



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# Board Information

- **Board of Directors**  
***Legislation and Communications Committee***

3/10/2026 Board Meeting

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## **Subject**

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Information on Facilities Naming Criteria and Procedures

## **Executive Summary**

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An oral report will be provided on the March 2, 2026, meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Communications and Facilities Naming.

## **Fiscal Impact**

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None

## **Applicable Policy**

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

By Minute Item 51324, dated September 11, 2018, the Board adopted the Metropolitan Facilities Naming Policy Principle as a Board-Adopted Policy Principle. It outlines criteria and procedures to name Metropolitan facilities.

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

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The Ad Hoc Committee on Communications and Facilities Naming may recommend naming facilities as nominations are received and reviewed. Board approval is required for a facility to be named or renamed.

## **Details and Background**

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At the March 2, 2026, meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee on Communications and Facilities Naming reviewed the adopted Facilities Naming Policy Principle, which includes naming criteria and procedures. The committee discussed excluding certain facilities from naming, such as the Metropolitan Headquarters Building at Union Station and the Headquarters rotunda. It was noted that the policy declares that Metropolitan has "sole discretion" in whether to name a facility and the name chosen, and this would address the issue. In addition, it was clarified that the naming criteria "ordinarily not for living persons" means that ordinarily naming will be for a deceased person, but in an extraordinary case may be for a person who is still living. The committee does not recommend changing the adopted criteria and procedures at this time.

The committee has received two nominations which it will review and for which it will provide recommendations to the Board.

  
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