

# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

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## Special Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors - Final

Monday, October 21, 2024  
Meeting Schedule

09:00 a.m. Sp Exec and BOD

October 21, 2024

9:00 AM

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Determination of a Quorum

4. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board limited to the items listed on the agenda. (As required by Gov. Code §54954.3(a))**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS**

5. **OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS**

- a. Chair's Report [21-3909](#)
- Report on International Travel - Third Quarter of 2024 (July - September 2024)
- Attachments:** [10212024 Sp JT EXEC and BOD 5a International Travel 3rd Qtr Report](#)
- b. Interim General Manager's Report of Metropolitan Activities [21-3910](#)
- c. General Counsel's Report of Metropolitan Activities [21-3911](#)
- d. General Auditor's Report of Metropolitan Activities [21-3912](#)
- e. Ethics Officer's Report of Metropolitan Activities [21-3913](#)

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of September 24, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-3914](#)
- Attachments:** [10212024 Sp JT EXEC and BOD 6A \(09242024\) Minutes](#)
- B. Approve draft Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for November 2024 [21-3915](#)
- Attachments:** [10212024 Sp Jt Exec and BOD 6B Draft Packet](#)
- C. Approve candidates for Board Secretary for two-year term effective January 1, 2025, and candidate statements [21-3989](#)

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

7. **COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Report on the Colorado River Board Meeting [21-3916](#)

- b. Colorado River Activities [21-3917](#)

**8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

- a. Report, discuss, and provide direction to Audit Subcommittee of the Executive Committee [21-3918](#)

**SPECIAL BOARD ITEMS**

**9. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- a. Status of investigations and provide direction on potential interim measures; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel—anticipated litigation; based on existing facts and circumstances, including receipt of correspondences containing allegations of serious Equal Employment Opportunity, retaliation, and other violations; there is significant exposure to litigation against Metropolitan; two potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)] [21-3919](#)
- b. Review of Department Head Performance Evaluation [Public employee performance evaluation: General Manager, to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957] [21-3920](#)
- c. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release [to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957] [21-3921](#)

**10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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## Quarterly Report on International Travel Third Quarter of 2024 (July - September 2024)

This report summarizes all international travel approved pursuant to Metropolitan’s Administrative Code Section 6325(d), which requires the Chair of the Board to report quarterly to the Executive Committee on all international travel, which has been approved pursuant to this section for directors, Department Heads, and staff members.

Travel Date	Location	Director/Staff*	Purpose	Date Approved by Interim GM	Date Reported to or Approved by Board Chair
July 27-31, 2024	Calgary, Canada	Javier Garcia	Attend the American Society of Civil Engineers Pipeline Conference	06/11/2024	10/01/2024
August 10-16, 2024	Toronto, Canada	Bill Hasencamp	Attend the World Water Summit	7/12/2024	10/01/2024

\*All staff listed are approved for travel. Final determination of actual travelers may be made prior to trip

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**September 24, 2024**

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Members present: Directors Armstrong (teleconference posted location), Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus (teleconference posted location), Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Goldberg, Gray (teleconference posted location), Jung (teleconference posted location), McCoy, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn (entered after roll call), Smith (teleconference posted location), and Sutley.

Members absent: Directors Luna.

Other Board members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Bryant, Dennstedt, Dick, Douglas (teleconference posted location - entered after roll call), Fellow, Gold, Kurtz, Lefevre, Lewitt, McMillan (entered after roll call), Miller, Morris, and Seckel.

Committee staff present: Chapman, Hudson, Salinas, Suzuki, Torres, Upadhyay, Wheeler, and Zinke.

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

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1.	Connor Everts		Items 7a and 7b
2.	Kerry Garvis Wright	Glaser Weil Fink Howard Jordan & Shapiro LLP	Items 7a and 7b
3.	Caty Wagner	Sierra Club California	Items 7a and 7b
4.	Maura Monagan	LA Waterkeeper	Items 7a and 7b
5.	David Nahai	Resident	Items 7a and 7b
6.	Hilary Norton	FastLink DTLA/Former California Transportation Commissioner	Items 7a and 7b
7.	Nancy Blastos	Redlands Resident	Items 7a and 7b
8.	Cynthia Cortez	Policy Manager, Restore the Delta	Items 7a and 7b
9.	Charmin Evelyn	Sierra Club Water Committee Chair/Vice Chair Environmental and Social Justice Committee	Items 7a and 7b
10.	Jolene Fuentes	MWD Employee	Items 7a and 7b
11.	Lane (Last Name Not Provided)		Items 7a and 7b

12.	Ellen Mackey	MWD Employee	Items 7a and 7b
13.	John Armstrong	Rockland Resident	Items 7a and 7b
14.	Sydney (Last Name Not Provided)	Resident	Items 7a and 7b
15.	Wesley Chung	Rate Payer Los Angeles	Items 7a and 7b
16.	Molly (Last Name Not Provided)	Resident	Items 7a and 7b
17.	Lina Morris	Resident	Items 7a and 7b

## 2. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Chair Ortega

Chair Ortega reported that he would like to dedicate today's meeting to honor the career of Ms. Amy Chen, San Diego County Water Authority, after a 30-year tenure. In addition, the meeting to be adjourned in honor of the victims of 9/11.

b. Subject: Interim General Manager's Report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: Assistant General Manager Chapman

Assistant General Manager Chapman reported on the following:

- Interim General Manager Upadhyay traveling on Metropolitan business
- Impact of the wildfires near Metropolitan facilities
- Update on the coming shutdown preparations

c. Subject: General Counsel's report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: Assistant General Counsel Henry Torres

Assistant General Counsel Torres stated he had nothing to add to the report.

d. Subject: General Auditor's report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: General Auditor Suzuki

General Auditor Suzuki stated that the next Audit Subcommittee of the Executive Committee will be on October 22, 2024.

- e. Subject: Ethics Officer's report of Metropolitan activities  
Presented by: Ethics Officer Abel Salinas

Ethics Officer Salinas stated he had nothing to add to his report.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

#### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Executive Committee Meeting for July 9, 2024.

Chair Ortega asked the Directors if there were any additions, corrections, or omissions on the minutes of the July 9, 2024, Special Executive Committee Meeting. None were made.

- B. Approve the draft of the Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for October 2024.

Chair Ortega announced the Board meeting start time will be 1:00 p.m. and asked if there were any additions or deletions to the October 2024 draft packet.

Committee Chair Erdman reported that at the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee the following subject has been revised:

Authorize debt financing, in an amount not to exceed \$35 million over the next two years, for vehicle purchases to support progress towards the goals of Metropolitan's Climate Action Plan and comply with the regulatory mandated transition of Metropolitan's fleet to zero-emission vehicles.

Chair Ortega handed the meeting over to Board Vice Chair Camacho for items 4A and 4B.

#### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

- A. Subject: Establish procedures for elections for Board Chair in October 2024 and Board Secretary in November 2024; which may include setting a forum for communicating candidate views and providing notice of proposed nominations

Presented by: Board Executive Secretary Hudson

Ms. Hudson reported on the election process procedures. No questions or comments.

- B. Subject: Approve candidates for Board Chair for two-year term effective January 1, 2025

Board Vice Chair Camacho asked for nominations. Director Armstrong nominated Chair Ortega. Chair Ortega accepted the nomination.

Director Quinn entered the meeting.

Directors Gray and Smith left the meeting.

Board Vice Chair Camacho called for the vote on Items 3A, 3B, 4A, and 4B.

Director Sutley made a motion, seconded by Director Quinn, to approve the consent calendar Items 3A, 3B, 4A, and 4B as presented, listed, and revised.

The vote was:

- Ayes: Directors Armstrong, Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Goldberg, Jung, McCoy, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn, and Sutley.
- Abstention: None
- Recusal: None
- Absent: Gray, Luna, and Smith

The motion for Item 3A and 3B passed by a vote of 14 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 4 absent.

The meeting was handed back to Chair Ortega.

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

#### **5. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Subject: Palo Verde Community Enhancement Collaborative.  
  
Presented by: Director De Jesus

Director De Jesus reported the Palo Verde Community Enhancement Collaboration.

b. Subject: Report on the Colorado River Board Meeting.

Presented by: Director Cordero

Director Cordero reported on the Colorado River Board Meeting.

c. Subject: Colorado River Activities

Presented by: Joseph Vanderhorst

Mr. Vanderhorst reported on Colorado River activities.

The following Director provided comments or asked questions:

Director(s)

1. Dick

Staff responded to the Director's comments and questions.

## 6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

The next Audit Subcommittee of the Executive Committee will be on October 22, 2024.

## 7. OTHER COMMITTEE ITEMS - ACTION

a. Subject: Review of Department Head Performance Evaluation employee performance evaluation: General Manager.

b. Subject: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Chair Ortega called the meeting into closed session to discuss Items 7a and 7b to discuss the department head performance evaluation General Manager and public employee discipline/dismissal/release pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.

Director Kurtz left the meeting.

The Committee returned to open session at 2:14; in closed session the Committee discussed Items 7a and 7b . No action was taken in closed session.

## 8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Erdman requests an update on Solar Cup Program. Director Pressman requested information on Board Chair receiving compensation.

The following Director provided comments or asked questions:

### Director(s)

1. Camacho
2. Pressman
3. Sutley
4. Ortega
5. Morris

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in remembrance of the victims of 9/11 at 2:20 p.m.

Adán Ortega, Jr.  
Chair of the Board

**Draft**

**November 18-20, 2024**

**Committee and Board**

**Meeting**

**Agenda Packet**



**The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**



# BOARD UPDATES

## Schedule of Meetings – November 2024

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### Monday, November 18

- 9:00 a.m. Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee
- 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:30 a.m. Legal and Claims Committee
- 1:00 p.m. Special Joint Meeting of the One Water and Stewardship Committee and Board of Directors Workshop

### Tuesday, November 19

- 8:30 a.m. Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee
- 9:30 a.m. Finance and Asset Management Committee
- 11:30 a.m. Legislation and Communications Committee
- 1:00 p.m. Break
- 1:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

### Wednesday, November 20

- 9:00 a.m. Audit Subcommittee of the Executive Committee
- 10:00 a.m. Executive Committee
- 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes (CAMP4W Task Force)

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## EOT Committee

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

## **Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**November 18, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

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11:30 a.m. Legal  
01:00 p.m. Sp Jt OWS  
and BOD**

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

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

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| A. | Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for October 7, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) | <b>21-3931</b> |
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**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

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|-----|---|----------------|
| 7-1 | Amend an agreement with Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects to provide design and architectural services for Stage 1 improvements of the District Housing and Property Improvements Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA | <b>21-3954</b> |
| 7-2 | Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project and take related CEQA actions   | <b>21-3956</b> |

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

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|-----|---|----------------|
| 8-2 | Authorize the General Manager to amend the Project Labor Agreement to add four new projects and approve the amended Project Labor Agreement's use as a bid condition for the newly added projects; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA | <b>21-3953</b> |
| 8-3 | Adopt a resolution in support of the application for funding under the WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Program for planning of the Pure Water Southern California Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA                  | <b>21-3955</b> |

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

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|----|---|----------------|
| a. | Pure Water Southern California - Partnership Development Update | <b>21-3981</b> |
| b. | Asset Management Update   | <b>21-3983</b> |
| c. | Risk Management in Capital Project Planning and Delivery        | <b>21-3982</b> |
| d. | Update on Fluoridation  | <b>21-4003</b> |

**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. Engineering Services activities **21-3933**  
Information Technology activities  
Water System Operations activities

**8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Pure Water **21-3932**  
Southern California and Regional Conveyance

**9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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## L&C Committee

M. Luna, Chair  
J. Garza, Vice Chair  
M. Camacho  
G. Cordero  
L. Dick  
C. Douglas  
A. Fellow  
C. Kurtz  
T. McCoy  
C. Miller  
M. Ramos  
K. Seckel

## **Legal and Claims Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**November 18, 2024**

**11:30 a.m.**

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**2. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- A. General Counsel's report of monthly activities 21-3934

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee for October 7, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) 21-3935

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

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

**5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-6 PLACEHOLDER LEGAL COMMITTEE 21-4000

**6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**7. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a.** Report on environmental litigation challenging the Department of Water Resources’ Delta Conveyance Project approval, certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report and other actions taken under the California Environmental Quality Act, currently ten related cases pending in Sacramento County Superior Court: Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District v. California Department of Water Resources, Case No. 24WM000006, Sierra Club, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, Case No. 24WM000008, City of Stockton v. California Department of Water Resources, Case No. 24WM000009, County of San Joaquin et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, Case No. 24WM000010, County of Butte v. California Department of Water Resources, Case No. 24WM000011, Sacramento Area Sewer District v. California Department of Water Resources, Case No. 24WM000012, County of Sacramento, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, Case No. 24WM000014, San Francisco Baykeeper, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, Case No. 24WM000017, South Delta Water Agency and Rudy Mussi Investment L.P. v. California Department of Water Resources, Case No. 24WM000062 and North Delta Water Agency v. Cal. Dept. of Water Resources, Case No. 24WM000076 and appeals in same, Cal. Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District Case No. C101878

**21-3980**
  
- b.** Report on Sierra Club et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, Cal. Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District Case No. C100552 (consolidated with California Department of Water Resources v. All Persons Interested in the Matter, etc., Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2020-00283112) [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

**21-3979**

- c. Report on litigation in San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510830, CPF-12-512466, CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, CPF-16-515391, CGC-17-563350, and CPF-18-516389; the appeals of the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case Nos. A146901, A148266, A161144, and A162168, and California Supreme Court Case No. S243500; the petition for extraordinary writ in the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A155310; the petition for extraordinary writ in the second 2016 action, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A154325 and California Supreme Court Case No. S251025; the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California v. San Diego County Water Authority cross-complaints in the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions; and the appeals of the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A170156; including report on discussions regarding potential settlement of the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions, including the cross-complaints and appeals, San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, and CPF-18-516389 and Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A170156; [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] **21-3978**

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NONE

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Determination of a Quorum
4. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board limited to the items listed on the agenda. (As required by Gov. Code §54954.3(a))

### One Water and Stewardship Committee

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Stewardship Committee for October 7, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-3936**

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-3 Authorize the General Manager to enter into Reverse-Cyclic Program agreements with participating agencies to defer deliveries of purchases under various water supply conditions; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) **21-3957**
- 7-4 Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to implement phase two of Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program [Missing CEQA] (OWS) **21-3958**

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

**7. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**8. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9-2 Update on the funding request from the Department of Water Resources for Metropolitan's share of the Delta Conveyance Project planning and pre-construction costs for 2026 and 2027 and proposed amendment to existing funding agreement (OWS) **21-3959**

**9. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Update on Conservation as a California Way of Life **21-3974**
- b. Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management **21-3975**
- c. Update on Basin States Discussions Regarding Post-2026 Operational Guidelines **21-3976**
- d. Draft Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water Policy Framework **21-3977**

**10. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. Bay-Delta Resources activities **21-3937**  
Colorado River Resources activities  
Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation activities  
Water Resource Management activities

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Meeting **21-3938**
- b. Report on Delta Conveyance Finance Authority Meeting **21-3939**
- c. Report on Delta Conveyance Finance Authority Meeting **21-3940**

**12. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities **21-3941**

**13. ADJOURN TO 3:00 p.m.**

**SPECIAL BOARD ITEMS**

- a. Reconvene - Introduction and Purpose of Workshop **21-4006**
- b. Panel One – Delta and Tribal Interests **21-4008**  
Panelist: TBD
- b. Panel Two - Business, Labor and Agriculture **21-4007**  
Panelist: TBD

**14. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

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# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

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## EO&P Committee

B. Pressman, Chair  
T. Phan, Vice Chair  
G. Bryant  
M. Camacho  
G. Cordero  
C. Douglas  
D. Erdman  
S. Faessel  
L. Fong-Sakai  
F. Jung  
J. Lewitt  
J. McMillan  
M. Ramos  
N. Sutley

## **Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**November 19, 2024**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, November 19, 2024  
Meeting Schedule**

**08:30 a.m. EOP  
09:30 a.m. FAM  
11:30 a.m. LEG  
01:00 p.m. Break  
01:30 p.m. BOD**

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee for October 8, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-3942**

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1 Approve amending the list of Metropolitan officials required to take AB 1234 state ethics training to include all Form 700 filers; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-3960**
- 8-5 Update on labor negotiations and approve the reopener agreement between The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and The Supervisors Association of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with Labor Negotiators; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code 54957.6. Metropolitan representatives: Katano Kasaine, Assistant General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Mark Brower, Human Resources Group Manager, and Gifty J. Beets, Human Resources Section Manager of Labor Relations. Employee organization: The Supervisors Association of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.] **21-3961**

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

NONE

**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. Ethics Officer's report on monthly activities **21-3943**
- b. Equal Employment Opportunity activities **21-3944**  
Human Resources activities  
Safety, Security, and Protection activities

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

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## **FAM Committee**

T. Smith, Chair  
L. Dick, Vice Chair  
D. Alvarez  
J. Armstrong  
G. Bryant  
D. De Jesus  
B. Dennstedt  
L. Fong-Sakai  
M. Gold  
J. McMillan  
C. Miller  
M. Petersen  
B. Pressman  
T. Quinn  
K. Seckel

## **Finance and Asset Management Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**November 19, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Asset Management Committee Meeting for October 8, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-3945**

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-5 Adopt resolution for 116th Fringe Area Annexation to Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-3963**

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-4 Authorize a new lease with the Certified Federal Credit Union for up to 1,667 square feet of office space at Metropolitan Headquarters Building in the City of Los Angeles and F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant in the City of La Verne and identified as Los Angeles County Assessor Parcels 5409-023-930 and 8381-006-906 respectively; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-3962**

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Quarterly Financial Report **21-3971**
- b. Quarterly Investment Activities Report **21-3972**

**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. Finance and Asset Management activities **21-3946**

**8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

- a. Report from Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling **21-3947**
- b. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling **21-3948**

## **9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

## **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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## LEG Committee

F. Jung, Chair  
A. Kassakhian, Vice Chair  
L. Ackerman  
B. Dennstedt  
A. Fellow  
J. Garza  
G. Gray  
J. Lewitt  
M. Luna  
J. McMillan  
J. Morris  
T. Phan  
B. Pressman  
M. Ramos  
T. Smith

## **Legislation and Communications Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**November 19, 2024**

**11:30 a.m.**

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Meeting Schedule**

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

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Legislation and Communications Committee for October 7, 2024 (copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-3949**

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-6 Authorize the General Manager to seek legislation for Metropolitan to increase the local agency dollar threshold for public works construction contracts from \$25,000 to \$75,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-3964**

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9-3 Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2025 **21-3965**

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Report on Inspection Trip Program **21-4004**
- a. Report on Solar Cup Program **21-3969**

**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. External Affairs activities **21-3950**

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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## Board of Directors - Hidden

November 19, 2024

1:30 PM

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## 1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: Director Cynthia Kurtz, City of Pasadena
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: TBD

## 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

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|-----------|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> | Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense     | <a href="#"><u>21-3922</u></a> |
| <b>B.</b> | Chair's Monthly Activity Report                                    | <a href="#"><u>21-3923</u></a> |
| <b>C.</b> | Interim General Manager's summary of activities                    | <a href="#"><u>21-3924</u></a> |
| <b>D.</b> | General Counsel's summary of activities                            | <a href="#"><u>21-3925</u></a> |
| <b>E.</b> | General Auditor's summary of activities                            | <a href="#"><u>21-3926</u></a> |
| <b>F.</b> | Ethics Officer's summary of activities                             | <a href="#"><u>21-3927</u></a> |
| <b>G.</b> | Report from Executive Committee on nominations for Board Secretary | <b>21-3998</b>                 |

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

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

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|-----------|---|----------------|
| <b>A.</b> | Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for October 8, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) | <b>21-3928</b> |
| <b>B.</b> | Approve Committee Assignments   | <b>21-4005</b> |
| <b>C.</b> | Nomination and Election for Board Secretary for two-year term effective January 1, 2025   | <b>21-3929</b> |

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

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|------------|---|----------------|
| <b>7-1</b> | Amend an agreement with Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects to provide design and architectural services for Stage 1 improvements of the District Housing and Property Improvements Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) | <b>21-3954</b> |
| <b>7-2</b> | Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project and take related CEQA actions (EOT)   | <b>21-3956</b> |
| <b>7-3</b> | Authorize the General Manager to enter into Reverse-Cyclic Program agreements with participating agencies to defer deliveries of purchases under various water supply conditions; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS)            | <b>21-3957</b> |

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| <b>7-4</b> | Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to implement phase two of Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program<br>[Missing CEQA] (OWS)   | <b>21-3958</b> |
| <b>7-5</b> | Adopt resolution for 116th Fringe Area Annexation to Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAM)   | <b>21-3963</b> |
| <b>7-6</b> | Authorize the General Manager to seek legislation for Metropolitan to increase the local agency dollar threshold for public works construction contracts from \$25,000 to \$75,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (Leg) | <b>21-3964</b> |

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

## **8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

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|------------|---|----------------|
| <b>8-1</b> | Approve amending the list of Metropolitan officials required to take AB 1234 state ethics training to include all Form 700 filers; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOP)   | <b>21-3960</b> |
| <b>8-2</b> | Authorize the General Manager to amend the Project Labor Agreement to add four new projects and approve the amended Project Labor Agreement's use as a bid condition for the newly added projects; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT)   | <b>21-3953</b> |
| <b>8-3</b> | Adopt a resolution in support of the application for funding under the WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Program for planning of the Pure Water Southern California Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT)  | <b>21-3955</b> |
| <b>8-4</b> | Authorize a new lease with the Certified Federal Credit Union for up to 1,667 square feet of office space at Metropolitan Headquarters Building in the City of Los Angeles and F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant in the City of La Verne and identified as Los Angeles County Assessor Parcels 5409-023-930 and 8381-006-906 respectively; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAM) | <b>21-3962</b> |

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- 8-6** PLACEHOLDER LEGAL COMMITTEE (LC) **21-4000**
- 8-7** PLACEHOLDER FNA COMMITTEE #1 (FNA) **21-4001**
- 8-8** PLACEHOLDER FNA COMMITTEE #2 (FNA) **21-4002**
- 9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 9-1** Report on Conservation Program **21-3967**
- 9-2** Update on the funding request from the Department of Water Resources for Metropolitan’s share of the Delta Conveyance Project planning and pre-construction costs for 2026 and 2027 and proposed amendment to existing funding agreement (OWS) **21-3959**
- 9-3** Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2025 (Leg) **21-3965**
- 10. OTHER MATTERS**
- 10-1** AB 1234 Ethics Biennial Training **21-3999**
- 11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**
- NONE
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## Audit Committee

J. Armstrong, Chair  
L. Fong-Sakai, Vice Chair  
G. Cordero  
D. De Jesus  
J. Garza

## **Audit Subcommittee of the Executive Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**November 20, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

Wednesday, November 20,  
2024

09:00 a.m. AUDIT  
10:00 a.m. EXEC  
11:00 a.m. Break  
11:30 a.m. LTRPPBM

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Audit Subcommittee of the Executive Committee for July 23, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-3984**

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

**3. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Discussion of Independent Auditor's Report from Macias Gini & O'Connell, LLP for fiscal year 2023/24 **21-3988**
- b. General Auditor's Quarterly Report **21-3985**
- c. General Auditor Charter Review **21-3986**
- d. Study, advise, or recommend on Board member/Board committee audit assignment requests **21-3987**

**4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

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# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

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## Exec Committee

A. Ortega, Chair  
M. Camacho, Board Vice  
Chair  
S. Goldberg, Board Vice  
Chair  
N. Sutley, Board Vice  
Chair  
L. Fong-Sakai, Board  
Secretary  
J. Armstrong  
G. Cordero  
D. De Jesus  
D. Erdman  
J. Garza  
G. Gray  
F. Jung  
M. Luna  
T. McCoy  
B. Pressman  
T. Quinn  
T. Smith

## **Executive Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**November 20, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

Wednesday, November 20,  
2024

09:00 a.m. AUDIT  
10:00 a.m. EXEC  
11:00 a.m. Break  
11:30 a.m. LTRPPBM

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**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))**

**2. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS**

- a. Chair's Report
- b. Interim General Manager's Report of Metropolitan Activities
- c. General Counsel's Report of Metropolitan Activities
- d. General Auditor's Report of Metropolitan Activities
- e. Ethics Officer's Report of Metropolitan Activities

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Executive Committee of July 31, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-3951**
- B. Approve draft Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for December 2024 **21-3952**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-1 Approve proposed amendments to Administrative Code Section 6451 regarding the General Auditor Charter; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-3966**

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

**5. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Report on the Colorado River Board Meeting **21-3990**
- b. Colorado River Activities **21-3991**

**6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

- a. Report, discuss, and provide direction to Audit Subcommittee of the Executive Committee **21-3993**

**7. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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## LTRPPBM Committee

M. Petersen, Chair  
K. Seckel, Vice Chair  
D. Alvarez  
J. D. Armstrong  
D. Erdman  
S. Faessel  
L. Fong-Sakai  
M. Gold  
J. McMillan  
T. Quinn  
N. Sutley

## **Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**November 20, 2024**

**11:30 a.m.**

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling Meeting for September 25, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-3995**

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

**3. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS - CAMP4W TASK FORCE**

- a. Member Agency Managers Task Force Members **21-3994**
  - Cesar Barrera, City of Santa Ana
  - Nina Jazmadarian, Foothill Municipal Water District
  - Shivaji Deshmukh, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
  - Dave Pedersen, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
  - Anatole Falagan, Long Beach Water Department
  - Anselmo Collins, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
  - Harvey De La Torre, Municipal Water District of Orange County
  - Dan Denham, San Diego County Water Authority
  - Kristine McCaffrey, Calleguas Municipal Water District
  - Tom Love, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
  - Craig Miller, Western Municipal Water District
  - Joe Mouawad, Eastern Municipal Water District
  - Stacie Takeguchi, Pasadena Water and Power
- b. Climate Decision-Making Framework Project Assessments **21-3996**
- c. Member Agency Update on Business Model Refinement **21-3997**

**4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

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