

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**ETHICS COMMITTEE**

**June 9, 2026**

Chair Seckel called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Members present: Directors Cordero, Daniels, Lewitt, McCoy, Paule, Seckel, and Shepherd Romey (entered after roll call).

Members absent: Directors Douglas, Katz, and Ramos.

Other Board Members present: Directors Ackerman, Bryant, Camacho, Crane, Dennstedt, Erdman, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Jay, Kassakhian, Kurtz, Miller (alternative teleconference), Pressman, and Ortega

Vice Chair of the Board Garza was present for quorum purposes.

Director Miller stated he was participating using alternative teleconferencing due to caregiving and was alone in the room.

Committee Staff present: Deshmukh, Hudson, Rodriguez, Salinas, Scully, and Shope

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

None

**\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR \*\***

**2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)**

A. Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Ethics Committee for May 12, 2026.

**3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

NONE

Director McCoy made a motion, seconded by Director Lewitt, to approve the consent calendar for item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Cordero, Garza, Lewitt, McCoy, Paule, and Seckel

Noes: None

Abstentions: Daniels

Absent: Directors Douglas, Katz, Ramos, and Shepherd Romey

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstention, and 4 absent.

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

**4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

NONE

**5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

NONE

Chair Seckel called the meeting into closed session.

Director Shepherd Romey entered the meeting.

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)**

- a. Subject: Discuss department head performance and goal setting [Public employee performance evaluation—Ethics Officer; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957]
- b. Subject: Conference with Labor Negotiator; agency designated representative: Chair of Ethics Committee Seckel; Unrepresented employee: Ethics Officer; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6

In closed session, the committee heard items 6a and 6b. No action was taken.

**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a.           Subject:           Ethics Officer's report on monthly activities  
              Presented by:       Abel Salinas, Ethics Officer

Chair Seckel announced we received and filed the Ethics Officer's report. The report is available online.

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Karl Seckel  
Chair