**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**ONE WATER AND ADAPTATION COMMITTEE**

**October 13, 2025**

Vice Chair Seckel called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Cordero, Erdman, Gold (teleconference posted location), Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan (teleconference posted location), Miller, Pressman (teleconference posted location), Seckel, and Shepherd Romey (entered after rollcall).

Members absent: Director Quinn.

Other Board Members present: Directors Denham, Dennstedt, Faessel (teleconference posted location), Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Jay, Ortega, and Sutley.

Committee Staff present: Bednarski, Crosson, Goshi, Harms, Hasencamp, Hudson, Martin, Rubin, Schlotterbeck, and Upadhyay.

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

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION**

**2. COMMITTEE ACTION**

**A.** Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Adaptation Committee for August 18, 2025.

**3. COMMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

**7-7** Subject: Authorize on-call agreements with Helix Environmental Planning, 21-5076 Inc. and Rincon Consultants, Inc. in amounts not to exceed $2 million each and ECORP Consulting, Inc., Dudek, and Environmental Science Associates in amounts not to exceed $1 million each, for a maximum of five years for environmental planning services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA.

Presented by: Sean Carlson, Team Manager, Environmental Planning

Motion: Authorize on-call agreements with Helix Environmental Planning Inc. and Rincon Consultants Inc. in amounts not to exceed $2 million each and ECORP Consulting Inc., Dudek, and Environmental Science Associates in amounts not to exceed $1 million each, for a maximum of five years for environmental planning services.

No presentation was given. Director Miller made a motion, seconded by Director Katz, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of items 2A, and 7-7 option 1.

The vote was:

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| Ayes: | Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Cordero, Erdman, Gold, Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Pressman, and Seckel. |
| Noes: | None. |
| Abstentions: | None. |
| Absent: | Directors Quinn, and Shepherd Romey. |

The motion for items 2A, and 7-7 passed by a vote of 13 ayes, no noes, no abstentions, and 2 absent.

****END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS****

## 4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None.

## 5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None.

## 6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Subject: Quarterly Update on CAMP4W

Presented by: Liz Crosson, Chief of Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation

Vice Chair Seckel thanked Ms. Crosson for the updates at the September 30, 2025 CAMP4W Task Force meeting noting the diverse perspectives shared.
Ms. Crosson gave a presentation on the second quarterly update of the CAMP4W implementation process, focusing on updated risk assessments, project evaluations, and data-driven decision-making. Key efforts include fire risk planning, code updates, and collaboration through the Camp for Water Task Force to support flexible, “lower-regret” investments.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Amstrong
3. Ortega
4. Sutley
5. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

Director Shepherd Romey entered the meeting.

b. Subject: Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management

Presented by: Noosha Razavian, Resource Specialist

Brandon Goshi, Group Manager,Water Resource Management, provided brief background and introductory remarks.

Ms. Razavian gave a presentation on favorable water conditions in California, including strong snowpack and healthy reservoir storage, contrasted by lower runoff and declining levels in the Colorado River Basin. She highlighted Metropolitan's positive supply-demand balance and record-high storage, positioning it well to manage future water obligations and enhance drought resilience.

c. Subject: Quarterly Update on Conservation Program

Presented by: Gary V. Tilkian, Sr. Resource Specialist

Brandon Goshi, Group Manager, Water Resource Management, provided brief background and introductory remarks.

Mr. Tilkian provided an update on the conservation program, reporting $25.5 million paid and nearly $40 million committed in incentives, with turf replacement being the largest component and ongoing success in rebate programs for trees and high-efficiency appliances. He also detailed the program's robust inspection and review process.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Gold
2. Seckel
3. Lewitt
4. Ortega
5. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

d. Subject: Update on Basin States Discussions Regarding Post-2026 Operational Guidelines

Presented by: Shanti Roset, Colorado River Policy Manager

Bill Hasencamp, Manager of Colorado River Resources, provided brief background and introductory remarks.

Ms. Rosset provided an update on post-2026 guidelines for Lake Powell and Lake Mead, detailing the parallel federal EIS process and Basin States negotiations to replace the 2007 guidelines. She stressed California’s high stakes—reliable water supply, hydropower protection, and legal risk management—amid ongoing challenges to reach consensus among the seven states.

Chair Ortega and Deven Upadhyay, General Manager, discussed holding a special workshop or closed session regarding Bureau of Reclamation timelines and our position on Colorado River negotiations.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Kurtz
3. Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors’ questions and comments.

**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT AND HIGHLIGHTS**

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Resources activities
Colorado River Resources activities
Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation activities
Water Resource Management activities

John Bednarski noted there was nothing more to report outside of management’s written reports.

## 8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

a. Subject: Report from Subcommittee on Imported Water

Vice Chair Seckel reported that the Subcommittee on Imported Water was held as a joint meeting on September 23, 2025, with One Water and Adaptation, so no report will be provided.

b. Subject: Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Imported Water

Vice Chair Seckel noted that a workshop may be held on Colorado River negotiotions.

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Seckel commented on the need to follow-up on efficacy issues by staff.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on November 17, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 3:47p.m.

Karl Seckel
Vice Chair