THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

November 17, 2025

Chair Erdman called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Members present: Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt (entered after roll call), McMillan (entered after roll call), Miller, Petersen (entered after roll call), and Seckel (AB 2449 just cause).

Members absent: Director Faessel

Other board members present: Chair Ortega, Directors Ackerman, Camacho, Denham, Dick, Fellow, Gray (teleconference posted location), Katz, Kurtz, Pressman (teleconference posted location), Ramos (teleconference posted location), and Shepherd Romey

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Carter, Chapman, Deshmukh, Eckstrom, Hattar, Hudson, Nobriga, Parsons, Rubin, and Upadhyay

Director Seckel indicated he is participating under AB 2449 just cause due to a contagious illness. Director Seckel appeared by audio and on camera, and stated there was no one in the room with him age 18 or older.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION (As required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))

None

Director Lewitt entered the room.

<u>CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION</u>

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for October 13, 2025.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

7-1 Subject: Authorize agreements with (1) HDR Engineering Inc. in an amount not to exceed $1.80 million for a comprehensive investigation of Metropolitan's 230 kV transmission system; and (2) Towill Inc. in an amount not to exceed $270,000 to perform an aerial survey of the 230 kV transmission system; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Santiago Ocampo, Engineer –Program Management, Engineering Services,

Motion:

a. Authorize an agreement with HDR Engineering Inc. in an amount not to exceed $1.80 million for a comprehensive investigation of Metropolitan's 230 kV transmission system; and
b. Authorize an agreement with Towill Inc. in an amount not to exceed $270,000 to perform an aerial survey of the 230 kV transmission system.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions

1. Miller
2. Erdman
3. Seckel
4. Petersen

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

After completion of the presentation, Director Miller made a motion, seconded by Director Dennstedt, to approve the consent calendar items 2A and 7-1.

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

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, Miller, Petersen, and Seckel.
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Not voting:	None
Absent:	Directors Faessel and McMillan

The motion for Items 2A and 7-1 passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent.

Director Petersen entered the room.

<u> END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS **</u>**

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

Director Fong-Sakai read a recusal statement for item 8-1 as she owns AECOM stock and left the meeting room.

8-1 Subject: Award a $35,722,000 contract to Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.to replace utilities at the Eagle Mountain and Julian Hinds pumping plants; and authorize an increase of $320,000 to an agreement with AECOM Technical Services Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of $550,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Prudencio Alonso, Engineer –Program Management, Engineering Services,

Motion:

a. Award a $35,722,000 contract to Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.to replace utilities at the Eagle Mountain and Julian Hinds pumping plants; and
b. Authorize an increase of $320,000 to an agreement with AECOM Technical Services Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of $550,000 for technical support during construction.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions

1. Jay
2. Miller
3. Dennstedt
4. Erdman

Staff responded to the Directors’ questions and comments.

After completion of the presentation, Director Bryant made a motion, seconded by Director Crawford, to approve item 8-1.

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

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt, Erdman, Jay, Lewitt, Petersen, and Seckel.
Noes:	Director Miller
Recusals:	Director Fong-Sakai
Not voting:	None
Absent:	Director Faessel

The motion for Item 8-1 passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 1 no, 1 recusal, and 2 absent.

Director Erdman read a recusal statement for items 8-5 and 9-6 as he owns Edison stock and left the meeting room.

8-5 Subject:		Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Intersect Power, LLC for mitigation of impacts to the Colorado River Aqueduct Transmission System; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or not subject to CEQA [conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation based on existing facts and circumstances, including potential allegations of a breach of an agreement, there is significant exposure to litigation against Metropolitan: one or more potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]. [UPDATED SUBJECT on 11/3/2025]
	Presented by:	Shane Chapman, Assistant General Manager, Operations John Jontry, Interim Section Manager, Power Operations and Planning
	Motion:	Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Intersect Power, LLC for mitigation of impacts to the Colorado River Aqueduct Transmission System.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions

1. Petersen
2. Seckel
3. Miller
4. Dennstedt

A portion of item 8-5 was heard in closed session.

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

Director McMillan entered the meeting room.

After completion of the presentation, Director Alvarez made a motion, seconded by Director Bryant, to approve item 8-5.

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

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Petersen, and Seckel.
Noes:	None
Recusals:	Director Erdman
Not voting:	None
Absent:	Director Faessel

The motion for Item 8-5 passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 no, 1 recusal, and 1 absent.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

9-6 Report on proposed agreement with Intersect Power, LLC for mitigation of impacts to the Colorado River Aqueduct Transmission System [conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation based on existing facts and circumstances, including potential allegations of a breach of an agreement, there is significant exposure to litigation against Metropolitan: one or more potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]. [UPDATED SUBJECT on 11/3/2025]

The committee heard this item in closed session. No action was taken,

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

Item 6c was presented first.

c. Subject: Foothill Municipal Water District's Point of Delivery

Presented by: John Shamma, Interim Assistant Group Manager – Engineering Services

Mr. Shamma reported on the following:

- Information to support board dialogue regarding Foothill MWD's point of delivery from the Metropolitan system
- Historical information on Foothill MWD's annexation
- Current and past policies related to facility construction as part of annexations

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Erdman
2. Fong-Sakai
3. Seckel
4. Bryant

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

a. Power Cost Exposure with Lower Lake Mead Storage

This item was deferred to December 2025.

b. Guiding principles for Pure Water Southern California partnerships

This item was deferred to December 2025.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

a. Subject: Engineering Services, Information Technology, and Water System Operations Activities

Presented by: John Bednarski, Assistant General Manager, Water and Technical Resources
Shane Chapman, Assistant General Manager, Operations

Mr. Bednarski reported on the following:

- Successfully tested pumping water from DVL to San Bernardino area, supporting series of drought reliability projects that will ultimately deliver water from DVL to the Rialto Pipeline
- Successful October 23 METWORKS in-person event in City of Industry, with over 600 attendees including directors and member agency representatives
- Annual EOT Field Inspection Trip on October 29-30 to the desert facilities, highlighting capital projects and CRA system operations, with five directors attending.

Mr. Chapman reported on the following:

- Virtual Member Agency Water Quality Managers meeting on November 13 with 80 attendees, including over 50 external participants from 17 member agencies and the state regulator
- Current operational conditions, including reducing from four to three pumps on the Colorado River Aqueduct due to recent storm activity.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

None

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Director Fong-Sakai requested a list of all other member agencies that have service connections and points of delivery outside their service area boundaries (6c) when the item is brought to the FAAME committee.

b. Director Dennstedt requested a graphic connecting all energy projects, as well as an energy 101 presentation. She also suggested an Edison tour to understand Metropolitan's partnership with power/water (8-1).

c. Director Miller requested that ample discussion time be provided when the guiding principles for Pure Water Southern California Pure agreements are brought back to the Board (6b).

11. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on December 8, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Dennis Erdman
Chair