



QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, April 25, 2024, 11:30 a.m.

Municipal Water District of Orange County

18700 Ward Street

Fountain Valley, CA 92708

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Greg Mills called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m. and welcomed all.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Greg Mills	President	Serrano Water District (SWD)
Paul Mesmer	2 nd Vice President	Surfside Colony Community Services District
Vacant	Secretary	
Mark Monin	Immediate Past President	El Toro Water District (ETWD)

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Bob McVicker	1st Vice President	Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)
Saundra F. Jacobs	Treasurer	Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD)
Scott Nelson	3 rd Vice President	Placentia Library District

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT:

Heather Baez	MWDOC
Tina Dubuque	MWDOC
Sharon Brimer	Recording Secretary

PRESENTERS:

Jeannette Contreras	Library Director, Placentia Library District
Helen Medina	Library Director, Buena Park Library District
Laer Pearce	Laer Pearce & Associates

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andrew Nguyen
Ashley Davies
Bernard Hartmann
Bob Ooten
Bruce Whitaker
Cailyn Thompson
Chris Palmer
Dick Fiore
James Fisler

Jerry Vilander
Joe Muller
John Sears
John Withers
Jordan Chriss
Kaetlyn
Hernandez
Kathryn Freshley
Kelly Rivers

Larry Dick
Mike Gaskins
Robert Anslow
Robert Housley
Scott Carroll
Sergio Contreras
Stacy Taylor

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Director Mesmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INTRODUCTIONS:

President Mills welcomed attendees.

IV. PROGRAM:

President Mills introduced Placentia Library District Library Director Jeannette Contreras and Buena Park Library District Library Director Helen Medina. Ms. Contreras & Ms. Medina provided a presentation highlighting the following:

- History of Public Libraries
- Nuts & Bolts of Public Libraries
- Special District Libraries
- Accessible and Inclusive Programs and Services
- E-Resources
- Additional Programs and Services
- Community Centers
- Benefits of Communities
- Re-imagined Community Space
- Challenges Facing Public Libraries
- Future of Public Libraries

Ms. Contreras and Ms. Medina responded to questions, and President Mills thanked them for the information.

V. ASSOCIATE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

Director Mesmer introduced Laer Pearce of Laer Pearce & Associates, Solutions through Strategic Communications, and Mr. Pearce proceeded with the presentation highlighting the following:

- Reviewed water-related past and present clients.
- Secure Water Alliance
 - Projects supporting

- Delta Conveyance
- Pure Water Southern California
- Doheny Ocean Desalination Project
- Sites Reservoir project
- Cadiz Water Project

Mr. Pearce responded to questions, and President Mills thanked him for the information.

VI. REPORTS

a. Treasurer's Report – Director Jacobs

President Mills reported:

- There is about \$6,000.

b. OC LAFCO Report – Director Fisler

Director Fisler announced that the OC LAFCO meeting will take place on May 8, 2024, at 8:15 a.m.

Two upcoming agenda items are:

- 24/25 fiscal budget
- Considering amendments to CEQA guidelines

OC LAFCO has an upcoming election. He noted that three commissioners' terms are expiring, two cities and one special district.

c. Executive Committee Report – President Mills

President Mills provided an update:

- ISDOC is now a member of OCCOG.
- President Mills offered ISDOC currently has 26 members and 44 associate members.

d. California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Report

CSDA Legislative Assistant Chris Palmer provided an update:

- Federal H.R. 7525: CSDA encourages its members to send letters of support to their Congress members for the Special District Grant Accessibility Act, which is a top priority. This bill would require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance to agencies, mandating the recognition of special districts as local governments for Federal financial assistance determinations. A template for the submission is available on the CSDA website.
- Upcoming events:
May 21 – 22, 2024, Special Districts Legislative Days, Sacramento

ISDOC Quarterly Meeting for April 25, 2024

June 23 – 25, 2024 General Manager Leadership Summit, Anaheim

October 21 – 23, 2024 Board Secretary/Clerk Conference, San Diego

He noted that CSDA offers on-demand webinars for director education on various topics.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

None

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

IX. ADJOURN:

President Mills thanked the various attendees and staff for their assistance and participation. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

The next ISDOC Executive Committee Meeting is May 7, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. It will be a virtual meeting.

The next ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. It will be in person at the MWDOC/OCWD Board Room.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Mills". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Greg Mills, ISDOC President