

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ONE WATER AND ADAPTATION COMMITTEE

June 8, 2026

Chair Quinn called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Members present: Directors Alvarez, Cordero (joined at 12:11 p.m., teleconference posted location), Crane, Denham, Erdman, Kurtz (entered after roll call), Lewitt, McMillan (teleconference posted location), Miller (entered after roll call, alternative teleconferencing), Pressman, Quinn, Seckel, and Shepherd Romey.

Members absent: Directors Ackerman, Gold, and Katz.

Other Board Members present: Directors Bryant, Camacho, Dennstedt, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Ortega, and Paule.

Committee Staff present: Bednarski, Deshmukh, Goshi, Harms, Hasencamp, Hawk, Horton, Hudson, and Rubin.

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

None.

Director Kurtz entered the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS--ACTION

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Adaptation Committee for May 11, 2026.

Chair Quinn abstained from voting because she was not present for the May meeting.

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

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Alvarez, Crane, Denham, Erdman, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan,
Pressman, Seckel, and Shepherd Romey

Noes: None

Abstentions: Chair Quinn

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Cordero, Gold, Katz, and Miller

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstention, and 5 absent.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None.

****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)

b. Subject: Update on Conservation Program

Mr. Brandon Goshi, Group Manager Water Resource Management, referred to the monthly written report and noted the next quarterly presentation would be given at July's meeting.

c. Subject: Report on Inflation Reduction Act Conservation Funding
Presented by: Laura Lamdin, Team Manager, Water Resource Management

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

Ms. Lamdin reported that the Lower Basin exceeded its 2025 reservoir protection conservation target by conserving approximately 3.1 million acre-feet, with California contributing 1.9 million acre-feet, surpassing its 2022 commitment. Metropolitan played a significant role through federally funded system conservation agreements, contributing approximately 1.1 million acre-feet while maintaining reliable water supplies and increasing its Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) storage. She also discussed potential extensions of existing conservation agreements through 2028 and noted that any proposed agreements would be presented to the Board for future consideration.

- d. Subject: Update on Colorado River negotiations and protection of Metropolitan's Colorado River water rights [Conference with legal counsel—anticipated litigation—deciding whether to initiate litigation; unknown number of potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (4)].

Presented by: Shanti Rosset, Special Projects Manager, Colorado River Resources

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

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

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

Assistant General Manager John Bednarski introduced Brandon Goshi, Group Manager of Water Resource Management, to provide a State Water Project Allocation Update. Mr. Goshi reported that the State Water Project allocation increased from 30% to 45%, significantly improving water supply flexibility. He noted that the additional water will support Colorado River and Lake Mead management efforts while helping meet budgeted revenue requirements through sales to outside agencies.

Mr. Bednarski also provided an update on the Delta Conveyance Project, reporting that the project achieved a significant milestone with the issuance of the National Marine Fisheries Service biological opinion for construction, following the 2024 biological opinion for operations. He noted that key regulatory and permitting activities remain underway, including Delta Stewardship Council certification, water rights permitting, and bond validation, with a planning budget update anticipated in July.

Director Miller entered the meeting. He stated he was participating using alternative teleconferencing due to caregiving and was alone in the room.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Subject: Report on Subcommittee on Imported Water

Director Camacho reported on the May 2026 Subcommittee on Imported Water meeting, including updates on State Water Project aqueduct subsidence, Colorado River Board FY 2026–27 funding, and Delta Conveyance project activities. The subcommittee also received a closed session update on Colorado River negotiations and protection of Metropolitan's water rights; no action was taken.

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

None.

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

The next meeting will be held on July 13, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Tracy Quinn
Chair