

# 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.

## Board of Directors

September 12, 2023

1:00 PM

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 Meeting Schedule
08:30 a.m. LC 10:30 a.m. FAIRP 12:30 p.m. Break 01:00 p.m. BOD 03:00 p.m. LRAC

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## 1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: Director Barry D. Pressman, City of Beverly Hills
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Fred Jung, City of Fullerton

## 2. Roll Call

## 3. Determination of a Quorum

## 4. COMMUNITY REFLECTIONS

- a. Alan Shanahan, Executive President, American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (Local 1902) [21-2404](#)

## 5. 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))

## 6. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

- A. Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense [21-2405](#)  
**Attachments:** [09122023 BOD 6A Report](#)
- B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report [21-2406](#)  
**Attachments:** [09122023 BOD 6B Report](#)
- C. General Manager's summary of activities [21-2407](#)  
**Attachments:** [09122023 BOD 6C Report](#)
- D. General Counsel's summary of activities [21-2408](#)  
**Attachments:** [09122023 BOD 6D Report](#)
- E. General Auditor's summary of activities [21-2409](#)  
**Attachments:** [09122023 BOD 6E Report](#)
- F. Ethics Officer's summary of activities [21-2410](#)  
**Attachments:** [09122023 BOD 6F Report](#)
- G. Presentation of 10-year Service Pin to Director Russell Lefevre [21-2601](#)
- H. Presentation of Commendatory Resolution for Director Heather Reppen representing the City of Los Angeles [21-2602](#)

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

## 7. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for August 15, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-2411](#)  
**Attachments:** [09122023 BOD 7A \(08152023\) Minutes](#)

- B. Approve Resolution confirming Director John T. Morris for Association of California Water Agencies Region 8 Board Member [21-2642](#)

**Attachments:** [09122023 BOD ACWA Resolution 9350 Resolution](#)

- C. Approve Committee Assignments

## 8. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-1 Award a \$3,895,000 contract to Miller Pipeline to furnish and install internal seals along Freda Siphon Barrel No. 1 on the Colorado River Aqueduct; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-2591](#)

**Attachments:** [09122023 EOT 7-1 B-L](#)  
[09122023 EOT 7-1 Presentation](#)

- 7-2 Authorize an agreement with J.F. Shea Construction Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$9.8 million for Phase 1 design-build services for the Sepulveda Feeder Pump Stations project; and authorize an increase of \$1.5 million to an existing agreement with Carollo Engineers Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$2.49 million to serve as the owner's advisor through the Phase 1 design-build agreement; and authorize an amendment to Metropolitan's Project Labor Agreement to add the Sepulveda Feeder Pumps Project to the list of covered projects; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are 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 areas) (EOT) [21-2592](#)

**Attachments:** [09122023 EOT 7-2 B-L](#)  
[09122023 EOT 7-2 Presentation](#)

- 7-3** Adopt resolutions designating Metropolitan's maximum contribution for medical benefits for Active Employees and Retirees in order to comply with the current authorized Memoranda of Understanding; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOP) [21-2595](#)

**Attachments:** [09122023 EOP 7-3 Presentation](#)  
[09122023 EOP 7-3 B-L](#)  
[9348 Resolution](#)  
[9349 Resolution](#)

- 7-4** Review and consider the Eastern Municipal Water District's certified Final Environmental Impact Report and Addendum, and take related CEQA actions; Authorize the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program Agreement with Eastern Municipal Water District for the French Valley Recycled Water Distribution System Project for up to 140 acre-feet per year of recycled water for irrigation use in the Eastern Municipal Water District's service area (OWS) [21-2594](#)

**Attachments:** [09122023 OWS 7-4 B-L](#)  
[09122023 OWS 7-4 Presentation](#)

- 7-5** Authorize the General Manager to execute a second amendment to extend the office lease located in Washington D.C. an additional ninety months with an option to extend another thirty-six months; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAIRP) [21-2596](#)

**Attachments:** [09122023 FAIRP 7-5 B-L](#)  
[09122023 FAIRP 7-5 Presentation](#)

- 7-6** Approve use of Representative Concentration Pathway 8.5 for planning purposes in the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAIRP) [21-2662](#)

**Attachments:** [09122023 FAIRP 7-6 B-L](#)  
[09122023 FAIRP 7-6 Presentation](#)

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

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

- 8-1** Award a \$15,681,000 contract to Steve P. Rados Inc. to construct an intertie between Inland Feeder and Rialto Pipeline 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) **[21-2597](#)**

**Attachments:** [09122023 EOT 8-1 B-L](#)  
[09122023 EOT 8-1 Presentation](#)

- 8-2** Authorize payments, by a two-thirds vote, of up to \$4.16 million for participation in the State Water Contractors for FY 2023/24; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) **[21-2598](#)**

**Attachments:** [09122023 OWS 8-2 B-L](#)  
[09122023 OWS 8-2 Presentation Revised](#)  
[09122023 OWS 8-2 State Water Contractors and Table A amounts](#)

- 8-3** Review and consider the Addenda Nos. 1, 2, and 3 to the Mitigated Negative Declaration previously adopted by the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency for the High Desert Water Bank; approve changes to the design, construction, and operation of Water Bank facilities; and authorize up to \$80 million for additional costs associated with these changes; the General Manager has determined that a portion of the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) **[21-2558](#)**

**Attachments:** [09122023 OWS 8-3 B-L](#)  
[09122023 OWS 8-3 Presentation Revised](#)

- 8-4** Authorize three new agricultural lease agreements with Joey DeConinck Farms, Nish Noroian Farms, and Red River Farms, thereby allowing these existing lessees to continue farming on Metropolitan's fee-owned properties in the Palo Verde Valley; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with real property negotiators; properties are approximately 2,815 gross acres of land north of Interstate 10 in and near Blythe, California in the county of Riverside: Assessor Parcel Nos. 830-210-009; 830-210-010; 833-230-001; 833-230-002; 833-280-002; 833-210-013; 833-060-004; 833-060-008; 833-060-018; 833-100-005; 833-100-007; 833-100-011; 833-100-012; 833-100-016; 833-100-017; 833-060-001; 833-060-024; 833-060-025; 827-190-003; 827-190-004; 827-190-005; 827-190-006; 824-190-007; 827-190-009; 827-190-010; 827-190-012; 833-060-026; 815-302-008; 815-310-013; 815-320-007; 827-080-029; 833-030-012; 833-050-014; agency negotiators Anna Olvera and Kevin Webb; negotiating parties: Joseph Deconinck dba Joey DeConinck Farms; Nisha Noroian dba Noroian Farms; Michael Mullion dba Red River Farms; under negotiation: price and terms; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8] (FAIRP)

**Attachments:** [09122023 FAIRP 8-4 Presentation](#)

- 8-5** Report on Baker Electric, Inc. v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., (Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV15612) regarding Metropolitan's CRA 6.9 kV Power Cables Replacement Project, Contract No. 1915; authorize filing cross-complaints; authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP, for legal services by \$800,000 to an amount not-to-exceed \$2,500,000; authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with Exponent, Inc., for consulting services by \$200,000 to an amount not-to-exceed \$600,000; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation and initiation litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1) and 54956.9(d)(4) (LC)]

## 10. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-1** Conservation Program Board Report [21-2412](#)

**Attachments:** [09122023 BOD 9-1 Report](#)

## 11. OTHER MATTERS

- 11-1 Department Head Performance Evaluations [Public Employees' performance evaluations; General Manager, General Counsel, and Ethics Officer; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code 54957.] [21-2643](#)
- 11-2 Report on Department Head 2023 Salary Survey [21-2644](#)  
**Attachments:** [09122023 BOD 11-2 Presentation](#)
- 11-3 Discuss and Approve Compensation Recommendations for General Manager, General Counsel, and Ethics Officer [21-2645](#)

## 12. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

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