THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 24, 2026

Board Vice Chair Sutley called the meeting to order at 10:44 a.m.

Members present: Directors Camacho, Crane (alternate), Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Gray (entered after roll call - teleconference posted location), Jung (teleconference posted location), Kassakhian, Katz (teleconference posted location), Kurtz, Lewitt, McCoy, Miller, Pressman, Quinn (teleconference posted location), Seckel, and Sutley.

Members absent: Director Douglas, Ortega, and Ramos.

Other Board members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Bryant, Faessel, Jay, Paule (teleconference posted location), and Shepherd Romey.

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Chapman, Deshmukh, Hudson, Rubin, Salinas, Scully, Suzuki, and Zinke.

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

NONE

2. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Board Vice Chair Sutley

Board Vice Chair Sutley announced that Chair Ortega is currently out of town.

b. Subject: General Manager's Report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: General Manager Deshmukh

General Manager Deshmukh reported on recognizing the retirees with twenty years of service. Group Manager Schaffer recognized Greg Widman for thirty-five years of service, and Group Manager Benson recognized Tamme Benzing for thirty-one years of service.

The following Director(s) asked questions or made comments:

Director(s)
1. Jung

c. Subject: General Counsel's report of Metropolitan activities

General Counsel Scully stated she had nothing to add to the report. Thanked Greg and Tamme for their service.

e. Subject: Ethics Officer's report of Metropolitan activities

Ethics Officer Salinas stated he had nothing to add to the report.

d. Subject: General Auditor's report of Metropolitan activities

General Auditor Suzuki stated he had nothing to add to the report.

Board Vice Chair Sutley asked if there were any questions or comments. None were made.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. COMMITTEE ACTION

A. Approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee of January 27, 2026.

B. Approve the draft of the Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for March 2026.

Board Vice Chair Sutley asked if there were any additions or deletions to the March 2026 draft packet.

Committee Chair Kassakhian stated that for the Legal and Claims Committee, the following items was revised:

- Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to modify the structure and duties of existing committees to accommodate a new committee, and make other minor non-substantive changes; and
- Authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with Van Ness Feldman, LLP, for legal advice on Colorado River matters by $250,000 to an amount not-to-exceed $500,000.

Committee Vice Chair Bryant stated that for the Organization, Personnel and Effectiveness Committee, the following item was withdrawn:

- Authorization for 5-Year Contract with the Recruiting System vendor Internet Collaborative Information Management Systems.

Committee Vice Chair Ackerman stated that for the Subcommittee on Imported Water, the following item was added:

- Vulnerabilities and Risks to the Bay-Delta Impacting State Water Project Supplies.

Director Quinn entered the meeting.

Board Vice Chair Sutley called for the vote on Items 3A and 3B.

Director Erdman made a motion, seconded by Director Kurtz, to approve the consent calendar items 3A and 3B as presented, listed, and revised.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Camacho, Crane (alternate), Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Gray, Jung, Kassakhian, Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, McCoy, Miller, Pressman, Quinn, Seckel, and Sutley.
Abstention:	None
Recusal:	None
Absent:	Director Douglas, Ortega, and Ramos.

The motion for Items 3A and 3B passed by a vote of 17 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstentions; and 3 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee took a photo with retiree Greg Widman.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Nancy Sutley
Vice Chair of the Board