

# 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.

## **EI&A Committee**

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## **Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**March 14, 2023**

**11:00 a.m.**

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## **Tuesday, March 14, 2023 Meeting Schedule**

**09:00 a.m. OWS  
11:00 a.m. EIA  
11:30 a.m. Break  
12:00 p.m. BOD  
01:00 p.m. EOP Wksp**

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- 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))**
- 2. Opportunity for Directors who are not members of the committee to address the committee on matters within the committee's jurisdiction**

### **\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION \*\***

- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

- 4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

### **\*\* END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS \*\***

**5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**7. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Business Outreach Update

[21-1998](#)

**Attachments:** [03142023 EIA 7a Presentation](#)

**8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager's Report

[21-1999](#)

**9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee

# Business Outreach Annual Report 2021-2022

Item 7a

March 14, 2023

# Core Objectives



Outreach & Engagement

Strategic Alliances  
Business Organizations

New Initiatives

Equity in Infrastructure Pledge  
Project Labor Agreement

Contract Awards

Economic Impact  
Compliance and Utilization

## History & Milestones

# Business Outreach Program – 20 Years

- 2002 – Adopted Small Business program
  - 18% Small Business Goal
- 2006 – Adopted Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise program
- 2015 – Approved Increase to 25% SBE
- 2021 – Signed the Equity in Infrastructure Pledge
- 2022 – Approved PLA

# Strategic Business Alliances

- Construction & Engineering Organizations
  - Associated General Contractors
  - American Subcontractors Association
  - National Association of Minority Contractors
  - Asian American Architect & Engineers Association
  - Construction Management Association of America (CMAA)
  - Society of American Military Engineers
  - American Society of Civil Engineers





# Outreach & Engagement

## Metworks

- Collaboration between Engineering and Business Outreach
- Virtual workshop launched in November 2021
- Semi-Annual In Person Networking event
- Overview of Pure Water Program, Alternative Delivery Method and Project Forecast

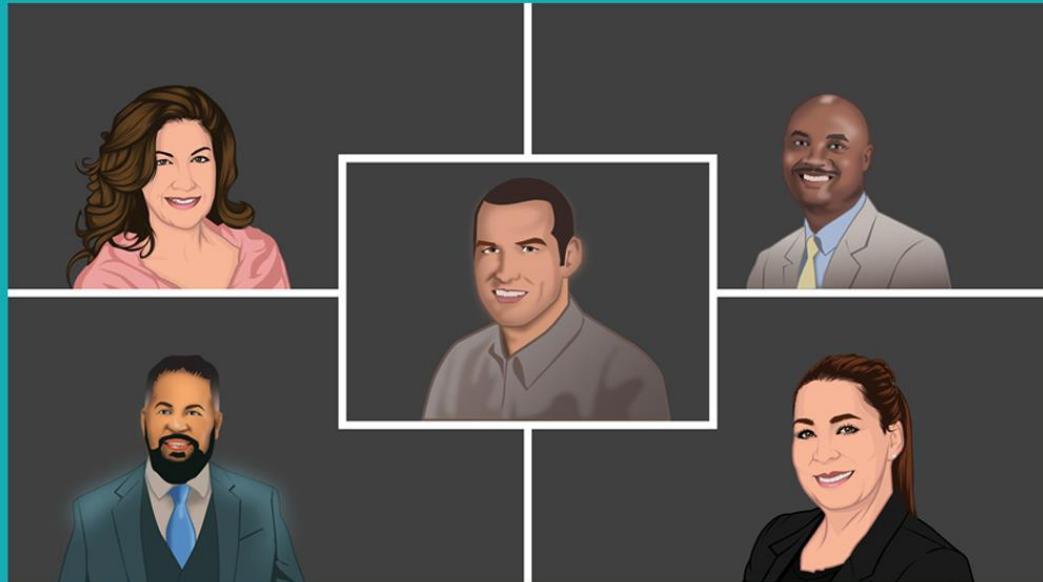


# METWORKS

Metropolitan Contracting Information Straight from the Source



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## New Initiatives

# Goals of Equity in Infrastructure Pledge

- Increase access and reduce barriers for Historically Underutilized Businesses
- Streamline certification MOUs with local agencies
- Unbundling large contracts
- Funding and financing for community wealth building

## New Initiatives

# PLA - Business Outreach Benefits

- Unique core employee flexibility for non-union SBEs/DVBES with 25 or less employees
- “Covered Project list” approach creates opportunities for SBEs/DVBES to bid on projects that are not covered by the PLA
- Additional resources through the PLA administration team to support SBEs and DVBEs with PLA training and education
- Provide Metropolitan with lists of union SBEs/DVBES for outreach with the objective of increasing the participation of union-signatory SBEs and DVBEs

## Contract Awards

### Small & Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses

- 2021/22 Total contract dollars awarded to Small business
  - Achieved 24.58% or \$32M
- \$840K awarded to DVBEs

# Total SBE Utilization

