

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ONE WATER AND ADAPTATION COMMITTEE

May 12, 2025

Chair Quinn called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

Members present: Directors Ackerman (teleconference posted location), Alvarez, Armstrong (AB 2449 just cause), Cordero, Erdman, Gold, Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, Miller, Pressman, Quinn, and Shepherd Romey.

Member absent: Director McMillan.

Other Board Members present: Directors Faessel, Goldberg, Ortega, Seckel, and Sutley.

Committee Staff present: Crosson, Goshi, Hasencamp, Munguia, Rubin, Schlotterbeck, and Upadhyay.

Director Armstrong stated he was using AB 2449 just cause due to a contagious illness and he was alone in the room. Director Armstrong appeared by audio and on camera.

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

Public Speakers included:

1. Melina Watts, Safe Clean Water L.A, spoke in support of 6a
2. Bruce Reznik, L.A WaterKeeper, spoke in support of 6b
3. Patrick McDonough, San Diego Coast Keeper, spoke in support of 6a
4. Gary Bobker, Friends of the River, spoke in support of item 6a.
5. Ray Hiemstra, Orange County Coast Keeper, spoke in support of item 6a.
6. Kelsey Jessup, Nature Conservancy, spoke in support of item 6a.
7. Caty Wagner, Sierra Club, spoke in support of item 6a.
8. Kelly Shanahan McNeil, L.A WaterKeeper, spoke in support of item 6a.

Committee Chair Quinn announced the reordering of the agenda, moving up item 6a.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Advancing Resilience Through Distributed Stormwater Capture and Conservation

Presented by: Panelists,
Deborah Bloom, Sr. Policy Director Accelerate Resilience LA
Janet Clements, President/ CEO One Water Econ
Ed Harrington, Financial Advisor WaterNow Alliance
Devon Provo, Sr. Policy Manager Accelerate Resilience LA

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

The panelists gave a presentation on Advancing Resilience Through Distributed Stormwater Capture and Conservation and reported their study's findings on enhanced conservation, co-benefits of conservation, and the potential pilot program with Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

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| 1. Ortega | 7. Alvarez |
| 2. Quinn | 8. Seckel |
| 3. Sutley | 9. Lewitt |
| 4. Gold | 10. Miller |
| 5. Armstrong | 11. Erdman |
| 6. Kurtz | 12. Sutley |

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

Chair Quinn announced that the meeting would now return to its originally scheduled order as listed on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS -- ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting One Water and Stewardship Committee for April 7, 2025

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

Vice Chair Katz read a disclosure/disqualification statement for item 7-6.
Director Miller read a disclosure/ disqualification statement for item 7-6.

7-6 **Subject:** Authorize an amendment to LRP Agreement to extend the start of operation deadline for San Diego Pure Water North City Project Phase 1; adopt CEQA determination that the proposed action was previously addressed in the City of San Diego's adopted 2018 Final EIR/EIS and that no further CEQA review is required.

Motion: Authorize an amendment to LRP Agreement to extend the start of operation deadline for San Diego Pure Water North City Project Phase 1; adopt CEQA determination that the proposed action was previously addressed in the City of San Diego's adopted 2018 Final EIR/EIS and that no further CEQA review is required.

Presented by: None.

No presentation was given. Director Kurtz made a motion, seconded by Director Alvarez, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A and 7-6.

Directors Cordero and Pressman left the meeting.

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

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Erdman, Gold, Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, Miller, Quinn, and Shepherd Romey.

Noes: None.

Recusals: Directors Katz and Miller (item 7-6).

Abstentions: Director Quinn (item 2a).

Absent: Directors Cordero, McMillan, and Pressman.

The motion for item 2a, passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstention, and 3 absent.

The motion for item 7-6 passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 noes, 2 recusals, and 3 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-5 Subject: Authorize the General Manager to amend the Delivery and Exchange Agreement between Metropolitan and Coachella for 35,000 acre-feet; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Laura Lamdin, Interim Manager, Colorado River Supply and Programs Team

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to amend the Delivery and Exchange Agreement between Metropolitan and Coachella Valley Water District for 35,000 acre-feet.

Ms. Lamdin gave a detailed presentation on the proposed amendment to the terms of the Delivery and Exchange Agreement Between Metropolitan and Coachella Valley Water District for 35,000 acre-feet that would provide operational and monetary benefits for the parties.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Gold
2. Miller

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

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

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

The vote was:

Ayes: Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Erdman, Gold, Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, Miller, Quinn, and Shepherd Romey.

Noes: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: Directors Cordero, McMillan, and Pressman.

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 3 absent.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

b. Subject: Climate Action Plan Annual Update

Presented by: Ursula A. Schmidt, Program Manager, Climate Action Plan

Ms. Schmidt gave an update on the Metropolitan's progress toward the goals set in the Climate Action Plan, and highlighted achievements in 2024.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Kurtz

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

c. Subject: Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management

Presented by: Larry Lai, Resource Specialist, Supply Acquisition Team

Mr. Lai provide an update on current hydrologic conditions and Metropolitan's latest water supply and demand balance.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Miller

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT AND HIGHLIGHTS

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

General Manager Upadhyay noted that there was nothing in addition to the written reports that were submitted.

Brandon J. Goshi, Manager, Water Resource Management, reported on a recently issued addendum by the California Department of Water Resources to the State Water Project Delivery and Capability Report.

Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources, reported on Colorado River Board Expenditures Funding Agreement.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Gold

Mr. Hasencamp responded to Director Gold's questions.

8. FOLLOW UP ITEMS

None.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Alvarez requested from staff a report on framework or proposal for a pilot study for consideration. Staff will return with an Information board letter in 60 days.

Chair Quinn requested from staff a report on stormwater opportunities and options to consider for setting stormwater target under CAMP4W.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on July 7, 2025

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Tracy Quinn
Chair