

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**ONE WATER AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

**September 9, 2024**

Chair Quinn called the meeting to order at 2:48 p.m.

Members present: Directors Ackerman (AB 2449 just cause), Alvarez (entered after roll call), Armstrong, De Jesus (teleconference posted location), Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Gold (teleconference posted location), Goldberg, Kurtz, Lefevre (teleconference posted location), Lewitt, Miller, Pressman (teleconference posted location), and Quinn.

Members absent: Directors Cordero and Sutley.

Other Board Members present: Directors Dennstedt (teleconference posted location), Gray (teleconference posted location), McCoy, McMillan (teleconference posted location), Ortega, Ramos (teleconference posted location), Seckel, and Smith (teleconference posted location).

Director Ackerman indicated that she was participating under AB 2449 “just cause” regarding an injury. Director Ackerman appeared by audio and on camera and stated that she was alone.

Committee Staff present: Bednarski, Crosson, Goshi, Hasencamp, Hawk, Munguia, Schlotterbeck, Upadhyay, and Wheeler.

**1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION**

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS -- ACTION**

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Stewardship Committee Meeting for August 19, 2024.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

- 7-4** Subject: Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the Plumas Community Protection I Forest Resilience Bond LLC, North Feather I Foreset Resilience Bond LLC, and Upper Butte Creek I Forest Resilience Bond LLC to establish watershed partnerships and forest health pilot investigations in the Northern Sierra Nevada: the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the Plumas Community Protection I Forest Resilience Bond LLC, North Feather I Forest Resilience Bond LLC, and Upper Butte Creek I Forest Resilience Bond LLC to establish watershed partnerships and forest health pilot investigations in the Northern Sierra Nevada, each agreement is not to exceed \$200,000 per year for a maximum of two years.

Presenter: None.

No presentation was given. Director Miller made a motion, seconded by Director Armstrong, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A and 7-4.

The following Director provided comments or asked questions:

1. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to Director's questions and comments.

Director Ackerman announced before the vote that no one was in the room with her 18 years of age or older.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, De Jesus, Erdman, Faessel, Gold, Goldberg, Kurtz, Lefevre, Lewitt, Miller, Pressman, and Quinn.
Noes:	Director Fong-Sakai (Item 7-4)
Abstentions:	None.
Absent	Directors Cordero and Sutley.

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 15 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent.  
The motion for item 7-4 passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 1 no, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent.

#### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

#### **4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

## 5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

**9-2** Subject: Proposed modifications to the Reverse Cyclic Program.

Presented by: Anna M. Garcia, Associate Engineer, Water Resource Management

Mr. Goshi provided background and introductory comments.

Ms. Garcia provided a presentation on potential modifications to the Reverse-Cyclic Program to defer deliveries of purchased water under various water supply conditions.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Gold
2. Miller
3. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to Directors' questions and comments.

**9-3** Subject: Update on proposed agreements with Western Canal Water District and Richvale Irrigation District for water transfer options and rights of first refusal during 2025 through 2027.

Presented by: Sarah J. Bartlett, Program Manager, Water Resource Management

Mr. Goshi provided background and introductory comments.

Ms. Bartlett provided a presentation on water transfer agreements with Western Canal Water District (Western) and Richvale Irrigation District (Richvale) for annual north-of-Delta water transfers during 2025 through 2027. Under the proposed agreements, Metropolitan would pay an option to each agency, located in the Feather River service area, in return for the first right to annually call on each agency's available water transfer supplies during 2025 through 2027.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Fong-Sakai
2. Miller
3. Lefevre
4. Ortega

Staff responded to Directors questions and comments.



**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. Subject: Bay-Delta Resources, Colorado River Resources, Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation, and Water Resource Management activities

Presented by: John Bednarski, Interim Assistant General Manager

Mr. Bednarski reported on operations of water transport through the Delta, and Sites Water Rights application status.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Meeting

There was none.

- b. Report on Delta Conveyance Finance Authority Meeting

There was none.

- c. Report on Bay-Delta Ad Hoc Meeting

Chair Quinn provided a report on behalf of Director McMillen on the Bay-Delta Ad Hoc meeting held on August 26, 2024.

**9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

Director Armstrong noted that the Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities is planning to meet in January 2025.

**10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None.

**11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on October 7, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Tracy Quinn  
Chair