

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 23, 2024

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Members present: Directors Abdo, Armstrong, Camacho, De Jesus, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Goldberg, Gray (teleconference posted location), Jung (teleconference posted location), Luna (entered after roll call), McCoy, Ortega, Pressman (teleconference posted location), Quinn, Smith and Sutley.

Members absent: Director Cordero.

Other Board members present: Directors Ackerman, Dennstedt, Dick, Fellow, Kurtz, Miller (teleconference posted location), Morris, Peterson, and Seckel.

Committee staff present: Hagekhalil, Hudson, Salinas, Scully, Suzuki, Wheeler, and Upadhyay.

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

NONE

2. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Chair Ortega

Chair Ortega stated that the report on international travel for the first quarter of 2024, January through March 2024, was posted online. He asked if there were any questions or comments. None were made.

- b. Subject: General Manager's Report of Metropolitan activities
Presented by: General Manager Adel Hagekhalil

General Manager Hagekhalil reported on the following:

- State Water Project allocation increase
- The Greater Los Angeles American Chamber of Commerce Utility of the Year Award to Metropolitan
- The One Water Awards
- Water Awareness Month
- Member Agency Board Meetings
- Annual Reports
 - 2024 Leadership Today Water Tomorrow Report
 - Navigating Transformations in 2023 – The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Year-in-Review Report

- c. Subject: General Counsel's report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia Scully

General Counsel Scully stated she had nothing to add to her report.

- d. Subject: General Auditor's report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: General Auditor Scott Suzuki

General Auditor Suzuki reported in addition to his written, he will be developing his business plan, incorporating the feedback received at the Audit Subcommittee.

- e. Subject: Ethics Officer's report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: Ethics Officer Abel Salinas

Ethics Officer Salinas reported on the Ethics Symposium.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting for March 26, 2024.

Chair Ortega asked Directors if there were any additions, corrections, or omissions on the minutes of the March 26, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting. None were made.

Director Luna entered the meeting.

- B. Approve the draft of the Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for May 2024.

Chair Ortega announced that the Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling CAMP4W Task Force meeting would be moved from May 29, 2024 to May 30, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. due to scheduling conflicts.

Chair Ortega asked if there were any additions or deletions to the May 2024 draft packet.

Committee Chair Smith reported that at the Finance and Asset Management Committee, the following item subject has been revised:

- Renewal Status of Metropolitan's Property and Casualty Insurance Program; and the following subject has been added:
- Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California declaring approximately 6,742 acres of Metropolitan-Owned Real Property in the County of Riverside, located southwest of the City of Blythe, California, and commonly known as the Palo Verde Mesa, as exempt surplus land.

Board Vice Chair Abdo reported that at the Ethics, Organization & Personnel Committee, the following item subject has been revised:

- Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement for supplemental labor services containing the following thirty supplemental temporary labor agencies listed in the agenda, each with up to four annual renewal options, with a maximum not-to-exceed amount of \$8 million per year for the contracts.

Chair Ortega called for the vote on Items 3A and 3B.

Director Luna made a motion, seconded by Director Garza, to approve the consent calendar Items 3A and 3B as listed and revised.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Armstrong, Camacho, De Jesus, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Goldberg, Gray, Jung, Luna, McCoy, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn, Smith, and Sutley.

Abstention: None

Recusal: None

Absent: Cordero

The motion for Item 3A and 3B passed by a vote of 17 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 1 absent.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

NONE

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

5. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Subject: Report on the Colorado River Board Meeting.
Presented by: Director De Jesus

Director De Jesus reported on the Colorado River Board Meeting.

- b. Subject: Colorado River Activities
Presented by: William Hasencamp, Manager of Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp reported on Colorado River activities.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. De Jesus
2. Peterson
3. Erdman
4. Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Chair Ortega reported on the successful inaugural meeting of the Audit Subcommittee of the Executive Committee.

7. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Director Erdman requested a report on the Bureau of Reclamation situation at the Glen Canyon Dam.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Adán Ortega, Jr.
Chair of the Board