

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
**JANUARY 29, 2003**

**45165** The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in Special Meeting in the Board Room located in the building at 700 North Alameda Street in the City of Los Angeles, State of California, on Wednesday, January 29, 2003.

Board Secretary Hansen called the Meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

**45166** The Meeting was opened with an invocation by Director Emeritus Kenneth H. Witt.

**45167** Following comments on leadership principles, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given, led by Deputy Chief Gary Brennan of the Los Angeles Police Department.

**45168** Board Secretary Hansen called the roll. Those answering present were: Directors Bakall, Blake, Brick, Brown, Castro, Coughran, De Jesus, Fellow, Foley, Hansen, Herman, Kwan, Loveland, Morris, Morse, Murph, Mylne, Pace, Parker, Peterson, Record, Rez, and Wright.

Those not answering were: Directors Abdo, Ball, Bannister, Dentler, Edwards, Grandsen, Harris, Lewis, Luddy, Mejia, Murray, Owen, Stanton, and Troxel.

Board Secretary Hansen declared a quorum present.

**45169** Board Secretary Hansen announced that this is a Special Meeting of the Board and discussion, comments, and actions are necessarily confined to the items listed on the Board agenda.

**45170** In her opening remarks, Board Secretary Hansen stated that in the past four years Metropolitan has seen many people not usually involved in water issues taking an interest in Metropolitan, which stems from Metropolitan's proactive approach to water quality and deliberations of topics such as climate change. In reference to Metropolitan educating the public about water, one of the prime topics relates to landscaping which saves water, money, and the environment. Secretary Hansen then introduced actress René Russo, a native plant enthusiast.

Ms. Russo addressed the Board and complimented Metropolitan for its leadership and commitment to restoring Southern California's natural landscape heritage.

Director Mylne withdrew from the Meeting at 4:06 p.m.

**45171** Judge Roy Paul administered the Oath of Office to Chairman Phillip J. Pace, who began his third two-year term as Chairman of Metropolitan's Board.

Judge Paul then administered the Oath of Office to the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Board and the Standing Committees.

**45172** Chairman Pace addressed the Board and outlined a public business philosophy that has changed the way Metropolitan does business and sets priorities. The Chair described the new philosophy's four tenets that redefine Metropolitan's image and corporate viewpoint – stewardship, added value, respect for rights, and adaptability – and expanded on each tenet. Chairman Pace stated that the new philosophy is founded on Metropolitan's respect for water rights and the rights of local communities.

**45173** There being no objection, Board Secretary Hansen adjourned the Meeting at 4:40 p.m.

  
 SECRETARY

  
 CHAIRMAN