

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.

Special Board Meeting - Final

January 9, 2023

9:00 AM

Monday, January 9, 2023 Meeting Schedule
09:00 a.m. Sp BOD 09:30 a.m. EOT 11:30 a.m. Break 12:00 p.m. OWS

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MWD Headquarters Building - 700 N. Alameda Street - Los Angeles, CA 90012

1. Call to Order

- a. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Linda Ackerman, Municipal Water District of Orange County

2. Roll Call

3. Determination of a Quorum

4. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board limited to the items listed on agenda. (As required by Gov. Code § 54954.3(a))

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION ****

5. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approve Committee Assignments

[21-1816](#)

Attachments: [01092023 SP BOD 5A Chair-Elect Memo](#)

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

6. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE:

Each agenda item with a committee designation will be considered and a recommendation may be made by one or more committees prior to consideration and final action by the full Board of Directors. The committee designation appears in parenthesis at the end of the description of the agenda item e.g. (E&O). Committee agendas may be obtained from the Executive Secretary.

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the Board of Directors

SPECIAL BOARD ITEM 5-A

Date: January 3, 2023
To: Board of Directors
From: Adán Ortega, Chair of the Board of Directors
Subject: Approval of Committee Appointments & Nomination of Chair for Ad Hoc Committee on Facilities Naming

I would like to present the nominations for committee appointments for the current term ending at the conclusion of 2024. I am also proposing Director Larry Dick's appointment as chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Facilities Naming to consider a proposal to name the Metropolitan Board Room.

To fill the seven standing committees of the board, I considered the choices of directors who responded to my request for input about committee membership preferences. An effort was also made to consider gender and geographic balance on each committee to the degree possible. Women comprise about 36% of the board's members, and in all but two committees, we were able to surpass that benchmark. I will address the imbalance on the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee as well as the Finance, Audit, and Asset Management Committee as vacancies arise and more women hopefully join the board when our member agencies appoint new directors over time. The membership of the Executive Committee is defined in the Administrative Code.

While the committee appointments were filled considering concurrent meeting schedules, I do not intend to schedule all committee meetings concurrently. We will modify the schedule to maximize opportunities for public participation over time. As the emergency orders of the pandemic expire, we will also consider holding committee meetings around the region. This may include scheduling such meetings "after work hours" at 5 p.m. to facilitate public attendance. Please continue to feel free to contact me directly with feedback.

We have difficult issues to address in 2023. I appreciate the advice and observations of all directors who have shared them, as well as members of the public who shared their ideas about meeting schedules. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Let's get to work!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adán Ortega".

Adán Ortega
Chair of the Board

Board Chair’s Proposed Committee Appointments

Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee	Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee
Dennis Erdman, Chair Matt Petersen, Vice Chair Art Chacon Brenda Dennstedt Glen Peterson John Morris Martin Miller Michael Camacho Russ Lefevre Tracy Quinn Steve Faessel Tim Smith Lois Fong-Sakai	Tana McCoy, Chair Gloria Cordero, Vice Chair Barry Pressman Bob Apodaca David DeJesus Gloria Gray Larry Dick Lois Fong Sakai Miguel Luna Nancy Sutley Tony Fellow

Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee	One Water and Stewardship Committee
Fred Jung, Chair Ardy Kassakhian, Vice Chair Barry Pressman Bob Apodaca Brenda Dennstedt Gloria Gray Judy Abdo Miguel Luna Linda Ackerman Marsha Ramos Thai Phan Tim Smith Tony Fellow	Tracy Quinn, Chair Steve Faessel, Vice Chair David DeJesus Dennis Erdman Glen Peterson Gloria Cordero Jeff Armstrong Linda Ackerman Lois Fong-Sakai Martin Miller Matt Petersen Nancy Sutley Russ Lefevre Cynthia Kurtz Gail Goldberg Art Chacon

Board Chair's Proposed Committee Appointments

Legal and Claims Committee	Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee
Nancy Sutley, Chair Bob Apodaca, Vice Chair Cynthia Kurtz Harold Williams Glen Petersen Gloria Cordero Heather Repenning Larry Dick Marsha Ramos Martin Miller Michael Camacho Tana McCoy	Tim Smith, Chair Larry Dick, Vice Chair Art Chacon Barry Pressman Bob Apodaca Brenda Dennstedt David De Jesus Jeff Armstrong Martin Miller Matt Petersen Richard Atwater Tracy Quinn

Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee	Ad Hoc Committee on Facilities Naming
Marsha Ramos, Chair Thai Phan, Vice Chair Ardy Kassakhian Dennis Erdman Fred Jung Gloria Cordero Michael Camacho Nancy Sutley Steve Faessel Lois Fong-Sakai	Larry Dick, Chair* Tony Fellow Michael Camacho Judy Abdo Gloria Cordero * Nomination of Larry Dick, Chair **Naming of Board Room