

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
September 12, 2023

53360 The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m.

Director Goldberg is using AB 2449 due to illness.

The Board Executive Secretary announced that the 525 Via La Selva, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 teleconference location is no longer available.

53361 The Meeting was opened with an invocation by Director Barry D. Pressman, City of Beverly Hills.

53362 The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Director Fred Jung, City of Fullerton.

Chair Ortega welcomed Director Cordero, City of Long Beach, to introduce the guest Member Agency Manager Chris Garner from Long Beach Utilities Department. Director Cordero and Mr. Garner made brief remarks.

Chair Ortega announced that the Hispanic Employees Association and Metropolitan will be celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with a number of activities and social media posts. Chair Ortega made remarks in remembrance of the lives lost on the twenty second anniversary of 9/11 tragic events. Social media will show case drought-tolerant gardens in six counties in Metropolitan service area. Metropolitan will also celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Lastly, recognized the video that was posted over the Labor Day weekend of the success stories of the recent shutdown season and the employees who worked on the shutdown.

53363 Board Secretary Fong-Sakai administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Bryant, Camacho, Chacon, Cordero, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Dick, Douglas, Erdman, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Goldberg (AB2449), Gray (teleconference posted location), Jung, Kassakhian (teleconference posted location), Kurtz, Lefevre, McCoy, , Miller, Ortega, Petersen, Peterson, Phan (teleconference posted location), Pressman, Ramos, Seckel, Smith, and Sutley.

Those entered after roll call: Luna and McMillan.

Those not responding were: Directors Faessel, Morris, and Quinn.

Board Secretary Fong-Sakai declared a quorum present.

53364 Community Reflections Alan Shanahan, Executive President, American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (Local 1902).

Chair Ortega introduced Alan Shanahan, Executive President, American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (Local 1902). Mr. Shanahan made remarks regarding the organization's goals, initiatives, and 75th anniversary.

Director Luna entered after roll call.

53365 Chair Ortega invited members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction (in-person and via teleconference).

	Name	Affiliation	Item
1.	Darcy Burke	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	Inspection Trip
2.	Mark Gold	NRDC	CAMP Financial Model
3.	Joseph Mizia	Aircraft Pilot, Metropolitan Employee	Camp Medical Benefits
4.	Alan Shanahan	AFSCME Local 1902	Support General Manager

General Manager Hagekhalil made brief remarks regarding the public speakers comments.

Chair Ortega addressed the following: Other Matters and Reports.

53366 Chair Ortega referred to the Chair's monthly report, which was previously posted and distributed to the Board. In addition, a reminder to Board Members to contact the board office if they plan to attend the December 5, 2023, Special Board Meeting from Gene Camp or Union Station.

53367 General Manager Hagekhalil referred to the General Manager's monthly report, which was previously posted and distributed to the Board. In addition, General Manager Hagekhalil reported on the following:

1. Updated on Former Delta Watermaster Michael George motor vehicle accident and recovery.
2. Updated on AB 1572 co-sponsored legislation to prohibit use of potable water on non-functional turf on commercial and industrial properties.
3. Updated on Renewable Energy RFP
4. Updated on the meeting with the Inspector General
5. Updated on Office of the General Manager restructure and Delta expenditures

53368 Chair Ortega asked if there were any changes to the report of events attended by Directors at Metropolitan's expense during the month of August, as previously posted and distributed to the Board. Chair Ortega asked the Directors if there were any corrections on the item. No amendments were made.

Director McMillan entered after roll call.

53369 General Counsel Scully stated she had nothing to add to the written report.

53370 General Auditor Suzuki stated he had nothing to add to the written report.

53371 Ethics Officer Salinas provided an update to his report on state conflict of interest law and requested advice. A memorandum will be sent to the Board.

53372 Presentation of 10-year Service Pin to Director Russell Lefevre.

Director Lefevre made brief remarks.

53373 Chair Ortega asked the Directors if there were any comments or discussions on the Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for August 15, 2023. (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) (Agenda Item 7A). No amendments were made.

53374 Approve Resolution confirming Director John T. Morris for Association of California Water Agencies Region 8 Board Member (Agenda Item 7B).

53375 Approval of Committee Assignments (Agenda Item 7C). Director Luna was appointed to Chair the Legal and Claims Committee. Director Peterson was added as a member of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee. Director Douglas was added as a member of the Legal and Claims Committee and the Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee.

Chair Ortega called on Committee Chairs to give a report on Consent Calendar Action Items.

53376 Award a \$3,895,000 contract to Miller Pipeline to furnish and install internal seals in Freda Siphon Barrel No. 1 along the CRA conveyance system, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-1 board letter.

53377 (a). authorize an agreement with J.F. Shea Construction Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$9.8 million for Phase 1 design-build services for the Sepulveda Feeder Pump Stations Project; (b) Authorize an increase of \$1.5 million to an existing agreement with Carollo Engineers Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$2.49 million to serve as the owner's advisor through the Phase 1 design-build agreement; and (c) Amend Metropolitan's Project Labor Agreement to include the Sepulveda Feeder Pump Stations Project., as set forth in Agenda Item 7-2 board letter.

Committee Chair Ramos Hagekhalil made brief remarks regarding the public speakers comments.

53378 Adopt a resolution designating Metropolitan's maximum medical contributions on the highest HMO Plan Region 2, Anthem Traditional HMO, to comply with the current authorized Memoranda of Understandings set forth in Agenda Item 7-3 board letter.

53379 Review and consider Eastern Municipal Water District's certified Final Environmental Impact Report and Addendum, and take related CEQA actions, and authorize the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program Agreement with Eastern Municipal Water District for the French Valley Recycled Water Distribution Project for up to 140 AFY of recycled water for irrigation use in the Eastern Municipal Water District service area, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-4 board letter.

53380 Authorize the General Manager to execute a second amendment to extend the office lease located in Washington D.C. an additional ninety months with an option to extend another thirty-six months, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-5 board letter.

53381 Approve use of Representative Concentration Pathway 8.5 for planning purposes in the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-6 board letter.

Chair Ortega called on Directors who are requesting an item be pulled from the Consent Calendar Action Items and to hear abstentions or recusals before he called for the vote.

Director Dennstedt requested that item 7-3 be pulled from the Consent Calendar and be considered at the next meeting.

Director Armstrong recused himself on Item 7-4 due to the fact that he receives per diem from Eastern Municipal Water District, and based on state law and the MWD Act, he will not vote or participate on item 7-4 as it involves Eastern Municipal Water District.

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve Consent Calendar Items 7A, 7B, 7C, 7-1 through 7-6 (**M.I. No. 53373 through 53377 and 53379 through 53381**).

Director Garza moved, seconded by Director Jung that the Board approve the Consent Calendar Items 7A, 7B, 7C, 7-1 through 7-2, and 7-4 through 7-6 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Consent Item(s):	7A, 7B, 7C, 7-1 through 7-2, and 7-4 through 7-6								
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman	x	x	4493				
Burbank	3175	Ramos	x	x	3175				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan	x	x	13073				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x	x	9662				
		Chacon	x	x	9662				
		Subtotal:			19324				
Compton	641	McCoy	x	x	641				
Eastern Municipal Water District	11559	Armstrong	x	x	11559				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2409	Bryant	x	x	2409				
Fullerton	2561	Jung	x	x	2561				
Glendale	3985	Kassakhian	x	x	3985				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Peterson	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero	x	x	6558				
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen	x	x	20043				
		Quinn							
		Luna	x	x	20043				
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
		Subtotal:			80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman	x	x	16159				
		Seckel	x	x	16159				
		Dick	x	x	16159				
		Erdman	x	x	16159				
		Subtotal:			64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67702	Fong-Sakai	x	x	16926				
		Goldberg	x	x	16926				
		Miller	x	x	16926				
		Smith	x	x	16926				
		Subtotal:			67702				
San Fernando	260	Ortega	x	x	260				
San Marino	800	Morris							
Santa Ana	3431	Phan	x	x	3431				
Santa Monica	4861	Abdo	x	x	4861				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8634	De Jesus	x	x	8634				
Torrance	3590	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	13418	Fellow	x	x	13418				
West Basin Municipal Water District	27064	Alvarez	x	x	27064				
		Gray							
		Subtotal:			27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
Total	386141				375713				
Present and not voting									
Absent	10428								

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 7A, 7B, 7C, 7-1 through 7-2, and 7-4 through 7-6 (**M.I. No. 53373 through 53377 and 53379 through 53381**)* passed by a vote of 375,713 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 10,428 absent.

***Note: Individual vote tally for Item 7-4**

Director Armstrong recused himself on Item 7-4 due to the fact that he receives per diem from Eastern Municipal Water District, and based on state law and the MWD Act, he will not vote or participate on item 7-4 as it involves Eastern Municipal Water District. The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 7-4 passed by a vote of 364,154 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 11,559 not voting; and 10,428 absent.

***Note: Individual vote tally for Item 7-5**

Director Dick recused himself on Consent Calendar Item 7-5. The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 7-5 passed by a vote of 375,713 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 10,428 absent.

***Note: Individual vote tally for Item 7-2**

Director Phan recused herself on Consent Calendar Item 7-2 due to the fact J.F. Shea Construction Inc. is a sister company of Shea Homes which is a client of her employer. The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 7-2 passed by a vote of 372,282 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 3,431 not voting; and 10,428 absent.

Chair Ortega called on Directors to discuss Item 7-3 **Minute Item 53378**. Director Sutley moves, seconded by Director Ramos item 7-3 as reported on (Adopt a resolution designating Metropolitan's maximum medical contributions on the highest HMO Plan Region 2, Anthem Traditional HMO, to comply with the current authorized Memoranda of Understandings set forth in Agenda Item 7-3 board letter).

Director Dennstedt moves, seconded by Director Chacon for a Substitute Motion to continue the item for one month.

The following Director(s) asked questions or made comments:

Director(s)

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| 1. Dennstedt |
| 2. Ramos |
| 3. Kurtz |
| 4. De Jesus |
| 5. Alvarez |
| 6. Petersen |
| 7. Sutley |
| 8. Bryant |

Chair Ortega and Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve Substitute Motion.

Director Dennstedt moved, seconded by Director Chacon, that the Board approve the Substitute Motion on Agenda Item 7-3 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Consent Item(s):		7-3 Substitute Motion							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman	x			x	4493		
Burbank	3175	Ramos	x			x	3175		
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan	x			x	13073		
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x			x	9662		
		Chacon	x			x	9662		
			Subtotal:				19324		
Compton	641	McCoy	x			x	641		
Eastern Municipal Water District	11559	Armstrong	x			x	11559		
Foothill Municipal Water District	2409	Bryant	x			x	2409		
Fullerton	2561	Jung	x			x	2561		
Glendale	3985	Kassakhian	x			x	3985		
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x			x	16030		
Las Virgenes	3090	Peterson	x			x	3090		
Long Beach	6558	Cordero	x			x	6558		
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x			x	20043		
		Petersen	x			x	20043		
		Quinn							
		Luna	x			x	20043		
		Douglas	x			x	20043		
			Subtotal:				80172		
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman	x			x	16159		
		Seckel	x			x	16159		
		Dick	x			x	16159		
		Erdman	x			x	16159		
			Subtotal:				64634		
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x			x	3864		
San Diego County Water Authority	67702	Fong-Sakai	x			x	16926		
		Goldberg	x			x	16926		
		Miller	x			x	16926		
		Smith	x			x	16926		
			Subtotal:				67702		
San Fernando	260	Ortega	x	x	260				
San Marino	800	Morris							
Santa Ana	3431	Phan	x			x	3431		
Santa Monica	4861	Abdo	x			x	4861		
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8634	De Jesus	x			x	8634		
Torrance	3590	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dis	13418	Fellow	x			x	13418		
West Basin Municipal Water District	27064	Alvarez	x			x	27064		
		Gray							
			Subtotal:				27064		
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
Total	386141				15035		360678		
Present and not voting									
Absent	10428								

The substitute motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 7-3 failed by a vote of 15,035 ayes; 360,678 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 10,428 absent.

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve Agenda Item 7-3.

53378 Adopt a resolution designating Metropolitan's maximum medical contributions on the highest HMO Plan Region 2, Anthem Traditional HMO, to comply with the current authorized Memoranda of Understandings set forth in Agenda Item 7-3 board letter.

Director Ramos moved, seconded by Director Sutley, that the Board approve the Motion on Agenda Item 7-3 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Consent Item(s): 7-3									
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman	x	x	4493				
Burbank	3175	Ramos	x	x	3175				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan	x	x	13073				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x	x	9662				
		Chacon	x	x	9662				
			Subtotal:		19324				
Compton	641	McCoy	x	x	641				
Eastern Municipal Water District	11559	Armstrong	x	x	11559				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2409	Bryant	x	x	2409				
Fullerton	2561	Jung	x	x	2561				
Glendale	3985	Kassakhian	x	x	3985				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Peterson	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero	x	x	6558				
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen	x	x	20043				
		Quinn							
		Luna	x	x	20043				
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman	x	x	16159				
		Seckel	x	x	16159				
		Dick	x	x	16159				
		Erdman	x	x	16159				
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67702	Fong-Sakai	x	x	16926				
		Goldberg	x	x	16926				
		Miller	x	x	16926				
		Smith	x	x	16926				
			Subtotal:		67702				
San Fernando	260	Ortega	x	x	260				
San Marino	800	Morris							
Santa Ana	3431	Phan	x	x	3431				
Santa Monica	4861	Abdo	x	x	4861				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8634	De Jesus	x	x	8634				
Torrance	3590	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	13418	Fellow	x	x	13418				
West Basin Municipal Water District	27064	Alvarez	x	x	27064				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x			x	14775		
Total	386141				360938		14775		
Present and not voting									
Absent	10428								

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 7-3 (**M.I. No. 53378**)* passed by a vote of 360,938 ayes; 14,775 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 10,428 absent.

Chair Ortega called on the Committee Chairs to give a report on Board Items for action and to hear recusals, abstentions, and disclosures before any discussion on the items.

53382 Award a \$15,681,000 contract to Steve P. Rados Inc. to construct an intertie pipeline between the Inland Feeder and Rialto Pipeline. This project is part of water supply reliability improvements in the Rialto Pipeline service area, as set forth in Agenda Item 8-1 board letter.

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve Board Item 8-1 (**M.I. No. 53382**)

Director Erdman moved, seconded by Director Camacho that the Board approve the Board Item 8-1 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-1							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman	x	x	4493				
Burbank	3175	Ramos	x	x	3175				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan							
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x	x	9662				
		Chacon	x	x	9662				
			Subtotal:		19324				
Compton	641	McCoy	x	x	641				
Eastern Municipal Water District	11559	Armstrong	x	x	11559				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2409	Bryant	x	x	2409				
Fullerton	2561	Jung	x	x	2561				
Glendale	3985	Kassakhian	x	x	3985				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Peterson	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero	x	x	6558				
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen	x	x	20043				
		Quinn							
		Luna	x	x	20043				
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman	x	x	21545				
		Seckel	x	x	21545				
		Dick							
		Erdman	x	x	21545				
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67702	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	33851				
		Miller							
		Smith	x	x	33851				
			Subtotal:		67702				
San Fernando	260	Ortega	x	x	260				
San Marino	800	Morris							
Santa Ana	3431	Phan	x	x	3431				
Santa Monica	4861	Abdo	x	x	4861				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8634	De Jesus							
Torrance	3590	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	13418	Fellow	x	x	13418				
West Basin Municipal Water District	27064	Alvarez	x	x	27064				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
Total	386141				354006				
Present and not voting									
Absent	32135								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-1 (**M.I. No. 53382**) passed by a vote of 354,006 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 32,135 absent.

53383 By a two-thirds vote, authorize payments of up to \$4.16 million for participation in the State Water Contractors for FY 2023/24, as set forth in Agenda Item 8-2 board letter.

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve Board Item 8-2 (**M.I. No. 53383**)

Director Sutley moved, seconded by Director Peterson that the Board approve the Board Item 8-2 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-2							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman	x	x	4493				
Burbank	3175	Ramos	x	x	3175				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan							
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x	x	9662				
		Chacon	x	x	9662				
			Subtotal:		19324				
Compton	641	McCoy	x	x	641				
Eastern Municipal Water District	11559	Armstrong	x	x	11559				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2409	Bryant	x	x	2409				
Fullerton	2561	Jung	x	x	2561				
Glendale	3985	Kassakhian	x	x	3985				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Peterson	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero	x	x	6558				
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen	x	x	20043				
		Quinn							
		Luna	x	x	20043				
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman	x	x	16159				
		Seckel	x	x	16159				
		Dick	x	x	16159				
		Erdman	x	x	16159				
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67702	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	33851				
		Miller							
		Smith	x	x	33851				
			Subtotal:		67702				
San Fernando	260	Ortega	x	x	260				
San Marino	800	Morris							
Santa Ana	3431	Phan	x	x	3431				
Santa Monica	4861	Abdo	x	x	4861				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8634	De Jesus							
Torrance	3590	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat.	13418	Fellow	x	x	13418				
West Basin Municipal Water District	27064	Alvarez	x	x	27064				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
Total	386141				354006				
Present and not voting									
Absent	32135								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-2 (**M.I. No. 53383**) passed by a vote of 354,006 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 32,135 absent.

53384 Review and consider Addenda Nos. 1, 2, and 3 to the Mitigated Negative Declaration previously adopted by the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency for the High Desert Water Bank; approve changes to the design, construction, and operation of Water Bank facilities as discussed in this letter; and authorize up to \$80 million for additional costs associated with these changes, as set forth in Agenda Item 8-3 board letter.

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve Board Item 8-3 (**M.I. No. 53384**)

Director Sutley moved, seconded by Director Jung that the Board approve the Board Item 8-3 as follows:

Director Cordero recused herself on Consent Calendar Item 8-3 due to the fact it involves decisions that would impact Southern California, which she has a retirement plan and existing stock.

Director Erdman recused himself on Consent Calendar Item 8-3 due to the fact it he has existing stock.

The following Director(s) asked questions or made comments:

Director(s)

1. Garza

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-3							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman	x	x	4493				
Burbank	3175	Ramos	x	x	3175				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan							
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x			x	9662		
		Chacon	x	x	9662				
			Subtotal:		9662		9662		
Compton	641	McCoy	x	x	641				
Eastern Municipal Water District	11559	Armstrong	x	x	11559				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2409	Bryant	x	x	2409				
Fullerton	2561	Jung	x	x	2561				
Glendale	3985	Kassakhian	x	x	3985				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Peterson	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero	x						
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen	x	x	20043				
		Quinn							
		Luna	x	x	20043				
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman	x	x	21545				
		Seckel	x	x	21545				
		Dick	x	x	21545				
		Erdman	x						
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67702	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	33851				
		Miller							
		Smith	x	x	33851				
			Subtotal:		67702				
San Fernando	260	Ortega	x	x	260				
San Marino	800	Morris							
Santa Ana	3431	Phan	x	x	3431				
Santa Monica	4861	Abdo	x	x	4861				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8634	De Jesus							
Torrance	3590	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	13418	Fellow	x	x	13418				
West Basin Municipal Water District	27064	Alvarez	x	x	27064				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
Total	386141				337786		9662		
Present and not voting	6558								
Absent	32135								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-3 (**M.I. No. 53384**) passed by a vote of 337,786 ayes; 9,662 noes; 0 abstain; 6,558 not voting; and 32,135 absent.

53385 (a) authorize three new agricultural lease agreements with Joey DeConinck Farms, Nish Noroian Farms, and Red River Farms, thereby allowing these existing lessees to continue farming on Metropolitan's fee owned properties in the Palo Verde Valley, according to price and terms directions given in closed session; and (b) authorize

staff to issue replacement lease(s) in the event of a tenant default, as set forth in Agenda Item 8-4 board letter.

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve Board Item 8-4 (**M.I. No. 53385**)

Director Jung moved, seconded by Director Bryant that the Board approve the Board Item 8-4 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-4							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman	x	x	4493				
Burbank	3175	Ramos	x	x	3175				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan							
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x	x	9662				
		Chacon	x	x	9662				
			Subtotal:		19324				
Compton	641	McCoy	x	x	641				
Eastern Municipal Water District	11559	Armstrong	x	x	11559				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2409	Bryant	x	x	2409				
Fullerton	2561	Jung	x	x	2561				
Glendale	3985	Kassakhian							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Peterson	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero	x	x	6558				
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen	x	x	20043				
		Quinn							
		Luna	x	x	20043				
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange Coun	64634	Ackerman	x	x	16159				
		Seckel	x	x	16159				
		Dick	x	x	16159				
		Erdman	x	x	16159				
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67702	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	33851				
		Miller							
		Smith	x	x	33851				
			Subtotal:		67702				
San Fernando	260	Ortega	x	x	260				
San Marino	800	Morris							
Santa Ana	3431	Phan	x	x	3431				
Santa Monica	4861	Abdo	x	x	4861				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8634	De Jesus							
Torrance	3590	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. D	13418	Fellow	x	x	13418				
West Basin Municipal Water District	27064	Alvarez	x	x	27064				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
Total	386141				350021				
Present and not voting									
Absent	36120								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-4 (M.I. No. 53385)

passed by a vote of 350,021 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 36,120 absent.

53386 (a) authorize filing cross-complaints; (b) authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP for legal services by \$800,000 to an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000; and (c) authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with Exponent, Inc., for consulting services by \$200,000 to an amount not to exceed \$600,000 as set forth in Agenda Item 8-5 board letter.

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve Board Item 8-5 (**M.I. No. 53386**)

Director Sutley moved, seconded by Director Peterson that the Board approve the Board Item 8-5 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-5							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman	x	x	4493				
Burbank	3175	Ramos	x	x	3175				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan							
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x	x	9662				
		Chacon	x	x	9662				
			Subtotal:		19324				
Compton	641	McCoy	x	x	641				
Eastern Municipal Water District	11559	Armstrong	x	x	11559				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2409	Bryant	x	x	2409				
Fullerton	2561	Jung	x	x	2561				
Glendale	3985	Kassakhian							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Peterson	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero	x	x	6558				
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen	x	x	20043				
		Quinn							
		Luna	x	x	20043				
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman	x	x	16159				
		Seckel	x	x	16159				
		Dick	x	x	16159				
		Erdman	x	x	16159				
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67702	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	33851				
		Miller							
		Smith	x	x	33851				
			Subtotal:		67702				
San Fernando	260	Ortega	x	x	260				
San Marino	800	Morris							
Santa Ana	3431	Phan							
Santa Monica	4861	Abdo	x	x	4861				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8634	De Jesus							
Torrance	3590	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	13418	Fellow	x	x	13418				
West Basin Municipal Water District	27064	Alvarez	x	x	27064				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
Total	386141				346590				
Present and not voting									
Absent	39551								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-5 (**M.I. No. 53386**) passed by a vote of 346,590 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 39,551 absent.

53387 Chair Ortega asked if there were questions or need for discussion for Board Information Item 9-1. No requests were made.

Chair Ortega announced that the Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee would be canceled due to time constraints.

53388 Chair Ortega Deferred Other Matters Items: Agenda Items 11-1, 11-2, and 11-3; Department head performance evaluations [Public Employees' performance evaluations; General Manager, General Counsel, and Ethics Officer; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code 54957.]; report on department head 2023 salary survey; and discuss and approve compensation recommendations for General Manager, General Counsel, and Ethics Officer.

The following Director(s) asked questions or made comments:


Director(s)

1. Jung
2. Peterson
3. Armstrong
4. Bryant
5. Ramos

53389 Chair Ortega asked if there were any Follow-Up Items. There will be a special Board meeting on September 26, 2023, to discuss department head General Manager, General Counsel, and Ethics Officer performance evaluations and compensation.

53390 Chair Ortega asked if there were any Future Agenda Items. There were none.

53391 There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.


ADÁN ORTEGA
CHAIR OF THE BOARD


LOIS FONG SAKAI
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD