

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 28, 2025

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Members present: Directors Armstrong, Camacho, Douglas (teleconference posted location), Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Gray (teleconference posted location), Kassakhian, Katz (teleconference posted location), Kurtz (entered after roll call), Lewitt, McCoy, Miller, Ortega, Pressman (teleconference posted location), Seckel, and Sutley.

Members absent: Directors Jung, Quinn.

Other Board members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Cordero, Denham, Faessel, Fellow, Jay, McMillan (teleconference posted location), and Shepherd Romey.

Committee staff present: Hudson, Rubin, Salinas, Scully, Suzuki, and Zinke.

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

1. Darcy Burke Elsinore Valley MWD Affordable Water

2. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Chair Ortega

Chair Ortega reported that the third-quarter international travel report for 2025, covering July through September, has been posted online. In addition, the acknowledged Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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

Assistant General Manager Zinke reported on the federal government shut down, member agency manager's meeting, MET Works event, and the employee resource group VOICE.

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

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

- e. Subject: Ethics Officer's report of Metropolitan activities
Ethics Officer Salinas stated he had nothing to add to the report.
- d. Subject: General Auditor's report of Metropolitan activities
General Auditor Suzuki stated he had nothing to add to the report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. COMMITTEE ACTION

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on September 23, 2025.
- B. Approval of the draft of the Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for November 2025.

Chair Ortega asked if there were any additions or deletions to the November 2025 draft packet.

Director McMillan entered the meeting.

Committee Chair Edman announced at the November 17, 2025, Engineering, Operations & Technology Committee the following subjects has been revised:

- Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with energy generators and/or the California Independent System Operator to mitigate potential impacts to the Colorado River Aqueduct transmission system; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or not subject to CEQA;
- Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Intersect Power, LLC for mitigation of impacts to the Colorado River Aqueduct Transmission System; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or not subject to CEQA [conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation based on existing facts and circumstances, including allegations of a breach of an agreement, there is significant exposure to litigation against Metropolitan: one or more potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]; and
- The item on Cybersecurity Update [Conference with Metropolitan Director of Info Tech Services, Information Technology, Jacob Margolis, or designated agents on threats to public services or facilities; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957(a)] is deferred.

Committee Chair McCoy announced at the November 17, 2025, Community and Workplace Culture Committee the following informational item has been deleted:

- Re-numbering EEO Procedures.

General Counsel Scully on behalf of Committee Chair Katz announced at the November 17, 2025, Organization, Personnel and Effectiveness Committee the following action item has been added:

- Approve the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's salary schedules pursuant to CalPERS regulations

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

Director Kurtz entered the meeting.

Director Sutley made a motion, seconded by Director Garza, to approve Items 3A and 3B as presented, listed, and revised.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Armstrong, Camacho, Douglas, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Gray, Kassakhian, Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, McCoy, Miller, Ortega, Pressman, Seckel, and Sutley

Abstention: None

Recusal: None

Absent: Directors Jung and Quinn

The motion for Item 3A passed by a vote of 17 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstentions; and 2 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Seckel requested a review of committee members for the Subcommittee on CAMP4W, as there have been issues with attendance.

Chair Ortega announced that, due to the interest in the Ad Hoc on Ag and Tribal Partnership, he proposes that it be established as a Subcommittee of the Board of Directors.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Adán Ortega, Jr.
Chair of the Board