



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# Board Information

## • Board of Directors

1/14/2025 Board Meeting

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### Subject

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Sufficiency of Credentials for Appointment of a Director from the San Diego County Water Authority.

### Description

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On October 24, 2024 governing body of the above entitled member agency approved the appointment of Mel Katz as one of its representatives on Metropolitan's Board of Directors.

The oath of office is expected to be given on or before the January 14, 2025 Board meeting.

  
Rickita Hudson  
Board Executive Secretary


12/16/2024  
Date

### Legal Review

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Credentials were examined and found to be in compliance with the Metropolitan Water District Act for:

- an Indefinite Term pursuant to the Metropolitan Water District Act Section 51  
 a Specified Term pursuant to the Metropolitan Water District Act Section 54.

  
Marcia Scully  
General Counsel

12/16/2024  
Date

Attachment 1 – Credentials

**MINUTES OF THE FORMAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
October 24, 2024**

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Chair Arant called the Administrative and Finance Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present were Chair Arant, Vice Chairs Abdullahi and Hogan, and Directors Hilliker, Meyers, Norman, Reeh, Vespi, and Yamane. Committee members absent were Directors Acosta, Baze, Eich, Katz, and Wiley. Also present were Directors Croucher (remote), Elitharp, Fong-Sakai, Heidemann, Lyndes, McMillan, Paul, Quiram, and Steiner. At that time, there was a quorum of the Board, and the meeting was conducted as a meeting of the Board; however, only committee members participated in the vote.

Staff present was General Manager Denham, General Counsel Edwards, Deputy General Manager/Chief Operating Officer Berge, Assistant General Manager Bradford, Director of Finance/Treasurer Harris, Director of Administrative Services Foster, Controller Woidzik, Budget and Treasury Manager Whyte, Financial Planning Manager Rossum, and Information Systems Manager Bartolome.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

There was no Chair's report.

**DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

There were no Directors' comments.

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Monthly Treasurer's Report on Investments and Cash Flow.  
Staff recommendation: Note and file the Treasurer's report.
2. Establish 2025 Board meeting dates.  
Staff recommendation: Combine the November and December Board meeting dates to November 20, 2025 and approve the 2025 Board meeting dates calendar.
3. Ordinance making amendments to Chapter 4.08 of the Administrative Code.  
Staff recommendation: Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-06, an Ordinance of the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority making amendments to Chapter 4.08, Section 4.08.040(d) of the Administrative Code.

Chair Arant provided clarification on Consent Item 3, stating the proposed amendment to Chapter 4.08 of the Administrative Code would not modify the General Manager authority limit for urgency repair contracts (\$500,000) or public works contracts (\$150,000 or less), and would only add a Board approval process for on-call, urgent repair contracts.

Directors made comments and asked questions, and staff responded.

Director Meyers moved, Director Yamane seconded, and the motion to approve the Consent Calendar passed unanimously.

## **II. ACTION/DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION**

There were no action/discussion/presentation items.

## **III. INFORMATION**

The following Information items were received and filed:

1. Annual Reimbursements to Board Members and Staff.
2. Controller's Report on Monthly Financial Activity.
3. Board Calendar.

## **IV. CLOSED SESSION**

There were no Closed Session items.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Administrative and Finance Committee, Chair Arant adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

## **ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Scalzitti called the Engineering and Operations Committee meeting to order at 9:24 a.m. Committee members present were Chair Scalzitti, Vice Chairs Elitharp and Macedo\*, and Directors Abdullahi, Arant, Butkiewicz\*, Castaneda\*, Fong-Sakai, McMillan, Miller, and Wiley. Committee members absent were Directors Qualin and Smith, and Supervisor Desmond. Also present were Directors Acosta, Heidemann, Hilliker, Hogan, Lyndes, Meyers, Norman, Paul, Quiram, Reeh, Serrano, Steiner, Vespi, and Yamane. At that time, there was a quorum of the Board, and the meeting was conducted as a meeting of the Board; however, only committee members participated in the vote.

Staff present were General Manager Denham, General Counsel Edwards, Deputy General Manager/Chief Operating Officer Berge, Assistant General Manager Bradford, Director of Engineering Kuzmich, Director of Operations and Maintenance Plajzer, Operations and Maintenance Manager Coghill, and Engineering Managers Fountain and Gornall.

## **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

\*Vice Chair Macedo arrived at 9:26 a.m.

Chair Scalzitti thanked Vice Chair Macedo for assuming the role of chair at the September 19 Committee meeting. He announced plans were being developed for the upcoming Engineering and Operations Tour scheduled for January 9, 2025. Additionally, he stated the Water Authority received the Golden Watchdog Award in Utilities from the San Diego County Taxpayers Association, and added the award recognizes the Water Authority's Asset Management Program, particularly its use of innovative technologies to ensure reliability of the Water Authority's pipelines.

Chair Scalzitti concluded his report by congratulating the Operations & Maintenance Department and all employees involved in the effort and presented the award to the Board.

\*Director Butkiewicz arrived at 9:28 a.m.

**DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

There were no Directors' comments.

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Amendment with Cameron-Daniel P.C. for Legal Services.  
Staff Recommendation: Approve Amendment 2, with such non-material modifications as approved by the General Manager or General Counsel, to the legal services contract with Cameron-Daniel P.C. in the amount of \$150,000, increasing the contract amount from \$150,000 to \$300,000, and authorize the General Counsel, or designee, to execute the amendment.

Director Arant moved, Director Miller seconded and the motion to approve staffs' recommendation passed unanimously.

**II. ACTION/DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION**

1. Energy Program update.

Mr. Fountain presented an overview of the Energy Program including the history and purpose; reviewed project and budget updates on the Carlsbad Desalination Plant Energy Supply study and the San Vicente Energy Storage Facility; and thanked the Board for their continued support of the Energy Program.

\* Director Castaneda arrived at 9:36 a.m.

Directors made comments and asked questions, and staff responded.

Responding to questions, Ms. Plajzer confirmed an update on the maintenance of Lake Hodges would be presented to the Board at a later date, and Mr. Denham stated staff would return to the Board with information on a comparison of actual cost and benefits of transporting water from the Colorado River versus desalination.

2. Design professional services contract with Wood Rodgers, Inc. for as-needed civil and traffic engineering services.

Staff recommendation: Award a design professional services contract, with such non-material modifications as approved by the General Manager or General Counsel, to Wood Rodgers, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$3 million, to provide as-needed civil and traffic engineering services for a period of three years, with an option to extend one year, and authorize the General Manager, or designee, to execute the contract.

Mr. Gornall presented an overview of the contract, including a description of the various services supported within its scope and the consultant selection process.

Director Arant moved, Vice Chair Macedo seconded and the motion to approve staffs' recommendation passed unanimously.

Director Miller requested a budget status update of As-Needed contracts, Chair Scalzitti acknowledged his request.

### **III. INFORMATION**

There were no Information items.

### **IV. CLOSED SESSION**

There were no Closed Session items.

### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Engineering and Operations Committee, Chair Scalzitti adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

## **LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Butkiewicz called the Legislation and Public Outreach Committee meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

General Counsel Edwards announced a remote attendance request was received from Director Croucher, and his participation was approved by unanimous vote of the committee.

Committee members present were Chair Butkiewicz, Vice Chairs Reeh and Steiner, and Directors Acosta, Croucher (remote), Hilliker, Lyndes, Qualin, Serrano, and Yamane. Committee members absent were Directors Eich, Leahy, Madaffer, and Whitburn. Also, present were Directors Abdullahi, Arant, Castaneda, Elitharp, Heidemann, Hogan, McMillan, Meyers, Miller, Norman, Paul, Quiram, Scalzitti, Smith, Vespi, and Wiley. At that time, there was a quorum of the Board, and the meeting was conducted as a meeting of the Board; however, only committee members participated in the vote.

Staff present was General Manager Denham, General Counsel Edwards, Deputy General Manager/Chief Operating Officer Berge, Assistant General Manager Bradford, Public Affairs Director Lee, Government Relations Manager Quarles, and Public Affairs Supervisor Stiff.

### **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Butkiewicz thanked the Public Affairs team for their successful execution of the Citizens Water Academy class conducted the previous week which included nearly 50 participants, including Board Secretary Lyndes, and three board members from member agencies.

### **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

There were no Directors' comments.

### **I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **1. Adopt positions on various bills.**

**Staff recommendation:** Adopt a position of Support on federal bill S.5012 "Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Amendment Act of 2024," authored by Senator Alex Padilla.

Vice Chair Steiner moved, Vice Chair Reeh seconded, and the motion to approve staffs' recommendation passed unanimously.

### **II. ACTION/DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION**

#### **1. Government Relations update.**

##### **1-A Sacramento report.**

Ms. Quarles provided a government relations update stating Congress was on recess until mid-November. She reported on meetings with staff of federal and state officials, highlighting staffers have commented on the positive impact of the Citizens Water Academy program.

Responding to Director Heidemann, Ms. Quarles and Mr. Denham reviewed components of the Farm Bill that impact the Water Authority.

2. Consideration to Approve Federal Advocacy Contract.

Staff recommendation: Award professional service contract, with such non-material modifications as approved by the General Manager or General Counsel, to Pace Government Relations for a 24-month contract (from November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2026) with the option to renew for an additional 24-months for federal advocacy services for a total compensable contract amount not to exceed \$357,000 (inclusive of reimbursable expense allowance) over the contract term.

Ms. Quarles provided background information on the current contract and reviewed the request for proposals and interview process conducted by staff in choosing Pace Government Relations as the awarding firm.

Directors made comments and asked questions, and staff responded.

Director Hilliker moved, Director Acosta seconded, and the motion to approve staffs' recommendation passed. Vice Chair Reeh abstained.

3. Draft Proposed 2025 Legislative Policy Guidelines.

Ms. Quarles provided background on the process for the bi-yearly update of the Proposed 2025 Legislative Policy Guidelines, reviewed the changes being requested, and stated the committee would vote to adopt the proposed 2025 Legislative Policy Guidelines at the November 21, 2024 meeting.

Chair Butkiewicz asked a question and Mr. Denham responded.

4. Quarterly report on Public Affairs activities.

Ms. Stiff reviewed regional outreach and education initiatives, including the Citizens Water Academy, Water News Network, and digital and social media efforts.

**III. INFORMATION**

There were no Information items.

**IV. CLOSED SESSION**

There were no Closed Session items.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Legislation and Public Outreach Committee, Chair Butkiewicz adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

## **WATER PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE** **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Heidemann called the Water Planning and Environmental Committee meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Committee members present were Chair Heidemann, Vice Chairs Macedo and Smith, and Directors Elitharp, Lyndes, McMillan, Norman, Paul, Quiram, and Vespi. Committee members absent were Directors Baze, Leahy, Whitburn, and Supervisor Desmond. Also present were Directors Abdullahi, Acosta, Arant, Butkiewicz, Castaneda, Fong-Sakai, Hogan, Hilliker, Meyers, Miller, Qualin, Reeh, Scalzitti, Serrano, Steiner, and Wiley. At that time, there was a quorum of the Board, and the meeting was conducted as a meeting of the Board; however, only committee members participated in the vote.

Staff present was General Manager Denham, General Counsel Edwards, Deputy General Manager/Chief Operating Officer Berge, Assistant General Manager Bradford, Director of Water Resources Stephenson, Water Resources Manager Lovsted, and Senior Water Resources Specialists Bista and Lopez.

### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Heidemann thanked Vice Chair Macedo for chairing the September 19, 2024 Water Planning and Environmental Committee meeting. He reported October 2024 marked the start of Water Year 2025 and the return of the monthly Water Supply Conditions Update, which contains information on both local and statewide conditions and will continue through the end of the wet season.

### **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Director McMillan invited the Board to the Water Conservation Garden's open house on November 9, 2024.

#### **I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no Consent Calendar items.

#### **II. ACTION/DICUSSION/PRESENTATIONS**

1. Update of Water-Use Efficiency Policy Principles.

Ms. Lovsted provided background information on the Water-Use Efficiency Policy Principles last updated in 2017, stating major changes (including the passage of the "Conservation as a California Way of Life" regulation) made further updates necessary. She reviewed the draft updates to the Water-Use Efficiency Policy Principles, which fall into five categories: Member Agency Support, Funding/Resources, Program Performance, Outreach and



Education, and Regulation/Legislation. She introduced two new principles: 1) Develop tools and support to meet Water-Use Efficiency regulations, including commercial, industrial, and institutional best practices, and 2) Pursue external funding to assist underserved communities.

Ms. Lovsted stated the Water Authority would continue to engage with member agencies, incorporate any changes received into the final principles, and return to the Board for adoption of the updated Water-Use Efficiency Policy Principles in November 2024.

Directors made comments and asked questions, and staff responded.

## 2. Water Supply Conditions Update.

Mr. Lopez stated the Water Supply Conditions Update is brought to the Board every year in the fall and continues through the end of the precipitation season. He provided a recap of Water Year 2024, which demonstrated the extremes of California's climate. He also discussed the Northern Sierra Precipitation 8-Station Index, California reservoir storage, Lake Oroville storage, Colorado River Basin conditions, and the NOAA outlook for October through December 2024. He concluded his presentation with seasonal temperature and precipitation outlooks, which predicted above-average temperatures and below-average precipitation.

Directors made comments and asked questions, and staff responded.

### **III. INFORMATION**

The following Information item was received and filed:

1. Correlation Between Historic Population and Total Water Use.

### **IV. CLOSED SESSION**

There were no Closed Session items.

### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Water Planning and Environmental Committee, Chair Heidemann adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

### **IMPORTED WATER COMMITTEE**

#### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Miller called the Imported Water Committee meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

General Counsel Edwards announced a remote attendance request received from Director Croucher, and his participation was approved by unanimous vote of the committee.

Committee members present were Chair Miller, Vice Chairs Madaffer\* and Meyers, and Directors Castaneda, Croucher (remote), Fong-Sakai, Heidemann, Hogan, Paul, Quiram, Scalzitti, Serrano, and Steiner. Committee member absent was Director Katz. Also present were Directors Abdullahi, Acosta, Arant, Butkiewicz, Elitharp, Hilliker, Lyndes, McMillan, Norman,

Qualin, Reeh, Smith, Vespi, Wiley, and Yamane. At that time, there was a quorum of the Board, and the meeting was conducted as a meeting of the Board; however, only committee members participated in the vote.

Staff present was General Manager Denham, General Counsel Edwards, Deputy General Manager/Chief Operating Officer Berge, Assistant General Manager Bradford, Colorado River Program Manager Schnell, Principal Water Resources Specialist Mendelson-Goossens, and MWD Delegate Goldberg.

Also present was Jennifer Pierre, State Water Contractors General Manager; Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager from the Department of Water Resources; Graham Bradner, Executive Director of the Delta Conveyance Design & Construction Authority; and Dr. David Sunding, Vice Chairman of the Berkeley Research Group.

At that time, Chair Miller took the meeting out of order to ensure adequate time for the Closed Session item.

#### **IV. CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Edwards took the committee into Closed Session at 11:34 a.m.

\*Vice Chair Madaffer arrived at 11:38 a.m.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)  
SDCWA v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; San Francisco Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510830; CPF-12-512466; CPF-14-514004; CPF-16-515282; CPF-16-515391; CGC-17-563350; CPF-18-516389; California Court of Appeal (1st District) Case Nos. A146901; A148266; A154325; A161144; A162168; California Supreme Court Case Nos. S243500; and S251025

Mr. Edwards brought the committee out of Closed Session at 12:35 p.m. and stated there was no reportable action.

Director Steiner moved to recess the meeting for lunch at 12:35 p.m., Director Serrano seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Chair Miller reconvened the Imported Water Committee meeting at 1:05 p.m. Committee members present were Chair Miller, Vice Chairs Madaffer and Meyers, and Directors Castaneda, Croucher (remote), Fong-Sakai, Heidemann, Hogan, Paul, Quiram, Scalzitti, Serrano, and Steiner. Committee member absent was Director Katz. Also present were Directors Abdullahi, Acosta, Arant, Butkiewicz, Elitharp, Hilliker, Lyndes, McMillan, Norman, Qualin, Reeh, Smith, Vespi, Whitburn, Wiley, and Yamane. At that time, there was a quorum of the Board, and the meeting was conducted as a meeting of the Board; however, only committee members participated in the vote.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Caty Wagner with Sierra Club California, provided comments related to the Delta Conveyance Project and expressed her appreciation to the Water Authority's Metropolitan Water District Delegates.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Miller thanked Vice Chair Madaffer, Director Heidemann and General Manager Denham for representing the Water Authority at the Colorado River Symposium in Santa Fe and congratulated Water Resources Specialist Dennis Davis for completing the Water Education Foundation's 2024 Colorado River Water Leaders Program. Additionally, he announced staff from the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Contractors would be presenting on the State Water Project and Bay-Delta Single Tunnel Project.

**DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

There were no Directors' comments.

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no Consent Calendar items.

At that time, Chair Miller took the meeting out of order.

**II. ACTION/DICUSSION/PRESENTATIONS**

2. Overview of the State Water Project and Delta Conveyance Project Cost Estimate and Benefit Cost Analysis.

Mr. Denham introduced staff from the Department of Water Resources and State Water Contractors.

Ms. Pierre provided an overview of the State Water Project. Ms. Buckman and Mr. Bradner presented on the Delta Conveyance Project, including its updated \$20 billion cost estimate. Lastly, Dr. Sunding reviewed the Delta Conveyance Project cost-benefit analysis.

Directors made comments and asked questions, and presenters responded.

The Board recessed at 2:55 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

1. MWD Issues and Activities Update.
  - 1-A Metropolitan Water District Delegates Report.

MWD Delegates Miller, Fong-Sakai, Smith, and Goldberg reported on discussion and action taken at the MWD Board meetings.

Directors made comments and asked questions

### III. INFORMATION

The following information item was received and filed:

1. Colorado River Board Representative's report.

### V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Imported Water Committee, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

#### **FORMAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING OF OCTOBER 24, 2024**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Serrano called the Formal Board of Directors' meeting to order at 3:17 p.m. and stated the meeting was being held in-person.

General Counsel Edwards announced a remote attendance request received from Director Croucher, and his participation was approved by unanimous vote.

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Vice Chair Hilliker led the salute to the flag.

3. **ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Clerk of the Board Walker called the roll. Directors present were Chair Serrano, Vice Chair Hilliker, Secretary Lyndes, and Directors Abdullahi, Acosta, Arant, Butkiewicz, Castaneda, Croucher (remote), Elitharp, Fong-Sakai, Heidemann, Hogan, Lyndes, Madaffer, Meyers, Miller, Norman, Paul, Qualin, Quiram, Reeh, Scalzitti, Steiner, Smith, Vespi, Whitburn, Wiley, Yamane, and Supervisor Desmond. Absent were Directors Baze, Eich, Katz, Leahy (p), Macedo, and McMillan (p).

Staff present included General Manager Denham, General Counsel Edwards, Deputy General Manager/Chief Operating Officer Berge, Assistant General Manager Bradford, Director of Administrative Services Foster, Director of Engineering Kuzmich, Director of Finance Harris, Director of Human Resources Love, Director of Operations & Maintenance Plajzer, Director of Public Affairs Lee, Director of Water Resources Stephenson, Controller Woidzik, Principal Water Resources Specialist Mendelson-Goossens, and Clerk of the Board Walker.

- 3-A **Report on proxies received.** Director Arant was the proxy for Director Lyndes, and Director Scalzitti was the proxy for Director McMillan. Director Quiram was the proxy for Director Acosta if required.

4. **OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON MATTERS WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION.**

There were no requests to speak.

5. **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Director Madaffer moved, Director Reeh seconded, and the motion carried at 86.7995% of the vote to approve the minutes of the Formal Board of Directors' meeting of September 19, 2024. Directors Miller, Norman, Paul, and Scalzitti abstained.

7. **PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

7.1 Retirement of Director Hurst, Ramona MWD representative.

Staff recommendation: Adopt Resolution 2024-20, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority, honoring Gary Hurst upon his retirement from the Board of Directors.

Vice Chair Hilliker moved, seconded by Director Yamane, and the motion carried at 98.166% of the vote to approve Resolution 2024-20 honoring Gary Hurst.

Chair Serrano presented Director Hurst with a retirement plaque. Director Hurst commented briefly and thanked the Board.

7.2 Appointment of Director.

Appointment of Director Diane Princess Norman, representing Ramona Municipal Water District, term ending August 9, 2028.

Chair Serrano announced the appointment of Director Norman, representing Ramona Municipal Water District. Director Norman commented briefly.

8. **REPORT BY CHAIRS**

8-A Chair's Report: Chair Serrano welcomed new Board member Rick Paul, representing the City of Escondido, and stated his appointment memo would be included in the November Board packet.

Chair Serrano stated Director Katz would serve as Chair-Emeritus for the following two-year Officer term, and he reminded the Board that committee interest surveys were due to Ms. Walker by October 25, 2024.

8-B Report of Committee Actions

Administrative and Finance Committee  
Engineering and Operations Committee  
Legislation and Public Outreach Committee

Water Planning and Environmental Committee  
Imported Water Committee

Ms. Walker reported on all Committee actions.

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director Scalzitti moved, Director Miller seconded, and the motion carried at 98.166% of the vote to approve the Consent Calendar. Directors voting no or abstaining are listed under the item. Director Reeh abstained on 9-7.

9-1 Monthly Treasurer's Report on Investments and Cash Flow.

The Board noted and filed the monthly Treasurer's report.

9-2 Establish 2025 Board meeting dates.

The Board combined the November and December Board meeting dates to November 20, 2025 and approved the 2025 Board meeting dates calendar.

9-3 Ordinance making amendments to Chapter 4.08 of the Administrative Code.

The Board adopted Ordinance No. 2024-06, an Ordinance of the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority making amendments to Chapter 4.08, Section 4.08.040(d) of the Administrative Code.

9-4 Amendment with Cameron-Daniel P.C. for Legal Services.

The Board approved Amendment 2, with such non-material modifications as approved by the General Manager or General Counsel, to the legal services contract with Cameron-Daniel P.C. in the amount of \$150,000, increasing the contract amount from \$150,000 to \$300,000, and authorized the General Counsel, or designee, to execute the amendment.

9-5 Design professional services contract with Wood Rodgers, Inc. for as-needed civil and traffic engineering services.

The Board awarded a design professional services contract, with such non-material modifications as approved by the General Manager or General Counsel, to Wood Rodgers, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$3 million, to provide as-needed civil and traffic engineering services for a period of three years, with the option to extend one year, and authorized the General Manager, or designee, to execute the contract.

9-6 Adopt positions on various bills.

The Board adopted a position of Support on the federal bill S. 5012 "Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Amendment Act of 2024," authored by Senator Alex Padilla.

9-7 Consideration to Approve Federal Advocacy Contract.

The Board awarded a professional services contract, with such non-material modifications as approved by the General Manager or General Counsel, to Pace Government Relations for a 24-month contract (from November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2026) with the option to renew for an additional 24-months for federal advocacy services for a total compensable contract amount not to exceed \$357,000 (inclusive of reimbursable expense allowance) over the contract term.

Director Reeh abstained on 9-7. The item passed at 97.64%

10. **ACTION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

10-A Biennial Review of the Representatives to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Chair Serrano reviewed the recommended action as provided in the supplemental materials. He recommended the reappointment of Delegates Fong-Sakai, Miller, and Goldberg, and stated Chair Emeritus Katz would replace Director Smith as the representative to the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors effective January 1, 2025.

Director Croucher commented and thanked Director Smith for his service as a MWD Delegate.

Vice Chair Hilliker moved, Director Madaffer seconded, and the motion carried at 98.166% of the vote to approve the appointment of MWD Delegates Lois Fong-Sakai, Marty Miller, Gail Goldberg, and Mel Katz.

11. **SPECIAL REPORTS**

11-A GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT – No report was provided.

11-B GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT – No verbal report was provided. A written report was provided in the Board packet.

11-C SANDAG REPORT – No report was provided.

SANDAG Subcommittees:

Borders Committee – No report was provided.

Regional Planning Committee – No report was provided.

11-D AB 1234 Compliance Reports – No reports were provided.

12. **CLOSED SESSION(S)**

Mr. Edwards took the Board into Closed Session at 3:38 p.m.

12-A Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: SDCWA v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California;  
San Francisco Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510830; CPF-12-512466; CPF-14-514004; CPF-16-515282; CPF-16-515391; CGC-17-563350; CPF-18-516389;  
California Court of Appeal (1<sup>st</sup> District) Case Nos. A146901; A148266;

A154325; A155310; A161144; A162168; A170156;  
California Supreme Court Case Nos. S243500; and S251025

12-B Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation  
Government Code §54956.9(d)(2)  
One Case

Mr. Edwards brought the Board out of Closed Session at 3:43 p.m. and stated there was no reportable action.

13. **ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**

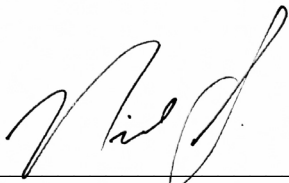
There was none.

14. **OTHER COMMUNICATION**

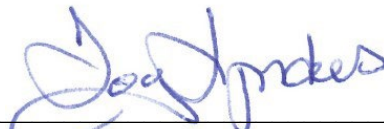
There was no further communication.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Serrano adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.



Nick Serrano, Chair



Joy Lyndes, Secretary



Kelly Cole-Walker, Clerk of the Board