

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
**December 10, 2024**

**53860** The Executive Committee and Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in a special session on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Director Faessel stated that he is using AB 2449 just cause for legislative business.

**53861** The meeting was opened with an invocation by Director Miguel Angel Luna, City of Los Angeles

**53862** The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Director Garry E. Bryant, Foothill Municipal Water District

**53863** Board Secretary Fong-Sakai administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Bryant, Cordero (teleconference posted location available for the public), Crawford De Jesus, Dennstedt, Dick, Douglas, Erdman, Faessel (AB2449-Just Cause), Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Gold, Goldberg, Gray (teleconference posted location available for the public), Jung (teleconference posted location available for the public), Kassakhian, Kurtz, Lefevre (teleconference posted location available for the public), Lewitt, Luna, McCoy, McMillan, Miller, Morris, Ortega, Petersen, Phan (teleconference posted location available for the public), Pressman (teleconference posted location available for the public), Ramos, Seckel, Smith (teleconference posted location available for the public), and Sutley.

Board Executive Secretary Fong-Sakai declared a quorum present.

Directors entered the meeting after the roll call: Camacho and Quinn.

Chair Ortega introduced the Director Fellow to introduce the Member Agency Manager Guest Jennifer Santana, Board President, and Tom Love, General Manager of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. Director Fellow, Ms. Santana, and Mr. Love made remarks.

Directors Quinn and Camacho entered the meeting.

**53864** Chair Ortega invited members of the public to address the limited to the items listed on the agenda. Chair Ortega announced that given the substantial number of items on today's agenda, each speaker will be allotted one and half minutes to present their remarks (in-person and via teleconference).

	Name	Affiliation	Comment
1.	Russ Bryden	San Gabriel Basin WaterMaster	Item 8-4
2.	Conner Everts	Environmental Water Caucus	Item 8-4
3.	Ernesto Medrano	Executive Secretary of the LA and OC Building Council	Item 8-4
4.	Andrew Gonzales	LA and OC Building Council	Item 8-4
5.	Jeremy Smith	California State Building Trades	Item 8-4
6.	Darcy Burke	Elsinore Valley MWD	Item 8-4
7.	J.D. Harky	Rancho California Water District	Item 8-4
8.	Jason Martin	Rancho Water District	Item 8-4
9.	Robert Cheng	Coachella Valley Water District, Assistant General Manager	Item 8-4
10.	Cintia Cortez	Restore the Delta	Item 8-4
11.	Krystal Moreno	Shingle Springs Band of	Item 8-4
12.	Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla	Restore the Delta	Item 8-4
13.	Wigs Mendoza	MWD Employee and Volunteer advocate of the Indigenous farms	Item 8-4
14.	Craig Miller	Western Water, General Manager	Item 8-4
15.	Caty Wagner	Sierra Club CA	Item 8-4

16.	Wesley Twang		Item 8-4
17.	Charlie Wilson	So Cal Water Coalition	Item 8-4
18.	Allison McKenzie	Monday Morning Group West Riverside Co. Babcock Labs	Item 8-4
19.	Richard Lambros	Southern CA Leadership Council	Item 8-4
20.	Kyle Griffith	California For Water Security	Item 8-4
21.	Tareicia Herring	CA Hawaii State Conference of NAACP	Item 8-4
22.	Chris Wilson	LA Biz Fed	Item 8-4
23.	Scott Quady	President Calleguas Municipal Water District Board of Directors	Item 8-4
24.	Jeremy Smith	State Bldg & Construction Trades Council	Item 8-4
25.	Edward Sanders	Groundswell Water Justice	Item 8-4
26.	Martin Rodriguez	President Tri-Counties Building Trades Council	Item 8-4
27.	Tommy Favay	IBEW Workers	Item 8-4
28.	Kerry Garvis Wright	Legal counsel for Adel Hagekhalil	Item 8-4
29.	Mary Stainage	Rebuild So Cal Partners	Item 8-4
30.	Ancerno Estrada	San Diego Country Building and Construction	Item 8-4
31.	Amanda Walsh	Orange County Business Council	Item 8-4
32.	Kent Coat		Item 8-4
33.	Carol Kim	San Diego Country Building and Construction	Item 8-4
34.	Mark Gray	Construction Industry Coalition Water Quality	Item 8-4

35.	Greg Thomas	EV MWD	Item 8-4
36.	Maura Monaghan	LA Water Keepers	Item 8-4
37.	Sandra Rose	Monte Vista Water District	Item 8-4
38.	Brianna Robles	Resident of San Gabriel Valley	Item 8-4
39.	Lane Fajo	Resident of the Delta	Item 8-4
40.	Katya Irvin	Resident of Santa Clara	Item 8-4
41.	Voole Tang	American Council of Engineering Companies	Item 8-4
42.	Chris Anderson	California Chamber of Commerce	Item 8-4
43.	Luis Portillo	San Gabriel Valley Economics	Item 8-4
44.	Megan Zerga	Resident of LA	Item 8-4
45.	Lair Pierce	Secure Water Alliance & the 13 community labor and business organizations	Item 8-4
46.	Andrew Pozullo	Southern California organizer with food and water watch	GM Administrative Leave
47.	James Finney Conlin	LA Area Chamber	Item 8-4
48.	Victor Reyes		Item 8-4
49.	Hans Jonson		Item 8-4
50.	Ken Sanford		Item 8-4
51.	Jon Minnahan	Lodi Stockton	Item 8-4
52.	Nicholas Adcock	Riverside Chambers of Commerce	Item 8-4

Chair Ortega announced with reordering the agenda to take items 8G and 8-4.

**53865** Review and consider the Lead Agency's certified 2023 Final EIR for the DCP (Delta Conveyance Project), take related CEQA actions, and authorize the General Manager to enter into an amended agreement for preconstruction work on the DCP planned for 2026-2027. By approving Option 1, the Board is not approving the DCP, as reflected in the statement of overriding considerations which is limited to the preconstruction funding only (Board Item 8-4).

**53866** Update on Delta Conveyance Project: Welcome, Mr. Wade Crowfoot, California Secretary for Natural Resources (Agenda Item 8G).

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

Director(s)

1. Quinn
2. Fellow
3. Sutley
4. Miller
5. Kurtz
6. Petersen
7. Gold
8. Lewitt
9. Luna
10. Ortega

Staff and Mr. Crowfoot responded to the Director's comments and questions.

Director Gray left the meeting.

Director Quinn moved, seconded by Director Camacho, that the Board approve the Board Item 8-4 as follows:

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve the Board Item 8-4.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:	8-4								
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6306	Faessel	x	x	6306				
Beverly Hills	4677	Pressman	x	x	4677				
Burbank	3330	Ramos	x	x	3330				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13627	McMillan	x	x	13627				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	20265	Garza	x	x	10133				
		Crawford	x	x	10133				
			Subtotal:		20265				
Compton	678	McCoy	x	x	678				
Eastern Municipal Water District	13623	Armstrong	x	x	13623				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2543	Bryant	x	x	2543				
Fullerton	2766	Jung	x	x	2766				
Glendale	4165	Kassakhian	x	x	4165				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	17103	Camacho	x	x	17103				
Las Virgenes	3224	Lewitt	x	x	3224				
Long Beach	6805	Cordero	x	x	6805				
Los Angeles	83835	Sutley	x	x	16767				
		Petersen	x	x	16767				
		Quinn	x	x	16767				
		Luna	x	x	16767				
		Douglas	x	x	16767				
			Subtotal:		83835				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	68102	Ackerman	x	x	17026				
		Seckel	x	x	17026				
		Dick	x	x	17026				
		Erdman	x	x	17026				
			Subtotal:		68102				
Pasadena	4042	Kurtz	x	x	4042				
San Diego County Water Authority	70158	Fong-Sakai	x	x	17540				
		Goldberg	x	x	17540				
		Miller	x	x	17540				
		Smith	x	x	17540				
			Subtotal:		70158				
San Fernando	274	Ortega	x	x	274				
San Marino	836	Morris	x	x	836				
Santa Ana	3569	Phan	x	x	3569				
Santa Monica	5055	Gold	x			x	5055		
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	9019	De Jesus	x	x	9019				
Torrance	3781	Lefevre	x	x	3781				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	14079	Fellow	x	x	14079				
West Basin Municipal Water District	28764	Alvarez	x	x	28764				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		28764				
Western Municipal Water District	15689	Dennstedt	x	x	15689				
<b>Total</b>	<b>406315</b>				<b>401260</b>		<b>5055</b>		
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>0</b>								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-4 (**M.I. No. 53865**) passed by a vote of 401,260 ayes; 5,055 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 0 absent.

Director Faessel, using AB 2449 just cause, did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.

The Board took a brief recess and reconvened at 3:04 p.m.

**JOINT EXECUTIVE AND BOARD OF DIRECTOR ITEMS**

**53867** Approve censuring Director Morris by issuing a written public rebuke of his conduct and notifying his member agency; imposing restrictions on his travel on behalf of Metropolitan, including ceasing funding and prohibiting him from representing Metropolitan at any events; counseling by a professional and evaluation by the Ad Hoc Committee to consider the rehabilitation and lifting those travel restrictions after the end of twelve months; and voluntarily not participating in closed session items regarding the General Manager (Board Item 8-7).

Chair Ortega called on General Counsel Marcia Scully and Jonaura Wisdom to report on Item 8-7.

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

**Director(s)**

1. Douglas
2. Kurtz
3. McMillan
4. Morris
5. Camacho
6. Quinn
7. Dick
8. Jung
9. Goldberg
10. Cordero
11. Armstrong
12. Gold
13. Luna
14. Miller
15. Fong-Sakai
16. Ramos
17. Ackerman
18. Ortega
19. Kassakhian

Staff responded to the Directors' comments and questions.

Directors Faessel, Petersen, and Phan left the meeting.

Director Camacho moved, seconded by Director Douglas, that the Board approve the Board Item 8-7 as follows:

Chair Ortega called for a vote on the motion for Agenda Item 8-7 as stated.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:	8-7								
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6306	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4677	Pressman	x	x	4677				
Burbank	3330	Ramos	x	x	3330				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13627	McMillan	x	x	13627				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	20265	Garza	x	x	10133				
		Crawford	x	x	10133				
			Subtotal:		20265				
Compton	678	McCoy	x	x	678				
Eastern Municipal Water District	13623	Armstrong	x	x	13623				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2543	Bryant	x	x	2543				
Fullerton	2766	Jung	x	x	2766				
Glendale	4165	Kassakhian	x					x	4165
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	17103	Camacho	x	x	17103				
Las Virgenes	3224	Lewitt	x	x	3224				
Long Beach	6805	Cordero	x	x	6805				
Los Angeles	83835	Sutley	x	x	20959				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	20959				
		Luna	x	x	20959				
		Douglas	x	x	20959				
			Subtotal:		83835				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	68102	Ackerman	x	x	17026				
		Seckel	x	x	17026				
		Dick	x	x	17026				
		Erdman	x	x	17026				
			Subtotal:		68102				
Pasadena	4042	Kurtz	x	x	4042				
San Diego County Water Authority	70158	Fong-Sakai	x	x	17540				
		Goldberg	x	x	17540				
		Miller	x	x	17540				
		Smith	x	x	17540				
			Subtotal:		70158				
San Fernando	274	Ortega	x	x	274				
San Marino	836	Morris	x	x	836				
Santa Ana	3569	Phan							
Santa Monica	5055	Gold	x	x	5055				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	9019	De Jesus	x	x	9019				
Torrance	3781	Lefevre	x	x	3781				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist	14079	Fellow	x	x	14079				
West Basin Municipal Water District	28764	Alvarez	x	x	28764				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		28764				
Western Municipal Water District	15689	Dennstedt	x	x	15689				
<b>Total</b>	<b>406315</b>				<b>392275</b>				<b>4165</b>
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>9875</b>								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-7 (**M.I. No. 53867**) passed by a vote of 392,275 ayes; 0 noes; 4,165 abstain; 0 not voting; and 9,875 absent.



## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS**

### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Executive Committee of July 31, 2023, and the Special Executive Committee of November 20, 2024.

Chair Ortega asked the Directors if there were any additions, corrections, or omissions on the minutes for either meeting. None were made.

- B. Approve the draft of the Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for January 2025.

Chair Ortega asked if there were any additions or deletions to the January 2025 draft packet. No comments were made.

Chair Ortega called for the vote on Items 5A and 5B.

Director Sutley made a motion, seconded by Director Camacho, to approve the consent calendar Items 6A and 6B as listed.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Armstrong, Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Goldberg, Jung, Luna, McCoy, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn, Smith, and Sutley.

Abstention: None

Recusal: None

Absent: Gray

The motion for Items 6A and 6B passed by a vote of 16 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 1 absent.

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

### **7. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Subject: Report on the Colorado River Board Meeting

Director Cordero reported on the Colorado River meeting activities.

- b. Subject: Colorado River Activities

Presented by: William Hasencamp

Mr. Hasencamp reported on Colorado River activities.

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

Director(s)

1. Dick
2. Sutley
3. Ortega

Staff responded to the Director's comments and questions.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR ITEMS**

**53868** Chair Ortega asked if there were any corrections to the report of events attended by Directors at Metropolitan's expense during the month of November, as previously posted and distributed to the Board. None were made.

**53869** Chair Ortega referred to the Chair's monthly report, which was previously posted and distributed to the Board.

Chair Ortega called on Director Smith. Director Smith announced he will be retiring from the Metropolitan Board effective December 31, 2024.

**53870** Interim General Manager Upadhyay reported on Governor Newsom's visit, ACWA and CRWUA conferences, the inaugural MVET Trial Rider, the grants office, the water resources foundation, and the business outreach MetWorks.

**53871** General Counsel Scully stated that she did not have anything to add to her written report.

**53872** General Auditor Suzuki reported that he has been with Metropolitan for two years and appreciate the board and staff report.

**53873** Ethics Officer Salinas reported on the Shaw Law Group survey and Form 700 filings.

**53874** Chair Ortega asked the Directors if there were any comments or discussions on the Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for October 8, 2024, the Special Joint Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting for October 21, 2024, and the Special Board of Directors Meeting for November 19, 2024 (Agenda Item 9A).

Chair Ortega announced there are no committee assignments (Agenda Item 9B).

Chair Ortega announced that Chair and Vice Chair appointments have been deferred (Agenda Item 9C).

**53875** Approve waiver of the administrative code to extend the term of Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs through the end of February 2025 (Agenda Item 9D).

Chair Ortega asked if there are any questions. None were made.

Chair Ortega called on Directors who are requesting that any items be pulled from the Consent Calendar Action Items and to state any recusals, abstentions, and disclosures. None were made.

**53876** Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 6451 regarding the Audit Department Charter, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-1 board letter.

**53877** Award a \$588,000 contract to Heed Engineering for construction of drainage control improvements at the Lake Skinner Dam, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-2 board letter.

**53878** Authorize an increase of \$250,000, to a maximum amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the workers' compensation legal services contract with the law firm Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer, Jensen, LLP, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-3 board letter.

**53879** Authorize a professional services agreement with Public Financial Management Asset Management LLC, a subsidiary of US Bancorp Asset Management Inc., to provide investment management services, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-4 board letter.

Director Camacho moved, seconded by Director Pressman, that the Board approve the Consent Calendar Items 9A, 9D, and 7-1 through 7-4 as follows:

Directors Cordero, Crawford, Gold, Kassakhian, McMillan, and Morris left the meeting.

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve the Consent Calendar Items 9A, 9D, 7-1 through 7-4.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Consent Item(s): 9A, 9D, and 7-1 through 7-4									
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6306	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4677	Pressman	x	x	4677				
Burbank	3330	Ramos	x	x	3330				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13627	McMillan							
Central Basin Municipal Water District	20265	Garza	x	x	20265				
		Crawford							
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Compton	678	McCoy	x	x	678				
Eastern Municipal Water District	13623	Armstrong	x	x	13623				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2543	Bryant	x	x	2543				
Fullerton	2766	Jung	x	x	2766				
Glendale	4165	Kassakhian							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	17103	Camacho	x	x	17103				
Las Virgenes	3224	Lewitt	x	x	3224				
Long Beach	6805	Cordero							
Los Angeles	83835	Sutley	x	x	20959				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	20959				
		Luna	x	x	20959				
		Douglas	x	x	20959				
			Subtotal:		83835				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	68102	Ackerman	x	x	17026				
		Seckel	x	x	17026				
		Dick	x	x	17026				
		Erdman	x	x	17026				
			Subtotal:		68102				
Pasadena	4042	Kurtz	x	x	4042				
San Diego County Water Authority	70158	Fong-Sakai	x	x	17540				
		Goldberg	x	x	17540				
		Miller	x	x	17540				
		Smith	x	x	17540				
			Subtotal:		70158				
San Fernando	274	Ortega	x	x	274				
San Marino	836	Morris							
Santa Ana	3569	Phan							
Santa Monica	5055	Gold							
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	9019	De Jesus	x	x	9019				
Torrance	3781	Lefevre	x	x	3781				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist	14079	Fellow	x	x	14079				
West Basin Municipal Water District	28764	Alvarez	x	x	28764				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		28764				
Western Municipal Water District	15689	Dennstedt	x	x	15689				
<b>Total</b>	<b>406315</b>				<b>365952</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>40363</b>								

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 9A, 9D, 7-1 through 7-4 (**M.I. No. 53874 through 53879**) passed by a vote of 365,952 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 40,363 absent.

Director Lefevre announced he would be retiring from the Metropolitan Board effective December 31, 2024.

Chair Ortega called on the Directors to make a request if they wanted to discuss or vote separately or together on Items 8-1, 8-2, 8-3, and 8-6. No Director requested the items be voted on separately, so the Chair proceeded with one vote on the Board Items. The individual vote tally is reflected on the record.

**53880** Approve additional funding, in an amount not to exceed \$35 million over the next two years (Fiscal Years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026), to support the Zero-Emission Vehicle Transition Program at Metropolitan and partially mitigate high operational risk (Agenda Item 8-1).

**53881** Authorize entering into one or more agreements with the United States Bureau of Reclamation to accept up to \$125,472,855 in grant funding through the WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Program (Agenda Item 8-2).

**53882** Adopt CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the Antelope Valley-East Kern High Desert Water Bank and the Turf Replacement Programs were previously addressed in various CEQA documents and related actions, and authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to implement phase two of the LC Conservation Program (Agenda Item 8-3).

**53883** Adopt Legislative priorities and principles for 2025 (Agenda Item 8-6).

Director Dick moved, seconded by Director Camacho, that the Board approve the Board Item 8-1, 8-2, 8-3, and 8-6 as follows:

Chair Ortega called for a vote on the motion for Board Items 8-1, 8-2, 8-3, and 8-6 as stated at Committee.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:	8-1, 8-2, 8-3, and 8-6								
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6306	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4677	Pressman	x	x	4677				
Burbank	3330	Ramos	x	x	3330				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13627	McMillan							
Central Basin Municipal Water District	20265	Garza	x	x	20265				
		Crawford							
			Subtotal:		20265				
Compton	678	McCoy	x	x	678				
Eastern Municipal Water District	13623	Armstrong	x	x	13623				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2543	Bryant	x	x	2543				
Fullerton	2766	Jung	x	x	2766				
Glendale	4165	Kassakhian							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	17103	Camacho	x	x	17103				
Las Virgenes	3224	Lewitt	x	x	3224				
Long Beach	6805	Cordero							
Los Angeles	83835	Sutley	x	x	20959				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	20959				
		Luna	x	x	20959				
		Douglas	x	x	20959				
			Subtotal:		83835				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	68102	Ackerman	x	x	17026				
		Seckel	x	x	17026				
		Dick	x	x	17026				
		Erdman	x	x	17026				
			Subtotal:		68102				
Pasadena	4042	Kurtz	x	x	4042				
San Diego County Water Authority	70158	Fong-Sakai	x	x	17540				
		Goldberg	x	x	17540				
		Miller	x	x	17540				
		Smith	x	x	17540				
			Subtotal:		70158				
San Fernando	274	Ortega	x	x	274				
San Marino	836	Morris							
Santa Ana	3569	Phan							
Santa Monica	5055	Gold							
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	9019	De Jesus	x	x	9019				
Torrance	3781	Lefevre	x	x	3781				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	14079	Fellow	x	x	14079				
West Basin Municipal Water District	28764	Alvarez	x	x	28764				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		28764				
Western Municipal Water District	15689	Dennstedt	x	x	15689				
<b>Total</b>	<b>406315</b>				<b>365952</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>40363</b>								

The motion to approve the Board Items 8-1, 8-2, 8-3, and 8-6 (**M.I. No. 53880 through 53883**) passed by a vote of 365,952 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 40,363 absent.

**53884** Chair Ortega asked if there were questions or need for discussion on Board Information Items 9-1 or 9-2. No requests were made.

**53885** Chair Ortega asked if there were any Follow-Up Items. Chair Ortega announced that Margie Wheeler, Board Executive Officer, will be retiring, and Jon Rubin will be the interim Board Executive Officer.

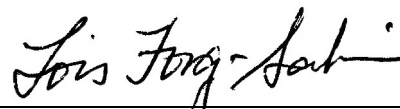
The following Director(s) asked questions or made comments:

Director(s)

1. Luna
2. Fellow

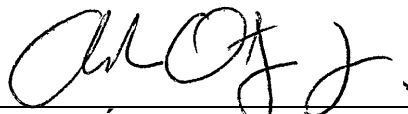
**53886** Chair Ortega asked if there were any Future Agenda Items. No requests were made.

**53887** There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned in honor of the late Director Jim Blake at 4:44 p.m.



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**LOIS FONG-SAKAI**  
**BOARD SECRETARY**



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**ADÁN ORTEGA, JR.**  
**CHAIR OF THE BOARD**