

# 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.

## LRA&C Committee

F. Jung, Chair  
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B. Pressman  
M. Ramos  
T. Smith

## **Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee - Final - Revised 1**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**November 14, 2023**

**1:00 p.m.**

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**Tuesday, November 14, 2023  
Meeting Schedule**

**08:30 a.m. LC  
10:30 a.m. FAIRP  
12:30 p.m. Break  
01:00 p.m. LRAC  
03:00 p.m. BOD**

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MWD Headquarters Building • 700 N. Alameda Street • Los Angeles, CA 90012

Teleconference Locations:

Cedars Sinai Medical Center • 8700 Beverly Blvd • Los Angeles, CA 90048

3008 W. 82nd Place • Inglewood, CA 90305

City of Fullerton City Hall • 303 W. Commonwealth Avenue • Fullerton, CA 92832

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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 Legislation, Regulatory Actions, and Communications Committee for August 14, 2023 (copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-2804](#)

**Attachments:** [11142023 LRAC 2A \(08142023\) Minutes](#)

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-14 Approve Metropolitan’s annual membership in the Center for Energy Advancement through Technological Innovation and annual dues payment of \$82,000 for three interest groups, Transmission Planning and Operations, Asset Management, and Dam Safety; the General Manager determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [DEFERRED 11/1/23] [21-2776](#)

- 7-15 Authorize the General Manager to sponsor legislation to amend the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act to eliminate the sunset date to allow Metropolitan to continue operating under its existing master reclamation plan; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-2703](#)

**Attachments:** [11142023 LRAC 7-15 B-L](#)  
[11142023 LRAC 7-15 Presentation](#)

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

### 4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

### 5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-2 Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2024 [21-2748](#)

**Attachments:** [11142023 LRAC 9-2 B-L](#)  
[11142023 LRAC 9-2 Presentation](#)

### 6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Vista del Lago Water Education Center Upgrades [21-2705](#)

**Attachments:** [11142023 LRAC 6a Presentation](#)

- b. Federal and State Regulatory Tracking Matrices [21-2706](#)

**Attachments:** [11142023 LRAC 6b State Regulatory Matrix](#)  
[11142023 LRAC 6b Federal Regulatory Matrix](#)  
[11142023 LRAC 6b Presentation](#)

- c. Report on Activities from Washington, D.C. [21-2517](#)

**Attachments:** [11142023 LRAC 6c Federal Legislative Matrix](#)  
[11142023 LRAC 6c Presentation](#)

- d. Report on Activities from Sacramento [21-2518](#)

**Attachments:** [11142023 LRAC 6d State Legislative Matrix](#)  
[11142023 LRAC 6d Presentation](#)

**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. External Affairs activities [21-2805](#)

**8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT AND DISCUSSION**

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Public Affairs Engagement [21-2806](#)

**9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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