

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
**January 10, 2023**

**53078** The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

Vice Chair Camacho called the hybrid in-person and teleconference meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**53079** The Meeting was opened with an invocation by Director Arturo Chacon, Central Basin Municipal Water District.

**53080** The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Director Robert O. Apodaca, Central Basin Municipal Water District.

**53081** Board Secretary Abdo administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Apodaca, Armstrong, Atwater, Camacho, Chacon, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Erdman, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Gray, Jung, Kurtz, Lefevre, Luna, McCoy, McMillan, Miller, Morris, Ortega, Peterson, Phan, Quinn, Repenning, Smith, Sutley, and Tamaribuchi.

Those not responding were: Directors Pressman and Williams.

Directors entered the meeting after the roll call Dennstedt, Kassakhian, Petersen, and Ramos.

Board Secretary Fong-Sakai declared a quorum present.

**53082** Vice Chair Camacho invited members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction (in-person and via teleconference).

	Name	Affiliation	Item
1.	Caty Wagner	Sierra Club of California	Agenda Item 11-1
2.	Darcy Burke	Elsinore Valley Metropolitan Water District	Agenda Item 11-1
3.	Alan Shanahan	AFSCME Local 1902	Agenda Item 11-1

Vice Chair Camacho announced there would be a Board Workshop on Colorado River Resource Management and a Special Board Meeting to adopt the resolution to allow for the hybrid meetings to continue on January 17, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m. both meetings will be virtual only.

Vice Chair Camacho addressed the following: Other Matters and Reports.

**53083** Vice Chair Camacho asked if there were any changes to the report of events attended by Directors at Metropolitan's expense during the month of December, as previously posted and distributed to the Board. Vice Chair Camacho asked the Directors if there were any corrections on the item. No amendments were made.

Director Dennstedt entered the meeting.

**53084** Vice Chair Camacho referred to Chair Emeritus December monthly report, which was previously posted and distributed to the Board. Vice Chair Camacho called upon Chair Ortega. Chair Ortega made brief remarks acknowledging Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Lunar New Year holidays.

Vice Chair Camacho asked the Directors if there were any questions on the item. No comments were made.

**53085** Regarding matters relating to Metropolitan's operations and activities, General Manager Hagekhalil reported on the following:

1. Update on current climate conditions and supply projections.
2. The upcoming Board Workshop on Colorado River Resource Management on January 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:00.
3. The dedication ceremony in honor of Lois B. Krieger and the Lake Matthews Overlook in honor of Don Galleano.
4. Metropolitan new employee resources group to support veterans and service members "military veterans MVet."
5. The upcoming Board Visioning Retreat on February 13 and 14 in Temecula.
6. Plans to get Member Agency Manager's input on the draft agenda for the retreat.
7. Condolences to the family and friends of Metropolitan employee Dawn Parker.

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

Director(s)

1. Smith

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

**53086** General Counsel Scully stated she had nothing to add to her report.

**53087** Interim General Auditor Andrus stated she had nothing to add to her report.

**53088** Ethics Officer Salinas stated that the Board's annual Form 700 is due on April 1, 2023.

Chair Ortega welcomed Arturo Chacon, Central Basin Municipal Water District, to the Metropolitan Board.

**53089** Vice Chair Camacho announced the Induction of new Director Jeffrey D. Armstrong of Eastern Municipal Water District (Agenda Item 5G).

- (a) Received credentials
- (b) Reported on credentials by General Counsel
- (c) Filed credentials
- (d) Administered Oath of Office
- (e) Filed Oath

General Counsel Scully reported that the credentials were received and are in order.

Joe Mouawad, General Manager of Eastern Municipal Water District, introduced Director Armstrong. Director Armstrong made brief remarks.

**53090** Vice Chair Camacho announced the Induction of new Director Jacquelyn McMillan of Calleguas Municipal Water District (Agenda Item 5H).

- (a) Received credentials
- (b) Reported on credentials by General Counsel
- (c) Filed credentials
- (d) Administered Oath of Office
- (e) Filed Oath

General Counsel Scully reported that the credentials were received and are in order.

Former Director Blois introduced new Director McMillan. Director McMillan made brief remarks.

Agenda Items 5I and 5J will be heard after agenda Item 11-1.

Vice Chair Camacho addressed the Consent Calendar Items for January 2023.

**53091** Vice Chair Camacho asked the Directors if there were any comments or discussions on the Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting for December 12, 2022, and the Board of Directors Meeting for December 13, 2022. (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) (Agenda Item 6A). No amendments were made.

The Committee minutes listed on the agenda for approval will be deferred.

**53092** Authorize the preparation of commendatory resolutions honoring Gloria D. Gray for her leadership during her term as Chairwoman of Metropolitan's Board of Directors (Agenda Item 6B).

**53093** Approval of Committee Assignments (Agenda Item 6C). There were no committee assignments at this time.

**53094** Nomination and Election of nonofficer members of the Executive Committee for two-year term effective January 10, 2023 (Agenda Item 6D).

Vice Chair Camacho nominated Directors Cordero, Luna, and Pressman. Director Pressman previously accepted his nomination, and Vice Chair Camacho stated that the Board Office would send Director Pressman's remarks to the Board following the meeting. Directors Cordero and Luna accepted their nominations and made brief statements.

Vice Chair Camacho called for a vote to approve Consent Calendar Item 6D (**M.I. No. 53094**).

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		6D								
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote	
Anaheim	5627	Faessel	x	x	5627					
Beverly Hills	4267	Pressman								
Burbank	2893	Ramos	x	x	2893					
Calleguas Municipal Water District	12368	McMillan	x	x	12368					
Central Basin Municipal Water District	18216	Apodaca	x	x	9108					
		Chacon	x	x	9108					
			Subtotal:		18216					
Compton	599	McCoy	x	x	599					
Eastern Municipal Water District	10502	Armstrong	x	x	10502					
Foothill Municipal Water District	2290	Atwater	x	x	2290					
Fullerton	2390	Jung	x	x	2390					
Glendale	3814	Kassakhian	x	x	3814					
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	14663	Camacho	x	x	14663					
Las Virgenes	2927	Peterson	x	x	2927					
Long Beach	6151	Cordero	x	x	6151					
Los Angeles	75699	Sutley	x	x	18925					
		Petersen								
		Quinn	x	x	18925					
		Luna	x	x	18925					
		Repenning	x	x	18925					
			Subtotal:		75699					
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	60913	Ackerman	x	x	15228					
		Tamaribuchi	x	x	15228					
		Dick	x	x	15228					
		Erdman	x	x	15228					
			Subtotal:		60913					
Pasadena	3716	Kurtz	x	x	3716					
San Diego County Water Authority	63232	Fong-Sakai	x	x	15808					
		Goldberg	x	x	15808					
		Miller	x	x	15808					
		Smith	x	x	15808					
			Subtotal:		63232					
San Fernando	238	Ortega	x	x	238					
San Marino	770	Morris	x	x	770					
Santa Ana	3228	Phan	x	x	3228					
Santa Monica	4619	Abdo	x	x	4619					
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8254	De Jesus	x	x	8254					
Torrance	3416	Lefevre	x	x	3416					
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	12688	Fellow	x	x	12688					
West Basin Municipal Water District	25453	Williams								
		Gray	x					x	25453	
			Subtotal:						25453	
Western Municipal Water District	13541	Dennstedt	x	x	13541					
<b>Total</b>	<b>362474</b>				<b>332754</b>				<b>25453</b>	
<b>Present and not voting</b>										
<b>Absent</b>	<b>4267</b>									

The vote to approve the Consent Calendar Item 6D (M.I. 53094) passed by a vote of 332,754 ayes; 0 noes; 25,453 abstain; 0 not voting; and 4,267 absent.

Vice Chair Camacho addressed the Consent Calendar Items for January 2023.

Vice Chair Camacho called on the Committee Chairs to give a report on Consent Calendar Action Items as discussed at their Committees and to hear recusals before any discussion on the items.

Director Smith recused himself on Items 7-2, 7-3, and 7-5 due to the fact that he owns Black & Veatch, Inc. stock.

Director Fellow recused himself on Item 7-10 due to the fact that he receives a per diem from the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and due to MWD Act Section 56.

Director Phan recused herself on Items 7-2 and 7-10 due to the fact that the City of Torrance and the City of South Pasadena are clients of her employer Rutan & Tucker, LLP.

Director Cordero recused herself on Item 7-9 due to the fact that she owns Southern California Edison stock.

Director Fong-Sakai recused herself on Item 7-5 due to the fact that she is a past employee of AECOM Technical Services, Inc. and owns stock.

Director Erdman recused himself on Item 7-9 due to the fact that he owns Southern California Edison stock.

Chair Ortega recused himself on Item 7-10 due to the fact that he has a consulting contract with a nonprofit association of which Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District is a member.

**53095** Award a \$14,820,500 contract to Steve P. Rados, Inc. to construct a bypass pipeline at the Wadsworth Pumping Plant as part of water supply reliability improvements in the Rialto Pipeline service area, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-1 board letter.

**53096** Review and consider Addendum No. 5 to the certified 2017 Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe Rehabilitation Program; and (a.) award a \$68,847,000 contract to J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. to rehabilitate Reach 3B of the Second Lower Feeder; and (b.) authorize an access and permitting agreement with the city of Lomita in an amount not to exceed \$310,000, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-2 board letter.

**53097** Review and consider Addendum No. 3 to the certified 2005 Environmental Impact Report; and : (a.) award a \$59,489,720 contract to James W. Fowler Company for construction of the Interstate 215 freeway tunnel crossing for the Perris Valley Pipeline; (b.) authorize an agreement with Parsons Environment & Infrastructure Group, Inc., for \$1 million to provide technical support during construction; (c.) authorize an agreement

with Mott McDonald Group, for \$3.5 million to provide construction management support; and (d.) authorize an agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc., for \$250,000 to provide specialized environmental support, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-3 board letter.

**53098** Authorize an agreement with Arcadis U.S., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2 million for preliminary design to rehabilitate the finished water reservoirs at Henry J. Mills and Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plants, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-4 board letter.

**53099** (a.) Authorize an agreement with the joint venture of AECOM Technical Services, Inc. and Brown and Caldwell in an amount not to exceed \$25 million for program management services to support the Pure Water Southern California program; and (b.) authorize an increase of \$950,000 to an existing agreement with CDM Smith, Inc. for a not-to-exceed total of \$3.7 million to support the Program's ongoing process demonstration effort, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-5 board letter.

**53100** Amend the Capital Investment Plan for fiscal years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 to include the Foothill Feeder Valve Replacement project, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-6 board letter.

**53101** Authorize an agreement with SpearMC Management Consulting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for the implementation of the following PeopleSoft Modules from the Oracle Cloud Human Capital Management Software Application Suite: Time & Labor and Absence Management for Payroll and Timekeeping System Improvements, including Maximo interface, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-7 board letter.

**53102** Authorize an agreement with Digital Scepter Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$1,469,000 million for procurement of equipment to replace network switches at Metropolitan's Headquarters at Union Station, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-8 board letter.

**53103** Authorize granting a permanent easement to Southern California Edison to house electrical equipment on Metropolitan property, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-9 board letter.

**53104** Authorize an agreement with Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and the city of South Pasadena for a Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program project, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-10 board letter.

**53105** Authorize the General Manager to: (1) Secure one-year water transfers with various water districts for up to \$100 million; and (2) Secure storage and conveyance agreements with the Department of Water Resources and various water districts to facilitate these transfers consistent with Articles 55 and 56 of Metropolitan's State Water Project Supply Contract; and grant the General Manager final decision-making authority to determine whether or not to move forward with these transfers following completion of any environmental reviews required under CEQA, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-11 board letter.

Director Quinn reported that the One Water and Stewardship Committee voted to establish the Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities Subcommittee, the action was complete with a Committee vote.

Vice Chair Camacho called for a vote to approve Consent Calendar Items 6A, 6B, 7-1 through 7-11 (**M.I. No. 53091, 53092, and 53095 through 53105**).

Director Director Smith moved, seconded by Director Abdo that the Board approve the Consent Calendar Items 6A, 6B, 7-1 through 7-11 as follows:



The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Consent Item(s):		6A, 6B, and 7-1 through 7-11								
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote	
Anaheim	5627	Faessel	x	x	5627					
Beverly Hills	4267	Pressman								
Burbank	2893	Ramos	x	x	2893					
Calleguas Municipal Water District	12368	McMillan	x	x	12368					
Central Basin Municipal Water District	18216	Apodaca	x	x	9108					
		Chacon	x	x	9108					
			Subtotal:		18216					
Compton	599	McCoy	x	x	599					
Eastern Municipal Water District	10502	Armstrong	x	x	10502					
Foothill Municipal Water District	2290	Atwater	x	x	2290					
Fullerton	2390	Jung	x	x	2390					
Glendale	3814	Kassakhian	x	x	3814					
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	14663	Camacho	x	x	14663					
Las Virgenes	2927	Peterson	x	x	2927					
Long Beach	6151	Cordero	x	x	6151					
Los Angeles	75699	Sutley	x	x	18925					
		Petersen								
		Quinn	x	x	18925					
		Luna	x	x	18925					
		Repenning	x	x	18925					
			Subtotal:		75699					
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	60913	Ackerman	x	x	15228					
		Tamaribuchi	x	x	15228					
		Dick	x	x	15228					
		Erdman	x	x	15228					
			Subtotal:		60913					
Pasadena	3716	Kurtz	x	x	3716					
San Diego County Water Authority	63232	Fong-Sakai	x	x	15808					
		Goldberg	x	x	15808					
		Miller	x	x	15808					
		Smith	x	x	15808					
			Subtotal:		63232					
San Fernando	238	Ortega	x	x	238					
San Marino	770	Morris	x	x	770					
Santa Ana	3228	Phan	x	x	3228					
Santa Monica	4619	Abdo	x	x	4619					
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8254	De Jesus	x	x	8254					
Torrance	3416	Lefevre	x	x	3416					
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	12688	Fellow	x	x	12688					
West Basin Municipal Water District	25453	Williams								
		Gray	x	x	25453					
			Subtotal:		25453					
Western Municipal Water District	13541	Dennstedt	x	x	13541					
<b>Total</b>	<b>362474</b>				<b>358207</b>					
<b>Present and not voting</b>										
<b>Absent</b>	<b>4267</b>									

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 6A, 6B, 7-1 through 7-11 **(M.I. No. 53091, 53092, and 53095 through 53105)\*** passed by a vote of 358,207 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 4,267 absent.

**\*Note: Individual vote tally for Item 7-2**

Director Smith recused himself on Item 7-2 due to the fact that he owns Black & Veatech, Inc. stock. Director Phan recused herself on Item 7-2 due to the fact that the City of Torrance and the City of South Pasadena are clients of her employer Rutan & Tucker, LLP. The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 7-2 passed by a vote of 354,979 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 3,228 not voting; and 4,267 absent.

**\*Note: Individual vote tally for Item 7-3**

Director Smith recused himself on Item 7-3 due to the fact that he owns Black & Veatech, Inc. stock. The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 7-3 passed by a vote of 358,207 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 4,267 absent.

**\*Note: Individual vote tally for Item 7-5**

Director Smith recused himself on Item 7-5 due to the fact that he owns Black & Veatech, Inc. stock. Director Fong-Sakai recused herself on Item 7-5 due to the fact that she is a past employee of AECOM Technical Services, Inc. and owns stock. The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 7-5 passed by a vote of 358,207 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 4,267 absent.

**\*Note: Individual vote tally for Item 7-9**

Directors Cordero and Erdman recused themselves on Item 7-9 due to the fact that they own Southern California Edison stock. The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 7-9 passed by a vote of 352,056 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 6,151 not voting; and 4,267 absent.

**\*Note: Individual vote tally for Item 7-10**

Director Fellow recused himself on Item 7-10 due to the fact that he receives a per diem from the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and due to MWD Act Section 56. Director Phan recused herself on Item 7-10 due to the fact that the City of Torrance and the City of South Pasadena are clients of her employer Rutan & Tucker, LLP. Director Ortega recused himself on Item 7-10 due to the fact that he has a consulting contract with a nonprofit association of which Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District is a member. The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 7-10 passed by a vote of 342,053 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 16,154 not voting; and 4,267 absent.

**53106** Approve employment contract for the new General Auditor, as set forth in Agenda Item 8-1 board letter.

Vice Chair Camacho called on Diane Pitman, Group Manager Human Resources to present Item 8-1.

Vice Chair Camacho called for a vote to approve Item 8-1 (**M.I. No. 53106**).

Director Director Luna moved, seconded by Chair Ortega that the Board approve an employment contract for the new General Auditor, containing the terms and conditions as set forth in board letter Item 8-1 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-1							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	5627	Faessel	x	x	5627				
Beverly Hills	4267	Pressman							
Burbank	2893	Ramos	x	x	2893				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	12368	McMillan	x	x	12368				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	18216	Apodaca	x						
		Chacon	x	x	18216				
			Subtotal:		18216				
Compton	599	McCoy	x	x	599				
Eastern Municipal Water District	10502	Armstrong	x	x	10502				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2290	Atwater	x	x	2290				
Fullerton	2390	Jung	x	x	2390				
Glendale	3814	Kassakhian	x	x	3814				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	14663	Camacho	x	x	14663				
Las Virgenes	2927	Peterson	x	x	2927				
Long Beach	6151	Cordero	x	x	6151				
Los Angeles	75699	Sutley	x	x	18925				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	18925				
		Luna	x	x	18925				
		Repenning	x	x	18925				
			Subtotal:		75699				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	60913	Ackerman	x	x	15228				
		Tamaribuchi	x	x	15228				
		Dick	x	x	15228				
		Erdman	x	x	15228				
			Subtotal:		60913				
Pasadena	3716	Kurtz	x	x	3716				
San Diego County Water Authority	63232	Fong-Sakai	x	x	15808				
		Goldberg	x	x	15808				
		Miller	x	x	15808				
		Smith	x	x	15808				
			Subtotal:		63232				
San Fernando	238	Ortega	x	x	238				
San Marino	770	Morris	x	x	770				
Santa Ana	3228	Phan	x	x	3228				
Santa Monica	4619	Abdo	x	x	4619				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8254	De Jesus	x	x	8254				
Torrance	3416	Lefevre	x	x	3416				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist	12688	Fellow	x	x	12688				
West Basin Municipal Water District	25453	Williams							
		Gray	x	x	25453				
			Subtotal:		25453				
Western Municipal Water District	13541	Dennstedt	x	x	13541				
<b>Total</b>	<b>362474</b>				<b>358207</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>4267</b>								

The motion to approve Item 8-1 (**M.I. 53106**) passed by a vote of 358,207 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 4,267 absent.

**53107** Vice Chair Camacho asked if there were questions or need for discussion for Board Information Items 9-1 and 9-2. No requests were made.

**53108** Discuss and Approve Compensation Recommendation for the Ethics Officer Item 10-1.

Vice Chair Camacho called on Diane Pitman, Group Manager Human Resources to present Item 10-1.

The following Directors asked questions or made comments:

Director(s)

1. Ortega
2. Ramos
3. Smith
4. Luna
5. Dennstedt
6. Dick
7. Cordero
8. Faessel
9. Armstrong
10. Phan
11. De Jesus

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

Vice Chair Camacho called for a vote to approve Item 10-1, for a salary increase for the Ethics Officer to \$290,000, effective July 1, 2022 (**M.I. No. 53108**).

Director Director Ramos moved, seconded by Chair Ortega that the Board approve Item 10-1 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		10-1							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	5627	Faessel	x	x	5627				
Beverly Hills	4267	Pressman							
Burbank	2893	Ramos	x	x	2893				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	12368	McMillan	x	x	12368				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	18216	Apodaca	x						
		Chacon	x	x	18216				
			Subtotal:		18216				
Compton	599	McCoy	x	x	599				
Eastern Municipal Water District	10502	Armstrong	x	x	10502				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2290	Atwater							
Fullerton	2390	Jung	x	x	2390				
Glendale	3814	Kassakhian	x	x	3814				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	14663	Camacho	x	x	14663				
Las Virgenes	2927	Peterson	x	x	2927				
Long Beach	6151	Cordero	x	x	6151				
Los Angeles	75699	Sutley	x	x	15140				
		Petersen	x	x	15140				
		Quinn	x	x	15140				
		Luna	x	x	15140				
		Repenning	x	x	15140				
			Subtotal:		75699				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	60913	Ackerman	x	x	15228				
		Tamaribuchi	x	x	15228				
		Dick	x					x	15228
		Erdman	x	x	15228				
			Subtotal:		45685				15228
Pasadena	3716	Kurtz	x	x	3716				
San Diego County Water Authority	63232	Fong-Sakai	x	x	15808				
		Goldberg	x	x	15808				
		Miller	x	x	15808				
		Smith	x	x	15808				
			Subtotal:		63232				
San Fernando	238	Ortega	x	x	238				
San Marino	770	Morris	x	x	770				
Santa Ana	3228	Phan	x	x	3228				
Santa Monica	4619	Abdo	x	x	4619				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8254	De Jesus	x	x	8254				
Torrance	3416	Lefevre	x	x	3416				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	12688	Fellow	x	x	12688				
West Basin Municipal Water District	25453	Williams							
		Gray	x	x	25453				
			Subtotal:		25453				
Western Municipal Water District	13541	Dennstedt	x					x	13541
<b>Total</b>	<b>362474</b>				<b>327148</b>				<b>28769</b>
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>6557</b>								

The motion to approve Item 10-1 (**M.I. 53108**) passed by a vote of 327,148 ayes; 0 noes; 28,769 abstain; 0 not voting; and 6,557 absent.

**53109** Administer Oath of Office for Board Chair Adán Ortega, Jr. for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2023, Agenda Item 11-1.

Vice Chair Camacho called the session to order to Install Metropolitan's New Board Chair and Leadership Team.

Vice Chair Camacho, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chair Camacho introduced Director Castulo Estrada, Vice President of the Coachella Valley Water District, to speak about common values of leadership he shares with Metropolitan Chair and upcoming challenges.

Vice Chair Camacho called on Director Luna, City of Los Angeles, to present Chair Ortega with a resolution.

Vice Chair Camacho called on the Former Metropolitan Director and Former Mayor of the City of San Fernando, Sylvia Ballin, to administer the Oath of Office to Chair Ortega.

Chair Ortega made brief remarks, and the 2023 Leadership took the Oath of Office as one Board.

Vice Chair announced that Chair Ortega will be chairing the meeting from this point forward and extended an invitation to guests to join the Board for the Chair's reception.

**53110** Presentation of 20-year Service Pin to Director Randy A. Record. Director Record could not attend the January meeting, and his service pin was mailed to him by Board staff.

**53111** Presentation of 10-year Service Pin to Director Director Michael Camacho.

**53112** Chair Ortega asked if there were any Future Agenda Items. There were none.

**53113** There being no objection, at 12:13 p.m., Chair Ortega adjourned the meeting in honor of Metropolitan employee who passed away, Dawn Parker, Principal Project Controls Specialist Engineering Services Group.

  
LOIS FONG-SAKAI  
SECRETARY

  
ADÁN ORTEGA  
CHAIR