

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
**November 19, 2024**

**53829** The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in a special session on Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Director Ackerman stated that he is using AB 2449 just cause due to medical disability.

Director De Jesus stated that he is using AB 2449 just cause for contagious illness.

Director Faessel stated that he is using AB 2449 just cause for legislative business.

**53830** The Meeting was opened with an invocation by Director Cynthia Kurtz, City of Pasadena.

**53831** The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Director Jeffrey D. Armstrong, Eastern Municipal Water District.

**53832** Board Secretary Fong-Sakai administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Ackerman (AB2449), Alvarez, Armstrong, Bryant, Camacho, Cordero (teleconference posted locations available for the public), Crawford, De Jesus (AB2449), Dennstedt, Dick, Douglas, Erdman, Faessel (AB2449), Fellow (teleconference posted locations available for the public), Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Jung (teleconference posted locations available for the public), Kassakhian, Kurtz, Lewitt, Luna, McCoy, McMillan, Miller, Morris, Ortega, Petersen, Pressman, Quinn, Ramos (teleconference posted locations available for the public), and Smith.

Those not responding were: Directors Garza, Gold, Gray, Lefevre, Phan, Seckel, and Sutley.

Board Secretary Fong-Sakai declared a quorum present.

Chair Ortega introduced the Member Agency Manager, Guest Board Chair Nick Serrano, Former Board Chair Mel Katz, and General Manager Dan Denham of San Diego County Water Authority. Chair Ortega, Mr. Serrano, and Mr. Katz made remarks.

Chair Ortega welcomed and thanked Misters Serrano and Denham for joining the board and encouraged them to comment on matters important to the San Diego County Water Authority.

Chair Ortega announced that Metropolitan will be celebrating Thanksgiving; Metropolitan is putting a spotlight on the community, thanking Southern California for engaging with

Metropolitan on issues of water quality, conservation, and Metropolitan projects in their communities. In addition, Metropolitan Native American Heritage Day is on November 29th, and National Native American Heritage Month has messages in observance of the day and month. Lastly, Chair Ortega thanked Veterans on Veteran's Day and showcased the Hispanic Employee Association's Dia De Muertos Ofrenda on social media.

Director Quinn left the meeting.

**53833** Chair Ortega invited members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction (in-person and via teleconference).

	Name	Affiliation	Comment
1.	Philippa Romeo	Metropolitan Employee	General Manager Investigation

Chair Ortega addressed the following: Other Matters and Reports.

**53834** Chair Ortega asked if there were any corrections to the report of events attended by Directors at Metropolitan's expense during the month of October, as previously posted and distributed to the Board. None were made.

**53835** Chair Ortega referred to the Chair's monthly report, which was previously posted and distributed to the Board. In addition, Director Erdman and Dennstedt attended the WEFTEC Conference to accept the Water Resources Utility of the Future Today Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Metropolitan. Chair Ortega requested that today's meeting be dedicated to Christiana Daisy, Deputy General Manager for Inland Empire Utilities Agency and former Metropolitan Employee. Ms. Daisy is retiring from Inland Empire Utilities Agency on December 24, 2024.

Chair Ortega asked if there are any questions. None were made.

**53836** Interim General Manager Upadhyay reported on the transition to the new federal administration and how it will affect Metropolitan's interest, the business model workshop, and the Metropolitan Employee Service Awards.

**53837** General Counsel Scully reported on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) litigation where a judge found the Council on Environmental Quality lacked authority to enforce NEPA.

**53838** General Auditor Suzuki stated that the next Audit meeting will occur on November 20th, with the audit quarterly report presentation and reviewing changes to the administrative code for the audit charter.

**53839** Ethics Officer Salinas stated that he did not have anything to add to his written report.

**53840** Report from the Executive Committee on the nominations for Board Secretary. The Committee approved Board Secretary Fong-Sakai for a second term. (Agenda Item 5G).

**53841** Nomination and Election for Board Secretary for a two-year term effective January 1, 2025. (Agenda Item 6C).

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve the Consent Calendar Item 6C nominating Board Secretary Fong-Sakai for a two-year term effective January 1, 2025.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		6C							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6306	Faessel	x	x	6306				
Beverly Hills	4677	Pressman	x	x	4677				
Burbank	3330	Ramos	x	x	3330				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13627	McMillan	x	x	13627				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	20265	Garza							
		Crawford	x	x	20265				
			Subtotal:		20265				
Compton	678	McCoy	x	x	678				
Eastern Municipal Water District	13623	Armstrong	x	x	13623				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2543	Bryant	x	x	2543				
Fullerton	2766	Jung	x	x	2766				
Glendale	4165	Kassakhian	x	x	4165				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	17103	Camacho	x	x	17103				
Las Virgenes	3224	Lewitt	x	x	3224				
Long Beach	6805	Cordero	x	x	6805				
Los Angeles	83835	Sutley							
		Petersen	x	x	27945				
		Quinn							
		Luna	x	x	27945				
		Douglas	x	x	27945				
			Subtotal:		83835				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	68102	Ackerman	x	x	22701				
		Seckel							
		Dick	x	x	22701				
		Erdman	x	x	22701				
			Subtotal:		68102				
Pasadena	4042	Kurtz	x	x	4042				
San Diego County Water Authority	70158	Fong-Sakai	x	x	17540				
		Goldberg	x	x	17540				
		Miller	x	x	17540				
		Smith	x	x	17540				
			Subtotal:		70158				
San Fernando	274	Ortega	x	x	274				
San Marino	836	Morris	x	x	836				
Santa Ana	3569	Phan							
Santa Monica	5055	Gold							
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	9019	De Jesus	x	x	9019				
Torrance	3781	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	14079	Fellow	x	x	14079				
West Basin Municipal Water District	28764	Alvarez	x	x	28764				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		28764				
Western Municipal Water District	15689	Dennstedt	x	x	15689				
<b>Total</b>	<b>406315</b>				<b>393910</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>12405</b>								

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 6C (M.I. No. 53841) passed by a vote of 393,910 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 12,405 absent.

Director Ackerman, De Jesus, and Faessel, using AB 2449 just cause, did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.

**53842** Updated report on the list of certified assessed valuations for the fiscal year 2024/25 and tabulation of assessed valuation, percentage participation, and vote entitlement of member agencies as of November 19, 2024.

Chair Ortega announced that the report was presented at the Finance and Asset Management Committee and asked if there are any questions. None were made.

Chair Ortega announced that the minutes for the October meeting have been deferred (Agenda Item 6A).

Chair Ortega announced there are no committee assignments (Agenda Item 6B).

Chair Ortega called on Directors who are requesting that any items be pulled from the Consent Calendar Action Items and to state any recusals, abstentions, and disclosures. None were made.

**53843** Authorize an amendment to an agreement with Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects to provide design and architectural services for Stage 1 improvements at Metropolitan's desert facilities, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-1 board letter.

**53844** Certify that the Final EIR for the Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project has been completed in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, certify that the Board has reviewed and considered the information presented in the Final EIR, certify that the Final EIR reflects Metropolitan's independent judgment and analysis, and adopt the Findings and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-2 board letter.

**53845** Authorize the General Manager to enter into Reverse-Cyclic Program agreements with participating agencies to defer deliveries of up to 100,000 acre-feet total over calendar years 2024 and 2025.

Agenda Item 7-4 board letter was deferred.

**53846** Adopt resolution for the 116th Fringe Area Annexation to Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan, with a correction to the annexation area, is within Moreno Valley, not the City of Murrieta.

**53847** Authorize General Manager to sponsor legislation for Metropolitan to increase the minimum threshold for competitive bidding on public works construction contracts from \$25,000 to \$150,000 and to seek the inclusion of an inflation escalator.

Director Morris moved, seconded by Director McCoy, that the Board approve the Consent Calendar Items 7-1 through 7-3, 7-5 through 7-6 follows:

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve the Consent Calendar Items 7-1 through 7-3, 7-5 through 7-6.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Consent Item(s):		Items: 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-5, and 7-6								
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote	
Anaheim	6306	Faessel	x	x	6306					
Beverly Hills	4677	Pressman	x	x	4677					
Burbank	3330	Ramos	x	x	3330					
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13627	McMillan	x	x	13627					
Central Basin Municipal Water District	20265	Garza								
		Crawford	x	x	20265					
			Subtotal:		20265					
Compton	678	McCoy	x	x	678					
Eastern Municipal Water District	13623	Armstrong	x	x	13623					
Foothill Municipal Water District	2543	Bryant	x	x	2543					
Fullerton	2766	Jung	x	x	2766					
Glendale	4165	Kassakhian	x	x	4165					
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	17103	Camacho	x	x	17103					
Las Virgenes	3224	Lewitt	x	x	3224					
Long Beach	6805	Cordero	x	x	6805					
Los Angeles	83835	Sutley								
		Petersen	x	x	27945					
		Quinn								
		Luna	x	x	27945					
		Douglas	x	x	27945					
			Subtotal:		83835					
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	68102	Ackerman	x	x	22701					
		Seckel								
		Dick	x	x	22701					
		Erdman	x	x	22701					
			Subtotal:		68102					
Pasadena	4042	Kurtz	x	x	4042					
San Diego County Water Authority	70158	Fong-Sakai	x	x	17540					
		Goldberg	x	x	17540					
		Miller	x	x	17540					
		Smith	x	x	17540					
			Subtotal:		70158					
San Fernando	274	Ortega	x	x	274					
San Marino	836	Morris	x	x	836					
Santa Ana	3569	Phan								
Santa Monica	5055	Gold								
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	9019	De Jesus	x	x	9019					
Torrance	3781	Lefevre								
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	14079	Fellow	x	x	14079					
West Basin Municipal Water District	28764	Alvarez	x	x	28764					
		Gray								
			Subtotal:		28764					
Western Municipal Water District	15689	Dennstedt	x	x	15689					
<b>Total</b>	<b>406315</b>				<b>393910</b>					
<b>Present and not voting</b>										
<b>Absent</b>	<b>12405</b>									

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 7-1 through 7-3, 7-5 through 7-6 (M.I. No. 53843 through 53847)\* passed by a vote of 393,910 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 12,405 absent.

Director Ackerman, De Jesus, and Faessel, using AB 2449 just cause, did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.

\*Director Jung voted no on Item 7-6. The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 7-6 (**M.I. No. 53847**) passed by a vote of 391,144 ayes; 2,766 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 12,405 absent.

The following Director(s) asked questions or made comments:

Director(s)

1. Dennstedt
2. Camacho

Staff responded to the Directors' comments and questions.

**53848** Authorize the General Manager to amend the Project Labor Agreement to add four new projects and approve the amended Project Labor Agreement's use as a bid condition for the newly added projects (Agenda Item 8-1).

Director Erdman moved, seconded by Director Camacho, that the Board approve the Board Item 8-1 as follows:

Chair Ortega called for a vote on the motion for Agenda Item 8-1 as stated.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-1							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6306	Faessel	x	x	6306				
Beverly Hills	4677	Pressman	x	x	4677				
Burbank	3330	Ramos	x	x	3330				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13627	McMillan	x	x	13627				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	20265	Garza							
		Crawford	x	x	20265				
			Subtotal:		20265				
Compton	678	McCoy	x	x	678				
Eastern Municipal Water District	13623	Armstrong	x	x	13623				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2543	Bryant	x	x	2543				
Fullerton	2766	Jung	x	x	2766				
Glendale	4165	Kassakhian	x	x	4165				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	17103	Camacho	x	x	17103				
Las Virgenes	3224	Lewitt	x	x	3224				
Long Beach	6805	Cordero	x	x	6805				
Los Angeles	83835	Sutley							
		Petersen	x	x	27945				
		Quinn							
		Luna	x	x	27945				
		Douglas	x	x	27945				
			Subtotal:		83835				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	68102	Ackerman	x	x	22701				
		Seckel							
		Dick	x	x	22701				
		Erdman	x	x	22701				
			Subtotal:		68102				
Pasadena	4042	Kurtz	x	x	4042				
San Diego County Water Authority	70158	Fong-Sakai	x	x	17540				
		Goldberg	x	x	17540				
		Miller	x	x	17540				
		Smith	x	x	17540				
			Subtotal:		70158				
San Fernando	274	Ortega	x	x	274				
San Marino	836	Morris	x	x	836				
Santa Ana	3569	Phan							
Santa Monica	5055	Gold							
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	9019	De Jesus	x	x	9019				
Torrance	3781	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	14079	Fellow	x	x	14079				
West Basin Municipal Water District	28764	Alvarez	x	x	28764				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		28764				
Western Municipal Water District	15689	Dennstedt	x	x	15689				
<b>Total</b>	<b>406315</b>				<b>393910</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>12405</b>								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-1 (**M.I. No. 53848**) passed by a vote of 393,910 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 12,405 absent.

Director Ackerman, De Jesus, and Faessel, using AB 2449 just cause, did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.



**53849** Adopt the proposed resolution, verifying that the Board reviewed and supports the grant application, that subject to board approval of a grant agreement, the General Manager or his/her designee will have the legal authority to enter into that agreement, and that the General Manager or his/her designee will work with the United States Bureau of Reclamation to meet established deadlines for entering into a grant agreement and that the Board adopts another similarly worded resolution to accept the additional grant amount of \$26.3 million(Agenda Item 8-2).

Director Erdman moved, seconded by Director Morris, that the Board approve the Board Item 8-2 as follows:

Chair Ortega called for a vote on the motion for Agenda Item 8-2 as stated.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-2							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6306	Faessel	x	x	6306				
Beverly Hills	4677	Pressman	x	x	4677				
Burbank	3330	Ramos	x	x	3330				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13627	McMillan	x	x	13627				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	20265	Garza							
		Crawford	x	x	20265				
			Subtotal:		20265				
Compton	678	McCoy	x	x	678				
Eastern Municipal Water District	13623	Armstrong	x	x	13623				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2543	Bryant	x	x	2543				
Fullerton	2766	Jung	x	x	2766				
Glendale	4165	Kassakhian	x	x	4165				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	17103	Camacho	x	x	17103				
Las Virgenes	3224	Lewitt	x	x	3224				
Long Beach	6805	Cordero	x	x	6805				
Los Angeles	83835	Sutley							
		Petersen	x	x	27945				
		Quinn							
		Luna	x	x	27945				
		Douglas	x	x	27945				
			Subtotal:		83835				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	68102	Ackerman	x	x	22701				
		Seckel							
		Dick	x	x	22701				
		Erdman	x	x	22701				
			Subtotal:		68102				
Pasadena	4042	Kurtz	x	x	4042				
San Diego County Water Authority	70158	Fong-Sakai	x	x	17540				
		Goldberg	x	x	17540				
		Miller	x	x	17540				
		Smith	x	x	17540				
			Subtotal:		70158				
San Fernando	274	Ortega	x	x	274				
San Marino	836	Morris	x	x	836				
Santa Ana	3569	Phan							
Santa Monica	5055	Gold							
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	9019	De Jesus	x	x	9019				
Torrance	3781	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	14079	Fellow	x	x	14079				
West Basin Municipal Water District	28764	Alvarez	x	x	28764				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		28764				
Western Municipal Water District	15689	Dennstedt	x	x	15689				
<b>Total</b>	<b>406315</b>				<b>393910</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>12405</b>								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-2 (**M.I. No. 53849**) passed by a vote of 393,910 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 12,405 absent.

Director Ackerman, De Jesus, and Faessel, using AB 2449 just cause, did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.

**53850** Approve the nomination and naming of the San Jacinto Tunnel in honor of former Chairman of the Board and Director Randy Record in recognition of his legacy of service to Metropolitan (Agenda Item 8-4).

**53851** Approve the nomination and naming of the Inlet/Outlet Tower at Diamond Valley Lake in honor of former Metropolitan General Counsel N. Gregory Taylor in recognition of his legacy of service to Metropolitan (Agenda Item 8-5).

Director Camacho moved, seconded by Director Armstrong, that the Board approve the Board Items 8-4 and 8-5 as follows:

Chair Ortega called for a vote on the motion for Agenda Items 8-4 and 8-5, as stated.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:	8-4 and 8-5								
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6306	Faessel	x	x	6306				
Beverly Hills	4677	Pressman	x	x	4677				
Burbank	3330	Ramos	x	x	3330				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13627	McMillan	x	x	13627				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	20265	Garza							
		Crawford	x	x	20265				
			Subtotal:		20265				
Compton	678	McCoy	x						
Eastern Municipal Water District	13623	Armstrong	x	x	13623				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2543	Bryant	x	x	2543				
Fullerton	2766	Jung	x	x	2766				
Glendale	4165	Kassakhian	x	x	4165				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	17103	Camacho	x	x	17103				
Las Virgenes	3224	Lewitt	x	x	3224				
Long Beach	6805	Cordero	x	x	6805				
Los Angeles	83835	Sutley							
		Petersen	x	x	27945				
		Quinn							
		Luna	x	x	27945				
		Douglas	x	x	27945				
			Subtotal:		83835				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	68102	Ackerman	x	x	22701				
		Seckel							
		Dick	x	x	22701				
		Erdman	x	x	22701				
			Subtotal:		68102				
Pasadena	4042	Kurtz	x	x	4042				
San Diego County Water Authority	70158	Fong-Sakai	x	x	17540				
		Goldberg	x	x	17540				
		Miller	x	x	17540				
		Smith	x	x	17540				
			Subtotal:		70158				
San Fernando	274	Ortega	x	x	274				
San Marino	836	Morris	x	x	836				
Santa Ana	3569	Phan							
Santa Monica	5055	Gold							
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	9019	De Jesus	x	x	9019				
Torrance	3781	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	14079	Fellow	x	x	14079				
West Basin Municipal Water District	28764	Alvarez	x	x	28764				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		28764				
Western Municipal Water District	15689	Dennstedt	x	x	15689				
<b>Total</b>	<b>406315</b>				<b>393232</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>	<b>678</b>								
<b>Absent</b>	<b>12405</b>								

The motion to approve the Board Items 8-4 and 8-5 (M.I. No. 53850 and 53851) passed by a vote of 393,232 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 678 not voting; and 12,405 absent.

Director Ackerman, De Jesus, and Faessel, using AB 2449 just cause, did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.

**53852** Authorize an increase to the General Auditor's base salary from \$288,413 to \$313,350. This will make the General Auditor's base salary 9.58 percent above the 75th percentile of the comparator agencies. Authorize a 3 percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment for the General Counsel, General Auditor, and Ethics Officer. Authorize the above actions to be effective June 23, 2024. (Agenda Item 8-6).

Director Pressman moved, seconded by Director Morris, that the Board approve the Board Item 8-6 as follows:

Chair Ortega called for a vote on the motion for Agenda Item 8-6 as stated.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-6							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6306	Faessel	x	x	6306				
Beverly Hills	4677	Pressman	x	x	4677				
Burbank	3330	Ramos	x	x	3330				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13627	McMillan	x	x	13627				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	20265	Garza							
		Crawford	x	x	20265				
			Subtotal:		20265				
Compton	678	McCoy	x	x	678				
Eastern Municipal Water District	13623	Armstrong	x	x	13623				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2543	Bryant	x	x	2543				
Fullerton	2766	Jung	x	x	2766				
Glendale	4165	Kassakhian	x	x	4165				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	17103	Camacho	x	x	17103				
Las Virgenes	3224	Lewitt	x	x	3224				
Long Beach	6805	Cordero	x	x	6805				
Los Angeles	83835	Sutley							
		Petersen	x	x	27945				
		Quinn							
		Luna	x	x	27945				
		Douglas	x	x	27945				
			Subtotal:		83835				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	68102	Ackerman	x	x	22701				
		Seckel							
		Dick	x	x	22701				
		Erdman	x	x	22701				
			Subtotal:		68102				
Pasadena	4042	Kurtz	x	x	4042				
San Diego County Water Authority	70158	Fong-Sakai	x	x	17540				
		Goldberg	x	x	17540				
		Miller	x	x	17540				
		Smith	x	x	17540				
			Subtotal:		70158				
San Fernando	274	Ortega	x	x	274				
San Marino	836	Morris	x	x	836				
Santa Ana	3569	Phan							
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Three Valleys Municipal Water District	9019	De Jesus	x	x	9019				
Torrance	3781	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	14079	Fellow	x	x	14079				
West Basin Municipal Water District	28764	Alvarez	x	x	28764				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		28764				
Western Municipal Water District	15689	Dennstedt	x	x	15689				
<b>Total</b>	<b>406315</b>				<b>393910</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>12405</b>								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-6 (M.I. No. 53852) passed by a vote of 393,910 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 12,405 absent.

Director Ackerman, De Jesus, and Faessel, using AB 2449 just cause, did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.

Chair Ortega asked if anyone would like to discuss and/or vote on Items 8-3 or 8-7 in closed session. No requests were made.

**53853** Authorize a new lease with the Certified Federal Credit Union for up to a combined total of 1,667 square feet of office space at the Metropolitan Headquarters Building, located at 700 North Alameda Street in Los Angeles, California, and the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant, located at 700 Moreno Avenue in La Verne, California, subject to the price and terms direction given in closed session (Agenda Item 8-3).

Director Smith moved, seconded by Director Bryant, that the Board approve the Board Item 8-3 as follows:

Chair Ortega called for a vote on the motion for Agenda Item 8-3 as stated.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-3							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6306	Faessel	x	x	6306				
Beverly Hills	4677	Pressman	x	x	4677				
Burbank	3330	Ramos	x	x	3330				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13627	McMillan	x	x	13627				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	20265	Garza							
		Crawford	x	x	20265				
			Subtotal:		20265				
Compton	678	McCoy	x	x	678				
Eastern Municipal Water District	13623	Armstrong	x	x	13623				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2543	Bryant	x	x	2543				
Fullerton	2766	Jung	x	x	2766				
Glendale	4165	Kassakhian	x	x	4165				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	17103	Camacho	x	x	17103				
Las Virgenes	3224	Lewitt	x	x	3224				
Long Beach	6805	Cordero	x	x	6805				
Los Angeles	83835	Sutley							
		Petersen	x	x	27945				
		Quinn							
		Luna	x	x	27945				
		Douglas	x	x	27945				
			Subtotal:		83835				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	68102	Ackerman	x	x	22701				
		Seckel							
		Dick	x	x	22701				
		Erdman	x	x	22701				
			Subtotal:		68102				
Pasadena	4042	Kurtz	x	x	4042				
San Diego County Water Authority	70158	Fong-Sakai	x	x	17540				
		Goldberg	x	x	17540				
		Miller	x	x	17540				
		Smith	x	x	17540				
			Subtotal:		70158				
San Fernando	274	Ortega	x	x	274				
San Marino	836	Morris	x	x	836				
Santa Ana	3569	Phan							
Santa Monica	5055	Gold							
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	9019	De Jesus	x	x	9019				
Torrance	3781	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	14079	Fellow	x	x	14079				
West Basin Municipal Water District	28764	Alvarez	x	x	28764				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		28764				
Western Municipal Water District	15689	Dennstedt	x	x	15689				
<b>Total</b>	<b>406315</b>				<b>393910</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>12405</b>								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-3 (M.I. No. 53853) passed by a vote of 393,910 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 12,405 absent.

Director Ackerman, De Jesus, and Faessel, using AB 2449 just cause, did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.



**53854** Authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services in Ryan Tiegs v. Metropolitan with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$275,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$525,000, increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services in Dane Crawford v. Metropolitan with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$275,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$525,000, and increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services in Alicia Lorentzen v. Metropolitan with Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP in the amount of \$175,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$425,000 (Agenda Item 8-7).

Director Luna moved, seconded by Director Camacho, that the Board approve the Board Item 8-7 as follows:

Chair Ortega called for a vote on the motion for Agenda Item 8-7 as stated.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-7							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6306	Faessel	x	x	6306				
Beverly Hills	4677	Pressman	x	x	4677				
Burbank	3330	Ramos	x	x	3330				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13627	McMillan	x	x	13627				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	20265	Garza							
		Crawford	x	x	20265				
			Subtotal:		20265				
Compton	678	McCoy	x	x	678				
Eastern Municipal Water District	13623	Armstrong	x	x	13623				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2543	Bryant	x	x	2543				
Fullerton	2766	Jung	x	x	2766				
Glendale	4165	Kassakhian	x	x	4165				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	17103	Camacho	x	x	17103				
Las Virgenes	3224	Lewitt	x	x	3224				
Long Beach	6805	Cordero	x	x	6805				
Los Angeles	83835	Sutley							
		Petersen	x	x	27945				
		Quinn							
		Luna	x	x	27945				
		Douglas	x	x	27945				
			Subtotal:		83835				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	68102	Ackerman	x	x	22701				
		Seckel							
		Dick	x	x	22701				
		Erdman	x	x	22701				
			Subtotal:		68102				
Pasadena	4042	Kurtz	x	x	4042				
San Diego County Water Authority	70158	Fong-Sakai	x	x	17540				
		Goldberg	x	x	17540				
		Miller	x	x	17540				
		Smith	x	x	17540				
			Subtotal:		70158				
San Fernando	274	Ortega	x	x	274				
San Marino	836	Morris	x	x	836				
Santa Ana	3569	Phan							
Santa Monica	5055	Gold							
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	9019	De Jesus	x	x	9019				
Torrance	3781	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat.	14079	Fellow	x	x	14079				
West Basin Municipal Water District	28764	Alvarez	x	x	28764				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		28764				
Western Municipal Water District	15689	Dennstedt	x	x	15689				
<b>Total</b>	<b>406315</b>				<b>393910</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>12405</b>								

The motion to approve the Board Items 8-7 (M.I. No. 53854) passed by a vote of 393,910 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 12,405 absent.

Director Ackerman, De Jesus, and Faessel, using AB 2449 just cause, did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.

Chair Ortega advised Board Vice Chair Goldberg would proceed with chairing the meeting for the remainder of the meeting.

**53855** Board Vice Chair Goldberg asked if there were questions or need for discussion on Board Information Items 9-1, 9-2 or 9-3. No requests were made.

Director Miller left the meeting.

Director Quinn entered the meeting.

**53856** AB 1234 Ethics Biennial Training (Item 10-1).

Ethics Officer Salinas introduced Lauren Langer and Ryan Guiboa, Partners at Best Best & Krieger, LLP, to present the Item.

The following Director(s) asked questions or made comments:

Director(s)

1. Camacho

Outside counsel responded to the Directors' comments and questions.

**53857** Board Vice Chair Goldberg asked if there were any Follow-Up Items. No requests were made.

**53858** Board Vice Chair Goldberg asked if there were any Future Agenda Items. No requests were made.

**53859** There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.



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**LOIS FONG-SAKAI  
BOARD SECRETARY**



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**ADÁN ORTEGA, JR.  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**