

**Draft**

**September 9-10, 2024**

**Committee and Board**

**Meeting**

**Agenda Packet**



**The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# BOARD UPDATES

## Schedule of Meetings – September 2024

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### Monday, September 9

- 9:00 a.m. Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee
- 11:15 a.m. Break
- 11:45 a.m. Legislation and Communications Committee
- 1:15 p.m. Legal and Claims Committee
- 2:15 p.m. One Water and Stewardship Committee

### Tuesday, September 10

- 8:30 a.m. Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

### Tuesday, September 24

- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m. Executive Committee
- 1:00 p.m. Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee

### Wednesday, September 25

- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes (CAMP4W Task Force)

# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

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## EOT Committee

D. Erdman, Chair  
M. Camacho, Vice Chair  
D. Alvarez  
G. Bryant  
J. Crawford  
B. Dennstedt  
S. Faessel  
L. Fong-Sakai  
R. Lefevre  
J. McMillan  
C. Miller  
J. Morris  
M. Petersen  
K. Seckel  
T. Smith

## **Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**September 9, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

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Meeting Schedule**

**09:00 a.m. EOT  
11:15 a.m. Break  
11:45 a.m. LEG  
01:15 p.m. LEGAL  
02:15 p.m. OWS**

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- 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))**

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

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for August 19, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-3727**

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-1 Authorize an agreement with IDS Group Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, for design services to rehabilitate the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system at Metropolitan Headquarters Building; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3721](#)
- 7-2 Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the West Valley Feeder No. 1 Stage 3 Improvements Project and take related CEQA actions [21-3724](#)
- 7-3 Award a \$1,285,000 contract to Resource Environmental Incorporated for abatement and roof replacement of houses at four Colorado River Aqueduct Pumping Plant villages; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3725](#)

**\*\* END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS \*\*****4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1 Authorize a \$40 million increase to an existing agreement with J.F. Shea Construction Inc. to purchase long-lead equipment for the Sepulveda Feeder Pump Stations Project, for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$50.4 million; 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 areas.) [21-3722](#)
- 8-2 Authorize an amended and restated agreement with the Los Angeles County Sanitation District for shared implementation of the advanced water purification facility for Pure Water Southern California; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3723](#)

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

## 6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Capital Investment Plan quarterly report for period ending June 2024 **21-3730**
- b. Quarterly Cybersecurity Update **21-3731**  
[Conference with Metropolitan Director of Info Tech Services, Information Technology, Jacob Margolis, or designated agents on threats to public services or facilities; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957(a)]

## 7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Engineering Services activities **21-3728**  
Information Technology activities  
Water System Operations activities

## 8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance **21-3729**

## 9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

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## LEG Committee

F. Jung, Chair  
A. Kassakhian, Vice Chair  
L. Ackerman  
B. Dennstedt  
A. Fellow  
J. Garza  
G. Gray  
J. Lewitt  
M. Luna  
J. McMillan  
J. Morris  
T. Phan  
B. Pressman  
M. Ramos  
T. Smith

## **Legislation and Communications Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**September 9, 2024**

**11:45 a.m.**

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

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Legislation and Communications Committee for August 19, 2024 (copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-3761**

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-6 Express support for Proposition 4, The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3760](#)

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Update on Water Conservation Advertising **21-3785**
- b. Report on Activities from Sacramento **21-3763**

**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. External Affairs activities **21-3762**

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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## L&C Committee

M. Luna, Chair  
J. Garza, Vice Chair  
M. Camacho  
G. Cordero  
L. Dick  
C. Douglas  
A. Fellow  
C. Kurtz  
T. McCoy  
C. Miller  
M. Ramos  
K. Seckel

## **Legal and Claims Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

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**1:15 p.m.**

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**2. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- A. General Counsel's report of monthly activities 21-3782

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

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee for August 19, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) 21-3783

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

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

**5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-3** Report on litigation in Darren A. Reese v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2204312; and authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$TBD for a total amount not to exceed \$TBD; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] [21-3787](#)

- 8-4** 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 an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with [CONSULTANT/LAW FIRM], for legal services by \$TBD to an amount not-to-exceed \$TBD; and authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with [CONSULTANT], for consulting services by \$TBD to an amount not-to-exceed \$TBD; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel - existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] [21-3805](#)

**6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**7. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Report on litigation in San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510830, CPF-12-512466, CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, CPF-16-515391, CGC-17-563350, and CPF-18-516389; the appeals of the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case Nos. A146901, A148266, A161144, and A162168, and California Supreme Court Case No. S243500; the petition for extraordinary writ in the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A155310; the petition for extraordinary writ in the second 2016 action, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A154325 and California Supreme Court Case No. S251025; the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California v. San Diego County Water Authority cross-complaints in the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions; and the appeals of the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A170156; including report on discussions regarding potential settlement of the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions, including the cross-complaints and appeals, San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, and CPF-18-516389 and Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A170156; [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] **21-3784**

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

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## OW&S Committee

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S. Faessel, Vice Chair  
L. Ackerman  
D. Alvarez  
J. Armstrong  
G. Cordero  
D. De Jesus  
D. Erdman  
L. Fong-Sakai  
M. Gold  
S. Goldberg  
C. Kurtz  
R. Lefevre  
J. Lewitt  
C. Miller  
B. Pressman  
N. Sutley

## **One Water and Stewardship Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**September 9, 2024**

**2:15 p.m.**

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## 2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Stewardship Committee for August 19, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-3736**

## 3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-4 Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the Plumas Community Protection I Forest Resilience Bond LLC, North Feather I Forest Resilience Bond LLC, and Upper Butte Creek I Forest Resilience Bond LLC to establish watershed partnerships and forest health pilot investigations in the Northern Sierra Nevada; each agreement is not to exceed \$200,000 per year for a maximum of two years; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-3732**

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

## 4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

## 5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-2 Proposed Modifications to the Reverse Cyclic Program **21-3734**
- 9-3 Information on Approaches for Securing Dry-Year Water Transfers **21-3780**

## 6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Update on Webb Tract Rice Development and Wetland Restoration Projects **21-3742**
- b. Update on Conservation as a California Way of Life **21-3743**
- c. Update on Conservation **21-3744**
- d. Update On State Water Project Overview **21-3781**

## 7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Bay-Delta Resources activities **21-3737**  
Colorado River Resources activities  
Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation activities  
Water Resource Management activities

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Meeting **21-3738**
- b. Report on Delta Conveyance Finance Authority Meeting **21-3739**
- c. Report on the Bay-Delta Ad Hoc Meeting **21-3740**

**9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities **21-3741**

**10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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T. Phan, Vice Chair  
G. Bryant  
M. Camacho  
G. Cordero  
C. Douglas  
D. Erdman  
S. Faessel  
L. Fong-Sakai  
F. Jung  
A. Kassakhian  
J. McMillan  
M. Ramos  
N. Sutley

## **Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**September 10, 2024**

**8:30 a.m.**

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- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee for August 20, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-3745**

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-5 Approve Employee Salary Schedule Pursuant to CalPERS Regulations [CEQA] [21-3748](#)

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. PLACEHOLDER: Response to Public Comment **21-3803**

**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. Ethics Officer's report on monthly activities **21-3746**
- b. Equal Employment Opportunity activities **21-3747**  
Human Resources activities  
Safety, Security, and Protection activities

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

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## 1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: TBD
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: TBD

## 2. Roll Call

## 3. Determination of a Quorum

## 4. 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))

## 5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

- A. Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense 21-3713

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|-----------|--|----------------|
| <b>B.</b> | Chair's Monthly Activity Report  | <b>21-3714</b> |
| <b>C.</b> | Interim General Manager's summary of activities  | <b>21-3715</b> |
| <b>D.</b> | General Counsel's summary of activities  | <b>21-3716</b> |
| <b>E.</b> | General Auditor's summary of activities  | <b>21-3717</b> |
| <b>F.</b> | Ethics Officer's summary of activities   | <b>21-3718</b> |
| <b>G.</b> | Presentation of 5-year Service Pin to Director Tracy Quinn, City of Los Angeles                  | <b>21-3771</b> |
| <b>H.</b> | Presentation of Commendatory Resolution for Director Judy Abdo representing City of Santa Monica | <b>21-3786</b> |

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

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

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| <b>A.</b> | Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for August 20, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) | <b>21-3719</b> |
| <b>B.</b> | Approve Committee Assignments   |                |

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

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| <b>7-1</b> | Authorize an agreement with IDS Group Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, for design services to rehabilitate the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system at Metropolitan Headquarters Building; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) | <a href="#"><u>21-3721</u></a> |
| <b>7-2</b> | Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the West Valley Feeder No. 1 Stage 3 Improvements Project and take related CEQA actions (EOT)   | <a href="#"><u>21-3724</u></a> |
| <b>7-3</b> | Award a \$1,285,000 contract to Resource Environmental Incorporated for abatement and roof replacement of houses at four Colorado River Aqueduct Pumping Plant villages; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT)  | <a href="#"><u>21-3725</u></a> |

- 7-4** Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the Plumas Community Protection I Forest Resilience Bond LLC, North Feather I Forest Resilience Bond LLC, and Upper Butte Creek I Forest Resilience Bond LLC to establish watershed partnerships and forest health pilot investigations in the Northern Sierra Nevada; each agreement is not to exceed \$200,000 per year for a maximum of two years; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) [21-3732](#)
- 7-5** Approve Employee Salary Schedule Pursuant to CalPERS Regulations [CEQA] (EOP) [21-3748](#)
- 7-6** Express support for Proposition 4, The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (Leg) [21-3760](#)

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

**8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1** Authorize a \$40 million increase to an existing agreement with J.F. Shea Construction Inc. to purchase long-lead equipment for the Sepulveda Feeder Pump Stations Project, for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$50.4 million; 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 areas.) (EOT) [21-3722](#)
- 8-2** Authorize an amended and restated agreement with the Los Angeles County Sanitation District for shared implementation of the advanced water purification facility for Pure Water Southern California; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-3723](#)
- 8-3** Report on litigation in Darren A. Reese v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2204312; and authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$TBD for a total amount not to exceed \$TBD; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] (LC) [21-3787](#)

- 8-4** 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 an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with [CONSULTANT/LAW FIRM], for legal services by \$TBD to an amount not-to-exceed \$TBD; and authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with [CONSULTANT], for consulting services by \$TBD to an amount not-to-exceed \$TBD; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel - existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] (LC) [21-3805](#)

## **9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9-1** Conservation Report [21-3720](#)
- 9-2** Proposed Modifications to the Reverse Cyclic Program (OWS) [21-3734](#)
- 9-3** Information on Approaches for Securing Dry-Year Water Transfers (OWS) [21-3780](#)

## **10. OTHER MATTERS**

NONE

## **11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

## **12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

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