



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Committee Item INFORMATION

Audit Committee

3/9/2026 Committee Meeting

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Subject

Study, advise on, or recommend Board member/Board committee audit assignment requests

Executive Summary

This item covers Audit Committee discussion on requests for audit assignments from individual board members or board committees, and provision of direction and prioritization to the General Auditor for these requests.

Applicable Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 6450(f): Powers and Duties

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 6451: Audit Department Charter

Details & Background

The General Auditor prepares a risk-based annual audit plan in accordance with Metropolitan Administrative Code Section 6451 and professional internal auditing standards. This plan is flexible in nature and subject to change as risks evolve during the fiscal year and as the General Auditor deems it necessary to modify the plan. Additionally, the General Auditor may receive requests from individual board members or board committees to perform audit assignments that are not included in the approved annual audit plan.

Requests presented to the Audit Committee should include the risk or internal control concern and the objective or question to be answered by the audit or review.

A portion of Metropolitan Administrative Code Section 6450(f) relevant to this item states:

The General Auditor may receive requests from time to time from the other executive officers or committees of the Board to perform audit assignments which are not included in the approved annual Audit Business Plan. Similarly, the General Auditor may identify a need to include new assignments in the Audit Business Plan during the year. The General Auditor shall have sufficient latitude and discretion to include those new assignments in the annual Audit Business Plan as the General Auditor deems necessary based upon their professional judgement and available resources. Requests from other committees of the Board and individual board members desiring specific audit assignments shall be submitted to the Audit Committee for study, advise, and recommendation. Once the audit assignment is approved by the Board, the General Auditor reserves the right to determine how to best fit the directed audit assignment into the Audit Business Plan.