

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**FINANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**November 19, 2024**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Members present: Directors Alvarez, Armstrong, Bryant, De Jesus (AB 2449 just cause), Dennstedt, Dick, Fong-Sakai, McMillan, Miller, Pressman (entered after rollcall), Quinn (entered after rollcall), Seckel (AB 2449 just cause), and Smith.

Members absent: Directors Gold and Petersen.

Other Members present: Ackerman (AB 2449 just cause), Camacho, Erdman, Faessel, Goldberg, Gray, Kurtz, Lefevre, Lewitt, McCoy, Morris, and Ortega.

Committee Staff present: Beatty, Benson, Crosson, Chapman, Kasaine, Ros, Upadhyay, and Wheeler.

Director De Jesus indicated he was participating under AB 2449 “just cause” due to contagious illness. Director De Jesus appeared by audio and on camera.

Director De Jesus announced during roll call that no one was in the room with him 18 years of age or older

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

Director Seckel announced during roll call that no one was in the room with him 18 years of age or older

Director Ackerman indicated she was participating under AB 2449 “just cause” due to a medical procedure. Director Ackerman appeared by audio and on camera.

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

None

## 2. OTHER MATTERS

- 5H Subject: Updated report on the list of certified assessed valuations for the fiscal year 2024/25 and tabulation of assessed valuations, percentage participation, and vote entitlement of member agencies as of November 19, 2024

Ms. Kasaine introduced the item. No presentation was requested.

## CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS-ACTION

- A. Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee Meeting for October 8, 2024

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR -ACTION

- 7-5. Subject: Adopt resolution for 116th Fringe Area Annexation to Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Motion: Adopt resolution for the 116th Fringe Area Annexation to Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan

There was a correction made on the location of the annexation. The annexation area is within Moreno Valley not the City of Murrieta

No presentation was given.

Director Pressman made a motion, seconded by Director Miller, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 3A and 7-5.

The vote was:

- Ayes: Directors Alvarez, Armstrong, Bryant, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Dick, Fong-Sakai, McMillan, Miller, Pressman, Seckel, and Smith.
- Noes: None
- Abstentions: None
- Absent: Directors Gold, Petersen, and Quinn.

Director De Jesus announced during the vote that no one was in the room with him 18 years of age or older.

Director Seckel announced during the vote that no one was in the room with him 18 years of age or older.

The motion for items 3A and 7-5 passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 3 absent.

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

#### **5. OTHER CONSENT ITEMS – ACTION**

8-3 Subject: 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 (Los Angeles County Assessor Parcel Nos. 5409-023-930 and 8381-006-906, respectively); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with real property negotiators; agency negotiators: Kevin Webb and Steve Cotton; negotiating party: Hugo Sanchez for Certified Federal Credit Union; under negotiation: price and terms; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.]

Presented by: Steve Cotton, Real Estate Representative II

In open session, Ms. Crosson introduced the item and Mr. Cotton presented the committee with an overview of the lease agreement, site locations, and business climate.

Director Quinn entered the meeting.

In closed session, the Committee met on item 8-3 and gave its real property negotiators direction on price and terms. The Committee recommended approval according to that price and terms at the full Board meeting. There were no other reportable actions.

#### **6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

## **7. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Subject: Quarterly Financial Report

Ms. Kasaine introduced the item and Mr. Van den Berg provided an overview of the first quarter financial results and forecast, fiscal year 24/25 expenditure reductions, fiscal year 24/25 revenue generation, and historical PAYGO expenditures.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Smith
2. Quinn
3. Seckel
4. Fong-Sakai
5. Ortega
6. Armstrong
7. Kurtz
8. Alvarez
9. McMillan
10. De Jesus

Staff responded to the Directors' comments and questions.

- b. Subject: Quarterly Investment Activities Report

No presentation was given.

## **8. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. Subject: Financial and Asset Management Activities

Mr. Benson highlighted the finance team's hard work, which resulted in a clean audit opinion from the External Auditor for fiscal year 2023/24. The External Auditor will present the audit results at the next Audit Subcommittee of the Executive Committee on Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

## **9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

- a. Subject: Report from Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling

Director Seckel updated the committee that there was not a meeting in October and the next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2024.

- b. Subject: Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Long Term  
Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling

No direction was given.

**10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

Directors Smith and Alvarez requested staff to provide budget impacts for Fiscal Year 2026/27 and 2027/28.

**11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Tim Smith  
Chair