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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Wednesday, October 9, 2024
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 4:33 p.m. by President Dewane.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Bockmiller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

None

Staff Present

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
Denise Khalifa, Chief Administrative Officer/
District Secretary
Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/
District Treasurer
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., District Engineer
Tyler Jernigan, Water Operations Manager
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
Kurt Lind, Business Administrator
Kaitlyn Norris, Public Affairs Specialist
Hester "Fritz" Petropoulos, M.Ed., Water Use Efficiency and
Education Coordinator
Jeffrey A. Hoskinson, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud
& Romo

Others Present

Gregory J. Newmark, Principal, Meyers Nave *(teleconference)*

AAA CREDIT RATING FROM STANDARD & POOR'S

Chief Financial Officer Khalifa acknowledged the re-certification of Mesa Water's AAA Credit Rating from Standard & Poor's.

The Board expressed gratitude to staff for supporting Mesa Water's financial strategies and their contributions in again obtaining this high achievement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

There was no public present and President Dewane proceeded with the meeting.

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 regular Board meeting of September 11, 2024.
2. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of September 25, 2024.
3. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
4. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
 - Upcoming Community Outreach Events

MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Atkinson, to approve Items 1 – 4 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5 – 0.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

5. PUBLIC AFFAIRS FISCAL YEAR 2025 PLAN:

Public Affairs Specialist Norris and Water Use Efficiency and Education Coordinator Petropoulos proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Objectives
- Strategic Plan: Water Awareness
- Strategy
- Mesa Water Education Center (MWEC) Grand Opening:
 - Timeline
 - Media Day
 - VIP Ribbon Cutting
 - Community Open House
 - Fieldtrip Program
 - VIP and Community Tour Program
- Water Use Efficiency Program
- Welcome & 25th Anniversary Program
- Customer Communications
- Community Events
- Hosted Events
- High School & College Outreach
- Digital Outreach – Social Media
- Internal Communications

- Media Relations
- Branded Water Bottle Refilling Station Grant Program

Ms. Norris and Ms. Petropoulos responded to questions from the Board and they thanked them for the presentation.

ACTION ITEMS:

NONE.

REPORTS:

6. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

President Dewane announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 5:06 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

9. 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 5:21 p.m.

Chief Administrative Officer Khalifa announced the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer, District Engineer, Water Policy Manager, Water Operations Manager, Public Affairs Specialist and Special Legal Counsel pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). The Board received information and gave direction to staff.

Mesa Water Regular Board Meeting of October 9, 2024

President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Shawn Dewane

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Shawn Dewane, President

Signed by:

Denise Khalifa

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Denise Khalifa, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer