

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMPORTED WATER

March 24, 2026

Committee Chair Gold called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Members present: Committee Chair Gold, Directors Alvarez, Camacho (entered after roll call), Cordero, Crane, Garza, Kurtz (entered after roll call), Lewitt (alternative teleconferencing), McMillan, and Miller (entered after roll call).

Members absent: Committee Vice Chair Ackerman, Directors De Jesus and Denham.

Other Board Members present: Directors Bryant, Erdman, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Gray (traditional teleconference) Katz, Board Chair Ortega, McCoy, Paule, Pressman, Quinn, Seckel, Shepherd Romey, and Board Vice Chair Sutley.

Committee Staff present: Bednarski, Crosson, Deshmukh, Dunbar, Goshi, Hasencamp, Hawk, Horton, Hudson, Maravilla, and Rubin.

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

None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION

The consent calendar vote was taken after presentation of item 3a.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS -- ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Subcommittee on Imported Water Meeting for February 24, 2026

Director Garza made a motion, seconded by Director Crane, to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Alvarez, Cordero, Crane, Garza, Gold, Lewitt, and McMillan
Noes: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Directors Ackerman, Camacho, De Jesus, Denham, Kurtz, and Miller

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 6 absent.

Director Lewitt stated he was alone in the room.

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

3. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Report on the Colorado River Board Meeting
Presented by: Director Gloria Cordero

Director Cordero reported on the meetings of the Colorado River Board that she attended on February 18 and March 11, 2026.

Board Vice Chair Sutley entered the meeting.

Director Lewitt indicated he was participating under alternative conferencing due to a physical condition and that he was alone in the room.

Director Camacho entered the meeting.

Director Kurtz entered the meeting.

Director Miller entered the meeting.

- b. Subject: Vulnerabilities and Risks to the Bay-Delta Impacting Water Supply Reliability

Presented by: Maureen Maritn, Ph.D., Manager Bay-Delta Science and Regulatory Bay-Delta Initiatives

Committee Chair Gold noted that this item is in response to the committee's request.

Nina Hawk, Chief Bay-Delta Resources/Group Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives provided introductory remarks and introduced the item.

Dr. Martin reported on the following:

- Bay-Delta overview
- Vulnerabilities and risks, which include levee failures, climate change, increasing regulations, California Aqueduct subsidence
- Key agencies and strategies
- Metropolitan's current activities

Ms. Hawk provided an overview of a Bay-Delta Calendar of some items that staff plans to bring to the Committee/Board in 2026 and next steps.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Sutley
2. Gold
3. Garza
4. Ortega
5. Erdman
6. Seckel

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

- c. Subject: Update 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)]

Presented by: Michael Hughes, Senior Deputy General Counsel
 Shanti Rosset, Colorado River Resources Policy Manager

The committee heard the item in closed session. No action was taken.

4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on April 28, 2026

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Mark Gold
Chair