

# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

## Special Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors

**December 10, 2024**

**12:00 PM**

<b>Tuesday, December 10, 2024 Meeting Schedule</b>
08:30 a.m. FAM
10:30 a.m. LEG
11:30 a.m. Break
12:00 p.m. Sp Jt Exec and BOD

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### 1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: Director Miguel Angel Luna, City of Los Angeles
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Garry E. Bryant, Foothill Municipal Water District

### 2. Roll Call

### 3. Determination of a Quorum

- 4. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board limited to the items listed on the agenda. (As required by Gov. Code §54954.3(a))**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS**

**\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION \*\***

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Executive Committee of July 11, 2023 and the Special Executive Committee of November 20, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-4054](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 5A \(07112023\) Minutes](#)  
[12102024 BOD 5A \(11202024\) Minutes](#)

- B. Approve draft Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for January 2025 [21-4055](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 5B Draft Packet](#)

**\*\* END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS \*\***

**6. OTHER COMMITTEE ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**7. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Report on the Colorado River Board Meeting [21-4060](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 Exec 7a Presentation](#)

- b. Colorado River Activities [21-4061](#)

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR ITEMS**

**8. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS**

- A. Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense [21-4066](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 8A Report](#)

- B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report [21-4065](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 8B Report](#)

- C. Interim General Manager's summary of activities [21-4050](#)  
**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 8C Report](#)
- D. General Counsel's summary of activities [21-4051](#)  
**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 8D Report](#)
- E. General Auditor's summary of activities [21-4052](#)  
**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 8E Report](#)
- F. Ethics Officer's summary of activities [21-4053](#)  
**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 8F Report](#)
- G. Update on Delta Conveyance Project: Wade Crowfoot, California Secretary for Natural Resources. [ADDED SUBJECT 12/3/2024] [21-4092](#)

**\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION \*\***

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for October 8, 2024, the Special Joint Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting for October 21, 2024, and the Special Board of Directors Meeting for November 19, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-4067](#)  
**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 9A \(10082024\) Minutes](#)  
[12102024 BOD 9A \(10212024\) Minutes](#)  
[12102024 BOD 9A \(11192024\) Minutes](#)
- B. Approve Committee Assignments [21-4068](#)
- C. Chair and Vice Chair of standing committee appointments for the term commencing on January 1, 2025. [DEFERRED on 12/6/2024] [21-4073](#)
- D. Approve waiver of Administrative Code to extend the term of Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs through the end of February 2025. [ADDED SUBJECT 12/6/2024] [21-4097](#)

**10. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-1** Approve proposed amendments to Administrative Code Section 6451 regarding the General Auditor Charter; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3966](#)
- Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 7-1 B-L](#)  
[12102024 BOD 7-1 Presentation](#)
- 7-2** Award a \$588,000 contract to Heed Engineering for construction of new drainage control improvements at the Lake Skinner dam; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4021](#)
- Attachments:** [12102024 EOT 7-2 B-L](#)  
[12092024 EOT 7-2 Presentation](#)
- 7-3** Authorize an increase of \$250,000, to a maximum amount not to exceed \$500,000, for workers' compensation legal services contract with the law firm Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer & Jensen, LLP; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4028](#)
- Attachments:** [12102024 LC 7-3 B-L](#)  
[12102024 LC 7-3 Presentation](#)
- 7-4** Authorize a professional services agreement with Public Financial Management Asset Management, LLC, a subsidiary of US Bancorp Asset Management, Inc., to provide investment management services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4040](#)
- Attachments:** [12102024 FAM 7-4 B-L](#)

**\*\* END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS \*\***

**11. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1** Approve additional funding, in an amount not to exceed \$35 million over the next two years (Fiscal Years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026), to support the Zero-Emission Vehicle Transition Program at Metropolitan and partially mitigate high operational risk; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4023](#)
- Attachments:** [12102024 EOT 8-1 B-L](#)  
[12092024 EOT 8-1 Presentation](#)

- 8-2** Authorize entering into one or more agreements to accept up to \$125,472,855 in grant funding from the United States Bureau of Reclamation through the WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Program for Pure Water Southern California; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **[21-4072](#)**
- Attachments:** [12102024 EOT 8-2 B-L](#)  
[12092024 EOT 8-2 Presentation](#)
- 8-3** Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to implement phase two of the Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program; and adopt CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the Antelope Valley-East Kern High Desert Water Bank and the Turf Replacement Programs were previously addressed in various CEQA documents and related actions **[21-4082](#)**
- Attachments:** [12102024 OWS 8-3 B-L](#)  
[12092024 OWS 8-3 Presentation](#)
- 8-4** Review and consider the Lead Agency's certified 2023 Final Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Conveyance Project and take related CEQA actions and authorize the General Manager to enter into an amended agreement for preconstruction work planned for 2026-2027 **[21-4032](#)**
- Attachments:** [12102024 OWS 8-4 B-L](#)  
[12092024 OWS 8-4 Presentation](#)
- 8-5** Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to conform surplus water provisions to current law and practice, update the list of active District funds, and clarify employee benefits for unrepresented employees; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [DEFERRED on 11/27/2024] **[21-4029](#)**
- 8-6** Adopt Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2025; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **[21-4046](#)**
- Attachments:** [12102024 LEG 8-6 B-L](#)  
[12102024 LEG 8-6 Presentation](#)

**JOINT EXECUTIVE AND BOARD ITEM**

- 8-7** Review and consider action for an equal employment opportunity violation by a Director; the General Manager has determined that this proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4081](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 8-7 Presentation](#)

## 12. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-1** Report on Conservation Program [21-4069](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 9-1 Report](#)

- 9-2** Update on developing State Water Project water management actions to meet multiple objectives of managing dry year and wet year water supplies and generating new revenues [21-4070](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 OWS 9-2 B-L](#)  
[12092024 OWS 9-2 Presentation](#)

## 13. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 15. ADJOURNMENT

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