

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

January 12, 2026

Chair Erdman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel (teleconference posted location), Fong-Sakai, Jay, McMillan (teleconference posted location), Miller, Petersen (entered after rollcall), and Seckel.

Members absent: Director Lewitt.

Other board members present: Chair Ortega, Directors Ackerman, Camacho, Crane, Fellow, Gray, Kurtz, Paule, Ramos, and Shepherd Romey

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Chapman, Chaudhuri, Deshmukh, Eckstrom, Hattar, Hudson, Kasaine, Linn, Parsons, Rhoads, Rubin

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

Tom Love, General Manager, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District commented on item 8-2 related to Pure Water guiding principles.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for December 8, 2025.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS ACTION

NONE

Director Seckel made a motion, seconded by Director Miller, to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Jay, McMillan, Miller, and Seckel.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Lewitt and Petersen

The motion to approve item 2A passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstention, and 2 absent.

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-1 Subject: Review and consider Addendum No. 6 to the certified 2017 Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe Rehabilitation Program; award a \$61,242,000 construction contract to J.F. Shea for PCCP rehabilitation of Sepulveda Feeder Reach 2; and authorize an agreement with HDR Engineering Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,300,000 for technical support during construction

Presented by: Cathy Chau, Principal Engineer, Conveyance & Distribution Team

Motion: Review and consider Addendum No. 6 to the certified 2017 Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe Rehabilitation Program, and

- a. Award a \$61,242,000 contract to J.F. Shea Construction Inc. to rehabilitate Sepulveda Feeder Reach 2.
- b. Authorize an agreement with HDR Engineering Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,300,000 for technical support during construction.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions

1. Jay
2. Miller
3. Seckel
4. Fong-Sakai
5. Erdman

Staff responded to Directors' questions and comments.

Director Bryant made a motion, seconded by Director Crawford, to approve item 8-1, option 1.

The vote on the motion was:

Ayes:	Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Jay, McMillan, Miller, and Seckel.
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Directors Lewitt and Petersen

The motion for Item 8-1 passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent.

8-2 Subject: Approve guiding principles for Pure Water Southern California partnerships; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA.

Presented by: Matthew Hacker, Senior Resource Specialist, Resource Development Team

Motion: Approve guiding principles for Pure Water Southern California partnerships.

Director Petersen entered the meeting during the presentation.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions

1. Seckel
2. Bryant
3. Chair Ortega
4. Miller
5. Alvarez
6. Dennstedt
7. Kurtz

Staff responded to Directors' questions and comments.

Director Alvarez made a motion, seconded by Director Jay, to approve item 8-2, option 1, with the following amendments:

1. The addition of the following language to the Guiding Principles for each partnership:

“Project participants recognize that PWSC has been developed to allow for long-term adaptive implementation, including: (1) by allowing for phasing and/or staging funding and construction, and (2) if feasible and permittable, by allowing for direct potable reuse.”

2. In the Proposed Principles to Guide Metropolitan – Southern Nevada/Arizona Parties Partnerships and in the Proposed Principles to Guide Metropolitan – Others within the Southern California Region: San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD), change the term “equity” to the term “fair value.”

The vote on the motion was:

Ayes:	Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Jay, McMillan, Miller, Petersen, and Seckel
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Director Lewitt

The amended motion for item 8-2 passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

- a. Subject: Power Cost Exposure with Lower Lake Mead Storage
Presented by: Shane Chapman, Assistant General Manager, Operations

Mr. Chapman reported on the following:

- Updates on recent developments related to the risk of loss of a significant portion of Hoover Dam hydroelectric generation, the potential impact on Metropolitan, potential strategies for mitigation, and next steps

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Miller
2. Petersen
3. Seckel
4. Fellow

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

- b. Subject: Pure Water Southern California Quarterly Update
- Presented by: Gloria Lai-Bluml, Program Manager, Pure Water Southern California

Ms. Lai-Bluml reported on the following:

- Updates on environmental planning, public outreach, grant funding, demonstration testing, direct potable reuse (DPR) planning, and next steps

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Chair Ortega
2. Petersen
3. Miller
4. Erdman

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Subject: Engineering Services, Information Technology, and Water System Operations Activities
- Presented by: John Bednarski, Assistant General Manager, Water Resources and Technical Resources
 Shane Chapman, Assistant General Manager, Operations
 Charles Eckstrom, Manager, Information Technology Group

Mr. Bednarski reported on the following:

- Planned Inspection Trips to Eagle Mountain Pumping Plant
- December 2025 Labor Management Collaboration Meeting

Mr. Chapman reported on the following:

- Managing Castaic Lake/Jensen plant high turbidity event
- SWP East Branch repairs following late December 2025 storm event

Mr. Eckstrom reported on the following:

- Infrastructure Storage Refresh
- January 2026 Second Annual Cyber Security Summit

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be on February 9, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Dennis Erdman
Chair