

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
SPECIAL JOINT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

July 22, 2025

54215 The Special Joint meeting of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met on Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

Chair Ortega called the teleconference meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Director Ramos stated she is using AB 2449 just cause due to caretaking of a family member, and she is alone in the room.

54216 Board Executive Secretary Hudson administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Bryant, Camacho, Cordero, Crawford, De Jesus (teleconference posted location available for the public), Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai (teleconference posted location available for the public), Garza, Gold, Gray (teleconference posted location available for the public), Jung (teleconference posted location available for the public), Kurtz, Lewitt, McCoy, McMillan, Miller, Ortega, Phan (teleconference posted location available for the public), Pressman, Quinn, Ramos (Just Cause – AB2449), Seckel, and Shepherd Romey.

Those not responding were: Directors Douglas, Goldberg, Kassakhian, and, Katz..

Board Executive Secretary Hudson declared a quorum present.

Director(s) entered after roll call: Director Dick, Jay, Luna, Petersen, and Sutley.

54217 Chair Ortega invited members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction (in-person and via teleconference).

None.

Director Luna and Jay entered the meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS

5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Chair Ortega

Chair Ortega reported on international travel for the second quarter of 2025, from April to June 2025, which was previously posted and distributed to the Board. In addition, the Chair requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Fernando Garcia, an operator at the Hinds Pumping Plant, who passed away.

Shane Chapman, Assistant General Manager, provided remarks about Fernando Garcia.

b. Subject: General Manager's Report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: Assistant General Manager Bednarski

Assistant General Manager Bednarski provided an update on the Pure Water Program workshop, the Climate Cabinet meeting, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Agricultural and Tribal Partnerships about water sales outside of our service area, and on the Santa Monica feeder and Lake Matthew Outlet Tower.

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

Director(s)

1. Ortega

c. Subject: General Counsel's report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: Assistant General Counsel Torres

Assistant General Counsel Torres stated he had nothing to report for the General Counsel's Office.

d. Subject: General Auditor's report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: General Auditor Suzuki

General Auditor Suzuki stated he had nothing to report.

e. Subject: Ethics Officer's report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: Ethics Officer Salinas

Ethics Officer Salina stated he had nothing to report.

Directors Dick, Peterson, and Sutley entered the meeting.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

A. Approve the draft of the Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for August 2025.

Chair Ortega asked if there were any additions or deletions to the August 2025 draft packet.

Committee Chair McCoy reported the following subject has been revised for the Community and Workplace Culture Committee:

- Fiscal Year 2024/25 Ethics Office Complaint Data; and

The following subject has been deleted.

- Proposed Amendment to Administrative Code.

Committee Erdman reported the following subject has been revised for the Engineering, Operations & Technology Committee:

- Authorize an on-call professional services agreement with Allied Reliability, Inc. for a not-to-exceed total amount of \$1.75 million for asset reliability services.

Committee Chair Miller reported the following subjects have been removed from the Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency Committee:

- Review of the applicability of the Metropolitan Water District Act Section 124.5 ad valorem property tax limitation for fiscal years 2026/27 through 2029/30. The item removed was information related to MWD Act Section 124.5. However, Item 8-1 setting the ad valorem property tax rate for the current fiscal year remains on the agenda.

Committee Chair Pressman reported the following subject has been revised for the Organization, Personnel, and Effectiveness Committee:

- Exit Interview Update and Telework Comparison,

The following subject has been added.

- Labor Negotiations Update.

Committee Chair Quinn reported the following subject has been revised for the One Water and Adaptation Committee:

- Authorize the Local Supply Exchange Framework and amend Metropolitan Administrative Code to facilitate exchanges; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA.

Chair Ortega called for the vote on Item 6A.

Director Miller made a motion, seconded by Director Quinn to approve the consent calendar Item 6A as presented, listed, and revised.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Armstrong, Camacho, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Gray, Jung, Kurtz, Lewitt, Luna, McCoy, Miller, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn, Seckel, and Sutley

Abstention: None

Recusal: None

Absent: Directors Douglas and Goldberg

The motion for Item 6A passed by a vote of 17 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 2 absent.

END OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ITEMS

54218 Public Employment – General Manager [To be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957] (Board Item 7A).

Chair Ortega called the meeting into closed session to discuss Board Item 7A at 1:53 p.m.

Directors Kassakhian, McMillan, Petersen, and Phan entered the meeting.

Director Quinn left the meeting and returned during the closed session.

Directors Luna, McMillan, and Pressman left the meeting.

The meeting returned to open session at 4:01 p.m.

Chair Ortega stated that the Board discussed Board Item 7A and no reportable action was taken in closed session.

54219 Chair Ortega asked if there were any Follow Up Items. No requests were made.

54220 Chair Ortega asked if there were any Future Agenda Items. No requests were made.

54221 There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

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BOARD EXECUTIVE SECRETARY


ADÁN ORTEGA, JR.
CHAIR OF THE BOARD