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December 9-10, 2024

Committee and Board

Meeting

Agenda Packet



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

BOARD UPDATES

DRAFT Schedule of Meetings – December 2024

Monday, December 9

- 9:00 a.m. Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee
- 11:00 a.m. Legal and Claims Committee
- 1:30 p.m. Break
- 2:00 p.m. One Water and Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, December 10

- 8:30 a.m. Finance and Asset Management Committee
- 10:30 a.m. Legislation and Communications Committee
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m. Special Joint Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Agenda

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EOT Committee

D. Erdman, Chair
M. Camacho, Vice Chair
D. Alvarez
G. Bryant
J. Crawford
B. Dennstedt
S. Faessel
L. Fong-Sakai
R. Lefevre
J. McMillan
C. Miller
J. Morris
M. Petersen
K. Seckel
T. Smith

Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

December 9, 2024

9:00 a.m.

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**Monday, December 9, 2024
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**09:00 a.m. EOT
11:00 a.m. LEGAL
01:30 p.m. Break
02:00 p.m. OWS**

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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 Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for November 18, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-4020**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-2 Award a \$588,000 contract to Heed Engineering for construction of new drainage control improvements at the Lake Skinner dam; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-4021**

**** END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS ******4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1 Recommend additional program funding, in an amount not to exceed \$35 million over the next two years (Fiscal Years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026), to support the Zero-Emission Vehicle Transition Program at Metropolitan and partially mitigate high operational risk; The General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-4023**
- 8-5 Approve an agreement and accept up to \$99,199,096 in grant funding from the United States Bureau of Reclamation through the WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Program for Pure Water Southern California [21-4072](#)

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Capital Investment Plan Quarterly Report for period ending September 2024 **21-4022**

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Engineering Services activities **21-4024**
Information Technology activities
Water System Operations activities

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance **21-4025**

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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L&C Committee

M. Luna, Chair
J. Garza, Vice Chair
M. Camacho
G. Cordero
L. Dick
C. Douglas
A. Fellow
C. Kurtz
T. McCoy
C. Miller
M. Ramos
K. Seckel

Legal and Claims Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

December 9, 2024

11:00 a.m.

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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))**

2. **MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

A. General Counsel's report of monthly activities **21-4026**

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION ****

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee for November 18, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-4027**

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

7-3 Authorize an increase of \$250,000, to a maximum amount not to exceed \$500,000, for workers' compensation legal services contract with the law firm Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer & Jensen, LLP; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-4028**

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

5. **OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

8-3 Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to conform surplus water provisions to current law and practice, update the list of active District funds, and clarify employee benefits for unrepresented employees; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-4029**

6. **BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

7. **COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Report on litigation in San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510830, CPF-12-512466, CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, CPF-16-515391, CGC-17-563350, and CPF-18-516389; the appeals of the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case Nos. A146901, A148266, A161144, and A162168, and California Supreme Court Case No. S243500; the petition for extraordinary writ in the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A155310; the petition for extraordinary writ in the second 2016 action, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A154325 and California Supreme Court Case No. S251025; the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California v. San Diego County Water Authority cross-complaints in the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions; and the appeals of the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A170156; including report on discussions regarding potential settlement of the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions, including the cross-complaints and appeals, San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, and CPF-18-516389 and Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A170156 [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; may be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1)] **21-4030**

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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OW&S Committee

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S. Faessel, Vice Chair
L. Ackerman
D. Alvarez
J. Armstrong
G. Cordero
D. De Jesus
D. Erdman
L. Fong-Sakai
M. Gold
S. Goldberg
C. Kurtz
R. Lefevre
J. Lewitt
C. Miller
B. Pressman
N. Sutley

One Water and Stewardship Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

December 9, 2024

2:00 p.m.

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**** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION ****

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water Stewardship Committee for November 18, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-4031**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

**** END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS ******4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-2 Review and consider the Lead Agency's certified 2023 Final Environmental Impact Report and 2024 Addendum for the Delta Conveyance Project and take related CEQA actions and authorize the General Manager to enter into an amended agreement for preconstruction work planned for 2026-2027 **21-4032**

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-2 Update on developing SWP water management actions to meet multiple objectives of managing dry year and wet year water supplies and generating new revenues **21-4070**

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management **21-4033**

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Bay-Delta Resources activities **21-4034**
Colorado River Resources activities
Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation activities
Water Resources Management activities

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Meeting **21-4035**
- b. Report on Delta Conveyance Finance Authority Meeting **21-4036**
- c. Report on the Bay-Delta Ad Hoc Meeting **21-4037**

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities **21-4038**

10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT

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FAM Committee

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L. Dick, Vice Chair
D. Alvarez
J. Armstrong
G. Bryant
D. De Jesus
B. Dennstedt
L. Fong-Sakai
M. Gold
J. McMillan
C. Miller
M. Petersen
B. Pressman
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Finance and Asset Management Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

December 10, 2024

8:30 a.m.

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- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Asset Management Committee Meeting for November 19, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-4039**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-4 Authorize a professional services agreement with Public Financial Management Asset Management, LLC, a subsidiary of US Bancorp Asset Management, Inc., to provide investment management services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-4040**

**** END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS ******4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for FY 2023/24 **21-4041**

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Finance and Asset Management activities **21-4042**

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Report from Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling **21-4043**
- b. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling **21-4044**

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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LEG Committee

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A. Kassakhian, Vice Chair
L. Ackerman
B. Dennstedt
A. Fellow
J. Garza
G. Gray
J. Lewitt
M. Luna
J. McMillan
J. Morris
T. Phan
B. Pressman
M. Ramos
T. Smith

Legislation and Communications Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

December 10, 2024

10:30 a.m.

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**** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION ****

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Legislation and Communications Committee for November 19, 2024 (copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-4045**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- 8-4** Adopt Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2025 **21-4046**
[Missing CEQA]

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Report on Activities from Washington, D.C. **21-4047**
- b. Report on Activities from Sacramento **21-4048**

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. External Affairs activities **21-4049**

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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Special Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors - Hidden

December 10, 2024

12:00 PM

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1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: TBD
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: TBD

2. Roll Call

3. Determination of a Quorum

4. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board limited to the items listed on the agenda. (As required by Gov. Code §54954.3(a))**

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ITEMS

5. **OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS**

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| A. | Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense | 21-4066 |
| B. | Chair's Monthly Activity Report | <u>21-4065</u> |
| C. | Interim General Manager's summary of activities | <u>21-4050</u> |
| D. | General Counsel's summary of activities | <u>21-4051</u> |
| E. | General Auditor's summary of activities | <u>21-4052</u> |
| F. | Ethics Officer's summary of activities | <u>21-4053</u> |

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION ****

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

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| A. | Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for November 18, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) | 21-4067 |
| B. | Approve Committee Assignments | 21-4068 |
| C. | Chair and Vice Chair of standing committee appointments for the term commencing on January 1, 2025 | 21-4073 |

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

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| 7-1 | Approve proposed amendments to Administrative Code Section 6451 regarding the General Auditor Charter; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (Exec) | <u>21-3966</u> |
| 7-2 | Award a \$588,000 contract to Heed Engineering for construction of new drainage control improvements at the Lake Skinner dam; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) | 21-4021 |

- 7-3** Authorize an increase of \$250,000, to a maximum amount not to exceed \$500,000, for workers' compensation legal services contract with the law firm Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer & Jensen, LLP; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LC) **21-4028**
- 7-4** Authorize a professional services agreement with Public Financial Management Asset Management, LLC, a subsidiary of US Bancorp Asset Management, Inc., to provide investment management services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAM) **21-4040**

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

8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- 8-1** Recommend additional program funding, in an amount not to exceed \$35 million over the next two years (Fiscal Years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026), to support the Zero-Emission Vehicle Transition Program at Metropolitan and partially mitigate high operational risk; The General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) **21-4023**
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- 8-4** Adopt Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2025 **21-4046**
[Missing CEQA] (Leg)
- 8-5** Approve an agreement and accept up to \$99,199,096 in grant funding from the United States Bureau of Reclamation through the WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Program for Pure Water Southern California (EOT) [21-4072](#)

9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

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| 9-1 | Report on Conservation Program | 21-4069 |
| 9-2 | Update on developing SWP water management actions to meet multiple objectives of managing dry year and wet year water supplies and generating new revenues (OWS) | 21-4070 |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS

** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION **

10. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

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| A. | Approval of the Minutes of the Special Executive Committee of November 20, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) | 21-4054 |
| B. | Approve draft Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for January 2025 | 21-4055 |

11. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS

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| a. | Report on the Colorado River Board Meeting | 21-4060 |
| b. | Colorado River Activities | 21-4061 |

12. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

14. ADJOURNMENT

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