



Executive Committee Meeting
(Meeting via Zoom)
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 7:30 a.m.
<https://www.isdoc.net>

I. WELCOME:

President McVicker called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bob McVicker	President	Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)
Vacant	1 st Vice President	
Marilyn T. Thoms	2 nd Vice President	East Orange County Water District (EOCWD)
Al Nederhood	3 rd Vice President	MWDOC
Saundra Jacobs	Treasurer	Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD)
Vacant	Secretary	
Greg Mills	Immediate Past President	Serrano Water District (SWD)

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT:

Tina Dubuque	MWDOC
Heather Baez	MWDOC
Sharon Brimer	Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Aimee Diaz	OC LAFCO
Alicia Dunkin	Orange County Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District (SWD)
Chris Palmer	California Special Districts Association (CSDA)
Jim Fisler	Mesa Water District (MWD)
John Withers	Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)
Larry Dick	MWDOC
Leo Lara	OC LAFCO
Mark Anderson	Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD)
Mark Monin	El Toro Water District (ETWD)
Mike Schaefer	Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD)
Nichole Wiltshire	CMSD
Randall Crane	MWDOC
Stacy Taylor	MWD
Tim Lineberger	Venture Strategic
Wyatt McClean	ETWD

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION:

Motion by Director Jacobs, seconded by Director Nederhood, to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes for February 3, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

No Public Comments.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on Election to Update the Bylaws
Ms. Baez reported that 13 ballots have been received.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT: Director Sandra Jacobs

Director Jacobs reported a reconciled bank balance for February 2026 is \$1,822.94
Summary of February receipts and expenses:

- The total of \$795.50 was received from member and associate members' dues.
- Paid out Recording Secretary \$272.50 for Executive Committee January and Quarterly Luncheon for meeting minutes.

VII. CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) REPORT: Chris Palmer

Chris Palmer reported:

- February 20, 2026, was the deadline for introducing bills in the California Legislature. A total of 1,237 bills were introduced in the Assembly and 561 in the Senate.
- The CSDA Legislative Committee held a four-hour meeting reviewing the proposals and setting priority positions. Additional updates will be provided following the March 20 legislative meeting.
- The California Air Resources Board (CARB) will soon open a 15-day public comment period on proposed Advanced Clean Fleet regulations. CSDA plans to issue a call to action requesting letters from Districts seeking exemptions for special district emergency response vehicles.
- Nominations are open for the CSDA Board Seat C in the Southern Network, previously held by Arlene Schafer. Nomination packets are due April 10, 2026.

VIII. OC LAFCO REPORT – Director Jim Fisler

Director Fisler reported the next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2026 @ 8:15 a.m. The meeting is also streamed on YouTube.

Agenda Items for the March 11, 2026, meeting:

- Public Hearing for the proposed FY 2026–27 budget and fee schedule, which anticipates revenues decreasing by 9.9% and expenditures decreasing by 18.2%, resulting in an 11% reduction in agency apportionments. A final budget hearing is planned for May 13, 2026.
- Legislative Report, March 2026.
- Memorandum of Understanding with California State University, Fullerton Auxiliary Services Corporation for Fiscal Years 2026-2029.
- Professional Consultant Services Agreement with RSG, Inc. to conduct the Coastal Region Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence review for the Coastal MSR Region, covering five cities and eight special districts.
- Cancellation of April 2026 Regular Meeting.

OC LAFCO will begin the appointment process for special district regular and alternate seats on March 9, 2026, with incumbents Doug Gabbard and Katheryn Freshley expected to run again. The public member seat (currently held by Derek McGregor) will begin its appointment process on April 6, 2026.

IX. ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) REPORT: Director Sandra Jacobs

Director Jacobs provided the ACWA update:

- Support for AB 2180 (Water Rates and Proposition 218 Compliance) ACWA is urging members to join a coalition in support of AB 2180 (authored by Assemblymember Chris Ward, D-San Diego). This bill would clarify how water agencies comply with Proposition 218 when setting water rates, providing greater predictability, supporting California's water conservation goals, and reducing unnecessary legal disputes.
- ACWA has also launched a “Water Future” policy initiative to engage candidates for California’s next governor ahead of the 2027 transition, highlighting key water policy priorities.
- ACWA submitted comments to the U.S. EPA regarding the review of fluoride science and drinking water standards.
- March is Agricultural Awareness Month, and ACWA has released a communications toolkit highlighting agriculture’s role in water reuse and efficiency.
- The ACWA Communications Committee’s Agriculture Subcommittee has contributed to a toolkit titled Celebrating California Agriculture, available on the ACWA website.
- The first ACWA Communications Committee meeting of the year is scheduled for March 11, 2026, 9:00–11:00 a.m. (open to non-members).

Upcoming Events:

- 2026 Spring Conference and Expo. May 5 – 7, 2026, Hyatt and Marriott, Sacramento, CA. JPIA, May 4, 2026.
- 2026 Fall Conference & Expo in Anaheim, December 1 – 3, 2026, Anaheim, CA. JPIA, November 30, 2026.

X. ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (OCCOG) REPORT – Director Mike Schaefer

Director Schaefer provided an OCCOG update:

- OCCOG met on February 26, 2026. Members of the Orange County Grand Jury attended the meeting as observers. Presentations included updates from the Cal State Fullerton Center for Demographic Research and a briefing on Advanced Air Mobility, exploring potential future commuter and cargo aircraft operations within Orange County. OCCOG plans to form an ad hoc committee to study the issue and coordinate with airports, industry, and local agencies.
- OCCOG also received a legislative update focused on housing policy.
- AQMD technology showcase for zero-emission vehicles is scheduled for March 6, 2026, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Diamond Bar.

The next OCCOG meeting is March 26, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. – 12:30. Refer to the OCCOG agenda published on the OCCOG website for the Zoom link.

XI. CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF SANITATION AGENCIES (CASA) REPORT: SOCWA Representative

No report for this meeting.

XII. OPERATIONAL AREA (OA) EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT – Director Trudi DesRoches

No report for this meeting.

XIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Programs – Heather Baez

Ms. Baez offered that this is a recommended schedule to be finalized with the prospective speakers:

- April 30, 2026 – Registrar of Voters, Bob Page
- July 30, 2026 - Neal McCormick, CSDA
- October 29, 2026 - Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Chair Doug Chaffee

- Director Thoms

Director Thoms reported that eight associate members signed up via Streamline. The Associate Member presentation for the April Quarterly luncheon is Jeffrey Coreless – Venture Strategy.

- Legislative Update – Director Nederhood

Director Nederhood provided 2025 year-end numbers regarding bills introduced: 80 assemblymembers submitted 1,200 bills and the 40 senate members submitted 560 bills.

He reiterated concerns about mandates related to electric-vehicle transitions for public agencies.

XIV. ADJOURN:

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:08 a.m.

The next ISDOC Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom.

The next ISDOC Quarterly Meeting is on Thursday, April 30, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in person at the OCWD/MWDOC Board Room.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert R. McVicker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ISDOC President, Robert R. McVicker