



Executive Committee Meeting  
(Meeting via Zoom)  
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 7:30 a.m.  
<https://www.isdoc.net>

I. WELCOME:

President McVicker called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. A quorum was achieved.

II. DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bob McVicker	President	Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)
Vacant	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	
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)

III. DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Marilyn T. Thoms	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	East Orange County Water District (EOCWD)
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IV. SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT:

Tina Dubuque	MWDOC
Heather Baez	MWDOC
Sharon Brimer	Recording Secretary

V. OTHERS PRESENT:

Aimee Diaz	Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO)
Amber Boone	South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA)
Art Perry	Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD)
Jim Fisler	Mesa Water District (MWD)
John Withers	Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)
Larry Dick	MWDOC
Leo Lara	OC LAFCO
Mark Monin	El Toro Water District (ETWD)
Trudi K. DesRoches	Yorba Linda Water District (YLWD)
Van Tran	Orange County Water District (OCWD)
Wyatt McClean	ETWD

VI. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION:

*Motion by Director Nederhood, seconded by Director Mills, to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes for April 7, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.*

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

No Public Comments.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

Program update

Director McVicker noted that CSDA Chief Executive Officer Neil McCormick will speak at the July quarterly meeting.

X. TREASURER'S REPORT: Director Sandra Jacobs

Director Jacobs reported the reconciled April 2026 financial statement for ISDOC was \$2,735.63. Deposits included \$1,381.28 in electronic luncheon payments, one \$50 membership check, and a \$500 luncheon sponsorship check. Luncheon revenue totaled approximately \$1,300, with expenses of \$978, resulting in a positive net amount for the event. No invoices had been received from the secretarial service yet, leaving the current balance unchanged at \$2,735.63.

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

No report for this meeting.

XII. OC LAFCO REPORT – Director Jim Fisler

Director Fisler reported the next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 8:15 a.m. The meeting is streamed on YouTube.

- Special district representatives East Orange County Water District Director Doug Davert and El Toro Water District Director Kathryn Freshley were reappointed to the Commission and will be sworn in during the July meeting. Both candidates ran unopposed.
- Public member DMc Engineering Principal Derek McGregor was unopposed and is expected to be reappointed pending Commission approval.
- The final FY 2026–27 budget will be presented for adoption, with special district dues decreasing by 11%.

- OC LAFCO, along with Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and San Diego LAFCOs, has formed a regional alliance after leaving Cal LAFCO. The alliance has entered into an agreement with Davis Farr LLP for audit services covering four fiscal years, with an option to extend for two additional years.
- The Special District Dialogue was distributed, and the OC LAFCO online publication, "The Pulse," is available on the OC LAFCO website.

XIII. ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) REPORT: DIRECTOR Sandra Jacobs

Director Jacobs reported

- Karla Nemeth is the new Executive Director, with Marwan Khalifa continuing as interim director during the transition.
- The Sites Reservoir project is anticipated to break ground later this year. Metropolitan Water District has committed to 22% of the project's capacity, while Irvine Ranch Water District also holds a smaller allocation.
- ACWA's Local Government Committee identified two primary priorities for the next two years: monitoring the impacts of housing and ADU legislation on water agencies and strengthening emergency preparedness efforts. Presentations at the conference emphasized the importance of emergency coordination and maintaining key contacts to restore water systems quickly during emergencies.
- ACWA is redesigning its website and seeking district photographs for inclusion.
- The Communications Committee reviewed legislative and policy initiatives focused on water affordability, infrastructure investment, and modernization of water management practices to advance ACWA's vision for California's water future. Director Jacobs expressed concern that increased funding requests could revive discussions of a statewide water tax and encouraged caution in pursuing future funding strategies.
- There was a presentation on Yuba's emergency response to a water pipe rupture.
- Region 10 board members for the next two-year term are East Orange County Water District Director George Murdock, serving as Chair, and Santa Fe Irrigation District Director Dana Frieauf as Vice Chair.

Upcoming Events:

Fall Conference, December 1 – December 3, 2026, Anaheim, CA.

ACWA DC2027, February 23 – 25, 2027, Willard Intercontinental, Washington D.C.

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

No report for this meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Annual Conference, Wednesday, May 27, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at STA Jets, 3132 Airway Avenue, in Costa Mesa. This event is free to elected officials.

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

SOCWA General Manager Amber Boone reported that the organization continues to monitor legislative matters. Ms. Boone noted there were no additional significant updates at this time and anticipated providing a more detailed report at the next meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Annual Conference, August 4 – 7, 2026, Meritage Resort & Spa, Napa, CA

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

There was no report for this meeting.

XVII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Programs – Director McVicker
  - July 30, 2026 - CSDA CEO Neil McCormick
  - October 29, 2026 - Board of Supervisors, Chair Doug Chaffee
- Legislative Update – Director Nederhood

Director Nederhood thanked Ms. Baez for assisting with the legislative report.

- Upcoming Friday legislative deadline in Sacramento will determine which bills continue moving forward this session. There are approximately 1,800 bills introduced this year, including about 600 “spot bills,” marking a two-year low in bill introductions.
- There is opposition from the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) to proposed taxation measures related to funding California high-speed rail projects, noting concerns regarding escalating project costs and timelines.
- The federal Department of Homeland Security received funding, allowing related federal programs to continue operating.
- At the last ACWA conference, Governor Gavin Newsom and Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot spoke on California water issues. Director Nederhood noted that Governor Newsom delivered an extensive overview of water-related accomplishments and encouraged the water community to continue advancing major projects.

XVIII. ADJOURN:

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:52 a.m.

The next ISDOC Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom.

The next ISDOC Quarterly Meeting is on Thursday, July 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 style with a large initial 'R' and a distinct 'V'.

ISDOC President, Robert R. McVicker