THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

July 13, 2026

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

Members present: Directors Bryant, Crawford, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, Miller (entered after roll call), Petersen (entered after roll call), and Seckel

Members absent: Directors Alvarez and Dennstedt

Other board members present: Directors Camacho, Crane, Fellow, Gray (teleconference posted location), Katz, Kurtz, Ortega, Pakala, Pressman (teleconference posted location), Ramos, and Shepherd Romey

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Chapman, Chaudhuri, Deshmukh, Eckstrom, Hattar, Hawk, Hudson, Linn, Martin, Nobriga, Parsons, Rhoads, Rubin, and Scully

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))

Campbell Ingram, Executive Officer, San Joaquin Delta Conservancy, spoke regarding Item 8-1.

<u>CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION</u>

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for June 8, 2026.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

7-1	Subject:	Award a $7,159,500 contract to Shimmick Construction Company Inc. to replace two radial gates along the San Diego Canal and authorize an increase of $515,000 to an agreement with Lee & Ro Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of $1,419,000 for technical support during construction; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
	Presented by:	No presentation was given.

Motion: a. Award a $7,159,500 contract to Shimmick Construction Company Inc. to replace the two radial gates along the San Diego Canal; and
b. Authorize an increase of $515,000 to an agreement with Lee & Ro Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of $1,419,000 for technical support during construction.

7-2 Subject: Authorize an increase of $2,750,000 to an existing agreement with Pure Technologies U.S. Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of $9,750,000 for inspections and analysis of Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: No presentation was given.

Motion: Authorize an increase of $2,750,000 to an existing agreement with Pure Technologies U.S. Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of $9,750,000 for inspections and analysis of Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe.

Director Petersen entered the meeting.

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

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Bryant, Crawford, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, Petersen, and Seckel
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Not voting:	None
Absent:	Alvarez, Dennstedt, and Miller

The motion to approve items 2A, 7-1, and 7-2 passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 3 absent.

Director Miller entered the meeting.

<u> END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS **</u>**

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

8-1 Subject: Award a $16,525,536 contract to Wood Bros Inc. to construct a wetland on Webb Tract; and authorize a $1,988,400 agreement with MBK Engineers to provide construction management services; an increase of $864,000 to an existing agreement with Environmental Science Associates for a new not-to-exceed total of $1,844,000 for environmental monitoring; an increase of $260,000 to an existing agreement with GEI Consultants Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total of $1,760,000 for technical support; an increase of $145,000 to an existing agreement with HydroFocus Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total of $600,000 for scientific monitoring; and an increase of $100,000 to an existing agreement with J.A. Spezia Consulting for a new not-to-exceed total of $300,000 for public outreach and tribal coordination; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Malinda Stalvey, Program Manager, Bay-Delta Initiative

Motion:

a. Award a $16,525,536 contract to Wood Bros Inc. to construct a wetland on Webb Tract;
b. Award a $1,988,400 agreement with MBK Engineers to provide construction management services;
c. Authorize an increase of $864,000 to an existing agreement with Environmental Science Associates for a new not-to-exceed amount of $1,844,000 for environmental monitoring;
d. Authorize an increase of $260,000 to an existing agreement with GEI Consultants Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total of $1,760,000 for technical support;
e. Authorize an increase of $145,000 to an existing agreement with HydroFocus Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total of $600,000 for scientific monitoring; and
f. Authorize an increase of $100,000 to an existing agreement with J.A. Spezia Consulting for a new not-to-exceed total of $300,000 for public outreach and tribal coordination.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Miller

Director Miller made a motion, seconded by Director Fong-Sakai, to table the motion on this item until at least the August board meeting.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions regarding the motion to table.

1. Seckel
2. Bryant
3. Fong-Sakai
4. Fellow
5. Shepherd Romey
6. Chair Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Crawford, Fong-Sakai, Miller, and Petersen
Noes:	Directors Bryant, Erdman, Faessel, Jay, Lewitt, and Seckel
Abstentions:	None
Not voting:	None
Absent:	Directors Alvarez and Dennstedt

The motion to table item 8-1 failed by a vote of 4 ayes, 6 noes, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent.

Director Bryant made a motion, seconded by Director Seckel to approve item 8-1, option 1.

Director Petersen left the meeting.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Miller
2. Chair Ortega
3. Katz
4. Kurtz
5. Bryant
6. Lewitt
7. Seckel

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Bryant, Crawford, Erdman, Faessel, Jay, and Seckel
Noes:	Lewitt
Abstentions:	Fong-Sakai and Miller
Not voting:	None
Absent:	Directors Alvarez, Dennstedt, and Petersen

The motion for item 8-1, option 1, passed by a vote of 6 ayes, 1 no, 2 abstentions, and 3 absent.

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Subject: Update on Alternative Project Delivery Methods

Presented by: John Vrsalovich, Section Manager, Engineering Services, Engineering Planning
Howard Lum, Section Manager, Engineering Services, Design

Mr. Vrsalovich and Mr. Lum reported on the following:

- A high-level overview of Metropolitan's construction delivery methods, including Alternative Project Delivery (APD)

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Miller
2. Chair Ortega
3. Seckel

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

Item 6b, Reservoir Management Update, was deferred.

c. Subject: Update on District Housing and Property Improvements Program

Presented by: Ish Singh, Team Manager, Program Management Section, Conveyance & Distribution PM Unit
Victor Ramirez, Section Manager, Facility & Fleet Management

Mr. Singh and Mr. Ramirez reported on the following:

- An update on near- and long-term improvements to district housing and property at the CRA pumping plant villages

Director Petersen re-entered the meeting.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Bryant
2. Erdman
3. Fong-Sakai
4. Miller

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, Assistant General Manager, Water and Technical Resources
Shane Chapman, Assistant General Manager, Operations

Mr. Bednarski reported on the following:

- 2026 College Intern Program
- Eagle Rock - Wildfire Suppression

Mr. Chapman reported on the following:

- Water Quality Co-op Education
- 2026 IT Internship Program

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on August 17, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Dennis Erdman
Chair