

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**FINANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**October 8, 2024**

Vice Chair Goldberg called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Members present: Directors Bryant, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Fong-Sakai, McMillan, Miller, Pressman, Quinn (entered after rollcall), Seckel, and Smith.

Members absent: Directors Alvarez, Armstrong, Dick, Gold, and Petersen.

Other Members present: Ackerman, Cordero, Gray, Kurtz, McCoy, Morris, and Ortega.

Committee Staff present: Beatty, Benson, Crosson, Chapman, Kasaine, Upadhyay, Wheeler, and Williams.

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

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION**

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS-ACTION**

- A. Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee Meeting for August 20, 2024

Director Quinn entered the meeting.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

- 7-9 Subject: Adopt resolution authorizing the reimbursement of capital expenditures from bond proceeds for fiscal years 2024/25 and 2025/26; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Motion: Adopt the resolution authorizing the reimbursement of capital expenditures from bond proceeds for FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26 as contained in Attachment 1.

Presented by: Sam Smalls, Manager of Treasury and Debt Management

Ms. Kasaine introduced the item and Mr. Smalls provided an overview of the purpose of the reimbursement resolution, Internal Revenue Service regulations, why Metropolitan needs the resolution of reimbursement, and planned capital expenditures for fiscal year 2024/25 and 2025/26.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Miller
2. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to the Directors' comments and questions.

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

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Bryant, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Fong-Sakai, McMillan, Miller, Pressman, Quinn, Seckel, and Smith.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Alvarez, Armstrong, Dick, Gold, and Petersen.

The motion for items 2A and 7-9 passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 5 absent.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

## 5. OTHER CONSENT ITEMS – ACTION

- 8-3 Subject: Authorize the General Manager to acquire a 0.33-acre property located in Los Angeles County in the city of La Verne from Charles J. Arballo and Margaret R. Arballo, as Trustees of The Arballo Family Trust, dated December 9, 1991, as amended, for a purchase price to be discussed confidentially with the Board of Directors; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with real property negotiator; property identified as Los Angeles County Assessor’s Parcel No. 8381 005-002; agency negotiator: Seyou Oh; negotiating parties: Patrick Arballo and Mark Arballo; under negotiation: price and terms; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.8]. [UPDATED SUBJECT 10/2/2024]
- Presented by: Seyou Oh, Team Manager-Land Planning & Management

In open session, Ms. Hattar introduced the item and Ms. Oh presented the committee with an overview of the distribution system map, location, background, property snapshot, and potential benefits.

In closed session, the Committee met on Item 8-3 with its real property negotiator and recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to acquire a 0.33-acre property located in Los Angeles County in the city of La Verne from Charles J. Arballo and Margaret R. Arballo, as Trustees of The Arballo Family Trust, dated December 9, 1991, according to the price and terms direction given in closed session. The committee voted in closed session and will report their recommendation to the Board.

## 5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-2 Subject: Compliance with Fund Requirements and Bond Indenture Provisions

Ms. Kasaine introduced the item.

## 6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

None

## 7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Subject: Financial and Asset Management Activities

Mr. Benson reminded the committee of the report update, which includes a revised table of cash water transactions for fiscal year 2024/25.

## **8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

- a. Subject: Report from Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling

Director Seckel updated the committee on the items discussed at the September 25, 2024, Joint Task Force meeting. He also reported that the October 23, 2024 meeting has been cancelled.

- b. Subject: Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Long Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling

No direction was given.

## **9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

## **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Smith requested a future presentation on fixed, semi-fixed, variable revenues, and reserves.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Gail Goldberg  
Board Vice Chair