

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE**  
**SPECIAL JOINT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**August 26, 2025**

**54222** The Special Joint meeting of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

Chair Ortega called the teleconference meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

**54223** The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Chair Adán Ortega, Jr., City of San Fernando.

**54224** Board Secretary Fong-Sakai administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong (teleconference posted location available for the public), Bryant, Camacho, Cordero, Crawford, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Dick, Douglas, Erdman, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Garza (teleconference posted location available for the public), Gold, Gray, Jay, Jung (teleconference posted location available for the public), Kassakhian, Katz, (teleconference posted location available for the public), Kurtz, Lewitt, Luna, McCoy, McMillan, Miller (teleconference posted location available for the public), Ortega, Petersen, Phan (teleconference posted location available for the public), Pressman, Quinn, Ramos, Seckel, Shepherd Romey, and Sutley.

Those not responding were: None.

Board Secretary Fong-Sakai declared a quorum present.

**54225** 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	Comment
1. Stephany Courtney	Environmental Justice Program Coordinator, Black Women for Wellness	Board Item 7a
2. Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla	Restore the Delta	Board Item 7a
3. Jan Warren	Walnut Creek	Board Item 7a
4. Caty Wagner	Sierra Club California	Board Item 7a

5.	Courtney Brown	San Diego Coast Keeper	Board Item 7a
6.	Bruce Resnik	LA Water Keeper	Board Item 7a
7.	Gary Bobker	Friends of the River	Board Item 7a

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS**

### **5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS**

a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Chair Ortega

Chair Ortega stated he had nothing to report this month and referenced the Maven's Notebook Commentary by Bruce Reznik *Why every Californian has a stake in who Metropolitan picks for its new GM*, that board members should read.

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

Presented by: General Manager Upadhyay

General Manager Upadhyay stated he had nothing to report.

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

Presented by: Assistant General Counsel Torres

Assistant General Counsel Torres stated he had nothing additional to report.

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

Presented by: Ethics Officer Salinas

Ethics Officer Salinas reported on the training provided by the Ethics Office, including the fact sheet, the conflicts bulletin, and an update on AB1234 training required by some directors.

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

Presented by: General Auditor Suzuki

General Auditor Suzuki stated he had nothing to report.

## 6. COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve the draft of the Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for September 2025.

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

Committee Vice Chair Alvarez reported the following subject has been revised for the Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency Committee:

- Review the applicability of the Metropolitan Water District Act Section 124.5 ad valorem property tax limitation for fiscal years 2026/27 through 2035/36, consistent with the Ten-Year Financial Forecast.

Committee Vice Chair Seckel reported the following subject has been revised for the Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling Subcommittee:

- Updated 2020 IRP Needs Assessment – Baseline Assumptions
- Discussion of Potential Portfolios for CAMP4W Assessment and Next Steps

Chair Ortega announced at the Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency Committee the renaming of the Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling Subcommittee.

Chair Ortega called for the vote on Item 6A.

Director Seckel made a motion, seconded by Director Sutley to approve the committee Action Item 6A as presented, listed, and revised.

The vote was:

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

Abstention: None

Recusal: None

Absent: None.

The motion for Item 6A passed by a vote of 18 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 0 absent.

## END OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR ITEMS

**54226** Public Employment – General Manager [To be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957].

Chair Ortega called the meeting into closed session to discuss Board Item 7a at 11:38 a.m. Directors Gray, Fong-Sakai, and Jung left the meeting.

The meeting returned to open session at 2:59 p.m.

Chair Ortega stated that the Board discussed Board Item 7a and no reportable action was taken in closed session.

**54227** Chair Ortega asked if there were any Follow Up Items. No requests were made.

**54228** Chair Ortega asked if there were any Future Agenda Items.

- Director Camacho requested that an item be added to the agenda for January 2026.
- Director Alvarez requested that an item be added to the agenda regarding the amount of water stored at the various facilities, as well as the operational costs and constraints.

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

Director(s)

1. Garza

Staff responded to the directors' questions and comments.

**54229** There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.



LOIS FONG-SAKAI  
BOARD SECRETARY



ADÁN ORTEGA, JR.  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD