

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ONE WATER AND ADAPTATION COMMITTEE

March 9, 2026

Chair Quinn called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

Members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Cordero, Crane, Denham (teleconference posted location), Erdman, Gold (teleconference posted location), Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Pressman, Quinn, Seckel, and Shepherd Romey.

Members absent: None.

Other Board Members present: Directors Bryant, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Jay, McCoy, Ortega, and Sutley.

Committee Staff present: Bednarski, Crosson, Deshmukh, Goshi, Harms, Hawk, Hudson, Rubin, and Schlotterbeck.

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

1. Deborah Bloom (ARLA) spoke regarding item 8-1.
2. Maura Monaghan (LA Waterkeeper) spoke regarding item 8-1.
3. Gary Bopker (Friends of the River) spoke regarding item 8-1.
4. Stephanie Courtney (Black Women for Wellness) spoke regarding item 8-1.
5. Lauren Nikkyam (LA Alliance for a New Economy) spoke regarding item 8-1.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS--ACTION

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the One Water & Adaptation Committee for February 9, 2026. Director Miller made a motion, seconded by Director Erdman to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Cordero, Crane, Denham, Erdman, Gold, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Pressman, Seckel, and Shepherd Romey

Noes: None

Abstentions: Directors Katz and Quinn

Absent: None

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 noes, 2 abstentions, and 0 absent.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None.

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

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

Director Pressman disclosed that the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office was a business client and stated that he had been advised by the Ethics Office that he could participate in Item 8-1.

Director Quinn disclosed that although the Los Angeles Administrative Code provided for an attendance payment for her participation at Metropolitan Board meetings, she had declined such payments and had been advised that she could participate in and vote on Item 8-1.

Director Sutley recused herself on Item 8-1, stating that due to her employment with the City of Los Angeles she would not participate in the item, and left the room until completion of the item.

8-1 Subject: Authorize the General Manager to develop and enter into an Agreement with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works for Multi-Benefit Program Funding Pilot; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Krista Guerrero, Senior Resources

Motion: Table the item and return with additional information

Mr. Brandon Goshi, Group Manager, Water Resource Management, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Guerrero presented a request to authorize a three-way agreement with LADWP and Los Angeles County Public Works to implement a multi-benefit pilot integrating turf replacement with stormwater features and leveraging Metropolitan and County funding.

The pilot, developed with partner agencies, uses LADWP’s existing program due to legal and capacity constraints, aims to test scalable co-funding and evaluate water supply benefits in disadvantaged communities, and is recommended for approval.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

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| 1. Ortega | 4. Kurtz | 7. Alvarez |
| 2. Quinn | 5. Pressman | |
| 3. Gold | 6. Cordero | |

Staff responded to the Director’s questions and comments.

Director McMillan left the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

After completion of the presentation, Director Erdman made a substitute motion for Item 8-1 to table the item and return with additional information, which was seconded by Director Ackerman.

The vote was:

Ayes: Ackerman, Alvarez, Cordero, Crane, Denham, Erdman, Gold, Katz, Lewitt, Miller, Pressman, Quinn, Seckel, and Shepherd Romey

Noes: None

Abstentions: Director Kurtz

Absent: Director McMillan

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstentions, and 1 absent.

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

9-4 Subject: Information on Implementing a Modified Operational Shift Cost Offset Program

Due to time constraints, no presentation was given, discussion was deferred, and Chair Quinn stated that the written report would suffice.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Subject: Provide an update on the current groundwater storage programs in the central valley and efforts to identify and evaluate potential new groundwater storage partnerships

Due to time constraints, no presentation was given, discussion was deferred, and Chair Quinn stated that the written report would suffice.

b. Subject: CAMP4W Quarterly Update

Presented by: Liz Crosson, Chief of Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation

Ms. Crosson provided a quarterly update on the Climate Adaptation Master Plan (CAMP), emphasizing that the process supports incremental Board decision-making by evaluating projects and portfolios based on reliability, resilience, affordability, and co-benefits, rather than defining a fixed long-term project list.

She reported that assessments to date have informed budget and planning efforts, highlighted the importance of maintaining existing infrastructure, identified the need for additional storage and continued project development, and outlined next steps including refining assessments, advancing risk evaluations, and supporting upcoming Board investment decisions.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Ortega
3. Erdman
4. Kurtz
5. Miller

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

- c. Subject: Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management

Due to time constraints, no presentation was given, discussion was deferred, and Chair Quinn stated that the written report would suffice.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Subject: Bay-Delta Resources activities;
Colorado River Resources activities;
Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation activities; and
Water Resource Management activities

Assistant General Manager John Bednarski stated that there was nothing to report beyond the written reports that were previously issued.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Subject: Report on Subcommittee on Imported Water

Director Gold reported that there was a DCP design and construction update, a closed session on Colorado River negotiations and water rights issues, and noted that the Colorado River Board meeting update was postponed.

- b. Subject: Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Imported Water

None.

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Director Miller asked for an update on the Delta Islands, to include lease status and potential future sale viability.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

The next meeting will be held on April 13, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Tracy Quinn
Chair, One Water and Adaptation Committee