

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September 24, 2024

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

Members present: Directors Armstrong (teleconference posted location), Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus (teleconference posted location), Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Goldberg, Gray (teleconference posted location), Jung (teleconference posted location), McCoy, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn (entered after roll call), Smith (teleconference posted location), and Sutley.

Members absent: Directors Luna.

Other Board members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Bryant, Dennstedt, Dick, Douglas (teleconference posted location - entered after roll call), Fellow, Gold, Kurtz, Lefevre, Lewitt, McMillan (entered after roll call), Miller, Morris, and Seckel.

Committee staff present: Chapman, Hudson, Salinas, Suzuki, Torres, Upadhyay, Wheeler, and Zinke.

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

	Name	Affiliation	Comment
1.	Connor Everts		Items 7a and 7b
2.	Kerry Garvis Wright	Glaser Weil Fink Howard Jordan & Shapiro LLP	Items 7a and 7b
3.	Caty Wagner	Sierra Club California	Items 7a and 7b
4.	Maura Monagan	LA Waterkeeper	Items 7a and 7b
5.	David Nahai	Resident	Items 7a and 7b
6.	Hilary Norton	FastLink DTLA/Formal California Transportation Commissioner	Items 7a and 7b
7.	Nancy Blastos	Redlands Resident	Items 7a and 7b
8.	Cynthia Cortez	Policy Manager, Restore the Delta	Items 7a and 7b
9.	Charmin Evelyn	Sierra Club Water Committee Chair/Vice Chair Environmental and Social Justice Committee	Items 7a and 7b
10.	Jolene Fuentes	MWD Employee	Items 7a and 7b
11.	Lane (Last Name Not Provided)		Items 7a and 7b

12.	Ellen Mackey	MWD Employee	Items 7a and 7b
13.	John Armstrong	Rockland Resident	Items 7a and 7b
14.	Sydney (Last Name Not Provided)	Resident	Items 7a and 7b
15.	Wesley Chung	Rate Payer Los Angeles	Items 7a and 7b
16.	Molly (Last Name Not Provided)	Resident	Items 7a and 7b
17.	Lina Morris	Resident	Items 7a and 7b

2. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

- a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Chair Ortega

Chair Ortega reported that he would like to dedicate today's meeting to honor the career of Ms. Amy Chen, San Diego County Water Authority, after a 30-year tenure. In addition, the meeting to be adjourned in honor of the victims of 9/11.

- b. Subject: Interim General Manager's Report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: Assistant General Manager Chapman

Assistant General Manager Chapman reported on the following:

- Interim General Manager Upadhyay traveling on Metropolitan business
- Impact of the wildfires near Metropolitan facilities
- Update on the coming shutdown preparations

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

Presented by: Assistant General Counsel Henry Torres

Assistant General Counsel Torres stated he had nothing to add to the report.

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

Presented by: General Auditor Suzuki

General Auditor Suzuki stated that the next Audit Subcommittee of the Executive Committee will be on October 22, 2024.

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

Presented by: Ethics Officer Abel Salinas

Ethics Officer Salinas stated he had nothing to add to his report.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Executive Committee Meeting for July 9, 2024.

Chair Ortega asked the Directors if there were any additions, corrections, or omissions on the minutes of the July 9, 2024, Special Executive Committee Meeting. None were made.

- B. Approve the draft of the Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for October 2024.

Chair Ortega announced the Board meeting start time will be 1:00 p.m. and asked if there were any additions or deletions to the October 2024 draft packet.

Committee Chair Erdman reported that at the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee the following subject has been revised:

Authorize debt financing, in an amount not to exceed \$35 million over the next two years, for vehicle purchases to support progress towards the goals of Metropolitan's Climate Action Plan and comply with the regulatory mandated transition of Metropolitan's fleet to zero-emission vehicles.

Chair Ortega handed the meeting over to Board Vice Chair Camacho for items 4A and 4B.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

- A. Subject: Establish procedures for elections for Board Chair in October 2024 and Board Secretary in November 2024; which may include setting a forum for communicating candidate views and providing notice of proposed nominations

Presented by: Board Executive Secretary Hudson

Ms. Hudson reported on the election process procedures. No questions or comments.

- B. Subject: Approve candidates for Board Chair for two-year term effective January 1, 2025

Board Vice Chair Camacho asked for nominations. Director Armstrong nominated Chair Ortega. Chair Ortega accepted the nomination.

Director Quinn entered the meeting.

Directors Gray and Smith left the meeting.

Board Vice Chair Camacho called for the vote on Items 3A, 3B, 4A, and 4B.

Director Sutley made a motion, seconded by Director Quinn, to approve the consent calendar Items 3A, 3B, 4A, and 4B as presented, listed, and revised.

The vote was:

- Ayes: Directors Armstrong, Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Goldberg, Jung, McCoy, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn, and Sutley.
- Abstention: None
- Recusal: None
- Absent: Gray, Luna, and Smith

The motion for Item 3A and 3B passed by a vote of 14 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 4 absent.

The meeting was handed back to Chair Ortega.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

5. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Subject: Palo Verde Community Enhancement Collaborative.

Presented by: Director De Jesus

Director De Jesus reported the Palo Verde Community Enhancement Collaboration.

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

Presented by: Director Cordero

Director Cordero reported on the Colorado River Board Meeting.

- c. Subject: Colorado River Activities

Presented by: Joseph Vanderhorst

Mr. Vanderhorst reported on Colorado River activities.

The following Director provided comments or asked questions:

Director(s)

1. Dick

Staff responded to the Director's comments and questions.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

The next Audit Subcommittee of the Executive Committee will be on October 22, 2024.

7. OTHER COMMITTEE ITEMS - ACTION

- a. Subject: Review of Department Head Performance Evaluation employee performance evaluation: General Manager.

- b. Subject: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Chair Ortega called the meeting into closed session to discuss Items 7a and 7b to discuss the department head performance evaluation General Manager and public employee discipline/dismissal/release pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.

Director Kurtz left the meeting.

The Committee returned to open session at 2:14; in closed session the Committee discussed Items 7a and 7b . No action was taken in closed session.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Erdman requests an update on Solar Cup Program. Director Pressman requested information on Board Chair receiving compensation.

The following Director provided comments or asked questions:

Director(s)

1. Camacho
2. Pressman
3. Sutley
4. Ortega
5. Morris

10.ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in remembrance of the victims of 9/11 at 2:20 p.m.

Adán Ortega, Jr.
Chair of the Board