



- **Board of Directors**
Ad Hoc Committee on Facilities Naming

11/19/2024 Board Meeting

8-4

Subject

Approve the nomination and naming of the San Jacinto Tunnel in honor of former Metropolitan Chairman of the Board and Director Randy Record; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Executive Summary

Metropolitan's Facilities Naming Policy Principle establishes approved standard criteria and procedures to submit a naming request for consideration by Metropolitan's Board. The Board has received a nomination from Director Cynthia Kurtz to recommend naming a Metropolitan facility in honor of former Chairman of the Board and Director Randy Record in recognition of his legacy of service to Metropolitan. The Ad Hoc Committee on Facilities Naming recommends naming the San Jacinto Tunnel in his honor.

Proposed Action(s)/Recommendation(s) and Options

Staff Recommendation: Option #1

Option #1

Approve the nomination and naming of the San Jacinto Tunnel in honor of former Chairman of the Board and Director Randy Record in recognition of his legacy of service to Metropolitan.

Fiscal Impacts: Costs consisting of the estimated cost to design and install signage for the facility and changes to facility records and documents – estimated \$6,000-\$10,000. Costs for the dedication event range from \$12,000-\$40,000 with an estimated additional 230-400 hours of staff time for planning, logistics, outreach and staffing event.

Business Analysis: Approval of nomination and naming of the San Jacinto Tunnel in honor of Chairman of the Board and Director Randy Record to recognize his substantial importance and positive impact to Metropolitan and personal achievements of the highest distinction in a public service role.

Option #2

Take no action

Fiscal Impact: None

Business Analysis: If the nomination and naming are not approved, Metropolitan would forgo the opportunity to acknowledge the important and positive impact and public service role of Randy Record.

Alternatives Considered

Not applicable

Applicable Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 11104: Delegation of Responsibilities

By Minute Item 51324, dated September 11, 2018, the Board adopted the proposed Metropolitan Facilities Naming Policy Principle as a Board-Adopted Policy Principle.

By Minute Item 51004, dated November 14, 2017, the Board established the creation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Facilities Naming.

Related Board Action(s)/Future Action(s)

Not applicable

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA determination for Option #1:

The proposed action involves a facility name nomination and as such is not defined as a project under CEQA (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378) because the proposed action involves organizational and administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment (Section 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines). Also, the proposed action is not subject to CEQA because it can be seen with certainty that designating a name for a facility will not cause a significant effect on the physical environment (Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines).

CEQA determination for Option #2:

None required

Details and Background

Background

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) is responsible for its facilities, including construction of new facilities, and operations and maintenance of existing facilities. A Metropolitan facility may be named or renamed after an individual, group of individuals, or an organization. The primary criteria for naming or renaming a Metropolitan facility is to honor an individual, group of individuals, or organization that has or has had a substantial, important, and positive impact upon Metropolitan as a member of its Board or as an employee, and/or demonstrated personal achievements of the highest distinction in a public service role while maintaining close ties with and providing significant support to Metropolitan.

Randy Record Nomination

Chair Record served on the Metropolitan Board of Directors for 19 years from January 2003 until 2022, representing Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD). He served as the Chair of Metropolitan's Board from 2014 until 2018 guiding the agency through one of the most severe drought cycles ever experienced in California, including the hottest year on record in 2014 and the driest year ever experienced in 2013. During this time, Metropolitan was forced to restrict wholesale deliveries for only the fourth time in its history.

Chair Record was a forward-thinking leader who recognized and responded to the challenges of drought and climate change as part of Metropolitan's evolving role in meeting the region's future water needs. Under his leadership, Metropolitan launched the nation's largest turf removal and water conservation program, overseeing a total regional investment that surpassed half a billion dollars.

As the 18th chairman in Metropolitan's history, he also supported Metropolitan's participation in efforts to modernize the statewide water system, including the proposed California WaterFix, and secured board approval for the development and construction of the demonstration plant for what is today the Pure Water Southern California regional recycled water program in partnership with the Los Angeles County Sanitation District. In

addition, under his leadership, the Board approved Metropolitan's participation in the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan among the Colorado River's seven Basin states, as well as investments in a diverse water management portfolio for the region to ensure and maintain reliable water supplies.

Record was first elected to the EMWD Board in January 2001 and served two terms as board president during his tenure. After 24 years representing Division 3 of EMWD's service area, Record will be retiring effective December 6, 2024. Since EMWD's formation in 1950, there have only been four Division 3 representatives serving San Jacinto and surrounding areas. Chair Record and his father, Clayton Record, Jr., are two of those representatives, collectively serving for 30 of the agency's nearly 75-year history.

Born in Hemet, Record attended San Jacinto schools and graduated from high school in 1970. Record earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural management from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Record has been active in the farming community for more than four decades and currently owns and operates a wine grape vineyard on the Central Coast with his wife and two daughters. He also is a board member of the Bank of Hemet.

As a water industry leader, he brought together the often competing water interests of agricultural and urban users promoting a better understanding and more trusting partnerships between the two groups that are still working today. Because of his support for long-term water reliability, he promoted the development of new supplies through water recycling.

A past president of the Association of California Water Agencies from 2012-2013, Record is the founding chair of the Riverside County Water Task Force. Record is past co-Chair of the Southern California Leadership Council, as well as a member of the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau and the Monday Morning Group of Western Riverside County. He is also a member and past president of the Hemet/San Jacinto Action Group.

The Board received a nomination and letter of support from Director Kurtz to recommend naming a Metropolitan facility in honor of former Metropolitan Director and Chairman Randy Record in recognition of his legacy of service to Metropolitan. **(Attachment 1)**

On October 28, 2024, the Ad Hoc Committee on Facilities Naming considered the nomination and recommended naming the San Jacinto Tunnel in honor of former Metropolitan Director and Chairman Randy Record. Letters of support for this honor have been submitted by Eastern Municipal Water District, West Basin Municipal Water District, Three Valleys Municipal Water District and Foothill Municipal Water District. **(Attachment 2)**



 Sue Sims
 Group Manager – External Affairs
 11/1/2024
 Date



 Deven Upadhyay
 Interim General Manager
 11/4/2024
 Date

Attachment 1 – Nomination and support letter from Director Cynthia Kurtz

Attachment 2 – Support Letters from Eastern Municipal Water District, West Basin Municipal Water District, Three Valleys Municipal Water District and Foothill Municipal Water District



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Metropolitan Facilities Naming Request Form

It is the policy of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California ("Metropolitan") acting through its Board of Directors to name and rename facilities. The naming and renaming criteria and procedures are available in the Metropolitan Facilities Naming Policy Principle. This form shall be used by an individual, groups of individuals or organization proposing names for new Metropolitan facilities or the renaming of existing Metropolitan facilities.

1. **Name for consideration:** Randy Record

- Board to select appropriate Metropolitan facility
- Facility proposed for naming or renaming: _____

2. **The criteria which the proposed name meets or satisfies:** (check all that apply)

- Substantial, important and positive impact upon Metropolitan as a member of its Board or staff
- Personal achievements of highest distinction in a public service role, while maintaining close ties with and providing significant support to Metropolitan
- Names that have historical or regional significance to the facility or location, ordinarily not for living persons
- Other: _____

3. **Provide supporting documentation, as available:**

- a. A memorandum giving the particulars of the naming request that includes the rationale for the naming, referring to relevant criteria;
- b. Background and information about the individual, group of individuals, or organization for which the facility is to be named or renamed;
- c. Letters of support for this request;
- d. Other information that may be relevant to the potential implementation of the request such as historical photographs and articles;
- e. A list of other facilities named, or being proposed to be named or renamed after the same individual, group of individuals or organizations, including location and date.

You may be contacted by Metropolitan staff for additional information, if needed.

Name of Requestor: Cynthia Kurtz

Mailing Address: 710 S Arroyo Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91105

Telephone: 626-253-2149 **Email:** ckurtz@mwdh2o.com

Signature: *Cynthia Kurtz* **Date:** _____

Please mail this application and supporting documents to: Metropolitan Board of Directors, P.O. 54153, Los Angeles, CA 90054-053 or ssims@mwdh2o.com

Attention Sue Sims

September 25, 2024

Adan Ortega
Chairman of the Board
Metropolitan Water Board of Southern California
700 S. Alameda Ave.
Los Angeles, CA

Dear Chair Ortega,

I am writing to request the Facility Naming Committee name a MWD facility for Former MWD Chair Randy Record. Chair Record served on the MWD Board of Directors for 19 years from January 2003 until December 2022. While he represented the Riverside County Eastern Municipal Water District, it is clear from his voting record that he was a Board member who governed in support of the best water decisions for all member agencies and the MWD region.

He served as the Chair of the Board from 2014 until 2018 guiding the agency through one of the most severe drought cycles ever experienced, including the recorded hottest year on record in 2014 and the driest year ever experienced in 2013. During this time MWD was forced to restrict wholesale deliveries for only the fourth time in its history. Under Chair Records leadership, all member agencies felt they were being treated fairly even though MWD was unable to meet all the region's water demands.

Chair Record – a San Jacinto Valley native – is a farmer and brought together the sometimes competing water interests of agricultural and urban users promoting a better understanding and more trusting partnerships between the two groups that is still working today. When Directors travel to farms and communities who MWD partners with, it is common to be asked still today – how is my friend Randy? He makes friends easily.

Because of his support for long-term water reliability, he promoted the development of new supplies through water recycling beginning what eventually became the Pure Water Project of Southern California that is being pursued now.

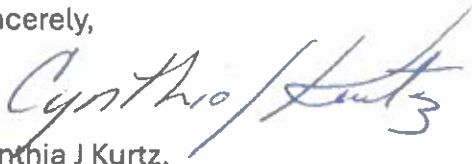
One of the best experiences I had as a Director serving during his time as Chair was to be privileged to travel on several occasions with him to Sacramento and Washington DC. During those trips, one soon recognized how respected Chair Record was not only within the MWD region and with MWD partners but also by state and federal appointed and elected officials. MWD delegations were always warmly received. When Chair Record spoke, the officials listened carefully and responded favorably to the information provided. They respected him not because of title and not because he demanded it but because of his deep water knowledge, commitment to do the right thing and ability to understand the perspective of all engaged in the conversation.

I am not suggesting any specific facility as a part of this request. I did ask representatives of the Eastern Municipal Water District about possible naming options. It is my understanding that the San Jacinto tunnel is a possible option. If you and the Facility Naming Committee agree with this request, I am confident you will find the appropriate facility.

I know I speak for many Directors when I say it was a privilege to serve with him and for him. Attached are letters of support from the Foothill Municipal Water District and the West Basin Municipal Water District.

Thank you for discussing this request with the Facility Naming Committee.

Sincerely,



Cynthia J Kurtz,
MWD Board Representative for the City of Pasadena

Cc Margie Wheeler
Sue Sims

October 15, 2024

Adán Ortega Jr.
Chair, Board of Directors
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 Alameda St,
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Requesting Naming of the San Jacinto Portal after Director Randy Record

Dear Chair Ortega:

On behalf of Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), I am writing to express our strong support for naming a Metropolitan Water District (Metropolitan) facility in honor of Director Randy Record. Director Record served as EMWD's representative on Metropolitan's Board from 2003 to 2022, and notably held the position of Metropolitan's Chairman for two terms starting in 2014. His visionary leadership, particularly during the state's historic drought, and his commitment to addressing the complex challenges facing Metropolitan are worthy of recognition and celebration.

EMWD respectfully suggests that Metropolitan's San Jacinto Portal be named after Director Record. This facility has great significant as it concludes the 90 miles of tunnels required for this project and is the location where the Colorado River water first enters the Metropolitan service area after traveling 242 miles across the Mojave Desert. The completion of this tunnel in 1938 marked the moment when imported water helped Southern California flourish. This facility has tremendous historic significance for both Metropolitan, as well as Director Record's family. One of the roads adjacent to the portal, Record Road, was named after Director Record's grandfather. And immediately south of the Portal is Quandt Ranch Road, named after Director Record's other grandfather. Director's Record and his ancestors have a rich history of living and farming the lands adjacent to this historic landmark. Director Record's family has a long and rich history related to the Metropolitan Water District, the details of which are in the appendix to this letter.

During his tenure, Director Record spearheaded several critical initiatives that have had a lasting impact on water conservation and resource management across California. Under his leadership, Metropolitan invested over half a billion dollars in the removal of nonfunctional turf, which not only advanced conservation goals but also transformed the way Californians view water use in landscaping. This program has had a profound and lasting

influence, continuing to inspire thousands of residents and businesses to replace turf with drought-tolerant landscaping solutions.

In addition, Director Record oversaw a pivotal update to Metropolitan's Integrated Resource Plan, a comprehensive blueprint for long-term water supply reliability. One of the plan's most significant outcomes was the formation of a groundbreaking partnership with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, resulting in the concept of Pure Water Southern California, one of the largest proposed water recycling projects in California. This innovative initiative is a testament to Randy's foresight and his dedication to securing sustainable water resources for future generations.

Director Record played a crucial role in fortifying imported water supplies through the State Water Project. He championed the modernization of its delivery system, ensuring its capacity to meet the evolving needs of Southern California. Additionally, his leadership in advancing the Delta Conveyance Program has laid the foundation to improve water security of the region.

Given the enduring impact of Director Record's contributions, we urge Metropolitan to consider naming the San Jacinto Portal in his honor. His leadership has left a permanent mark on Southern California's water management, and his legacy continues to benefit the communities we serve today.

Thank you for considering this tribute to a leader whose work has profoundly shaped the water landscape of our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Armstrong', written in a cursive style.

Jeff Armstrong
Board of Directors

Cc:
EMWD Board of Directors
Director Cynthia Kurtz
Sue Sims

Appendix

Director Record's grandfather, Clayton, established a dairy farm in the early 1920's in San Jacinto. Part of his farm was many acres of pasture that he utilized for grazing, especially replacement heifers. He shared with Randy many times about the springs and artesian wells that were abundant on his land.

All that changed dramatically when the Metropolitan Water District constructed the San Jacinto tunnel and virtually wiped out the abundant water supply within his grandfather's land holdings. The immediate area was dewatered which drastically changed the natural water supply. Initially MWD proposed a settlement with four landowners, one of which was Randy's grandfather. It was subsequently determined that the impacts were far more extensive in the region than just those related to the four landowners. After much discussion the solution agreed upon was for a new water agency and MWD member agency be formed to deal with and manage the very large amount of water that was flowing into the MWD tunnel. That agency is EMWD, and the water continues to flow into the tunnel to this day. The same fate was experienced by the Soboba tribe.

Randy's grandfather was a very good businessman, but the sentiment remains that he didn't get nearly enough compensation for what he lost but was a community focused person who believed in progress for the region going forward.

Over the years Record heard very little from his dad or uncle about this issue. Record supposes they felt that overall, his family prospered and while maybe water resources were impacted on family land, in the long run having a stable imported water supply was a great benefit.

Record strongly believes that his family sacrificed for the good of the region.

Also, the Fruitvale Agreement was an acknowledgment that the San Jacinto Valley was impacted and still is today as water continues to flow into the tunnel.

Also of interest is that Record's grandfather Carl Quandt owned and farmed land east of State St. from the San Jacinto River to the Ramona Expressway, also adjacent to Metropolitan's San Jacinto Portal. In the early 1960's he donated the land for the original campus of Mt. San Jacinto Community College.



FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Altadena - La Cañada Flintridge - La Crescenta

September 10, 2024

Adán Ortega
Chairman of the Board
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 S. Alameda Ave.
Los Angeles, CA

Dear Chairman Ortega,

Naming of Facility After Randy Record

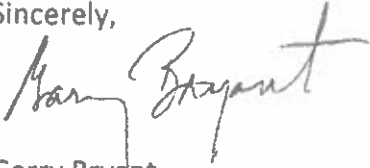
Foothill Municipal Water District supports naming a Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) facility after Randy Record who served as Chairman of Metropolitan's Board from 2014 to 2018 and represented Eastern Municipal Water District on Metropolitan's Board from 2003 thru 2022. His leadership during the state's historic drought and steps taken to solve the water resource challenges facing Metropolitan should be commended and celebrated.

Under his leadership, Metropolitan invested over a half billion dollars in the removal of nonfunctional turf to further its conservation goals. This had tremendous influence in changing the way a large portion of southern Californians consider turf, and that momentum continues today with residents and businesses converting turf to drought-tolerant landscaping.

An update to the Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) was also completed under his tenure as chairman, outlining long-term ways for supply reliability. One identified alternative under the IRP was the partnership developed with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts for a large water recycling facility now known as Pure Water Southern California. Furthermore, Randy led efforts to shore up imported supplies through the State Water Project by modernizing its delivery system planning, and he also oversaw the Delta Conveyance program during his tenure.

We urge Metropolitan to name a facility after Randy Record who has made historic contributions to the southland which we are still all benefiting from today.

Sincerely,

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Garry Bryant
Director/ Metropolitan Representative
Foothill Municipal Water District

cc: FMWD Board of Directors
Director Cynthia Kurtz
Director Jeffrey D. Armstrong
Sue Sims

October 1, 2024

Mr. Adán Ortega Jr.
Board of Directors Chair
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Letter in support of proposal to honor Director Randy Record with Facility Naming

Dear Chairman Ortega,

Three Valleys Municipal Water District (Three Valleys) is pleased to support the proposal for Metropolitan Water District (Metropolitan) to honor former Chairman and Director Randy Record's years of service to the institution and his achievements as a water industry leader by naming one of its facilities after him, pursuant to Metropolitan's Facilities Naming Policy Principle.

We are delighted that a Naming Request was proposed to recognize Director Record's contributions throughout the almost two decades he served with distinction on Metropolitan's Board of Directors, a time during which he was an unwavering presence in the face of challenges impacting our region, leading the Board to establish the nation's largest conservation rebate program amid an unprecedented drought.

In his time at Metropolitan, Director Record was a staunch advocate for investing in water infrastructure and an active strategic contributor to modernization efforts in favor of the state water system, the creation of a diverse water management portfolio for the region, and the creation and protection of reliable water supplies. Director Record's legacy includes progress made towards the proposed Delta Conveyance Project (formerly California WaterFix) and the development and construction of Metropolitan's Pure Water Southern California demonstration plant.

We would also like to acknowledge Director Record's tireless efforts towards creating and maintaining strong stakeholder and community relations, which can be seen in his time dedicated to his various leadership roles in a wide array of organizations outside Metropolitan, such as the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) where he is past president, the Riverside County Water Task Force where he is former Chair, the Southern California Leadership

Council which he co-chaired, and the Monday Morning Group of Western Riverside County and Hemet/San Jacinto Action Group where he remains an actively engaged member.

We are delighted to have crossed paths with Randy, whose personal qualities we also admire, and we cannot think of a more deserving person for this recognition.

For the reasons mentioned in this letter, we kindly ask that you give this proposal your full and favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

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David D. De Jesus
TVMWD Director



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September 24, 2024

Mr. Adán Ortega Jr.
Board of Directors Chair
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Letter in support of proposal to honor Director Randy Record with Facility Naming

Dear Chairman Ortega,

The West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) is pleased to support the proposal for Metropolitan Water District (Metropolitan) to honor former Chairman and Director Randy Record's years of service to the institution and his achievements as a water industry leader by naming one of its facilities after him, pursuant to Metropolitan's Facilities Naming Policy Principle.

We learned with enthusiasm that a Naming Request was proposed to recognize Director Record's contributions throughout the almost two decades he served with distinction on Metropolitan's Board of Directors, a time during which he was an unwavering presence in the face of challenges impacting our region, leading the Board to establish the nation's largest conservation rebate program amid an unprecedented drought.

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For the reasons mentioned in this letter, we kindly ask that you give this proposal your full and favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

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