

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

June 8, 2026

Chair Erdman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Directors Bryant, Dennstedt, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, McMillan (teleconference posted location), Miller (alternative teleconference), Petersen (entered after rollcall), and Seckel

Members absent: Directors Alvarez, Crawford, and Faessel

Other board members present: Directors Camacho, Crane, Denham, Gray (teleconference posted location), Paule, and Shepherd Romey

Director Miller stated he was participating using alternative teleconferencing because he was caring for a family member and was alone in the room.

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Chapman, Chaudhuri, Deshmukh, Hattar, Hudson, Martinez, Miller, Nobriga, Parsons, Rhoads, and Rubin

Director Petersen entered the meeting.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for May 11, 2026.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

7-1 Subject: Award a \$698,352.64 contract to Tintometer Inc. to furnish 128 turbidity meters for the Robert A. Skinner and Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: No presentation was given.

Motion: Award a \$698,352.64 contract to Tintometer Inc. to furnish 128 turbidity meters for the Robert A. Skinner and Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plants.

7-2 Subject: Award a \$4,542,000 construction contract to J.F. Shea Construction Inc. for upgrades to the Hollywood Tunnel North Portal Pressure Control Structure; amend Metropolitan's Project Labor Agreement to include the subject project; and authorize the General Manager to acquire a temporary construction easement for an amount not to exceed \$60,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: No presentation was given.

Motion: a. Award a \$4,542,000 construction contract to J.F. Shea Construction Inc. for upgrades to the Hollywood Tunnel North Pressure Control Structure;
b. Amend Metropolitan's Project Labor Agreement to include the subject project; and
c. Authorize the General Manager to acquire a temporary construction easement for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

Director Miller asked a question regarding 7-2.

Item 7-3 was deferred.

7-4 Subject: Approve the resolution adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: No presentation was given.

Motion: Approve the resolution adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan

7-9 Subject: Award a \$789,356 contract to Ortiz & Son Inc. to rehabilitate the toe of the slope supporting Basin No. 8 at the Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plant; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: No presentation was given.

Motion: Award a \$789,356 construction contract to Ortiz & Son Inc. to rehabilitate the toe of the slope supporting Basin No. 8 at the Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plant.

Director Seckel made a motion, seconded by Director Dennstedt, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A and 7-1, 7-2, 7-4, and 7-9.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Bryant, Dennstedt, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Petersen, Seckel
Noes: None
Abstentions: Fong-Sakai for item 2A
Not voting: None
Absent: Directors Alvarez, Crawford, and Faessel

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstention, and 3 absent.

The motion for items 7-1, 7-2, 7-4, and 7-9 passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 3 absent.

Director Miller stated he was alone.

**** END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS ****

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

9-1 Subject: Capital Investment Plan Quarterly Report for period ending March 2026

Presented by: Jeff Nikolas, Sr Engineer, Capital Program Management Unit,
Engineering Services

Mr. Nikolas reported on the following:

- Informational summary of the Capital Investment Plan (CIP) for period ending in March 2026.
- Board award of 2 construction contracts totaling \$62M.
- Total grant amounts for this period received for Pure Water, Drought Mitigation, Webb Tract Wetland Restoration, and Diemer Helicopter Hydrant projects.
- Status of construction & procurement contracts.
- Performance metrics for 3rd quarter of FY 2025/26.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Lewitt
3. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Subject: Update on Metropolitan's Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe Rehabilitation Program

Presented by: Tom Campbell, Unit Manager, C&D Program Management Unit,
Engineering Services

Mr. Campbell reported on the following:

- PCCP management strategy, continuing regular inspections and monitoring, planning and execution of long-term rehabilitation.
- Update on PCCP rehabilitation projects underway including Second Lower Feeder, Allen-McColloch Pipeline, Sepulveda Feeder, Rialto Pipeline, and Calabasas Feeder.
- Construction sequence based on latest inspection data.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Lewitt
2. Bryant
3. Fong-Sakai
4. Erdman
5. Seckel
6. Miller

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

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:

- Desert Microwave Communication Tower Site Construction contract completed.
- Fabrication contract for slide gates for San Diego Canal East bypass completed.
- Damage Assessment Team (DAT) completed functional exercises.
- Update on Engineering Services' Mentoring Program.

Mr. Chapman reported on the following:

- All-hands managers' meeting was held to reconnect, learn, and share ideas for continued effectiveness in delivering high-quality water supplies.

The following Director provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Bryant
3. Fong-Sakai
4. Shepherd Romey

Staff responded to the Directors' question.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Fong-Sakai inquired about the condition of Metropolitan's section of San Diego Pipeline No. 4.

Director Seckel requested that Metropolitan look at possible storage solutions to prepare for wet years.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Dennis Erdman
Chair