

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON PURE WATER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND REGIONAL
CONVEYANCE**

June 25, 2024

Chair Camacho called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Members present: Directors Alvarez, Camacho, Fellow (teleconference location posted), Fong-Sakai, Lefevre (teleconference location posted), McMillan, Morris, Seckel, and Smith.

Members absent: Director Luna.

Other Board members present: Directors Abdo, Armstrong, Bryant, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Dick, Erdman, Goldberg, Gray (teleconference location posted), Kurtz, Lewitt, McCoy, Miller (teleconference location posted), and Ortega.

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Chapman, Chaudhuri, Hattar, Martinez, Schlotterbeck, and Upadhyay.

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

None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS ACTION-

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS ACTION

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance for March 26, 2024.

Director Seckel made a motion, seconded by Director Morris, to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2a.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Alvarez, Camacho, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Lefevre, McMillan, Morris, Seckel, and Smith
Noes: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Director Luna

The motion for Item 2a passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent.

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

3. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Update on the Moulton Niguel Water District's Oasis Direct Potable Reuse Program
Presented by: Matt Collins, Assistant General Manager, Moulton Niguel Water District

Mr. Collins reported on the following:

- Alignment opportunities to partner for regional solutions, interagency collaboration, and resiliency planning
- Reducing ocean discharge through maximizing wastewater reuse
- Incorporating a watershed education center, making it a cornerstone for education in Orange County for future generations
- Overview of the planned Direct Potable Reuse treated wastewater program, supplementing recycled water system through storm water capture and water runoff
- Creative partnerships to collaborate on emergency reliability, regional resilience, sustainable water supplies, and community focus

The following Director provided comments or asked questions.

1. Camacho

Staff responded to the Director's questions and comments.

- b. Subject: Pure Water Southern California Quarterly Report
Presented by: Bruce Chalmers, Program Manager – Pure Water Southern California, Engineering Services Group and Paul Rochelle, Water Quality Section Manager, Water System Operations Group

Mr. Chalmers reported on the following:

- LSWR Grant Update, received \$99 M of the \$125 M funding requested; grant funds will be shared with LACSD
- Scope of work for grant and sources of matching funds will be developed
- Finalizing negotiations with LACSD on scope of work and agreement amendment
- Potential phasing alternatives focused on Carson area demands, smaller treatment plant, shortened conveyance, and potential incorporation of DPR
- Utilizing SB 149 legislation to streamline CEQA process
- Update on environmental planning efforts including technical reports and studies being prepared for EIR

Mr. Rochelle reported on the following:

- DPR regulations and expanding Metropolitan’s DPR assessment to include both raw and treated water augmentation
- Development of a DPR research roadmap, including treatment strategies, monitoring approaches, water quality impacts, and system integration

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Smith
2. Camacho
3. Seckel
4. Lefevre
5. Miller
6. Alvarez
7. Erdman
8. Fellow
9. Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors’ questions and comments.

- c. Subject: Update on Pure Water Southern California Partner Agreements
- Presented by: Bruce Chalmers, Program Manager – Pure Water Southern California, Engineering Services Group and Jon Rubin, Executive Advisor: Water Resources & Capital Improvements, Office of the General Manager

Mr. Chalmers reported on the following:

- LACSD agreement amendment No. 2 to original 2015 agreement
- Member Agency term sheets and memorandum of agreement
- Overview of obligations of both parties for the demonstration and full-scale plant operations
- Development of key terms for amendments to expedite receipt and use of grant funds
- Shared responsibilities for treatment processes breakdown

Mr. Rubin reported on the following:

- Proposed schedule for context for advancing partnerships including: LOIs, term sheets, draft EIR, long-term binding agreements, and final EIR
- Term sheet structure with Recitals – value of Pure Water, operational principles, price terms, collaboration, and Terms – intent, expectations, and performance
- Furthering Colorado River partnerships

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Smith
2. Seckel
3. Miller

4. Erdman

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

- d. Subject: State Water Project Dependent Areas Drought Mitigation Update
Presented by: Tom Campbell, Unit Manager, Engineering Services Group

Mr. Campbell reported on the following:

- Implementation of near-term drought mitigation projects for State Water Project dependent areas, including:
- Construction progress for Wadsworth Pump Plant, Badlands Tunnel Surge Protection, Inland Feeder Rialto Pipeline projects
- Design and procurement progress for Inland Feeder Foothill Pump Station Intertie and Sepulveda Feeder Pump Stations projects
- Continuing collaboration on member agency projects
- Support for the CAMP4W process to evaluate mid- and long-term projects

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Lewitt
2. Dick
3. Lefevre

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

The next meeting will be held September 24, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Michael Camacho
Chair