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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Thursday, April 8, 2021
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President DePasquale.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Atkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

Marice H. DePasquale President *(teleconference)*
Shawn Dewane, Vice President *(teleconference)*
Jim Atkinson, Director *(teleconference)*
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director *(teleconference)*
James R. Fidler, Director *(teleconference)*

Directors Absent

None

Staff Present

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager *(teleconference)*
Phil Lauri, P. E., Assistant General Manager *(teleconference)*
Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager/
District Secretary
Wendy Duncan, Records Management Specialist/
Assistant District Secretary *(teleconference)*
Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/
District Treasurer *(teleconference)*
Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager *(teleconference)*
Syndie Ly, Human Resources Manager *(teleconference)*
Tracy Manning, Water Operations Manager *(teleconference)*
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager *(teleconference)*
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator *(teleconference)*
Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator *(teleconference)*
Jeff Hoskinson, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud &
Romo *(teleconference)*

Others Present

Jonathan Aparicio, IT Support Engineer, T2 Technology Group
Melody McDonald, Executive Committee Member, Association
of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance
Authority (ACWA/JPIA) *(teleconference)*
Pamela Tobin, President, San Juan Water District *(teleconference)*
Cathy Green, 1st Vice President, Orange County Water District
(teleconference)
Gregory J. Newmark, Principal, Meyers Nave *(teleconference)*

President DePasquale stated that the Board of Directors was attending the meeting via teleconference per Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 which suspended certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

President DePasquale stated that 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."

President DePasquale proceeded with the meeting.

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY RECOGNITION

President DePasquale introduced ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee Member Melody McDonald and Mesa Water Director and ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee Member Fred Bockmiller. Ms. McDonald and Mr. Bockmiller thanked Mesa Water District for their continuous support of ACWA/JPIA and virtually presented the Board with a check for \$127,945.02.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

President DePasquale welcomed San Juan Water District President Pamela Tobin and Orange County Water District 1st Vice President Cathy Green. Ms. Tobin and Ms. Green provided an overview of their qualifications for the candidacy of the Association of California Water Agencies President and Vice President positions, respectively.

President DePasquale thanked them for attending the meeting and proceeded with the meeting.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED, REMOVED OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Approve all matters under the Consent Calendar by one motion unless a Board member, staff, or a member of the public requests a separate action.

Director Bockmiller pulled Item 5 for discussion. There were no objections.

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of March 11, 2021.
2. Approve minutes of adjourned regular Board meeting of March 23, 2021.
3. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
4. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
5. Approve a one-year contract extension to Clifton Larson Allen, formerly White Nelson Diehl Evans LLP, to perform annual financial audit services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.
6. Affirm and direct staff to schedule a public hearing for the April 27, 2021 Board of Directors Committee meeting.

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

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Fisler, second by Director Atkinson, to approve Items 1 – 4 and 6 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

ITEM 5 – Approve a one-year contract extension to Clifton Larson Allen, formerly White Nelson Diehl Evans LLP, to perform annual financial audit services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

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

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

MOTION

Motion by Vice President Dewane, second by Director Fisler, to approve Item 5 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 4-1, by the following roll call vote:

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

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

7. CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY:

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

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to award a contract to Koff & Associates for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to begin a District-wide

Classification and Compensation Study as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding. 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

8. OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY UPGRADES PROJECT:

Administrative Services Manager Garcia provided a brief overview of the topic.

Ms. Garcia responded to questions from the Board and they thanked her for the information.

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

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

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to award the following contracts to:

- a. Prime Systems Industrial Automation, Inc. for \$245,000 and a 10% contingency of \$24,500 for a total amount not to exceed \$269,500 for acquisition of Information Technology infrastructure software assets and to provide professional services to upgrade the Wonderware software system and installation of replacement critical hardware components;
- b. T2 Technology Group, LLC for \$427,000 and a 10% contingency of \$42,700 for a total amount not to exceed \$469,700 for acquisition of Information Technology infrastructure hardware/software assets and professional services for the implementation of a metrics-based Information Technology operations management model and to perform hardware/software maintenance activities;
- c. Zone and Insight for an amount not to exceed \$44,000 for the acquisition of Control Systems Information Technology Infrastructure hardware/software assets and support; and,
- d. AT&T for an amount not to exceed \$24,000 annually for internet access to the Mesa Water Reliability Facility (MWRf) and point-to-point circuits between the MWRf and the Emergency Operations Center.

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

REPORTS:

9. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:
- March Key Indicators Report

- Other (no enclosure)

10. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

11. WELL NO. 6 REHABILITATION

12. CLAIM OF BARBARA MCCALL

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

14. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

RECESS:

President DePasquale declared a recess at 6:54 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 6:57 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

President DePasquale announced that the Board was going into Closed Session at 6:57 p.m.

15. CONFERENCE WITH SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)

Case: *Irvine Ranch Water District v. Orange County Water District and related cross-actions*

Los Angeles County Superior Court Case Nos. BS168278 and BS175192

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:23 p.m.

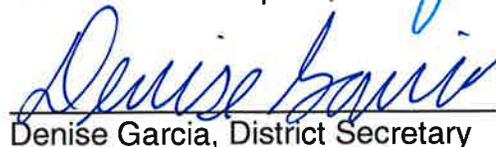
District Secretary Garcia announced that the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, Assistant General Manager, District Secretary, External Affairs Manager and Special Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1). The Board received information and gave direction to staff. There was no further announcement.

President DePasquale adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:



Marice H. DePasquale, President



Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Sharon D. Brimer, Recording Secretary