

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

Special Audit Committee

April 22, 2025

Chair Armstrong called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Directors Armstrong, De Jesus (AB 2449, “Just Cause”), Dick, Fong-Sakai, Gray (teleconference posted location), and Ramos (entered after roll call).

Members absent: None.

Other Board Members present: Directors Erdman, Goldberg, Lefevre (teleconference posted location), Miller, Ortega, and Seckel.

Vice Chair of the Board Goldberg was present for purposes of quorum.

Director De Jesus indicated he was participating under AB 2449, “Just Cause,” because he was caretaking a loved one under 18. Director De Jesus appeared by audio and on camera.

Committee Staff present: Andrus, Elias, Parsons, Rubin, Suzuki, and Upadhyay.

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

NONE

2. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

A. Subject: General Auditor’s Report of Monthly Activities

Presented by: Scott Suzuki, General Auditor

Mr. Suzuki reported on the General Auditor’s monthly activities.

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

- A. Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Audit Committee for March 25, 2025
(Copies have been submitted to each Director, with any additions, corrections, or omissions)

Director Fong-Sakai made a motion, seconded by Director De Jesus, to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 3A.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Armstrong, De Jesus, Dick, Fong-Sakai, and Gray

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Ramos

The motion for item 3A passed by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent.

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

Vice Chair Ramos entered the meeting.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

NONE

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

NONE

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Annual Audit Risk Assessment & Internal Control Discussion

Presented by: Chris Gutierrez, Program Manager – Audit
Lina Tan, Principal Auditor
Bonita Leung, Senior Deputy Auditor

Mr. Suzuki introduced the General Auditor staff, who presented on the Annual Audit Risk Assessment & Internal Control Discussion.

The following Directors asked questions and provided comments:

1. Fong-Sakai
2. Erdman
3. Ramos
4. Dick
5. Ortega
6. Miller
7. Armstrong
8. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Director Erdman requested research into knowledge transfer programs.

Director Fong-Sakai and Chair of the Board Ortega requested information regarding the risks of the perception that MWD is not addressing affordability.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Jeff Armstrong
Chair