

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ETHICS COMMITTEE

May 12, 2026

Chair Seckel called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Members present: Directors Cordero (teleconference posted location), Katz, Lewitt, Paule, Ramos (alternative teleconferencing), Seckel, and Shepherd Romey

Members absent: Directors Douglas and McCoy

Other Board Members present: Directors Ackerman, Bryant, Crane, Dennstedt (alternative teleconferencing), Erdman (teleconference posted location), Faessel, Gray (teleconference posted location), Kurtz, McMillan, Miller, Ortega, Pressman, and Sutley

Director Dennstedt stated she was participating using alternative teleconferencing due to illness and was alone in the room.

Director Ramos stated she was participating using alternative teleconferencing due to a family emergency and was alone in the room.

Committee Staff present: Beatty, Deshmukh, Hudson, Rodriguez, Salinas, and Shope

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

NONE

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ****

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Ethics Committee for April 14, 2026.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

Director Katz made a motion, seconded by Director Lewitt, to approve the consent calendar for item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Cordero, Katz, Lewitt, Paule, Ramos, and Seckel

Noes: None

Abstentions: Shepherd Romey

Absent: Directors Douglas and McCoy

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstention, and 2 absent.

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

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Subject: Discussion of department head performance and goal setting
[Public employee performance evaluation—Ethics Officer; to
be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code
Section 54957]

Presented by: Abel Salinas, Ethics Officer

In closed session, the committee heard the item. No action was taken.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Subject: Ethics Officer's report on monthly activities

Presented by: Abel Salinas, Ethics Officer

Chair Seckel announced we would receive and file the Ethics Officer's report. The report is available online.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Karl Seckel
Chair