

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.

IW Committee

M. Gold, D. Env., Chair
L. Ackerman, Vice Chair
D. Alvarez
J. Armstrong
M. Camacho
G. Cordero
D. De Jesus
J. Garza
C. Kurtz
J. Lewitt
M. Luna
J. McMillan
M. Miller

Subcommittee on Imported Water - Final - Revised 1

Meeting with Board of Directors *

October 28, 2025

10:00 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))**

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ****

2. **SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Subcommittee on Imported Water Meeting for August 26, 2025 [21-5016](#)

Attachments: [10282025 IW 2A \(08262025\) Minutes](#)

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

3. **SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Sites Reservoir Project Plan of Finance Summary and Overview of Agreements [21-5122](#)
 - b. Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Meeting [21-5120](#)
 - c. Report on the Colorado River Board Meeting [21-5127](#)
 - d. Report on Colorado River negotiations and protection of Metropolitan's Colorado River water rights [Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation – deciding whether to initiate litigation; unknown number of potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)]. [21-5128](#)
[REVISED SUBJECT on 10/8/2025]

4. **FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

5. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMPORTED WATER

August 26, 2025

Committee Chair Gold called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Members present: Committee Chair Gold, Committee Vice Chair Ackerman, Directors Alvarez, Cordero, De Jesus, Garza (teleconference posted location, entered after rollcall), Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan (entered after roll call), and Miller (teleconference posted location).

Members absent: Directors Armstrong, Camacho, and Luna.

Other Board Members present: Directors Erdman, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Board Chair Ortega, Seckel, Shepherd Romey, and Board Vice Chair Sutley.

Committee Staff present: Bednarski, Crosson, Rosset, Horton, Martin, Rubin, Upadhyay, and Winn.

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

None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS -- ACTION

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Subcommittee on Imported Water for July 22, 2025

Director De Jesus made a motion, seconded by Director Alvarez, to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Cordero, De Jesus, Garza, Gold, Kurtz, Lewett, and Miller.

Noes: None

Abstentions: Alvarez

Absent: Directors Armstrong, Camacho, Luna, and McMillan.

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 4 absent.

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

3. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Incorporating Climate Change in the Colorado River Post-2026 Guidelines Analysis

Presented by: Laura Lamdin, Interim Team Manager, Colorado River, Water Resource Management

Ms. Lamdin reported on the following:

- Historical method for developing hydrologic traces for analysis
- US Bureau of Reclamation's (USBR) different ways of developing hydrologic conditions for consideration
- The USBR Super Ensemble
- Robustness and vulnerability metrics

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. De Jesus
2. Gold
3. Cordero
4. Faessel
5. Sutley
6. Seckel

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

Director McMillan entered the meeting.

b. Subject: Water Quality Control Plan Update

Presented by: Rebecca Sheehan, Senior Deputy General Counsel

Ms. Sheehan. reported on the following:

- Overview of the July 2025 Draft Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta
- Summary of proposed updates and new components, including two paths of implementation
- Public review and comment periods
- Next steps

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. De Jesus
2. Ortega
3. Sutley
4. Jay
5. Gold

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

c. Subject: Report on Colorado River Board Meeting

Presented by: Director Cordero

Director Cordero reported on the meetings of the Colorado River Board and Six Agency Committee that she attended on August 20, 2025, held at the headquarters of the San Diego County Water Authority.

4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Board Chair Ortega requested a presentation on each flow implementation path and implications if others don't follow through.

Board Vice Chair Sutley requested more information on regulatory processes as it relates to the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program.

Committee Chair Gold requested a discussion at a future meeting about the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission court case, *City and County of San Francisco v. Environmental Protection Agency*, 145 S. Ct. 704 (2025), regarding the enforceability of the narrative objectives.

Committee Chair Gold requested that staff return with information on what the new USBR modeling approach would mean for Metropolitan's outlook.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on September 23, 2025

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Mark Gold
Chair