

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Agenda

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Exec Committee

A. Ortega, Chair
J. Abdo, Board Vice Chair
M. Camacho, Board Vice Chair
S. Goldberg, Board Vice Chair
H. Repenning, Board Vice Chair
L. Fong-Sakai, Board Secretary
G. Cordero
D. Erdman
G. Gray
F. Jung
M. Luna
T. McCoy
B. Pressman
T. Quinn
M. Ramos
T. Smith
N. Sutley

Executive Committee

Meeting with Board of Directors *

February 28, 2023

12:00 p.m.

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**Tuesday, February 28, 2023
Meeting Schedule**

**10:00 a.m. LRPPBM
11:30 a.m. Break
12:00 p.m. Exec
01:00 p.m. Sp BOD**

MWD Headquarters Building • 700 N. Alameda Street • Los Angeles, CA 90012

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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. Voices of Met (Spotlight on Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Employee Perspectives)**
- 3. Opportunity for Directors who are not members of the committee to address the committee on matters within the committee's jurisdiction**
- 4. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS**
 - a. Chair's Report

Zoom Online and Boardroom

- b. General Manager's report of Metropolitan activities
- c. General Counsel's report of Metropolitan activities
- d. General Auditor's report of Metropolitan activities
- e. Ethics Officer's report of Metropolitan activities
- f. Report from Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee
- g. Report from Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee
- h. Report from Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee
- i. Report from Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee
- j. Report from Legal and Claims Committee
- k. Report from Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee
- l. Report from One Water and Stewardship Committee

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

5. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting for January 24, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-1935](#)

Attachments: [02282023 Exec 4A \(01242023\) minutes](#)

- B. Approve draft committee and Board meeting agendas, and schedule for March 2023 [21-1948](#)

Attachments: [02282023 Exec 5B Draft Agenda Packet](#)

6. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

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

7. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

8. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 24, 2023

Chair Ortega called the hybrid teleconference and in-person meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Members present: Directors Abdo, Camacho, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Gray, Jung, Luna, McCoy, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn, Ramos, Repenning, Smith, and Sutley.

Members absent: Director Cordero.

Other Board members present: Directors Ackerman, Armstrong, Atwater, Chacon, Dick, Faessel, Fellow, Kurtz, Lefevre, McMillan, Miller, Morris, Peterson, and Seckel.

Committee staff present: Beatty, Chapman, Hagekhalil, Hudson, Kasaine, Salinas, Scully, Andrus, Upadhyay, and Zinke.

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

No members responded.

2. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Chair Adán Ortega, Jr.

Chair Ortega reported on the following:

- Margie Wheeler will be the Board Executive Officer
- Director Russell Lefevre was elected Vice President of the Bay Delta Finance Authority
- Director Miguel Luna is a member of the Bay Delta Construction Authority
- Request to the Governor to expedite appointment of Director Gloria Cordero to the Colorado River Board

b. Subject: General Manager's report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: General Manager Adel Hagekhalil

General Manager Hagekhalil reported on the following:

- Condolences to the family and friends of the late Robert J. Hunter, General Manager for Municipal Water District of Orange County
- Expressed Metropolitan solidarity to stop the violence in the wake of the Lunar New Year tragedy
- Acknowledge the exhibit hosted by the MWD Photography Club
- Board Retreat will be February 12-14, 2023 at the Member Agency Managers meeting; our office requested input from the Member Agency Managers

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

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia L. Scully

Nothing to add to her report.

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

Presented by: Interim General Auditor Kathryn Andrus

Nothing to add to her report.

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

Presented by: Ethics Officer Abel Salinas

Nothing to add to his report.

f. Subject: Report from Engineering, Operations, and Technology

Presented by: Committee Chair Erdman

Committee Chair Erdman announced that the Board will hear the following items at the February 13, 2023 Board meeting:

- Award a \$407,800.33 procurement contract to Cascade Consultants, LLC for a 20-inch triple offset ball valve to rehabilitate Service Connection CB-11; and

- Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Colorado River Aqueduct Master Reclamation Plan for San Bernardino and Riverside Counties and take related CEQA actions; approve Master Reclamation Plan for San Bernardino and Riverside Counties

j. Subject: Report from Legal and Claims Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Sutley

Committee Chair Sutley announced that the Committee will hear a report on the General Counsel's monthly activities

In closed session, the Committee will hear reports on the following items and consider authorizing increases in the maximum amounts payment under contract with:

- Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP for legal services and Exponent, Inc. for consultant services in the Baker Electric, Inc. v. Metropolitan litigation;
- Renne Public Law Group by \$100,000 to an amount not to exceed \$200,000 in the AFSCME, Local 1902 v. Metropolitan matter; and
- Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, PLC by \$150,000 to an amount not to exceed \$250,000 in Sierra Club, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources litigation

l. Subject: Report from One Water and Stewardship Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Quinn

Committee Chair Quinn announced in lieu of the One Water and Stewardship Committee, the Board will consider the following item:

- Adopt resolutions to support three applications for the California Department of Water Resources 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Program totaling \$38 million

Chair Ortega announced that the Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee; Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee; Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee; and Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee will not meet in February.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Executive Committee Meeting for December 13, 2022.

Chair Ortega asked Directors if there were any comments or discussion on the minutes of December 13, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting. Chair Ortega announced a correction to the minutes The reference to Rosa Batista, Moheres de la Tierra should be corrected to Mujeres de la Tierra.

Director Luna entered the meeting.

- B. Approve draft committee and board meeting agendas, and schedule for February 2023.

Chair Ortega asked Directors if there were any comments, additions, or corrections to the February 2023 draft packet. Chair Ortega announced Item 6 on the Board Retreat Agenda should be an action item should the Board decide to provide direction to staff at the retreat.

The following Director(s) asked questions or made comments:

Director(s)

1. Peterson

Staff responded to the Director(s) questions or comments.

Chair Ortega called for the vote on Item 3A.

Director Pressman made a motion, seconded by Director Sutley to approve the consent calendar Item 3A as listed.

The vote was:

- Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Camacho, Dick, Fellow, Gray, Jung, Kurtz, Luna, McCoy, Peterson, Pressman, Ramos, Smith, and Sutley
- Noes: None
- Abstentions: None
- Absent: Cordero and DeJesus

The motion for Item 3A passed by a vote of 16 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 2 absent.

Chair Ortega called for the vote on Item 3B.

Director Goldberg made a motion, seconded by Director Camacho to approve the consent calendar Item 3B as listed.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Camacho, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Gray, Jung, Luna, McCoy, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn, Ramos, Repenning, Smith, and Sutley

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Cordero

The motion for Item 3B passed by a vote of 16 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 1 absent.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

- A. Authorize Out-of-State Travel for Director(s) to attend the Association of California Water Agencies, Washington D.C. Water Conference from February 28, 2023 to March 2, 2023.

Directors Peterson, Jung, Ortega, and Repenning requested to attend the conference.

The following Director(s) asked questions or made comments:

Director(s)

1. Repenning

Staff responded to the Director(s) questions or comments.

Director Camacho made a motion, seconded by Director Goldberg to approve the consent calendar Item 5A as listed.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Camacho, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Gray, Jung, Luna, McCoy, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn, Ramos, Repenning, Smith, and Sutley

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Cordero

The motion for Item 5A passed by a vote of 16 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 1 absent.

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

7. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Armenian American Employee Resource Group will host a Lunar New Year celebration in the Café immediately following the committee meetings. In addition, on February 9, 2023, Municipal Water District of Orange County will host a retrospective policy forum of the late Robert J. Hunter, General Manager for Municipal Water District of Orange County tenure.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in honor of the late Robert J. Hunter, General Manager for Municipal Water District of Orange County and Director Jeff Armstrong's mother, who recently passed away at 12:25 p.m.

Adán Ortega, Jr.
Chair of the Board

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March 13 & 14, 2023

Board and Committee

Meetings

Agenda Packet



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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

BOARD UPDATES

Schedule of Meetings – March 2023

Monday, March 13

9:30 a.m.	Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee
11:00 a.m.	Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee
11:30 a.m.	Break
12:00 p.m.	Legal and Claims Committee
12:30 p.m.	Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee
2:00 p.m.	Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee

Tuesday, March 14

9:00 a.m.	One Water and Stewardship Committee
11:00 a.m.	Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee
11:30 a.m.	Break
12:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
1:00 p.m.	Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee Workshop

Tuesday, March 28

9:00 a.m.	Subcommittee on Audits
9:30 a.m.	Subcommittee on Pure Water SoCal and Regional Conveyance
10:30 a.m.	Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling
11:30 a.m.	Break
12:00 p.m.	Executive Committee
1:00 p.m.	Legal and Claims Committee Workshop

Friday, March 31

Observance of Cesar Chavez' Birthday – District Offices Closed

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EOT Committee

D. Erdman, Chair
M. Petersen, Vice Chair
D. Alvarez
M. Camacho
A. Chacon
B. Dennstedt
S. Faessel
L. Fong-Sakai
R. Lefevre
J. McMillan
C. Miller
J. Morris
G. Peterson
T. Quinn
K. Sekel
T. Smith

Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

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

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for January 9, 2023 and Minutes of the Special Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee Meeting for February 10, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-1984**

- B. Approve creating the Subcommittee on Pure Water SoCal and Regional Conveyance and establish a two year term **21-2021**

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-4** Authorize agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$8 million for the preliminary design of conveyance Reach 1 of the Pure Water Southern California program; authorize agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$9 million for preliminary design of conveyance Reach 2 for of] the Pure Water Southern California program; and adopt a resolution to support a grant application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for water recycling and desalination planning and authorize the General Manager to accept the grant if awarded; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-1964**
- 7-5** Authorize an increase of \$500,000 in change order authority for the contract to replace the overhead bridge cranes at the five Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-1965**
- 7-6** Authorize on-call agreements with Fugro USA Land, Inc., GeoPentech, Inc., Geosyntec Consultants, Inc., and Kleinfelder West, Inc., in amounts not to exceed \$3 million each, for a maximum of five years for geotechnical engineering services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-1966**
- 7-7** Award a \$394,534 contract to Slater Waterproofing, Inc. to rehabilitate concrete walls within the ozone contactor structure at the Robert A. Skinner Water Treatment Plant; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-1967**
- 7-8** Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Copper Basin Discharge Valve Replacement and Access Road Improvements Project and take related CEQA actions **21-1968**

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

5. **OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

6. **BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

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| a. | Capital Investment Plan Quarterly Report for Period Ending December 2022 | 21-1985 |
| b. | Quarterly Cybersecurity Update [Conference with Metropolitan Cybersecurity Unit Manager of Information Technology, Jacob Margolis, or designated agents on threats to public services or facilities; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957(a)] | 21-1986 |
| c. | Power Operations and Planning Update | 21-1987 |

8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

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| a. | Water System Operations Manager's Report | 21-1988 |
| b. | Engineering Services Manager's Report | 21-1989 |
| c. | Information Technology Manager's Report | 21-1990 |

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LRA&C Committee

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J. Abdo
L. Ackerman
B. Dennstedt
A. Fellow
J. Garza
G. Gray
M. Luna
J. McMillan
T. Phan
B. Pressman
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Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee - Hidden

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4. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

Zoom Online and Boardroom

NONE

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5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Report on Activities from Washington, D.C. **21-2014**
- b. Report on activities from Sacramento **21-2015**

8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. External Affairs Management Report **21-2016**

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3. **MANAGEMENT REPORTS**
 - a. General Counsel's report of monthly activities 21-2008

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee for February 13, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2005**

5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-14 Authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP for legal services related to general real estate and leasing law issues by \$100,000 to a maximum amount payable of \$200,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-1974**

- 7-15 Authorize increase of \$(TBD), to a maximum amount payable of \$(TBD), for existing General Counsel contract with Olson Remcho LLP to provide general government law advice related to the Political Reform Act, the Fair Political Practices Commission regulations, conflict of interest law and other legislative and ethics matters; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-1975**

- 7-16 Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to provide for the implementation of new legislation authorizing the use of alternative project delivery methods; adopt an organization conflict-of-interest policy governing the solicitation of a design-build or progressive design-build project; authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with Hanson Bridgett LLP, for legal services related to implementation of new legislation by \$150,000 to an amount not-to-exceed \$250,000; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-1976**

- 7-17 Report on litigation in Darren A. Reese v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2204312; and authorize increase in maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$(TBD) for a total amount not to exceed \$(TBD); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel - existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] **21-2026**

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

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee Meeting for January 24, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-1980**

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

Zoom Online and Boardroom

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| 7-1 | Authorize the General Manager to develop a Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water | 21-2022 |
| 7-2 | Adopt the Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Resolution to the Master Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$300 million of Water Revenue Bonds, 2023 Series; and approve expenditures to fund the costs of issuance of the Bonds; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA | 21-1963 |
| 7-3 | Authorize the General Manager to issue a new fifty-year license agreement, with options to extend for up to fifty additional years, to DesertXpress Enterprises, LLC for the purpose of a high-speed rail line traversing Metropolitan property; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA | 21-1962 |

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

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

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| a. | Financing Overview for Bond Issuance (SB 450) | 21-2009 |
| b. | Quarterly Investment Activities Report | 21-2010 |
| c. | Quarterly Financial Report | 21-2011 |
| d. | Revenue Report | 21-2012 |

8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

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| a. | Chief Financial Officer's Report | 21-1981 |
| b. | General Auditor's Report | 21-1982 |
| c. | Real Property Group Manager's Report | 21-1983 |

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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EO&P Committee

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L. Fong-Sakai
F. Jung
A. Kassakhian
J. McMillan
N. Sutley

Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

March 13, 2023

2:00 p.m.

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Monday, March 13, 2023 Meeting Schedule

**09:30 a.m. EOT
11:00 a.m. LRAC
11:30 a.m. Break
12:00 p.m. LC
12:30 p.m. FAIRP
02:00 p.m. EOP**

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

- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**
NONE
- 4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-11 Approve The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's salary schedules pursuant to CalPERS regulations; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA 21-1971
- 7-12 Adopt CalPERS Resolutions for Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions [CEQA] 21-1972
- 7-13 Approve proposed amendment to Administrative Code section 6471 to increase the amount of the Ethics Officer's authority to obtain professional services for external investigations from \$50,000 to \$100,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA 21-1973

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

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Health and Safety Program Update 21-2000
- b. Update on Status of Recommendation from Independent Review of Workplace Concerns 21-2001

8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Human Resources Manager's Report 21-2002
- b. Ethics Officer's Report 21-2003
- c. Equal Employment Opportunity Manager's Report 21-2004

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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OW&S Committee

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S. Faessel, Vice Chair
L. Ackerman
D. Alvarez
J. Armstrong
A. Chacon
G. Cordero
D. De Jesus
D. Erdman
L. Fong-Sakai
S. Goldberg
C. Kurtz
R. Lefevre
C. Miller
M. Petersen
G. Peterson
N. Sutley

One Water and Stewardship Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

March 14, 2023

9:00 a.m.

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**Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Meeting Schedule**

**09:00 a.m. OWS
11:00 a.m. EIA
11:30 a.m. Break
12:00 p.m. BOD
01:00 p.m. EOP Wksp**

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

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Stewardship Committee for January 9, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-1991**
- B. Approve creating the Subcommittee on Bay-Delta and establish a two year term **21-2019**

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-9** Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Western Municipal Water District, Rubidoux Community Services District, West Valley Water District, and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District to provide Rubidoux Community Services District assistance with water deliveries; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-1969**
- 7-10** Consider changes to the Water Shortage Emergency Condition and the Emergency Water Conservation Program for the State Water Project dependent area and reaffirm the Regional Drought Emergency for all member agencies; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-1970**

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

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- a.** Information on the High Desert Water Bank Program status, updated costs, and water quality **21-2023**

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a.** Proposed Grant Opportunity for Webb Tract **21-1995**
- b.** Update on Watershed Initiatives **21-1996**
- c.** Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management and Water Shortage Emergency Condition **21-1997**
- d.** Update on Conservation **21-2024**

8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a.** Colorado River Manager's Report **21-1992**
- b.** Bay-Delta Manager's Report **21-1993**
- c.** Water Resource Management Manager's Report **21-1994**

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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EI&A Committee

T. McCoy, Chair
G. Cordero, Vice Chair
D. De Jesus
L. Dick
A. Fellow
L. Fong-Sakai
J. Garza
G. Gray
M. Luna
B. Pressman
N. Sutley

Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

March 14, 2023

11:00 a.m.

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

- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

- 4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

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

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Business Outreach Update **21-1998**

8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager's Report **21-1999**

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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Board of Directors - Hidden

March 14, 2023

12:00 PM

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1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: TBD
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Director David D. De Jesus, Three Valleys Municipal Water District

2. Roll Call

3. Determination of a Quorum

4. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction. (As required by Gov. Code §54954.3(a))

5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

- A. Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense **21-1954**
- B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report **21-1955**
- C. General Manager's summary of activities **21-1956**
- D. General Counsel's summary of activities **21-1957**

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| E. | General Auditor's summary of activities | 21-1958 |
| F. | Ethics Officer's summary of activities | 21-1959 |
| G. | Presentation of Commendatory Resolution honoring Gloria D. Gray for her leadership during her term as Chair of Metropolitan's Board of Directors | 21-2018 |

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

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| A. | Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board of the Directors Meeting for January 17, 2023 and Minutes of the Board of the Directors Meeting for February 13, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) | 21-1960 |
| B. | Approve Commendatory Resolutions for Directors Phillip D. Hawkins and Robert Apodaca both representing Central Basin Metropolitan Water District; Randy Record representing Eastern Metropolitan Water District; Steve Blois representing Calleguas Metropolitan Water District; Satoru Tamaribuchi representing Metropolitan Water District of Orange County; and Harold C. Williams representing West Basin Metropolitan Water District | 21-2017 |
| C. | Approve Committee Assignments | 21-1961 |

7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

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| 7-1 | Authorize the General Manager to develop a Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water (FAIRP) | 21-2022 |
| 7-2 | Adopt the Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Resolution to the Master Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$300 million of Water Revenue Bonds, 2023 Series; and approve expenditures to fund the costs of issuance of the Bonds; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAIRP) | 21-1963 |
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- 7-4** Authorize agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$8 million for the preliminary design of conveyance Reach 1 of the Pure Water Southern California program; authorize agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$9 million for preliminary design of conveyance Reach 2 for of] the Pure Water Southern California program; and adopt a resolution to support a grant application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for water recycling and desalination planning and authorize the General Manager to accept the grant if awarded; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) **21-1964**
- 7-5** Authorize an increase of \$500,000 in change order authority for the contract to replace the overhead bridge cranes at the five Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) **21-1965**
- 7-6** Authorize on-call agreements with Fugro USA Land, Inc., GeoPentech, Inc., Geosyntec Consultants, Inc., and Kleinfelder West, Inc., in amounts not to exceed \$3 million each, for a maximum of five years for geotechnical engineering services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) **21-1966**
- 7-7** Award a \$394,534 contract to Slater Waterproofing, Inc. to rehabilitate concrete walls within the ozone contactor structure at the Robert A. Skinner Water Treatment Plant; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) **21-1967**
- 7-8** Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Copper Basin Discharge Valve Replacement and Access Road Improvements Project and take related CEQA actions (EOT) **21-1968**
- 7-9** Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Western Municipal Water District, Rubidoux Community Services District, West Valley Water District, and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District to provide Rubidoux Community Services District assistance with water deliveries; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) **21-1969**

- 7-10** Consider changes to the Water Shortage Emergency Condition and the Emergency Water Conservation Program for the State Water Project dependent area and reaffirm the Regional Drought Emergency for all member agencies; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) **21-1970**
- 7-11** Approve The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's salary schedules pursuant to CalPERS regulations; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOP) **21-1971**
- 7-12** Adopt CalPERS Resolutions for Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions [CEQA] (EOP) **21-1972**
- 7-13** Approve proposed amendment to Administrative Code section 6471 to increase the amount of the Ethics Officer's authority to obtain professional services for external investigations from \$50,000 to \$100,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOP) **21-1973**
- 7-14** Authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP for legal services related to general real estate and leasing law issues by \$100,000 to a maximum amount payable of \$200,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LC) **21-1974**
- 7-15** Authorize increase of \$(TBD), to a maximum amount payable of \$(TBD), for existing General Counsel contract with Olson Remcho LLP to provide general government law advice related to the Political Reform Act, the Fair Political Practices Commission regulations, conflict of interest law and other legislative and ethics matters; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LC) **21-1975**

- 7-16** Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to provide for the implementation of new legislation authorizing the use of alternative project delivery methods; adopt an organization conflict-of-interest policy governing the solicitation of a design-build or progressive design-build project; authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with Hanson Bridgett LLP, for legal services related to implementation of new legislation by \$150,000 to an amount not-to-exceed \$250,000; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LC) **21-1976**
- 7-17** Report on litigation in Darren A. Reese v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2204312; and authorize increase in maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$(TBD) for a total amount not to exceed \$(TBD); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel - existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] (LC) **21-2026**

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

8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-1** Conservation Program Board Report **21-1977**
- 9-2** Information on the High Desert Water Bank Program status, updated costs, and water quality **21-1978**
- 9-3** Update on supply reliability portfolios **21-1979**

10. OTHER MATTERS

NONE

11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. ADJOURNMENT

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3. **COMMITTEE ITEMS**
 - a. Board Member Teleconferencing Options 21-2020
4. **FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE
5. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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