# THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# MINUTES

# ONE WATER AND ADAPTATION COMMITTEE

**May 11, 2026**

Vice Chair Seckel called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

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

Member absent: Director Quinn.

Other Board Members present: Directors Faessel, Fellow, McCoy, Ortega, Ramos, and Sutley.

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

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

1. Devon Provo, Accelerate Resilience L.A. spoke regarding item 6h.
2. Maura Monaghan, LA Waterkeeper spoke regarding item 6h.

## CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS--ACTION

## 2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

**A.** Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Adaptation Committee for April 13, 2026.

## 3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

**7-5** Subject: Adopt Metropolitan's (1) 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and (2) Water Shortage Contingency Plan and their corresponding resolutions for submittal to the State of California; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Motion: Option #1

a. Adopt Metropolitan’s 2025 UWMP and its corresponding resolution for submittal to the State of California.
b. Adopt Metropolitan’s WSCP and its corresponding resolution for submittal to the State of California.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions

1. Seckel
2. Miller

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

No presentation was given. Director Erdman made a motion, seconded by Director Katz, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A, and 7-5, Option #1

The vote was:

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

The motion for items 2A, and 7-5 passed by a vote of 15 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent

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

## 4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

8-4 Subject: Authorize the General Manager to develop and enter into an Agreement with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works for Multi-Benefit Program Funding Pilot; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA.

Vice Chair Seckel announced that Item 8-4 was withdrawn and added as Item 6h.

## 5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None.

## 6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

Vice Chair Seckel announced that Item 6g would be heard first.

g. Subject: Report on Lower Basin Proposal for Post-2026 Operations.

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

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

Ms. Rosset provided an update on ongoing Colorado River post-2026 operations negotiations, including a joint proposal submitted by Arizona, California, and Nevada to stabilize reservoir conditions through 2028. The presentation outlined proposed Lower Basin water use reductions, conservation measures, revisions to Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) provisions, and reservoir operating strategies for Lakes Powell and Mead. She also noted that federal review and negotiations are expected to accelerate significantly in the coming months and that Metropolitan will remain actively involved as the process moves toward final decisions.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions

1. Sutley
2. Miller
3. Gold
4. Cordero
5. Kurtz
6. Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

a. Subject: Guest Speaker: Imperial Irrigation District

This item was withdrawn.

b. Subject: Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management

Presented by: Noosah Razavian, Resource Specialist, Water Resource Management

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

Ms. Razavian provided the monthly Water Surplus and Drought Management update, reporting generally favorable State Water Project conditions, including improved runoff projections and higher-than-expected storage in Lake Oroville, despite below-normal snowpack. She also reviewed Metropolitan's 2025 water supply and demand outlook, noting that current demand slightly exceeds projected imported supplies and may require a modest withdrawal from storage, although conditions could improve if the State Water Project allocation increases.

There were no questions or comments.

c. Subject: Climate Action Plan Annual Progress Report

Presented by: Ursula Schmidt, Section Manager, Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation

Ms. Liz Crosson, Chief of Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Schmidt presented the 2025 Climate Action Plan Fourth Annual Progress Report, highlighting progress toward Metropolitan's greenhouse gas reduction and carbon neutrality goals, key emissions trends, implementation of Climate Action Plan measures, and investments in energy efficiency, renewable energy, fleet electrification, and climate resilience. Staff reported that, despite increased emissions in 2024 due to higher Colorado River Aqueduct pumping demands, Metropolitan remains within its long-term carbon budget and on track to meet its climate goals.

d. Subject: Update on Northern Sierra Nevada Watershed Activities

Presented by: Jennifer Nevills, Program Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives

Ms. Nina Hawk, Group Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Nevills provided an update on Metropolitan's Northern Sierra Nevada watershed activities, including progress on three Forest Resilience Bond pilot projects, all of which have secured additional public and beneficiary funding and are advancing implementation. She also discussed development of a business case to evaluate potential water supply, wildfire risk reduction, carbon, and sediment reduction benefits; ongoing collaboration with Blue Forest and watershed partners; and next steps toward a future Board recommendation regarding potential long-term watershed investments.

The following Director provided comments or asked questions

1. Ortega

Staff responded to the Director's questions and comments.

e. Subject: Provide an update on ongoing discussions with respect to potential water supply program public-private partnerships

Due to time constraints, no presentation was given, and discussion was deferred.

f. Subject: Update on Conservation Program

Due to time constraints, no presentation was given, and discussion was deferred.

Director Sutley recused herself from Item 6h. She left the room for the duration of the item.

Director Pressman disclosed that the City of Los Angeles is a client of his and stated that he had been advised by the Ethics Office that, following disclosure of this relationship, he may participate in Item 6h.

h. Subject: Additional information requested by One Water and Adaptation Committee on developing and entering into an agreement with Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Funding Pilot.

Presented by: Krista Guerrero, Senior Resourse Specialist, Water Resource Management

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

Ms. Guerrero's presentation responded to Board questions regarding a proposed disadvantaged community landscape direct-install pilot program to be implemented with LADWP and Los Angeles County Public Works. She explained the legal and cost challenges of a Metropolitan-led direct-install program, outlined how the proposed pilot could support future regional expansion if water-related benefits are demonstrated, and noted that further delays could jeopardize federal grant funding and delay implementation.

Director McMillan left the meeting during discussion of item 6h.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions

1. Ortega
2. Seckel
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; and
Water Resource Management activities

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred.

**8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

a. Subject: Report on Subcommittee on Imported Water

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred.

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

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred.

**9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Karl Seckel
Vice Chair