

# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

## Board of Directors - Final - Revised 2

March 10, 2026

2:00 PM

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 Meeting Schedule
08:30 a.m. FAAME 11:30 a.m. BREAK 12:00 p.m. LEGAL 02:00 p.m. BOD

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## 1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: Chair Adán Ortega, Jr., City of San Fernando
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chair Barry D. Pressman, City of Beverly Hills

## 2. Roll Call

3. **Determination of a Quorum**
4. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction. (As required by Gov. Code §54954.3(a))**

## PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing regarding the proposed water rates and changes for calendar years 2027 and 2028 necessary to meet the revenue requirements for fiscal years 2026/27 and 2027/28 [21-5504](#)
- b. Public Hearing to receive staff and recognized employee organizations presentations on the status of job vacancies and recruitment/retention efforts, as required by Government Code Section 3502.3 (Assembly Bill 2561), and to receive public comment [21-5452](#)

**Attachments:** [03102026 BOD 4b B-L](#)  
[03102026 BOD 4b Presentation](#)  
[03102026 BOD 4b2 Presentation](#)

5. **OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS**

- A. Report on Director's Metropolitan Expenses [21-5459](#)  
**Attachments:** [03102026 BOD 5A Report](#)
- B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report [21-5460](#)  
**Attachments:** [03102026 BOD 5B Report](#)
- C. General Manager's summary of activities [21-5455](#)  
**Attachments:** [03102026 BOD 5C Report](#)
- D. General Counsel's summary of activities [21-5461](#)  
**Attachments:** [03102026 BOD 5D Report](#)
- E. General Auditor's summary of activities [21-5456](#)  
**Attachments:** [03102026 BOD 5E Report](#)

- F. Ethics Officer's summary of activities [21-5457](#)  
**Attachments:** [03102026 BOD 5F Report](#)
- G. Presentation of 5-year Service Pin to Director Dennis Erdman, Municipal Water District of Orange County [21-5501](#)
- H. Presentation of 5-year Service Pin to Chair Adán Ortega, Jr., City of San Fernando [21-5502](#)

**\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR \*\***

**6. BOARD CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of November 18, 2025 and December 9, 2025; and Board of Directors of January 13, 2026. [21-5458](#)  
**Attachments:** [03102026 BOD 6A \(11182025 - Exec and BOD\) Minutes](#)  
[03102026 BOD 6A \(12092025 - Exec and BOD\) Minutes](#)  
[03102026 BOD 6A \(01132026 BOD\) Minutes](#)
- B. Approve Committee Assignments [21-5523](#)

**7. BOARD LETTERS CONSENT**

- 7-1 Amend the Metropolitan Administrative Code to conform to current policy, law, and practice, and to make other minor, non-substantive changes; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LC) [21-5446](#)  
**Attachments:** [03102026 LC 7-1 B-L](#)  
[03102026 LC 7-1 Presentation](#)
- 7-2 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; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LC) [21-5507](#)  
**Attachments:** [03102026 LC 7-2 B-L](#)  
[03102026 LC 7-2 Presentation](#)

- 7-3** 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; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LC) [21-5450](#)

**Attachments:** [03102026 LC 7-3 B-L](#)  
[03102026 LC 7-3 Presentation](#)

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

**8. BOARD LETTERS ACTION**

- 8-1** 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 (OWA) [21-5451](#)

**Attachments:** [03102026 OWA 8-1 B-L](#)  
[03102026 OWA 8-1 Presentation](#)

- 8-2** Report on litigation in Systems Integrated, LLC v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21STCV18292 and consider authorizing settlement [Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] (LC) [21-5518](#)

- 8-3** Report on litigation in Encarnacion Gutierrez v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 23STCV11052; and authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with BDG Law Group, APLC, in the amount of \$400,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$900,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]. [SUBJECT REVISED on 3/3/2026] (LC) [21-5506](#)

- 8-4** Report on litigation in Katano Kasaine v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Adel Hagekhalil, an individual; Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25STCV05250, and authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services with Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in the amount of \$500,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$750,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]. [SUBJECT ADDED on 3/6/2026] (LC) [21-5692](#)

## 9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-1** Capital Investment Plan Quarterly Report for period ending December 2025 (EOT) [21-5454](#)
- Attachments:** [03102026 EOT 9-1 B-L](#)  
[03102026 EOT 9-1 Presentation](#)
- 9-2** Equal Employment Opportunity activities [21-5519](#)
- Attachments:** [03102026 BOD 9-2 Equal Employment Opportunity activities](#)
- 9-3** Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion activities [21-5505](#)
- Attachments:** [03102026 BOD 9-3 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion activities](#)
- 9-4** Information on Implementing a Modified Operational Shift Cost Offset Program (OWA) [21-5486](#)
- Attachments:** [03102026 OWA 9-4 B-L](#)  
[03102026 OWA 9-4 Presentation](#)
- 9-5** Information on Facilities Naming Criteria and Procedures (LEG) [21-5481](#)
- Attachments:** [03102026 LEG 9-5 B-L](#)

## 10. OTHER MATTERS

NONE

## 11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## **12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

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