

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.

IW Committee

M. Gold, D. Env., Chair
L. Ackerman, Vice Chair
D. Alvarez
J. Armstrong
M. Camacho
G. Cordero
D. De Jesus
J. Garza
C. Kurtz
J. Lewitt
M. Luna
J. McMillan
M. Miller

Subcommittee on Imported Water

Meeting with Board of Directors *

July 22, 2025

9:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, July 22, 2025
Meeting Schedule**

**09:00 a.m. IW
11:30 a.m. Break
12:00 p.m. BOD WKSP
EOT
01:00 p.m. JT
BOD/EXEC**

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- 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))**

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

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Subcommittee on Imported Water Meeting for June 23, 2025 [21-4838](#)

Attachments: [07222025 IW 2A \(06232025\) Minutes](#)

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

3. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Sites Reservoir Project Cost Estimate Update Presented By: JP Robinette, Sites Authority [21-4839](#)
- b. Delta Freshwater Pathway and Emergency Preparedness [21-4840](#)
- c. Preview of Upcoming Delta Islands Leases and Asset Management Items [21-4934](#)
- d. Palo Verde Community Enhancement Collaborative Report [21-4842](#)
- e. Update and discussion regarding: the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's development of post-2026 Colorado River reservoir operations guidelines and strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead; and the potential enforcement of rights under the 1922 Colorado River Compact. [Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation; based on existing facts and circumstances, including that the potential imposition of significant water use reductions in the Lower Basin under the regulatory authority of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and that the 10-year rolling average flow of the Colorado River at Lee Ferry is likely to drop below 82.5 million acre-feet as early as the fall of 2026, could lead to litigation among the United States, Colorado River Basin States, and Colorado River water users, including Metropolitan; there is a significant exposure to litigation against Metropolitan: unknown number of potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)] [21-4841](#)

4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6. ADJOURNMENT

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMPORTED WATER

June 23, 2025

Committee Chair Gold called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

Members present: Committee Chair Gold, Directors Armstrong, Garza, Kurtz, Luna, and Miller (teleconferenced, posted location).

Members absent: Committee Vice Chair Ackerman, Directors Alvarez, Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus, Lewitt, and McMillan.

Other Board Members present: Directors Bryant, Dick, Erdman (teleconferenced, posted location), Fong-Sakai (teleconferenced, posted location), Jay, Board Chair Ortega, Ramos (teleconferenced, posted location), Seckel, Shepherd Romey, and Board Vice Chair Sutley.

Committee Staff present: Bednarski, Crosson, Hasencamp, Horton, Neudeck, Rubin, Upadhyay, and Winn.

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. Approval of the Minutes of the Subcommittee on Imported Water for May 27, 2025

Director Kurtz made a motion, seconded by Director Garza, to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Armstrong, Garza, Gold, Kurtz, Luna, and Miller.
Board Vice Chair Sutley voted and counted toward a quorum and
vote on consent item.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Not voting: None

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus,
Lewett, and McMillan.

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 7 absent.

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

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Report on Colorado River Hydrology

Presented by: Laura Lamdin, Interim Team Manager, Colorado River, Water
Resource Management

Mr. Bill Hasencamp introduced Ms. Lamdin. She reported on the following:

- The rapidly deteriorating hydrology on the Colorado River
- The potential implications of reaching at- or near-record low storage levels in the next year or two
- The difference between the California hydrology and that of the Colorado River Watershed and the implications
- Recent overview of storage levels on Lake Mead and Lake Powell
- Staff will continue to monitor the hydrologic conditions and update the Board

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Gold
2. Sutley
3. Garza

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

Director Luna left the meeting.

b. Subject: Report on Colorado River Board Meeting

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Director Cordero was not present to give her report. Mr. Hasencamp reported on the Colorado River Board Agency Manager's Meeting she attended the previous week:

- Discussion on how California agencies would share shortages among the agencies here in this state
- Goal of having a framework agreement by the end of this year, so it would be ready when the draft Environmental Impact Statement is released by the Bureau of Reclamation
- Three options were discussed
- Other meetings that are scheduled to be held over the next several months

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Seckel
2. Sutley
3. Gold

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

c. Subject: Update on California Aqueduct Subsidence

Presented by: Sarah Bartlett, Interim Team Manager, State Water Project Supply and Programs Team

Ms. Bartlett reported on the following:

- The recently published State Water Project Delivery Capability Report 2023 Addendum on Impacts of Subsidence
- Background information
- Recent analysis and planning undertaken by DWR and interested parties to address subsidence
- Next steps, which includes keeping the Board updated on new information as it develops

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Gold
2. Garza
3. Ortega
4. Sutley

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

- d. Subject: Delta Conveyance Project – Funding Agreement and Other Updates

Presented by: Maureen Martin, Manager, Bay-Delta Science and Regulatory Strategy

Dr. Martin presented on the following:

- The contents of the amendment to existing funding agreement between Metropolitan and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for planning and preconstruction of the Delta Conveyance Project
- Commitments by DWR through a series of letter exchanges
- The board packet that was made available online
- An overview of the off-ramp provisions
- The General Manager made additional comments regarding events that are occurring that are separate from the funding agreement that would affect the benefits of the project.

- e. Subject: Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Meeting

Presented by: Maureen Martin, Manager, Bay-Delta Science and Regulatory Strategy

Dr. Martin reported in the absence of Directors Luna and McMillan.

- She reported on the DCA meeting held on June 18, 2025.

- f. Subject: Report on the Delta Conveyance Finance Authority (DCFA) Meeting

Presented by: Maureen Martin, Manager, Bay-Delta Science and Regulatory Strategy

Dr. Martin reported in the absence of Directors Luna and McMillan

- She reported on the DCFA meeting held on May 21, 2025.

g. Subject: The Delta – A Historical Perspective

Presented by: Randall Neudeck, Manager, Bay-Delta Programs

Committee Chair Gold requested the presentation be summarized due to time constraints.

Mr. Neudeck reported on the following:

- Upcoming discussions on the freshwater pathway and its value to Metropolitan
- Value of the Delta islands to Metropolitan
- Metropolitan's role in governance and maintenance of the islands

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Ortega
2. Gold
3. Garza
4. Seckel

4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board Chair Ortega and Committee Chair Gold requested staff to provide a presentation on the Emergency Freshwater Pathway next month.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on July 22, 2025

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Mark Gold
Chair