roll Process and Taking Related Actions; and
- b. Accept Mesa Water District's Updated Secretary's Report Listing the Capital Charge Property Tax Roll for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

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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REPORTS:

15. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:
 - May Key Indicators Report
16. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

17. FEDERAL ADVOCACY UPDATE
18. STATE ADVOCACY UPDATE
19. ORANGE COUNTY ADVOCACY UPDATE

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Marice H. 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