

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**December 08, 2025**

Chair Erdman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, Miller, and Seckel.

Members absent: Directors Faessel, McMillan, and Petersen

Other board members present: Chair Ortega, Directors Ackerman, Armstrong, Camacho, Crane, Denham (AB 2449 just cause), Gray (teleconference posted location), Katz, Kurtz, Ramos (teleconference posted location), and Shepherd Romey

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Boyd, Chapman, Deshmukh, Eckstrom, Hattar, Hudson, Nobriga, Parsons, Rubin, and Upadhyay

**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))**

Tom Love- Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District – Pure Water

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

**2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)**

**A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for November 17, 2025.

### **3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

**7-1** Subject: Award a \$381,812 contract to Primary Flow Signal Inc, for the replacement of two venturi flowmeters at the LA-17 service connection; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or not subject to CEQA

Presented by: No presentation was given

Motion: a. Award a \$381,812 procurement contract to Primary Flow Signal Inc. to furnish two venturi flowmeters for the LA-17 service connection.

**7-2** Subject: Authorize on-call agreements with Butier Engineering Inc., MARRS Services, Mott MacDonald, and HDR Inc. in amounts not to exceed \$2 million each for a maximum of two years for construction management and inspection services on capital improvement projects; and increase of \$1.0 million to an existing agreement with PMA Consultants, for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$1.249 million for cost estimating and scheduling services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt of otherwise not subject CEQA.

Presented by: No presentation was given

Motion: a. Authorize on-call agreement with Butier Engineering Inc., MARRS Services, Mott MacDonald, and HDR Inc. in amounts not to exceed \$2 million each, for a maximum period of two years for construction management and inspection services; and  
b. Authorize an increase of \$1.0 million to an existing agreement with PMA Consultants, for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$1.249 million for cost estimating and scheduling services

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions

1. Seckel
2. Erdman
3. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

After completion of the presentation, Director Seckel made a motion, seconded by Director Bryant, to approve the consent calendar items 2A, 7-1 and 7-2.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, Miller, and Seckel.  
Noes: None  
Abstentions: None  
Not voting: None  
Absent: Directors Faessel, McMillan and Petersen

The motion for Items 2A ,7-1 and 7-2 passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 3 absent.

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

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

**8-1**      Subject: Adopt CEQA determination that the proposed action was previously addressed in the certified 2024 Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project Environmental Impact Report; award a \$115,611,000 construction contract to J.F. Shea Construction Inc. for rehabilitation of Garvey Reservoir facilities; and authorize an increase of \$3.2 million to an existing agreement with Arcadis U.S. Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$9.55 million for technical support during construction

Presented by: Tae Yun –Section Manager, Water Operations & Planning, Integrated Operations Planning & Support Services; and Sam Mouawad – Team Manager, Program Management, Engineering Services

Motion:

- a. Adopt CEQA determination that the proposed action was previously addressed in the certified 2024 Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project Environmental Impact Report;
- b. Award a \$115,611,000 construction contract to J.F. Shea Construction Inc. for rehabilitation of Garvey Reservoir facilities; and
- c. Authorize an increase of \$3.2 million to an existing agreement with Arcadis U.S. Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$9.55 million, to provide technical support during construction.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions

1. Fong-Sakai
2. Seckel
3. Erdman
4. Jay
5. Miller
6. Dennstedt

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

After completion of the presentation, Director Seckel made a motion, seconded by Director Fong-Sakai, to approve item 8-1.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, Miller, and Seckel.  
Noes: None  
Recusals: None  
Not voting: None  
Absent: Directors Faessel, McMillan and Petersen

The motion for Item 8-1 passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 recusal, and 3 absent.

## 5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

Presented by: Jeffrey Nikolas, Sr Engineer, Capital Investment Plan Office, Engineering Services

Mr. Nikolas reported on the following:

- Informational summary of infrastructure projects, comparison of projected spending and actual spending, and project activities listed in the written report.

The following Director provided comments or asked questions

## 1. Erdman

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments

**9-5**      Subject:     Guiding Principles for Pure Water Southern California Partnerships  
Presented by:     Matthew Hacker, Sr Resource Specialist, Water Resource Management

Mr. Hacker reported on the following:

- Informational report on proposed guiding principles for Pure Water Southern California partnerships, including member agencies, Colorado River, and San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District partnerships

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions

1. Ortega
2. Seckel
3. Denham
4. Fong-Sakai
5. Alvarez

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments

## **6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

a.      Subject:     Engineering Operations & Technology Committee Field Inspection Trip Report  
Presented by:     JR Rhoads, Group Manager, Conveyance & Distribution; and Michael Thomas, Interim Section Manager, Engineering Planning Section, Engineering Services Group

Staff gave an overview of the most recent Director field inspection trip and site visit which included power operations as well as housing and support facilities and pumping plants.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Erdman
3. Romey
4. Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

b. Power Cost Exposure with Lower Lake Mead Storage

This item was deferred to January 2026.

c. Subject: Engineering Operations & Technology Committee

Presented by: Jacob Margolis, Director of Information Technology Services,  
Information Technology Group/Office Enterprise Cybersecurity

Mr. Margolis reported on the following:

- Current cyber risks and Metropolitan defensive actions.

The committee heard this item in closed session. No action was taken.

**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

a. Subject: Engineering Services, Information Technology, and Water System  
Operations Activities

Presented by: John Bednarski, Assistant General Manager, Water and Technical  
Resources  
Shane Chapman, Assistant General Manager, Operations

Mr. Bednarski reported on the following:

- Weymouth Basins 5-8 and Filter Building No. 2 Rehabilitation construction contract, which replaced flocculation/sedimentation equipment, installed 127 Metropolitan-furnished filter valves and seismic reinforcement to basin walls and inlet channel that was completed in November 2025.
- Second Lower Feeder PCCP Rehabilitation Reach 3B construction contract which rehabilitated approximately 19,500 ft of PCCP, replaced two service connection valves, and installed three new 48-inch sectionalizing valves and was completed in November 2025.

Mr. Chapman reported on the following:

- Current operational conditions including managing State Water Project supplies under a 50% allocation..
- Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) at 3-pump flow until CRA shutdown
- Recognition of Water Quality staff presenters at the AWWA Water Quality Technology Conference held in Tacoma, Washington: Shannon Maceiko - Associate Engineer, Sam Patton - Assistant Chemist, and George Di Giovanni - Microbiology Unit Manager

**8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

None

**9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

Director Erdman requested a presentation on Metropolitan's construction management approach, and resource allocation to better understand staffing and budgetary needs (9-2)

Director Seckel requested staff consider alternative approaches for agencies interested in water for groundwater replenishment. (9-5)

Director Denham requested that staff return to the Board with additional discussions on phasing for Pure Water Southern California. (9-5)

Chair Ortega requested that staff look at phasing issues for Pure Water in the context of water supply portfolios. (9-5)

Director Fong-Sakai requested that staff address contractual issues associated with evolving Pure Water policy principles. (9-5)

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on January 12, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Dennis Erdman  
Chair