

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 28, 2023

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Chair Ortega announced at this time that we do not have any Directors participating in the meeting using AB 2449.

Members present: Directors Abdo, Camacho, Chacon, Cordero, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Jung (teleconference posted location), Luna, McCoy, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn, Ramos, and Smith.

Members absent: Directors Gray and Sutley.

Other Board members present: Directors Alvarez, Bryant (teleconference posted location), De Jesus (teleconference posted location), Dennstedt (teleconference posted location), Dick, Fellow (teleconference posted location), Kurtz, McMillan (teleconference posted location), Miller, Morris, Peterson (teleconference posted location), and Seckel (entered after roll call).

Committee staff present: Hagekhalil, Hudson, Salinas, Scully, Suzuki, Wheeler, and Upadhyay.

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

No members responded.

2. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

- a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Chair Ortega

Chair Ortega stated he had nothing to add to his report.

- b. Subject: General Manager's Report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: General Manager Adel Hagekhalil

General Manager Hagekhalil reported on the following:

- Update on the State Audit recommendations
- Report on Liz Crosson appointment to the Advisory Council for Climate Adaptation Science

- c. Subject: General Counsel's report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia Scully

General Counsel Scully stated she had nothing to add to her report.

- d. Subject: General Auditor's report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: General Auditor Scott Suzuki

General Auditor Suzuki reported on the following:

- January 2024 Subcommittee on Audits to discuss the Independent Auditor's Report from Macias Gini & O'Connell, LLP for fiscal year 2022/23

- e. Subject: Ethics Officer's report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: Ethics Officer Abel Salinas

Ethics Officer Salinas reported on the following:

- Ethics Training to Metropolitan Employees

Chair Ortega announced that in the interest of time, the Committee will not hear the reports from Committee Chairs (Items f-l) and that Item 3B draft agenda packet would be approved as posted, with any additions or deletions.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting for October 24, 2023.

Chair Ortega asked Directors if there were any additions, corrections, or omissions on the minutes of the October 24, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting. None were made.

- B. Approve draft Committee and board meeting agendas, and schedule for December 2023.

Chair Ortega called for the vote on Items 3A and 3B.

Director Camacho made a motion, seconded by Director Chacon, to approve the consent calendar Items 3A and 3B as listed.

The vote was:

- Ayes: Directors Abdo, Camacho, Chacon, Cordero, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Jung, Luna, McCoy, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn, Ramos, and Smith.
- Abstention: None
- Recusal: None
- Absent: Gray and Sutley

The motion for Items 3A and 3B passed by a vote of 15 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 2 absent.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**5. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Subject: Colorado River Activities
- Presented by: Shanti Rosset, Program Manager III

Ms. Rosset reported on Colorado River activities.

- b. Subject: Report on Ad Hoc Committee Number 5 Investigator Findings [Conference with legal counsel - anticipated litigation based on existing facts and circumstances concerning receipt of a letter threatening litigation, there is significant exposure to litigation against Metropolitan: one potential case; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)].

Presented by: The Board conferred with outside counsel in a closed session.

Chair Ortega called the meeting into closed session to discuss Item 5b.

The Committee returned to open session at 1:20 p.m.; in closed session the Committee conferred with outside legal counsel regarding item 5b. No action was taken in closed session.

6. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Chair Ortega asked that the Committee keep Chair Emeritus Gray in their prayers and thoughts as she lost her long-time partner Mr. Leonard Tibbs.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Adán Ortega, Jr.
Chair of the Board