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November 13-14, 2023

Board and Committee

Agenda Packet



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

BOARD UPDATES

Schedule of Meetings – November 2023

Monday, November 13

- 9:00 a.m. Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee
- 11:00 a.m. Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee
- 12:00 p.m. Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee
- 2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. One Water and Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, November 14

- 8:30 a.m. Legal and Claims Committee
- 10:30 a.m. Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee
- 12:30 p.m. Break
- 1:00 p.m. Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communication Committee
- 3:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, November 15

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes

Tuesday, November 28

- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m. Executive Committee
- 1:30 p.m. Subcommittee on Audits

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EOT Committee

D. Erdman, Chair
M. Camacho, Vice Chair
D. Alvarez
G. Bryant
A. Chacon
B. Dennstedt
S. Faessel
L. Fong-Sakai
R. Lefevre
J. McMillan
C. Miller
J. Morris
M. Petersen
G. Peterson
K. Seckel
T. Smith

Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

November 13, 2023

9:00 a.m.

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09:00 a.m. EOT
11:00 a.m. EOP
12:00 p.m. EIA
02:00 p.m. Break
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**** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION ****

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for October 9, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2755**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-1** Authorize professional services agreements with AECOM Technical Services Inc. and CDM Smith Inc. in a total amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 for desalination technologies for potential water supply augmentation; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-2763](#)
- 7-2** Authorize an agreement with General Networks Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$6,609,900 for the implementation of a cloud-based Enterprise Content Management System; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-2732](#)
- 7-3** Authorize an increase of \$2,100,000 in change order authority for the contract to replace the overhead bridge cranes at the five Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-2764](#)
- 7-4** Award a \$1,244,935 contract to HP Communications Inc. to construct a new fiber optic cable line from Parker Dam to the Gene Pumping Plant; and amend an existing agreement with HDR Engineering Inc. for technical support during construction; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-2765](#)

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- 8-1** Award an \$18,840,000 contract to Steve P. Rados Inc. to construct a surge protection facility on the Inland Feeder as part of the water supply reliability improvements in the Rialto Pipeline service area; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (This action is part of a series of projects that are being undertaken to improve the supply reliability for State Water Project dependent member agencies.) [21-2766](#)
- 8-2** Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action was previously addressed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration and award a \$TBD procurement contract to TBD for steel pipe to rehabilitate a portion of the Lakeview Pipeline [21-2767](#)

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Project Labor Agreement Annual Report 21-2780
- b. Nitrification Management 21-2782

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Engineering Services, Information Technology, and Water System Operations activities 21-2778

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance 21-2779

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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T. Phan, Vice Chair
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G. Cordero
C. Douglas
D. Erdman
S. Faessel
L. Fong-Sakai
F. Jung
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Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

November 13, 2023

11:00 a.m.

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2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee for October 9, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions)** **21-2783**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-9 Authorization to Increase Funding for Supplemental Labor Contracts [PLACEHOLDER]** **[21-2770](#)**

- 7-10** Approve the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's salary schedules pursuant to CalPERS regulations; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-2771](#)

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Monthly Ethics Education **21-2787**

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Ethics Officer's report on monthly activities **21-2784**
- b. Equal Employment Opportunity and Human Resources activities **21-2785**

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

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D. De Jesus
B. Dennstedt
L. Dick
A. Fellow
L. Fong-Sakai
J. Garza
G. Gray
M. Luna
N. Sutley

Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

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2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee for August 14, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions). **21-2503**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

**** END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS ******4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

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| a. | Panel on External Pressures Impacting Affordability | 21-2817 |
| b. | Business Outreach Annual report | 21-2820 |

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

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| a. | Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion activities | 21-2504 |
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8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

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G. Cordero
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D. Erdman
L. Fong-Sakai
S. Goldberg
C. Kurtz
R. Lefevre
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G. Peterson
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One Water and Stewardship Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

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- A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Stewardship Committee for October 9, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions)** **21-2790**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-5** Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation and farmers within Quechan tribal land, to provide incentives for land fallowing related to the Quechan Seasonal Fallowing Program, for up to \$TBD million in 2023 and escalated annual through 20xx; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-2739](#)
- 7-6** Express support for the 2023 California Resilience Challenge and approve a financial sponsorship of \$50,000 to continue as a Resilience Leader; the General Manager has determined that this action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-2769](#)
- 7-7** Authorize an increase in funding of \$200,000 per year for the Large Landscape and Residential Survey Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-2740](#)
- 7-8** Authorize an annual increase of \$350,000, to an amount not-to-exceed \$850,000 per year, for an existing agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc. to provide inspection services for turf removal, regional device rebates, and water-saving incentive program projects for Metropolitan's conservation rebate programs; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-2741](#)

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- 8-3** Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District, and the San Diego County Water Authority to allow water to be added to Lake Mead under the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program; and adopt CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the conservation efforts that are the subject of the proposed action were previously addressed in various CEQA documents and related actions, and that no further CEQA review is required [21-2768](#)

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a.** Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes [21-2791](#)

- b. Revised Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Amending the 2007 Colorado River Guidelines 21-2792
- c. Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management 21-2793
- d. Update on Conservation 21-2794

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Bay-Delta Resources, Colorado River Resources, Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation, and Water Resource Management activities 21-2795

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Report from Subcommittee on Bay-Delta 21-2798
- b. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Bay-Delta 21-2796
- c. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities 21-2797

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

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Legal and Claims Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

November 14, 2023

8:30 a.m.

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2. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

A. General Counsel's report of monthly activities **21-2414**

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION ****

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee for October 10, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2800**

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-11** Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to conform to current law, practices, and regulations; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-2744**
- 7-12** Approve amendments to Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code sections 6431 and 6453 to increase the authority of the General Counsel to obtain legal and related services to an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and the General Auditor to obtain accounting services to an amount not to exceed \$100,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-2743](#)

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

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- 8-4** Receive report on litigation in In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation, Master Docket No.: 2:18-mn-2873-RMG, consider options, and provide direction on action in response to proposed settlements in: (1) City of Camden, et al. v. 3M Company, Civil Action No.: 2:23-cv-03147-RMG; and (2) City of Camden, et al. v. E.I. DuPont De Nemours and Company (n/k/a EIDP, Inc.) et al., Civil Action No.: 2:23-cv-03230-RMG; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] [21-2773](#)
- 8-5** Report on litigation in Joshua Rivers v. Metropolitan Water District, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22STCV09741; and authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP in the amount of \$TBD for a total amount not to exceed \$TBD; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] [21-2774](#)

- 8-6** Report on litigation in Systems Integrated, LLC v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21STCV18292; authorize an increase in maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Internet Law Center, Ltd. in the amount of \$TBD for a total amount not to exceed \$TBD; and authorize an increase in maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Kronenberger Rosenfeld, LLP in the amount of \$TBD for a total amount not to exceed \$TBD; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] [21-2745](#)

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

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8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

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3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-13** Surface Mining and Reclamation Act Financial Assurance **[21-2775](#)**
[MISSING CEQA]

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

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|----|---|----------------|
| a. | Pure Water Southern California Cost Recovery Alternatives | 21-2808 |
| b. | Update on Member Agency Purchase Order commitments covering January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2024 | 21-2809 |
| c. | Adoption of Long-Range Finance Plan Needs Assessment | 21-2810 |
| d. | Quarterly Financial Report | 21-2811 |
| e. | Diamond Valley Lake Recreation Update | 21-2781 |

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

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| a. | General Auditor's report on monthly activities | 21-2812 |
| b. | Financial, Insurance, and Real Property activities | 21-2813 |

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

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| a. | Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Audits | 21-2814 |
| b. | Report from Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling | 21-2816 |
| c. | Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling | 21-2815 |

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Agenda

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LRA&C Committee

F. Jung, Chair
A. Kassakhian, Vice Chair
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A. Fellow
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G. Gray
M. Luna
J. McMillan
T. Phan
B. Pressman
M. Ramos
T. Smith

Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

November 14, 2023

1:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, November 14, 2023 Meeting Schedule

08:30 a.m. LC
10:30 a.m. FAIRP
12:30 p.m. Break
01:00 p.m. LRAC
03:00 p.m. BOD

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* The Metropolitan Water District's meeting of this Committee is noticed as a joint committee meeting with the Board of Directors for the purpose of compliance with the Brown Act. Members of the Board who are not assigned to this Committee may participate as members of the Board, whether or not a quorum of the Board is present. In order to preserve the function of the committee as advisory to the Board, members of the Board who are not assigned to this Committee will not vote on matters before this Committee.

- 1. Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee on matters within the committee's jurisdiction (As required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))**

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION ****

- 2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

Approval of the minutes of the Legislation, Regulatory Actions, and Communications Committee for August 14, 2023 (copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions)

21-2804

- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-14** Approve Metropolitan's annual membership in the Center for Energy Advancement through Technological Innovation and annual dues payment of \$82,000 for three interest groups, Transmission Planning and Operations, Asset Management, and Dam Safety; the General Manager determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-2776](#)
- 7-15** Authorize the General Manager to sponsor legislation to amend the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act to eliminate the sunset date to allow Metropolitan to continue operating under its existing master reclamation plan; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-2703](#)

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-2** Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2024 [21-2748](#)

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a.** Vista del Lago Water Education Center Upgrades **21-2705**
- b.** Federal and State Regulatory Tracking Matrices **21-2706**
- c.** Report on Activities from Washington, D.C. **21-2517**
- d.** Report on Activities from Sacramento **21-2518**

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a.** External Affairs activities **21-2805**

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT AND DISCUSSION

- a.** Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Public Affairs Engagement **21-2806**

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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Board of Directors - Hidden

November 14, 2023

3:00 PM

**Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Meeting Schedule**

08:30 a.m. LC
10:30 a.m. FAIRP
12:30 p.m. Break
01:00 p.m. LRAC
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1. **Call to Order**
 - a. Invocation: TBD
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Cynthia Kurtz, City of Pasadena
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Determination of a Quorum**
4. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction. (As required by Gov. Code §54954.3(a))**
5. **OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS**
 - A. Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense [21-2756](#)
 - B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report [21-2757](#)
 - C. General Manager's summary of activities [21-2758](#)
 - D. General Counsel's summary of activities [21-2759](#)

- E. General Auditor's summary of activities [21-2760](#)
- F. Ethics Officer's summary of activities [21-2761](#)
- G. Presentation of Advanced Water Treatment Champions Award to Metropolitan by California-Nevada American Water Works Association and California Water Environment Association [21-2777](#)

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION ****

6. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for October 10, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-2762](#)
- B. Approve Committee Assignments

7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-1 Authorize professional services agreements with AECOM Technical Services Inc. and CDM Smith Inc. in a total amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 for desalination technologies for potential water supply augmentation; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-2763](#)
- 7-2 Authorize an agreement with General Networks Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$6,609,900 for the implementation of a cloud-based Enterprise Content Management System; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-2732](#)
- 7-3 Authorize an increase of \$2,100,000 in change order authority for the contract to replace the overhead bridge cranes at the five Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-2764](#)
- 7-4 Award a \$1,244,935 contract to HP Communications Inc. to construct a new fiber optic cable line from Parker Dam to the Gene Pumping Plant; and amend an existing agreement with HDR Engineering Inc. for technical support during construction; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-2765](#)

- 7-5** Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation and farmers within Quechan tribal land, to provide incentives for land fallowing related to the Quechan Seasonal Fallowing Program, for up to \$TBD million in 2023 and escalated annual through 20xx; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) [21-2739](#)
- 7-6** Express support for the 2023 California Resilience Challenge and approve a financial sponsorship of \$50,000 to continue as a Resilience Leader; the General Manager has determined that this action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) [21-2769](#)
- 7-7** Authorize an increase in funding of \$200,000 per year for the Large Landscape and Residential Survey Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) [21-2740](#)
- 7-8** Authorize an annual increase of \$350,000, to an amount not-to-exceed \$850,000 per year, for an existing agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc. to provide inspection services for turf removal, regional device rebates, and water-saving incentive program projects for Metropolitan's conservation rebate programs; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) [21-2741](#)
- 7-9** Authorization to Increase Funding for Supplemental Labor Contracts [PLACEHOLDER] (EOP) [21-2770](#)
- 7-10** Approve the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's salary schedules pursuant to CalPERS regulations; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOP) [21-2771](#)
- 7-11** Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to conform to current law, practices, and regulations; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LC) **21-2744**
- 7-12** Approve amendments to Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code sections 6431 and 6453 to increase the authority of the General Counsel to obtain legal and related services to an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and the General Auditor to obtain accounting services to an amount not to exceed \$100,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LC) [21-2743](#)

- 7-13** Surface Mining and Reclamation Act Financial Assurance [MISSING CEQA] (FAIRP) [21-2775](#)
- 7-14** Approve Metropolitan's annual membership in the Center for Energy Advancement through Technological Innovation and annual dues payment of \$82,000 for three interest groups, Transmission Planning and Operations, Asset Management, and Dam Safety; the General Manager determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LRAC) [21-2776](#)
- 7-15** Authorize the General Manager to sponsor legislation to amend the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act to eliminate the sunset date to allow Metropolitan to continue operating under its existing master reclamation plan; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt of otherwise not subject to CEQA (LRAC) [21-2703](#)

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

8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- 8-1** Award an \$18,840,000 contract to Steve P. Rados Inc. to construct a surge protection facility on the Inland Feeder as part of the water supply reliability improvements in the Rialto Pipeline service area; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (This action is part of a series of projects that are being undertaken to improve the supply reliability for State Water Project dependent member agencies.) (EOT) [21-2766](#)
- 8-2** Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action was previously addressed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration and award a \$TBD procurement contract to TBD for steel pipe to rehabilitate a portion of the Lakeview Pipeline (EOT) [21-2767](#)
- 8-3** Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District, and the San Diego County Water Authority to allow water to be added to Lake Mead under the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program; and adopt CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the conservation efforts that are the subject of the proposed action were previously addressed in various CEQA documents and related actions, and that no further CEQA review is required (OWS) [21-2768](#)

- 8-4** Receive report on litigation in In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation, Master Docket No.: 2:18-mn-2873-RMG, consider options, and provide direction on action in response to proposed settlements in: (1) City of Camden, et al. v. 3M Company, Civil Action No.: 2:23-cv-03147-RMG; and (2) City of Camden, et al. v. E.I. DuPont De Nemours and Company (n/k/a EIDP, Inc.) et al., Civil Action No.: 2:23-cv-03230-RMG; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; may be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] (LC) [21-2773](#)
- 8-5** Report on litigation in Joshua Rivers v. Metropolitan Water District, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22STCV09741; and authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP in the amount of \$TBD for a total amount not to exceed \$TBD; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] (LC) [21-2774](#)
- 8-6** Report on litigation in Systems Integrated, LLC v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21STCV18292; authorize an increase in maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Internet Law Center, Ltd. in the amount of \$TBD for a total amount not to exceed \$TBD; and authorize an increase in maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Kronenberger Rosenfeld, LLP in the amount of \$TBD for a total amount not to exceed \$TBD; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] (LC) [21-2745](#)
- 8-7** Labor Contract Negotiations [PLACEHOLDER] [21-2772](#)
- 9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 9-1** Conservation Board Report [21-2749](#)
- 9-2** Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2024 (LRAC) [21-2748](#)

10. OTHER MATTERS

NONE

11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. ADJOURNMENT

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