

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

Audit Committee

September 23, 2025

Vice Chair Ramos called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Members present: Directors Dick and Ramos.

Members absent: Director Armstrong, De Jesus, Fong-Sakai, and Gray.

Other Board Members present: Denham, Faessel, Miller, Jay, Ortega, and Seckel

Committee Staff present: Andrus, Elias, Parsons, Rubin, and Suzuki.

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

NONE

2. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

A. Subject: General Auditor’s Quarterly Report

Presented by: Scott Suzuki, General Auditor

Mr. Suzuki reported on the General Auditor’s activities for the quarter ended July 31, 2025.

The following Director asked a question:

1. Seckel

Staff responded to the Director’s question.

CONSENT CALENDAR**3. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)**

- A. Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Special Audit Committee for June 23, 2025

Item deferred due to a lack of quorum.

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

****END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS******5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Subject: Global Internal Audit Standard 7.1: Organizational Independence

Presented by: Scott Suzuki, General Auditor

Mr. Suzuki spoke about organizational independence as outlined in Global Internal Audit Standard 7.1.

- b. Subject: Overview of Global Internal Audit Standards Domain III: Governing the Internal Audit Function

Presented by: Araceli Munoz, Senior Audit Manager

Ms. Andrus introduced Senior Audit Manager Araceli Muñoz, who presented on Domain III of the Global Internal Audit Standards: Governing the Internal Audit Function.

The following Director asked a question and provided comments:

1. Ramos

Staff responded to the Director's questions and comments.

Agenda item 7d was heard before 7c.

- d. Subject: Study, advise, or recommend on Board member/Board committee audit assignment requests

Presented by: Scott Suzuki, General Auditor

Mr. Suzuki introduced the item to study, advise, or recommend on Board member/Board committee audit assignment requests.

The following Directors asked questions and provided comments:

1. Dick
2. Ramos
3. Ortega
4. Miller
5. Seckel

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

- c. Subject: Discussion on individual Board member requests

Presented by: Scott Suzuki, General Auditor

Mr. Suzuki spoke about the individual Board member requests.

The following Directors asked questions and provided comments:

1. Faessel
2. Miller

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Miller requested follow up on the LRP Program, Director Dick would like follow-up on real estate items, and Chair Ortega made a recommendation for handling board member requests for audit assignments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Marsha Ramos
Vice Chair