



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Committee Item INFORMATION

Special Committee on Ag and Tribal Partnerships

1/27/2026 Special Committee Meeting

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Subject

Discuss the purpose of the Special Committee on Ag and Tribal Partnerships

Executive Summary

The Special Committee on Ag and Tribal Partnerships was formed in December 2025. At this first meeting, the committee will discuss the purpose of the committee to help guide direction and future agenda items.

Fiscal Impact

None

Applicable Policy

Metropolitan Administrative Code § 2500. Special committees may be created by the Board to undertake special assignments on behalf of the Board and shall report directly to the Board unless otherwise directed. A special committee shall continue in existence indefinitely. Unless otherwise specified, members of a special committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Board and shall serve at the Chair's pleasure.

Related Board Action(s)/Future Action(s)

At the November 18, 2025, board meeting, the Board Chair announced the formation of a new Special Committee on Ag and Tribal Partnerships.

At the December 9, 2025, board meeting, the Board Chair appointed committee leadership and members.

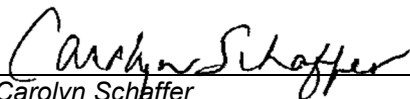
Details and Background

In April 2025, the Ad Hoc Committee on Agriculture and Tribal Partnerships was formed. The ad hoc committee met regularly through November and was disbanded with the formation of the new Special Committee on Ag and Tribal Partnerships.

To help guide direction and future agenda items, the proposed purpose of the committee is as follows:

The Special Committee on Ag and Tribal Partnerships will work to advance Metropolitan's agriculture and tribal interests within the region, the state, and the West. The committee will identify opportunities to build relationships through existing and new partnerships and consider programs and policies that could provide mutual benefits for water reliability, climate resilience, and financial sustainability. The committee will report and make recommendations to the Board or to other committees for consideration.

The committee will discuss the purpose and provide direction to staff.



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