# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California



The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

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## **Legal and Claims Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

July 8, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 Meeting Schedule

08:30 a.m. FAAME 11:00 a.m. LEGAL 12:30 p.m. Break 01:00 p.m. OPE 02:30 p.m. BOD

Written public comments received by 5:00 p.m. the business day before the meeting is scheduled will be posted under the Submitted Items and Responses tab available here: https://mwdh2o.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx.

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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))

#### 2. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

**A.** General Counsel's report of monthly activities

21-4782

\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION \*\*

<sup>\*</sup> The Metropolitan Water District's meeting of this Committee is noticed as a joint committee meeting with the Board of Directors for the purpose of compliance with the Brown Act. Members of the Board who are not assigned to this Committee may participate as members of the Board, whether or not a quorum of the Board is present. In order to preserve the function of the committee as advisory to the Board, members of the Board who are not assigned to this Committee will not vote on matters before this Committee.

21-4792

## 3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

**A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Special Legal and Claims 21-4783 Committee for June 23, 2025

## 4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-9 Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to conform surplus water provisions to current law and practice, to update the list of active District funds, to clarify benefits and pay for specified employees, to conform the timing of exempt time off awards to current practice, to conform the administration of personal vehicle allowances to current policy, to conform public records procedures to current law, and to make other minor, non-substantive changes; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- 7-10 Authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with Thompson Coburn LLP for legal advice on state and federal energy regulatory and contractual matters by \$300,000 to a maximum amount payable of \$600,000; the General Manager has determined that this proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

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

## 5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

8-1 Report on litigation in Systems Integrated, LLC v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 21STCV18292; authorize an increase in maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Internet Law Center, Ltd., in the amount of \$TBD for a total amount not to exceed \$TBD; and authorize an increase in maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Kronenberger Rosenfeld, LLP in the amount of \$TBD for a total amount not to exceed \$TBD; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

#### 6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

#### 7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

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NONE

## 8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

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