

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**ONE WATER AND ADAPTATION COMMITTEE**

**April 7, 2025**

Vice Chair Katz called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Cordero, Erdman, Gold, Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, and Miller.

Members absent: Directors Pressman and Quinn.

Other Board Members present: Directors Camacho, Fellow, Goldberg, Lefevre, McCoy, Ortega, Seckel, and Shepherd Romey.

Committee Staff present: Bednarski, Crosson, Goshi, Hasencamp, Munguia, Rubin, Schlotterbeck, and Upadhyay.

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

Public Speakers included:

1. Caty Wagner, Sierra Club, spoke in opposition of 6c.
2. Ron Stalk, Friends of the River, spoke in opposition of 6c.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION**

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

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting One Water and Stewardship Committee for March 10, 2025

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

Director Ackerman read a recusal statement for item 7-16.

Director Erdman read a disclosure statement for item 7-16.

Director Cordero read a disclosure statement for items 7-14 and 7-15.

Director Miller requested to see the presentation for items 7-12 to 7-17.

Mr. Brandon Goshi, Manager, Water Resource Management, provided brief background information on the Conjunctive Use Program and introduced Mr. Matthew Hacker who gave an overview presentation of items 7-12 to 7-17.

**7-11**    Subject:            Authorize the General Manager to extend California Contractor Forbearance for Intentionally Created Surplus; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

          Motion:            Authorize the General Manager to extend California Contractor Forbearance for Intentionally Created Surplus.

          Presented by:      None.

**7-12**    Subject:            Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Foothill Area Conjunctive Use Program Agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

          Motion:            Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Foothill Area Conjunctive Use Program Agreement.

          Presented by:      Matthew D. Hacker, Sr. Resource Specialist

**7-13**    Subject:            Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Live Oak Basin Conjunctive Use Program Agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA.

          Motion:            Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Live Oak Basin Conjunctive Use Program Agreement.

          Presented by:      Matthew D. Hacker, Sr. Resource Specialist

**7-14**    Subject:            Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Long Beach Conjunctive Use Program Agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

          Motion:            Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Long Beach Conjunctive Use Program Agreement.

          Presented by:      Matthew D. Hacker, Sr. Resource Specialist

- 7-15**    Subject:            Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Long Beach Expansion into Lakewood Conjunctive Use Program Agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Motion:            Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Long Beach Expansion into the Lakewood Conjunctive Use Program Agreement.
- Presented by:    Matthew D. Hacker, Sr. Resource Specialist
- 7-16**    Subject:            Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Orange County Conjunctive Use Program Agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Motion:            Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Orange County Conjunctive Use Program Agreement.
- Presented by:    Matthew D. Hacker, Sr. Resource Specialist
- 7-17**    Subject:            Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Compton Conjunctive Use Program Agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Motion:            Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Compton Conjunctive Use Program Agreement.
- Presented by:    Matthew D. Hacker, Sr. Resource Specialist

Director Miller made a motion, seconded by Director Kurtz, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2a, 7-11, 7-12, 7-13, 7-14, 7-15, 7-16, and 7-17.

The vote was:

- Ayes:                    Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Cordero, Erdman, Gold, Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, and Miller.
- Noes:                    None.
- Recusals:              Director Ackerman (item 7-16).
- Abstentions:          Director Alvarez (item 2a).
- Absent:                 Directors Pressman and Quinn.

The motion for item 2a passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstention, and 2 absent.

The motion for item 7-16 passed by a vote of 10, ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, 1 recusal, and 2 absent.

The motion for items 7-11, 7-12, 7-13, 7-14, 7-15, and 7-17 passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent.

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

### **4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

NONE.

### **5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE.

### **6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

a. Subject: Conservation Quarterly Update

Presented by: Elise M. Goldman, Manager, Water Efficiency Team

The following Director provided comments or asked questions.

1. Gold

Staff responded to the Directors' question.

b. Subject: Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management

Presented by: Larry Lai, Resource Specialist, Water Resource Management

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Katz

Staff responded to the Directors' question.

- c.        Subject:        Sites Reservoir Project Benefits and Risks Part 1
- Presented by:    Maureen Martin, Manager,  
                                 Bay-Delta Science and Regulatory Strategy

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Katz

Staff responded to the Directors' question.

- d.        Subject:        Update on Basin States Discussions Regarding Post-2026  
                                 Operational Guidelines
- Presented by:    Shanti Rossett, Special Projects Manager

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Gold
2. Kurtz

Staff responded to Directors' questions and comments.

- e.        Subject:        Carbon Sequestration and Capture Opportunities
- Presented by:    Liz Crosson, Chief Sustainability  
                                 Resiliency & Innovation Officer

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Erdman
2. Seckel
3. Miller
4. Gold
5. Ortega

Staff responded to Directors' questions and comments.

- f.        Subject:        Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction  
                                 Authority Meeting
- Presented by:    Maureen Martin, Manager,  
                                 Bay-Delta Science and Regulatory Strategy

Ms. Martin provided the report.

- g.      Subject:      Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction  
                                 Authority Meeting

Presented by:    Director Gloria Cordero

Director Cordero provided the report.

## **7.      MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a.      Subject:      Bay-Delta Resources activities  
                                 Colorado River Resources activities  
                                 Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation activities  
                                 Water Resource Management activities

John Bednarski, Assistant General Manager, remarked that there was nothing more to report on beyond the written reports attached to the meeting agenda.

## **8.      FOLLOW UP ITEMS**

None.

## **9.      FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **10.    ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on May 12, 2025

The meeting adjourned at 4:44p.m.

Mel Katz  
Vice Chair