



QUARTERLY MEETING

Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 11:30 a.m.
Municipal Water District of Orange County
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

2nd Vice President Mesmer called the meeting to order at 11:41 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Paul Mesmer	2 nd Vice President	Surfside Colony Community Services District
Saundra F. Jacobs	Treasurer	Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD)
Vacant	Secretary	

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Greg Mills	President	Serrano Water District (SWD)
Bob McVicker	1st Vice President	Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)
Scott Nelson	3 rd Vice President	Placentia Library District
Mark Monin	Immediate Past President	El Toro Water District (ETWD)

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT:

Tina Dubuque	MWDOC
Heather Baez	MWDOC
Sharon Brimer	Recording Secretary

PRESENTERS:

C. Michael Stockstill	Journalist and Co-author – Transforming the Irvine Ranch: Joan Irvine, William Pereira, Ray Watson, and the Big Plan
Robert Shull	Senior Director, Investment Services, California Class
Crystal Lynn	Director, Investment Services, California Class
Ryder Todd Smith	President, Tripepi Smith
Nichiole Tripepi Smith, CPA	Chief Financial Officer, Tripepi Smith

OTHERS PRESENT:

Aimee Diaz
Al Nederhood
Alicia Harasty
Amit Sharma
Andrew Nguyen
Bernard Hartmann
Bill Green
Chris Palmer
Crystal Lynn
Fred Galante
Gavin Centeno

Gene Hernandez
Jim Atkinson
Jim Fidler
Joe Muller
John Lewis
John Livas
John Sears
John Withers
Jordan Cris
Kathryn Freshley
Larry Dick

Marilyn Thoms
Randy Crane
Robert Anslow
Scott Goldman
Sergio Contreras
Stacy Taylor
Stephen Faessel
Steve LaMar
Tom Lindsey

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

2nd Vice President Mesmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INTRODUCTIONS:

2nd VP Mesmer welcomed attendees and noted that they initially planned this quarterly meeting as an Associate Member Expo, but they have now rescheduled the event for 2025.

IV. PROGRAM:

2nd VP Mesmer introduced Michael Stockstill, who proceeded with the presentation covering the Irvine Company's development between 1876 and 1976.

Mr. Stockstill responded to questions, and 2nd Vice President Mesmer thanked him for the information.

V. ASSOCIATE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT AND SPONSOR OF LUNCHEON:

California Class

2nd VP Mesmer introduced California Class Senior Director Investment Services Robert Shull and Director Investment Services Crystal Lynn, who proceeded with the presentation on Local Government Investment Pools that highlighted the following.

- The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Investment Programs
- Introduction to Public Trust Advisors, LLC
- California Class Portal - Processing Assets and Reports

Mr. Shull responded to questions, and 2nd Vice President Mesmer thanked him for the information.

Tripepi Smith

2nd VP Mesmer introduced Ryder Todd Smith and Nicole Tripepi Smith, who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Mission and Vision

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- Communication Services
- Trust Issues
- Where Does This Doubt Stem From?
- Tripepi Smith Teams and Clients
- Marketing, technology, and public affairs

Mr. Smith responded to questions, and 2nd VP Mesmer thanked him for the information.

VI. REPORTS

a. Treasurer's Report – Director Jacobs

Director Jacobs:

- As of October 30, 2024, the unreconciled checking account balance was \$4,776.88.
- The sponsorship for the luncheon was from the Associate Members, California Class, and Tripepi Smith.

b. California Special Districts Association (CSDA) - Chris Palmer

Mr. Palmer provided an update:

- H.R. 7525, the Special District Grant Accessibility Act, is progressing through the legislative process. It has passed in the House and will now move to the Senate. This bill mandates that the White House Office of Management and Budget provide guidance to federal agencies to ensure that special districts are recognized as local governments when determining eligibility for federal financial assistance.
- The Board Secretary/Clerk Conference was held October 21 – 23, 2024, at the San Diego Marriott in Mission Valley, San Diego, CA.
- Anticipate a 30% turnover in state legislators this election cycle.
- CSDA legislative staff tracked over 100 water-related bills and met with 93 legislators during the past legislative session.

Mr. Palmer responded to questions, and 2nd Vice President Mesmer thanked him for the information.

c. OC LAFCO Report – Director Fisler

Director Fisler provided an update. The draft report of the proposed OCWD and MWDOC consolidation was sent out for evaluation and comment.

The next OC LAFCO is meeting on November 13, 2024. Special District Dialogue is due out in January 2025

d. Executive Committee Report

2nd VP Mesmer announced the 2025 Executive Committee.

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Bob McVicker	President	Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)
Paul Mesmer	1 st Vice President	Surfside Colony Community Services District (SCCS)
Marilyn Thoms	2nd Vice President	East Orange County Water District
Scott Nelson	3 rd Vice President	Placentia Library District (PLD)
Sandra Jacobs	Treasurer	Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD)
Mark Monin	Secretary	El Toro Water District (ETWD)
Greg Mills	Immediate Past President	Serrano Water District

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

None

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

IX. ADJOURN:

2nd VP Mesmer thanked the attendees and staff for their participation and assistance before adjourning the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

The next ISDOC Executive Committee Meeting is November 5, 2024, at 7:30 a.m. It will be a virtual meeting.

The next ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. It will be in person at the MWDOC/OCWD Board Room.

Signed:



Greg Mills, ISDOC President