THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

February 9, 2026

Chair Erdman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Directors Alvarez (entered after rollcall), Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, McMillan (entered after rollcall), Miller, Petersen (entered after rollcall), and Seckel.

Members absent: None.

Other board members present: Directors Camacho, Cordero, Crane, Denham, Fellow, Garza, Gold, Gray, Kurtz, Paule, Pressman, and Shepherd Romey.

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Chapman, Chaudhuri, Deshmukh, Eckstrom, Hattar, Hudson, Crawford, Parsons, Rhoads, Rubin

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

The following individuals commented on item 8-1 related to Pure Water Southern California:

1. Tom Love, General Manager, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
2. Caty Wagner
3. Bruce Resnik, Los Angeles Water Keeper
4. Gary Bobker, Friends of the River
5. Courtney Brown, San Diego Coast Keeper
6. Alan Satler
7. Stephanie Cartney, BWW, Environmental Justice Coordinator
8. Lionel Morris
9. Connor Everetts
10. Dan Warren
11. Tim Miller commented on Boating restriction modifications.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for January 12, 2026.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS ACTION

7-1	Subject:	Award a $767,063 construction contract to Western Pump Inc. for a new 6,000-gallon aboveground diesel fuel storage tank and dispensing system at Metropolitan's Lake Mathews facility; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
	Presented by:	No presentation was given
	Motion:	Award a $767,063 construction contract to Western Pump Inc. for procurement and installation of a new 6,000-gallon aboveground diesel fuel tank and dispensing system at the Lake Mathews facility.

Director Seckel made a motion, seconded by Director Bryant, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A and 7-1.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Petersen, and Seckel.
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Director Alvarez

The motion to approve items 2A and 7-1 passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstention, and 1 absent.

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-1 Subject: Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report and take related CEQA actions, and approve Pure Water Southern California for CEQA purposes

Presented by: Gloria Lai Bluml, Program Manager Pure Water Southern California, Ana Reyes, Principal Environmental Specialist, and John Schlotterbeck, Senior Deputy General Counsel.

Motion: Certify the final Environmental Impact Report for the Pure Water Southern California project and take related CEQA actions and approve Pure Water Southern California for CEQA purposes and require staff to conduct further analysis and assessment relative to other potential water supply investments before additional budget allocations and spending on the project, except as necessary to meet existing contractual or grant obligations.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions

1. Fong-Sakai
2. Dennstedt
3. Seckel
4. Fellow
5. Camacho
6. Cordero
7. Garza
8. Petersen
9. Gold
10. Bryant

Staff responded to Directors’ questions and comments.

Director Dennstedt made a motion, seconded by Director Seckel, to approve item 8-1, option 1 as amended in motion language above.

The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Directors Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, McMillan, Miller, and Seckel.

Noes: Directors Jay, Lewitt, and Petersen
Abstentions: None
Absent: Director Alvarez

The motion for Item 8-1 passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 3 noes, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

a. Subject: 2025 System Operations: A Year in Review

Presented by: Raha Shirkhani, Engineer

Ms. Shirkhani reported on the following:

- Update on 2025 System Operations and provide a recap of 2025 Operations

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

Director Alvarez entered the meeting.

b. Subject: Asset Management Program Update

Presented by: Ricardo Hernandez, Unit Manager, Operations Project & Asset Management

Mr. Hernandez reported on the following:

- Annual update of progress on the Asset Management (AM) accomplishments and an initial overview of the AM tools being developed to refine long-term planning.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Erdman
3. Denham
4. Shepherd Romey

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

c. Subject: Update on the Relocation of the Santa Monica Feeder within the City of Beverly Hills
Presented by: David Yanez, Unit Manager, Engineering Services

Mr. Yanez reported on the following:

- Update on the need to replace approximately 430 feet of the newly relocated Santa Monica Feeder to mitigate impacts from the construction of the One Beverly Hills Project.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Faessel
2. Fong-Sakai
3. Erdman

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

a. Subject: Engineering Services, Information Technology, and Water System Operations Activities

Presented by: John Bednarski, Assistant General Manager, Water Resources and Technical Resources
Shane Chapman, Assistant General Manager, Operations
Charles Eckstrom, Manager, Information Technology Group

Mr. Bednarski reported on the following:

- Sepulveda Feeder Pump Station Groundbreaking Event
- March Inspection Trip to Eagle Mountain Pumping Plant
- San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting Regarding Approval of Foothill Pump Station Intertie Joint Use Agreement

Mr. Chapman reported on the following:

- 2026 Member Agency Cybersecurity Summit

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Erdman requested that Director Dennstedt's request for information on Metropolitan's electric power plants be brought to a future meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be on March 9, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Dennis Erdman
Chair