

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SPECIAL JOINT ONE WATER AND ADAPTATION COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMPORTED WATER

September 23, 2025

Chair Quinn called the meeting to order at 2:48 p.m.

Members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Camacho (teleconference posted location), Cordero, DeJesus (AB2449 “Just Cause”), Garza (AB2449 “Just Cause”), Gold, Kurtz, McMillan, Miller, Quinn, Seckel, and Shepherd Romey (entered after rollcall).

Members absent: Directors Armstrong, Erdman, Katz, Lewitt, Luna, and Pressman.

Other Board Members present: Directors Denham, Feassel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai (AB2449 “Just Cause”), Jay, and Ortega.

Committee Staff present: Bednarski, Crosson (on Zoom), Goshi, Hasencamp, Horton, Munguia, and Rubin.

Chair Quinn announced that she would preside over the first two agenda items and then turn the gavel over to Director Gold.

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

Public Speakers included:

1. Devon Provoy, Accelerate Resilience Los Angeles, spoke in support of item 2a, Stormwater Pilot Program
2. Gary Bobker, Friends of the River, spoke in support of item 2a
3. Arturo Garcia, Local Government Relations, Nature Conservancy of California spoke in support of item 2a
4. Philip Mucigas, San Diego Coast Keeper, spoke in support of item 2a
5. Stephanie Courtney, Black Women for Wellness, spoke in support of item 2a
6. Maura Monahan, L.A. Waterkeeper, spoke in support of item 2a

COMMITTEE ITEMS – (INFORMATIONAL)

2. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Potential Stormwater Pilot Program

Presented by: Krista Guerrero, Sr. Resource Specialist, Water Resource Management

Mr. Brandon Goshi, Manager, Water Resource Management, provided commentary related to the potential pilot program.

Ms. Guerrero gave a presentation update on Metropolitan's staff's collaborative efforts with Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to develop a potential stormwater element to Metropolitan's successful Turf Replacement Program.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Quinn
2. Gold
3. Ortega
4. Alvarez
5. Cordero

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

Chair Quinn handed the meeting over to Subcommittee Chair Gold.

3. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

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

Mr. John Bednarski, Assistant General Manager, provided brief introductory remarks.

Mr. Bill Hasencamp, Manager of Colorado River Resources, provided brief background information on the 2002 Quantification Settlement Agreement negotiations, and he gave an oral update on Metropolitan's water rights applications to the New and Alamo Rivers. He noted that Metropolitan will submit a letter to the State Water Board withdrawing its water rights applications, although staff is exploring joint projects with the Coachella Valley and Imperial Irrigation District.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Kurtz

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Subject: Report From Subcommittee on Imported Water
Presented by: No report was given.

- b. Subject: Discuss and Provide Direction to Subcommittee on Imported Water
Presented by: No report was given.

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

- a. Subject: Bay-Delta Watershed Projects Update
Presented by: Jennifer Nevills, Program Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives

Dr. Maureen Martin provided brief introductory comments.

Ms. Jennifer Nevills gave a presentation update on the series of pilot projects in the Feather River Watershed.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Ortega
2. Gold

Staff responded to the directors questions and comments.

- b. Subject: Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Meeting
Presented by: Director McMillan

Director McMillan gave an update on activity of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board of Director's meeting held on August 21, 2025.

- c. Subject: California's Colorado River Conservation and Storage: Past, Present, and Future
Presented by: Laura Lamdin, Manager, Supply Acquisition Team

Mr. Hasencamp provided commentary and introductory remarks.

