

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Agenda

The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

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One Water and Stewardship Committee

Meeting with Board of Directors *

October 7, 2024

3:30 p.m.

**Monday, October 7, 2024
Meeting Schedule**

**09:00 a.m. EOT
11:15 a.m. Break
11:45 a.m. LEG
12:45 p.m. LEGAL
01:45 p.m. EIA
03:30 p.m. OWS**

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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))**

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

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Stewardship Committee for September 9, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-3853](#)

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-4 Authorize the General manager to enter into Reverse Cyclic Program agreements with participating agencies to defer deliveries of purchased supplies under various water supply conditions; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3864](#)

- 7-5 Authorize resolutions to support two applications selected to receive United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program funding for Fiscal Year 2024 totaling \$2 million; and authorize the General Manager to accept this funding and enter contracts with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3865](#)

- 7-6 Review and consider the Lead Agency’s certified 2022 Final Environmental Impact Report for the Chino Basin Program and take related CEQA actions, and authorize the General Manager to enter into an exchange agreement with Inland Empire Utilities Agency to assist in the implementation of the program [21-3866](#)

- 7-7 Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with Western Canal Water District and Richvale Irrigation District for water transfer options and first rights of refusal during 2025 through 2027; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3873](#)

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Bay-Delta and Conveyance: Managing Risks and Water Supply Reliability [21-3876](#)

- b. Update on Basin States Discussions Regarding Post-2026 Operational Guidelines [21-3877](#)
- c. Update on Conservation as a California Way of Life [21-3878](#)
- d. Draft Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water Policy Framework [21-3880](#)

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Bay-Delta Resources activities [21-3854](#)
 Colorado River Resources activities
 Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation activities
 Water Resource Management activities

Attachments: [10072024 OWS 7a Water Resource Management Activities](#)

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Meeting [21-3855](#)
- b. Report on Delta Conveyance Finance Authority Meeting [21-3856](#)
- c. Report on the Bay-Delta Ad Hoc Meeting [21-3857](#)

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities [21-3858](#)

10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT

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Water Resource Management Group

• Water Resource Management September Activities

Summary

The Water Resource Management Group September 2024 Monthly Activities

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Implement Regional Conservation Program

Staff held two Water Efficient Landscaper Dual Certification Program classes for approximately 75 attendees. A Spanish class was held in partnership with Long Beach Utilities and an English class was held in partnership with San Diego County Water Authority. (*Strategic Priority 3.2.8: "Increase outdoor water use efficiency."*)

Collaborate with Member Agencies, Water Agencies, and Associations, and Provide Leadership for Policy Development, Advocacy, Outreach, and Education

Staff participated in board meetings of the Southern California Salinity Coalition (SCSC) and CalDesal. The SCSC authorized a project to develop a salinity management toolbox featuring outreach materials on the benefits of salinity management and initiated a review of its operating bylaws. CalDesal's meeting featured initial planning for the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) "Notice of Opportunity to Comment on Seawater Desalination Provisions of the California Ocean Plan" announcement. The SWRCB scheduled a public scoping meeting on the regulations for Monday, October 28, 2024, from 1:00 - 4:00 PM in Sacramento. Upcoming CalDesal events include a full Board meeting and an open mixer during the Association of California Water Agencies fall conference on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, in Palm Desert, and the annual conference which will be held on February 5 and 6, 2025, in Temecula.

On September 3, staff met with representatives from the Japanese Water Works Association to provide background on Metropolitan, as well as to discuss water supply issues within both California and Japan. (*Strategic Priority 5.1: "Grow and deepen collaboration and relationships among member agencies, interested parties, and leaders on the issues most important to them and toward mutual and/or regional benefits."*)

Position Metropolitan as a Leader in Open Water Data

Staff participated in a board meeting of the California Water Data Consortium (Consortium). The board welcomed Robyn Grimm as the Consortium's new Executive Director and discussed the strategic direction of the organization over the coming year. The board also received updates on the Consortium's projects on developing groundwater data management tools and streamlining urban water data reporting. (*Strategic Priority 3.2: "Advance the long-term reliability and resilience of the region's water sources through a One Water approach that recognizes the interconnected nature of imported and local supplies, meets both community and ecosystem needs, and adapts to a changing climate."*)

Date of Report: 10/8/2024

Board Report Water Resource Management September Activities

Explore Opportunities to Leverage Metropolitan’s SWP and Colorado River Supplies and Storage Assets

Metropolitan Directors and staff attended a ribbon-cutting for the Pasajero Groundwater Recharge Project on August 22, 2024. The Project was completed by Westlands Water District (Westlands) and includes surface recharge basins that can capture an estimated 10,800 acre-feet per year. Metropolitan is exploring partnership opportunities with Westlands per the recently approved Memorandum of Understanding between Metropolitan, Friant Water Authority, and Westlands. Hence, Metropolitan staff are currently in discussions with Westlands on the possibility of creating a Pasajero Pilot Program. The ribbon cutting provided an opportunity for Metropolitan to see the project first-hand and ask questions. *(Strategic Priority 2.2.3: “Secure Inflation Reduction Act funding that supports Colorado River water use objectives.”)*