



Executive Committee Meeting  
(Meeting via Zoom)  
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 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 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	
Marilyn T. Thoms	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	East Orange County Water District (EOCWD)
Al Nederhood	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
Amber Boone	South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA)
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District (SWD)
Jerry Vilander	SWD
Jim Fislser	Mesa Water District (MWD)
John Withers	Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)
Leo Lara	OC LAFCO
Mark Anderson	Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD)
Mark Monin	El Toro Water District (ETWD)
Nichole Wiltshire	Costa Mesa Sanitary District
Randall Crane	MWDOC
Robert Pitts	SWD
Trudi DesRoches	Yorba Linda Water District
Wyatt McClean	ETWD

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION:

*Motion by Director Nederhood, seconded by Director Jacobs, to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes for January 6, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.*

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

The Board acknowledged the passing of Paul Mesmer with deep regret and extended condolences to his family. Several members shared reflections on Paul's character and contributions, noting his dedication, passion, and service to ISDOC and his district. Speakers highlighted his tireless commitment to district outreach, mentorship, and engagement with member agencies, as well as his warmth, integrity, and collegiality. Paul was remembered as a devoted advocate, a trusted mentor, and a genuinely kind and complete human being whose absence will be deeply felt by colleagues and friends alike.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- ACTION: Operational Area (OA) Executive Board Membership Appointment.

Ms. Baez provided an update asking for volunteers to serve on the OA Executive Board for a one-year appointment.

MOTION:

*Motion by Director Jacobs, seconded by Director Thoms, to appoint Trudi DesRoches as the primary appointee with Director Dick and Director Schaefer serving as alternates. The motion passed unanimously.*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Vacancy – Assumption of Duties

Due to the multiple elections already scheduled for 2026, Ms. Baez recommended leaving the First Vice President position vacant and handling it through a regular election.

A discussion ensued.

Ms. Baez offered to assume responsibility for speaker scheduling. The Board thanked Ms. Baez for taking on this function.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on Election to Update the Bylaws

Ms. Baez reported the election for the Bylaws change is ongoing, with two ballots received to date. Directors were encouraged to follow up with their boards.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT: Director Jacobs

Director Jacobs reported a reconciled bank balance for January 2026 is \$1,299.94.

Summary of January receipts and expenses:

- The total of \$588.75 was received from member and associate members' dues.
- Luncheon registration fees totaled \$1,350, which was collected through MWDOC's Constant Contact web payment site.
- Five Star Bank sponsored the luncheon with a \$500 donation.
- The total luncheon costs \$1,240.94

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

There was no report for this meeting.

VIII. OC LAFCO REPORT

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

Agenda Items for the February 11, 2026, meeting:

- Public Hearing: Activation of Latent Powers for Three Arch Bay Community Services District seeking to provide park and recreation services.
- Legislative Report, February 2026

The new OC LAFCO Officers are Wendy Bucknum, Chair, and Jim Fisler as Vice Chair. Terms for a Regular County, City, Special District, and Public Member seat, as well as the Alternate Special District Seat, will expire on June 30, 2026.

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

Director Jacobs reported the following:

- Ernie Avila, President of ACWA, published in "Voices on Water" and discussed the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, which establishes 50 key performance indicators to gauge ACWA's progress.
- The State Water Resources Control Board is addressing potential updates to the Sacramento River watershed, Delta Eastside Tributaries, and Delta portions of the Bay-Delta Plan. Approval of the final draft is expected by the end of 2026.
- Presentations from the December 2025 conference are posted on ACWA's website

Upcoming Events:

- 2025-26 Virtual CLE Workshop Series, January 29, 2026, Virtual Event.
- 2026 Legislative Symposium, February 11, 2026, Sacramento, CA

- ACWA Regions 8, 9, and 10, February 18, 2026 – Zoom Meeting - Briefing on the New ACWA Initiative – Engage gubernatorial candidates to help elevate and shape the water policy priorities.
- DC 2026, February 24 – 26, 2026, Washington. D.C.
- 2026 Spring Conference and Expo. May 5 – 7, 2026, 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

Ms. Baez reported that the January 22, 2026, OCCOG meeting included updates to the conflict-of-interest code. Deborah Diep, Director of the Center for Demographic Research (CDR) presented 2026 county growth predictions for population growth. The statistics can be used to project infrastructure needs. The statistics are available on the CDR website.

OCCOG staff is working on a date for the Annual Conference, scheduled for May or June.

The next OCCOG meeting is February 26, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

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

South Orange County Wastewater Authority General Manager Boone reported that the CASA Winter Conference just concluded in Indian Wells on January 16, 2026. The theme was “Pipelines to Progress”. The topics discussed were climate adaptation and energy resilience.

Upcoming Event:

Policy Forum 2026, February 23 – 24, 2026, Willard Intercontinental, Washington, D.C.

XII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Programs – Heather Baez

Ms. Baez recommended the following speakers for the balance of 2026:

April 30, 2026 – Neil McCormick, CSDA

July 30, 2026 - Bob Page, Registrar of Voters

October 29, 2026 - Doug Chaffee, Chair of the Board of Supervisors

Speakers to be scheduled as available.

- Director Thoms
  - Update on Associate Membership Renewals

5 associate members renewed via the ISDOC website.

57 people attended the last quarterly meeting.

- Legislative Update – Director Nederhood

Director Nederhood reported that January 31, 2026, was the last date to have 2-year bills reaffirmed, with February 20, 2026, the due date for introducing new bills.

AB 35 provides funding for Prop 4, which authorizes the state to issue \$10 million in bonds to finance various climate change projects, and allows upcoming and current funding recipients to bypass the Administrative Procedure Act. AB 35 passed the Assembly.

Governor Newsom released the first draft of the state budget. It has an \$18 billion deficit.

AB 1578 (Jackson) is a bill to amend the Administrative Act, which requires sexual harassment prevention training every two years, and add training for anti-hate speech.

Director Nederhood asked ISDOC members to provide feedback on the proposal to add anti-hate speech to training.

XIII. ADJOURN:

President McVicker thanked the attendees and staff for their participation and assistance. The meeting was adjourned in memory of Director Paul Mesmer at 8:05 a.m.

The next ISDOC Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 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:

ISDOC President, Robert R. McVicker