

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

April 13, 2026

Chair Erdman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt (entered after roll call), Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai (entered after roll call), Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, and Seckel.

Members absent: Directors Jay and Petersen

Other board members present: Chair Ortega, Directors Ackerman, Camacho, Crane, Denham, Fellow, Gray (teleconference posted location), Katz, and Paule.

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Carter, Chaudhuri, Deshmukh, Eckstrom, Hattar, Hudson, Maravilla, Nobriga, Parsons, Rhoads, and Rubin

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))

None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for March 9, 2026.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

7-1 Subject: Authorize an agreement with Computer Aid, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$397,628 for the Enterprise Information Technology Software Asset Management module implementation services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: No presentation was given.

Motion: Authorize an agreement with Computer Aid, Inc., in an amount not to exceed total of \$397,628 for The Enterprise IT Software Asset Management module implementation services.

Director Seckel made a motion, seconded by Director Miller, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A and 7-1.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Crawford, Erdman, Faessel, Lewitt, McMillian, Miller, and Seckel.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Not voting: None

Absent: Directors Dennstedt, Fong-Sakai, Jay, and Petersen

The motion for Items 2A and 7-1 passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 4 absent.

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

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

8-2 Subject: Appropriate \$1.025 billion for projects identified in the Capital Investment Plan for fiscal years 2026/27 and 2027/28 and authorize the General Manager to initiate or proceed with work on capital projects identified in the Capital Investment Plan for fiscal years 2026/27 and 2027/28; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA.

Presented by: James Hong, Team Manager, Capital Investment Plan – Engineering Services Group, Engineering Planning Section

Motion: a. Appropriate \$1.025 billion for projects identified in the CIP Appendix for FYs 2026/27 and 2027/28; and
 b. Authorize the General Manager to initiate or continue work on the capital projects described in the CIP Appendix for FYs 2026/27 and 2027/28, subject to any limits on the General Manager’s authority and CEQA requirements

The committee decided not to vote on this item.

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Subject: Overview of Construction Management at Metropolitan

Presented by: Paul Romero, Team Manager, Construction Management – Engineering Services Group, Infrastructure Reliability Section

Mr. Romero reported on the following:

- Provided a high-level understanding of how Metropolitan’s Construction Management Unit operates and its role in project delivery

Director Fong-Sakai entered the room

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Erdman
2. Fong-Sakai
3. Bryant

Staff responded to the Directors’ questions and comments.

b. Subject: Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Presented by: Albert Rodriguez, Pr. Engineer, Facility Planning - Engineering
Services Group, Engineering Planning Section

Mr. Rodriguez reported on the following:

- Update the Board on the development status and content of Metropolitan's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LMHP)
- Staff will return to the Board for adoption of the LHMP following receipt of conditional approval by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Director Dennstedt entered the room

c. Subject: Pure Water Southern California Quarterly Update

This was a written report only.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

a. Subject: Engineering Services, Information Technology, and Water
System Operations Activities
Presented by: John Bednarski, Assistant General Manager, Water and Technical
Resources
Mickey Chaudhuri, Group Manager, Treatment and Water
Quality

Mr. Bednarski reported on the following:

- Thanked all the Directors for coming out to Eagle Mountain on March 17 or March 26 for the tour of the facilities.
- Provided a written report on the quarterly update for Pure Water, and this included more details on the 2025 cost estimate as requested.
- The CEQA lawsuit filed by LIT Reliance, regarding potential use of their property in the City of Irwindale for a Pure Water Southern California Pump Station, was resolved, and the complaint was dismissed.
- DVL Floating Wave Attenuator Replacement project was completed in March 2026.
- Metropolitan was a sponsor for the Pacific Southwest Student Symposium hosted by ASCE at Cal State LA.

Mr. Chaudhuri reported on the following:

- Current operational conditions
- Recently completed shutdowns
- DWR's completion of repairs to storm-damaged sections of East Branch
- Week-long SWP Invasive Mussel Mitigation workshop at Water Quality Lab
- Congratulated Metropolitan employee Anna-Marie Kim for AWWA SOURCE article on *Golden Mussels under the Microscope*

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Director Dennstedt requested a presentation on Electricity 101
- b. Director Faessel requested a presentation on the Shutdown Program

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on May 11, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Dennis Erdman
Chair