

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE ONE WATER AND ADAPTATION COMMITTEE AND
SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMPORTED WATER**

November 17, 2025

Chair Quinn called the meeting to order at 2:46 p.m.

Members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Cordero, DeJesus (teleconference posted location), Denham, Erdman, Garza, Gold, Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt (teleconference posted location, entered after rollcall), McMillan, Miller, Pressman (teleconference posted location), Quinn, Seckel (AB2449 Just Cause), and Shepherd Romey.

Members absent: Director Camacho.

Other Board Members present: Directors Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Gray (teleconference posted location), Jay, Ortega, Ramos (teleconference posted location), and Sutley.

Director Seckel indicated he was participating under AB 2449 “Just Cause” due to a contagious illness. Director Seckel appeared by audio and on camera.

Committee Staff present: Bednarski, Crosson, Deshmukh, Goshi, Harms, Hasencamp, Horton, Hudson, Martin, Rubin, Schlotterbeck, and Upadhyay.

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

Public Speakers included:

1. Deborah Bloome, Accelerate Resilience Los Angeles, spoke in support of item 9-3, Potential Stormwater Pilot Program
2. Gary Bobker, Friends of the River, spoke in support of item 9-3, Potential Stormwater Pilot Program
3. Maura Monagan, Los Angeles Waterkeeper, spoke in support of item 9-3, Potential Stormwater Pilot Program
4. Dr. Zoe Cunliffe, Black Women for Wellness, spoke in support of item 9-3, Potential Stormwater Pilot Program
5. Courtney Brown, San Diego Coastkeeper, spoke in support of item 9-3, Potential Stormwater Pilot Program

Director Lewitt entered the meeting.

2. COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Joint One Water and Adaptation and Subcommittee on Imported Water Meeting of September 23, 2025, One Water and Adaptation Committee of October 13, 2025, and the Subcommittee on Imported Water Meeting of October 28, 2025.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None.

Director Miller made a motion, seconded by Director Kurtz, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Cordero, DeJesus, Denham, Erdman, Garza, Gold, Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Pressman, Seckel, and Shepherd Romey.

Noes: None.

Abstentions: Director Quinn.

Absent: Director Camacho.

The motion for item 2A, passed by a vote of 17 ayes, no noes, 1 abstention, and 1 absent.

Director Seckel stated he was alone in the room during the vote.

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None.

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

9-3 Subject: Information on Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Potential Stormwater Pilot Program

Presented by: Krista Guerrero, Senior Resource Specialist, Water Efficiency Team

Mr. Brandon J. Goshi, Group Manager, Water Resource Management, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Guerrero's presentation described a pilot program that offers rebates with enhanced stormwater features and specific landscaping requirements, plus an equity and access component.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Kurtz	5. Quinn
2. Ortega	6. Katz
3. Gold	7. Pressman
4. Seckel	8. Cordero

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

9-4 Subject: Update on proposed extension of the Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program and amendment to the agreement with the California Department of Water Resources
Presented by: Jessica Arm, Resource Specialist, Water Acquisition Team

Mr. Brandon J. Goshi, Group Manager, Water Resource Management, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Arm's presentation described a proposed extension and amendment for a long-standing agreement with DWR that is expiring at the end of the year.

There were no comments or questions.

Chair Quinn turned the gavel over to the chair for the Subcommittee on Imported Water, Director Gold. Director Gold announced there would be a reordering of the meeting agenda and item 6d would be heard in closed session after the management announcements and highlights.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Subject: Delta Conveyance Project Delta Plan Certification of Consistency

Presented by: Jennifer Nevills, Program Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives

Dr. Maureen Martin, Interim Group Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Nevills' presentation covered the Delta Conveyance Project planning schedule, background on the Delta Plan, DWR's certification of consistency and the Delta Stewardship Council review process, with next steps expected through the end of next year while the State Board water rights process continues.

The following director provided a comment or asked a question.

1. Gold

Staff responded to the Director's question and comment.

b. Subject: Proposed Modifications to the Operational Shift Cost-Offset Program

This item was deferred.

c. Subject: Update on Webb Tract Rice Development and Wetland Restoration Project

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

Dr. Maureen Martin, Interim Group Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Stalvey provided an update on the status of Webb Tract's large-scale rice and wetland conversion projects. Regarding the wetland project, staff are actively engaging new partners, and final design is nearly complete for approximately 2,900 acres of wetland and upland habitat.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Gold

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Report on the Palo Verde Valley: Community Enhancement Collaborative

Presented by: Director Cynthia Kurtz

The Community Enhancement Collaborative is overseeing distribution of approximately \$8 million, has finalized its bylaws and grant process, and will meet December 16 at CRUWA alongside the Property Utilization Committee.

b. Subject: Report on the Basin States Plan Submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation

This item was withdrawn.

8. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Resources activities
 Colorado River Resources activities
 Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation activities
 Water Resource Management activities

Assistant General Manager John Bednarski stated that there was nothing to report beyond the written reports that were previously issued.

6d. Subject: Update on Colorado River negotiations and protection of Metropolitan's Colorado River water rights [Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation – deciding whether to initiate litigation; unknown number of potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)].

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp provided a brief update on the progress and potential for litigation on the Colorado River negotiations.

Some discussion was held in closed session. No action was taken.

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Chair Quinn requests that the Board look into additional funders for the Stormwater Pilot Program.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be held on December 8, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Tracy Quinn
Chair, One Water and Adaptation Committee

Mark Gold
Chair, Subcommittee on Imported Water