



Executive Committee Meeting  
(Meeting via Zoom)  
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 6, 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)
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:

Paul Mesmer	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Surfside Colony Community Services District (SCCSD)
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SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT:

Tina Dubuque	MWDOC
Heather Baez	MWDOC
Sharon Brimer	Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amber Boone	South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA)
Brad Reese	SWD
Chris Palmer	California Special Districts Association (CSDA)
Jim Fisler	Mesa Water District (MWD)
Jerry Vilander	SWD
John Withers	Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)
Larry Dick	MWDOC
Leo Lara	OC LAFCO
Luis Tapia	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
Stacy Taylor	MWD
Todd Winslow	CalTRUST
Wyatt McClean	ETWD

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION:

*Motion by Director Jacobs, seconded by Director Mills, to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes for December 9, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.*

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

There were no public comments.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

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

Ms. Baez reported that the appointment to the Operational Area Executive Board is an annual item. Currently, Director Dick serves as the representative.

Director Dick indicated he was not interested in continuing on the OA Executive Board.

A discussion ensued, and a consensus was reached to authorize staff to send a notice to the ISDOC membership to solicit interest in the position.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on Election to Update the Bylaws

Ms. Baez reported that ballots and cover letters will be sent out to regular members via email and mail on January 7, 2026.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT: Director Jacobs

Director Jacobs reported a reconciled bank balance of \$1952.05 for December 2025. There were no deposits or outstanding checks. Ms. Brimer donated her Recording Secretary services for December.

A discussion ensued regarding the Stripe payment system. Director Jacobs asked to add to the February agenda a review of the total cost of the luncheon compared to luncheon payments and associate sponsorships, to determine whether ISDOC should reimburse MWDOC for any expenses. MWDOC did not request reimbursement from ISDOC in 2025.

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

Chris Palmer reported that CSDA released its 2025 Year-End Legislative Report, which is available on the CSDA website.

He announced that 2026 priorities include HR 7266, federal recognition of special districts, implementation of SB 707 (the Brown Act), Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) mandate reform, and infrastructure funding protection.

He noted CSDA reviewed 2,133 bills and tracked 1,411.

#### VIII. OC LAFCO REPORT

Director Fisler reported the next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2026 @ 8:15 a.m.

Agenda Items for the January 14, 2026, meeting:

- Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Mid-Year Work Plan Update
- OC LAFCO Professional Services Agreement Update
- Appointment Processes for OC LAFCO Expiring Terms and Vacancies
- Appointment of 2026 OC LAFCO Officers

He noted that Luis Tapia is the featured speaker at the January 29, 2026, Quarterly Luncheon.

Also, an RFP is forthcoming for Municipal Service Reviews in the Central Region, which comprises five cities and 8 districts. He listed the visits he conducted in 2025: Costa Mesa Sanitary District, Irvine Ranch Water District, Mesa Water District, Community Services District, Rossmore-Los Alamitos Sewer District, Sunset Beach Sewer District, Surfside Colony Community Services District, and Surfside Colony Stormwater Protection District, along with about 20 others.

Several OC LAFCO commission seats are expiring June 30, 2026

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

Director Jacobs reported the following:

- The ACWA Region 10 Board submitted its committee recommendations to the ACWA President.
- January 21, 2026, Live Webinar - From Policy to Practice (Part 3): Tools, Resources, and Sustaining Compliance for Making Conservation a Way of Life Regulation
- January 29, 2026, ACWA 2025-26 Virtual CLE Workshop #2 – (CLE - Continuing Legal Education) Contract Drafting for Water Lawyers: Form vs. Manuscript

Upcoming Events:

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

No report for this meeting. No OCCOG meeting in December

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

Ms. Boone reported that the CASA Winter Conference, Pipelines for Progress, is scheduled for January 14 – 16, 2026, in Indian Wells, CA.

XII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Programs – Director Mesmer
  - January 2026 Quarterly Meeting Program Update  
Ms. Baez reported the guest speaker is Executive Officer, OC LAFCO Luis Tapia. The luncheon is sponsored by 5-Star Bank.
  - Form 700 Workshop  
Following the Quarterly Meeting, BB&K will conduct the Form 700 Workshop.

- Director Thoms

- Update on Associate Membership Renewals

Director Thoms reported that associate member invoices and invitations will be distributed by the end of the week.

- Legislative Update – Director Nederhood

Director Nederhood reported that the California legislative session began on January 5, 2026. New bills are due by January 23, 2026. This is also the second year of a two-year legislative process.

Director Nederhood referenced potential legislation co-sponsored by the Santa Margarita Water District and the Crescent Valley Water District concerning the use of Section 115 Trusts under the Internal Revenue Code for California public agencies. A Section 115 Trust is a tax-exempt, irrevocable trust that allows public agencies to prefund pension and other post-employment benefits (OPEB). These trusts enable agencies to set aside funds that are legally protected from creditors, generate tax-exempt investment earnings—often managed through CalPERS—

and reduce long-term benefit costs through disciplined, long-term investment growth.

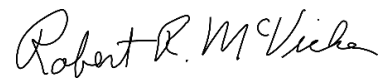
XIII. ADJOURN:

President McVicker thanked the attendees and staff for their participation and assistance. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 a.m.

The next ISDOC Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom.

The next ISDOC Quarterly Meeting is on Thursday, January 29, 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 cursive script that reads "Robert R. McVicker".

ISDOC President, Robert R. McVicker