



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# Committee Item INFORMATION

## ***Special Committee on Ag and Tribal Partnerships***

4/28/2026 Special Committee Meeting

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### **Subject**

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

### **Executive Summary**

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The Special Committee on Ag and Tribal Partnerships was formed in December 2025. An initial draft purpose statement was presented at the meeting on January 27, 2026, and directors provided comments. The committee will consider a revised purpose statement to help guide direction and future agenda items.

### **Fiscal Impact**

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None

### **Applicable Policy**

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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)**

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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

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The committee is considering a purpose statement to help guide direction and future agenda items. The draft revised purpose statement is as follows:

To advance Metropolitan's interests in agriculture—both as a wholesale water provider and agricultural landowner—and our interests with tribal governments and related tribal issues regionally and across the West, the Special Committee on Ag and Tribal Partnerships will:

- a. Identify opportunities to build relationships through existing and new partnerships.
- b. Consider programs and policies that could provide mutual benefits for water reliability, climate resilience, and financial sustainability.
- c. Report and make recommendations to the Board or to other committees for consideration.

  
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