

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Agenda

The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

Ethics Committee

K. Seckel, Chair
G. Cordero, Vice Chair
P. Daniels
C. Douglas
M. Katz
J. Lewitt
T. McCoy
P. Paule
M. Ramos
G. Shepherd Romey

Ethics Committee - Final

Meeting with Board of Directors *

June 9, 2026

11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Meeting Schedule**

**08:30 a.m. FAAME
09:30 a.m. LEGAL
11:30 a.m. ETHICS
01:30 p.m. BREAK
02:00 p.m. BOD**

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* Translated Agendas [21-5960](#)

1. Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee on matters within the committee's jurisdiction (As required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ****

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Approve the Minutes of the Ethics Committee of May 12, 2026 [21-5700](#)

Attachments: [06092026 ETHICS 2A \(05122026\) Minutes](#)

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

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

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Discuss department head performance and goal setting [Public employee performance evaluation—Ethics Officer; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957] [21-5888](#)

b. Conference with Labor Negotiator; agency designated representative: Chair of Ethics Committee Seckel; Unrepresented employee: Ethics Officer; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957 [21-5949](#)

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Ethics Officer's report on monthly activities

[21-5701](#)

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ETHICS COMMITTEE

May 12, 2026

Chair Seckel called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Members present: Directors Cordero (teleconference posted location), Katz, Lewitt, Paule, Ramos (alternative teleconferencing), Seckel, and Shepherd Romey

Members absent: Directors Douglas and McCoy

Other Board Members present: Directors Ackerman, Bryant, Crane, Dennstedt (alternative teleconferencing), Erdman (teleconference posted location), Faessel, Gray (teleconference posted location), Kurtz, McMillan, Miller, Ortega, Pressman, and Sutley

Director Dennstedt stated she was participating using alternative teleconferencing due to illness and was alone in the room.

Director Ramos stated she was participating using alternative teleconferencing due to a family emergency and was alone in the room.

Committee Staff present: Beatty, Deshmukh, Hudson, Rodriguez, Salinas, and Shope

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

NONE

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ****

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Ethics Committee for April 14, 2026.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

Director Katz made a motion, seconded by Director Lewitt, to approve the consent calendar for item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Cordero, Katz, Lewitt, Paule, Ramos, and Seckel

Noes: None

Abstentions: Shepherd Romey

Absent: Directors Douglas and McCoy

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstention, and 2 absent.

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

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Subject: Discussion of department head performance and goal setting
[Public employee performance evaluation—Ethics Officer; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957]

Presented by: Abel Salinas, Ethics Officer

In closed session, the committee heard the item. No action was taken.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Subject: Ethics Officer's report on monthly activities

Presented by: Abel Salinas, Ethics Officer

Chair Seckel announced we would receive and file the Ethics Officer's report. The report is available online.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Karl Seckel
Chair