THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ONE WATER AND ADAPTATION COMMITTEE

February 9, 2026

Vice Chair Seckel called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Cordero, Crane, Denham, Erdman, Gold (teleconference posted location), Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Pressman (teleconference posted location), Seckel, and Shepherd Romey.

Members absent: Directors Katz and Quinn.

Other Board Members present: Directors Dennstedt, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, and Jay.

Committee Staff present: Bednarski, Crosson, Deshmukh, Goshi, Harms, Hawk, Hudson, Rubin, and Schlotterbeck.

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

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water & Adaptation Committee for January 12, 2026.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

Director Erdman made a motion, seconded by Director Ackerman, to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Cordero, Crane, Denham, Erdman, Gold, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Pressman, Seckel, and Shepherd Romey
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Directors Katz and Quinn

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent.

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

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Subject: Report on Metropolitan's State Water Project 2026 Statement of Charges and Audit

Presented by: Jaime Dalida, Senior Resource Specialist

Mr. Brandon Goshi, Group Manager, Water Resource Management, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Dalida presented the 2026 State Water Project Statement of Charges, noting the $704 million budget (35% of expenditures) and a $6 million decrease from 2025 due to higher transportation debt service offset by lower conservation and power costs. Richardson & Company's audit resolved seven findings and left 83 outstanding—mainly tied to the Water System Revenue Bond surcharge—with continued coordination and anticipated settlement discussions.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Alvarez

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

b. Subject: Update on implementing a modified Operational Shift Cost Offset Program

Presented by: Jessica Arm, Resource Specialist

Mr. Brandon Goshi, Group Manager, Water Resource Management, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Arm outlined a modification to the Operational Shift Costs Offset Program (OSCOP), first used in 2021 to address drought conditions and preserve about 87,000 acre-feet of State Water Project supplies through compensated delivery shifts. The proposal would make OSCOP an active program that the General Manager can initiate for broader operational needs, with staff returning in March for additional information and in April to seek authorization.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Sutley
2. Seckel
3. Kurtz

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

c. Subject: Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management

Presented by: Noosha Razavian, Resource Specialist

Mr. Brandon Goshi, Group Manager, Water Resource Management, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Razavian reported the State Water Project allocation increased from 10% to 30% (about 570,000 acre-feet) due to improved reservoir levels, supported by Lake Oroville storage and near-full San Luis Reservoir capacity, though snowpack remains weak in the Northern Sierra and Upper Colorado River Basin. Metropolitan's estimated supply of 1.47 million acre-feet is slightly below the projected demand of 1.5 million acre-feet, leaving a 30,000 acre-feet gap that could shift to surplus depending on future hydrologic conditions and adjustments.

d. Subject: Update on Conservation Program

Vice Chair Seckel stated that the written report has been posted; nothing additional to report.

e. Subject: Update on Basin States Discussions Regarding Post-2026 Operational Guidelines

Presented by: Shanti Rosset, Special Projects Manager

Mr. Bill Hasencamp, Manager of Colorado River Resources, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Rosset updated the board on Basin State negotiations for post-2026 Lake Powell and Lake Mead operations and Reclamation's DEIS, noting a required October 1, 2026 decision, poor hydrology with Upper Basin snowpack at 58% of median, and unresolved issues including Powell releases, conservation commitments, reduction allocations, agreement duration, and waiver disputes. The DEIS will shape the final decision, with Metropolitan preparing comments by the March 2 deadline as negotiations continue without consensus.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Sutley
3. Gold

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Resources activities
Colorado River Resources activities
Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation activities
Water Resource Management activities

Assistant General Manager John Bednarski stated that there was nothing to report beyond the previously issued written reports.

Director McMillan left the meeting.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

a. Subject: Report from Subcommittee on Imported Water

Director Gold reported on ongoing discussions regarding Colorado River matters, the State Water Project, Central Valley Project, and Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan, as well as updates from the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority, recent Colorado River Board meetings, and broader Colorado River negotiations.

b. Subject: Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Imported Water

None

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Staff to consider input on the OSCOP Program and return with an informational and action item.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

The next meeting will be held on March 9, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Karl Seckel
Vice Chair