

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**June 8, 2026**

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

Members present: Directors Bryant, Dennstedt, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, McMillan (teleconference posted location), Miller (alternative teleconference), Petersen (entered after rollcall), and Seckel

Members absent: Directors Alvarez, Crawford, and Faessel

Other board members present: Directors Camacho, Crane, Denham, Gray (teleconference posted location), Paule, and Shepherd Romey

Director Miller stated he was participating using alternative teleconferencing because he was caring for a family member and was alone in the room.

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Chapman, Chaudhuri, Deshmukh, Hattar, Hudson, Martinez, Miller, Nobriga, Parsons, Rhoads, and Rubin

Director Petersen entered the meeting.

**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))**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

**2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)**

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for May 11, 2026.

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

7-1 Subject: Award a \$698,352.64 contract to Tintometer Inc. to furnish 128 turbidity meters for the Robert A. Skinner and Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: No presentation was given.

Motion: Award a \$698,352.64 contract to Tintometer Inc. to furnish 128 turbidity meters for the Robert A. Skinner and Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plants.

7-2 Subject: Award a \$4,542,000 construction contract to J.F. Shea Construction Inc. for upgrades to the Hollywood Tunnel North Portal Pressure Control Structure; amend Metropolitan's Project Labor Agreement to include the subject project; and authorize the General Manager to acquire a temporary construction easement for an amount not to exceed \$60,000; 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 \$4,542,000 construction contract to J.F. Shea Construction Inc. for upgrades to the Hollywood Tunnel North Pressure Control Structure;  
b. Amend Metropolitan's Project Labor Agreement to include the subject project; and  
c. Authorize the General Manager to acquire a temporary construction easement for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

Director Miller asked a question regarding 7-2.

Item 7-3 was deferred.

7-4 Subject: Approve the resolution adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: No presentation was given.

Motion: Approve the resolution adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan

7-9 Subject: Award a \$789,356 contract to Ortiz & Son Inc. to rehabilitate the toe of the slope supporting Basin No. 8 at the Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plant; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: No presentation was given.

Motion: Award a \$789,356 construction contract to Ortiz & Son Inc. to rehabilitate the toe of the slope supporting Basin No. 8 at the Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plant.

Director Seckel made a motion, seconded by Director Dennstedt, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A and 7-1, 7-2, 7-4, and 7-9.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Bryant, Dennstedt, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Petersen, Seckel

Noes: None

Abstentions: Fong-Sakai for item 2A

Not voting: None

Absent: Directors Alvarez, Crawford, and Faessel

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstention, and 3 absent.

The motion for items 7-1, 7-2, 7-4, and 7-9 passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 3 absent.

Director Miller stated he was alone.

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

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

None

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

9-1 Subject: Capital Investment Plan Quarterly Report for period ending March 2026

Presented by: Jeff Nikolas, Sr Engineer, Capital Program Management Unit, Engineering Services

Mr. Nikolas reported on the following:

- Informational summary of the Capital Investment Plan (CIP) for period ending in March 2026.
- Board award of 2 construction contracts totaling \$62M.
- Total grant amounts for this period received for Pure Water, Drought Mitigation, Webb Tract Wetland Restoration, and Diemer Helicopter Hydrant projects.
- Status of construction & procurement contracts.
- Performance metrics for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of FY 2025/26.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Lewitt
3. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

## 6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Subject: Update on Metropolitan's Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe Rehabilitation Program

Presented by: Tom Campbell, Unit Manager, C&D Program Management Unit, Engineering Services

Mr. Campbell reported on the following:

- PCCP management strategy, continuing regular inspections and monitoring, planning and execution of long-term rehabilitation.
- Update on PCCP rehabilitation projects underway including Second Lower Feeder, Allen-McColloch Pipeline, Sepulveda Feeder, Rialto Pipeline, and Calabastas Feeder.
- Construction sequence based on latest inspection data.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Lewitt
2. Bryant
3. Fong-Sakai
4. Erdman
5. Seckel
6. 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:

- Desert Microwave Communication Tower Site Construction contract completed.
- Fabrication contract for slide gates for San Diego Canal East bypass completed.
- Damage Assessment Team (DAT) completed functional exercises.
- Update on Engineering Services' Mentoring Program.

Mr. Chapman reported on the following:

- All-hands managers' meeting was held to reconnect, learn, and share ideas for continued effectiveness in delivering high-quality water supplies.

The following Director provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Bryant
3. Fong-Sakai
4. Shepherd Romey

Staff responded to the Directors' question.

## **8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Fong-Sakai inquired about the condition of Metropolitan's section of San Diego Pipeline No. 4.

Director Seckel requested that Metropolitan look at possible storage solutions to prepare for wet years.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on July 13, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Dennis Erdman  
Chair