

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**March 10, 2025**

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

Members present: Chair Erdman, Vice Chair Faessel, Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Dennstedt, Fong-Sakai, Lefevre (teleconference posted location), McMillan, Miller (entered after the roll call), Morris, Petersen (entered after the roll call), and Seckel.

Members absent: Director Crawford.

Other board members present: Chair Ortega, Vice Chair Camacho, Directors Armstrong, Cordero, Dick, Goldberg, Gray (teleconference posted location), Katz, Kurtz, and Lewitt.

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Chaudhuri, Eckstrom, Hattar, Nobriga, Parsons, Rubin, and Upadhyay.

**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))**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

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

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for February 10, 2025.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

**7-1** Subject: Award a \$407,740.66 procurement contract to Ireland Inc. (dba Core-Rosion Products) to furnish two sodium hypochlorite tanks for the Copper Basin Reservoir; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: No presentation requested

Motion: Award a \$407,740.66 procurement contract to Ireland Inc. dba Core-Rosion Products to furnish two 15,000-gallon reinforced tanks for the Copper Basin Reservoir.

**7-2** Subject: Award procurement contracts in the amount of \$321,575 to Integrated 8a Solutions, Inc. for two 24-inch knife gate valves and in the amount of \$2,151,947 to Bailey Valve for two 24-inch sleeve valves for the Hollywood Tunnel pressure control structure; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: No presentation requested

Motion: a. Award a \$321,575 procurement contract to Integrated 8a Solutions, Inc. to furnish two 24-inch diameter gate valves; and  
b. Award a \$2,151,947 contract to Bailey Valve to furnish two 24-inch diameter sleeve valves for the Hollywood Tunnel pressure control structure.

**7-3** Subject: Deferred to April 2025

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

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Lefevre, McMillan, Morris, and Seckel.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Not voting: None

Absent: Directors Crawford, Miller, and Petersen

The motion for Items 2A, 7-1, and 7-2 passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstention, and 3 absent.

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

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

None

#### **5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

#### **6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

a.           Subject:           Capital Investment Plan Quarterly Report for period ending  
December 2024

Presented by:       Jeff Nikolas, Senior Engineer, Engineering Services, Capital  
Investment Plan

Mr. Nikolas reported on the following:

- Capital Investment Plan Quarterly Report for the Second Quarter of FY 2024/25 which covers October 2024 through December 2024
- Informational summary of report that was provided in the board packet

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Fong-Sakai
2. Dick

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

b.           Subject:           Asset Management Program Update

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

Mr. Hernandez reported on the following:

- Annual update of Asset Management Program
- Update of progress on Asset Management (AM) accomplishments
- Initial overview of AM tools being developed to refine long-term planning
- Next steps include updating the Strategic AM Plan, continuing to advance AM initiatives to close maturity gaps, and providing additional details on AM in a subsequent update

- c.           Subject:           Risk Management in Capital Project Planning and Delivery  
Presented by:   Michael Thomas, Unit Manager, Engineering Services

Mr. Thomas reported on the following:

- Risk management in capital project planning and delivery
- Update on Metropolitan's approach to managing risk associated with capital projects
- Continued enhancement of Metropolitan's risk management approach

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Erdman
2. McMillan
3. Seckel
4. Ortega

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, Interim Assistant General Manager, Water  
Resources and Technical Services
- Keith Nobriga, Group Manager, Integrated Operations, Planning,  
and Support Services

Mr. Bednarski reported on the following:

- Diamond Valley Lake storage to Rialto Pipeline delivery
- Construction update

Mr. Nobriga reported on the following:

- 2025 Annual Operating Plan
- Managing State Water Project supplies
- Current shutdowns

## **8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

An in-depth look at the possibility of enhancing electrical generation will be brought back to the Committee at the appropriate time.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on April 7, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Dennis Erdman  
Chair