

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 20, 2024

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 10:12 p.m.

Members present: Directors Armstrong, Cordero (teleconference posted location), Erdman, Fong-Sakai (teleconference posted location), Goldberg, Gray (teleconference posted location), Jung (teleconference posted location), McCoy, Ortega, Pressman (teleconference posted location), Quinn, Smith.

Members absent: Directors Camacho, De Jesus, Garza, Luna, and Sutley.

Other Board members present: Directors Alvarez, Fellow, McMillan, and Morris.

Committee staff present: Beatty, Hudson, Salinas, Scully, Suzuki, Upadhyay, Wheeler, and Zinke.

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

NONE

2. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Chair Ortega

Chair Ortega reported that Metropolitan will have the Phil Pace dedication on January 28th, immediately following the Executive Committee.

b. Subject: Interim General Manager's Report of Metropolitan activities

Interim General Manager Upadhyay stated he had nothing to add to the report.

c. Subject: General Counsel's report of Metropolitan activities

General Counsel Scully stated she had nothing to add to the report.

- d. Subject: General Auditor's report of Metropolitan activities

General Auditor Suzuki stated he had nothing to add to the report.

- e. Subject: Ethics Officer's report of Metropolitan activities

Ethics Officer Salinas stated he had nothing to add to his report.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

- A. Chair Ortega announced the minutes for the Special Executive Committee of July 31, 2023 (Agenda Item 3A) are being deferred.

- B. Approve the draft of the Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for December 2024.

Chair Ortega asked if there were any additions or deletions to the December 2024 draft packet.

Committee Chair Quinn reported that at the One Water and Stewardship Committee the following subject has been revised:

Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to implement phase two of the Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program; and adopt CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the Antelope Valley-East Kern High Desert Water Bank and the Turf Replacement Programs were previously addressed in various CEQA documents and related actions.

Committee Chair Erdman reported that at the Engineering, Operations & Technology Committee the following subject has been revised:

Authorize entering into one or more agreements to accept up to \$125,472,855 in grant funding from the United States Bureau of Reclamation through the WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Program for Pure Water Southern California; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

- 7-1 Subject: Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 6451 regarding the Audit Department Charter.

Presented by: General Auditor Suzuki

General Auditor Suzuki indicated a presentation was given at the Audit Subcommittee that morning. No questions or comments.

Chair Ortega called for the vote on Items 3B and 7-1.

Director Quinn made a motion, seconded by Director Erdman, to approve the consent calendar Items 3B and 7-1 as presented, listed, and revised.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Armstrong, Cordero, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Gray, Jung, McCoy, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn, and Smith.

Abstention: None

Recusal: None

Absent: Camacho, De Jesus, Garza, Luna, and Sutley.

The motion for Items 3B and 7-1 passed by a vote of 12 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 5 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

5. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Subject: Report on the Colorado River Board Meeting.

Presented by: Director Cordero

Director Cordero reported on the Colorado River Board Meeting.

b. Subject: Colorado River Activities

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp

Mr. Hasencamp reported on Colorado River activities.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Director Armstrong reported on the items from the Audit Subcommittee of the Executive Committee.

7. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Adán Ortega, Jr.
Chair of the Board