



● **Board of Directors**
Executive Committee

1/25/2022 Special Board Meeting

7-1

Subject

Appointment of Board Vice Chairs and appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs of standing committees for the term commencing January 25, 2022 through January 1, 2023; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Executive Summary

This letter provides for the appointment of the four appointed Board Vice Chairs, in accordance with Administrative Code Section 2202 and, in accordance with Administrative Code Section 2401, for the appointment of the Chairs and Vice Chairs of standing committees of the Board including the new standing committees approved by the Board in November 2021 and on January 11, 2022.

Details

Background

Administrative Code Section 2202 provides that the four appointed Vice Chairs of the Board shall be selected by the Chair of the Board with the approval of the Executive Committee and Board, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair.

Administrative Code Section 2401 provides that the Chairs and Vice Chairs of standing committees are appointed by the Chair of the Board subject to the approval of the Executive Committee and the Board. The Chairs and Vice Chairs are to be appointed in even-numbered years at the December meeting of the Board for a two-year term commencing on January 1 of odd-numbered years.

On December 8, 2020 the Chairwoman's proposed appointments to Chair and Vice Chair of the standing committees of the Board failed to pass. At the Joint Special Executive Committee and the Board of Directors meeting on December 15, 2020, a motion to table consideration of the Chairwoman's proposed appointments to Chair and Vice Chair of standing committees passed.

In November 2021, the Board approved the creation of four new standing committees: the One Water (Conservation and Local Resources) Committee (changing the status and name of the former Conservation and Local Resources and Special Committee), the Imported Water Committee, the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee and the Underserved Communities Committee and directed staff to return to the Board with the proposed changes to Metropolitan's Administrative Code required to create the new committees. On January 11, 2022, the Board approved the changes to the Administrative Code required to create the four new committees, delete the Bay Delta Committee, establish the duties of the newly created committees and modify the duties of certain existing committees to be consistent with the assignment of duties to the new committees.

If approved, the action requested will appoint new appointed Vice Chairs of the Board and the Chairs and Vice Chairs for both the standing committees in existence in December 2021 and the new standing committees approved by the Board at the January 11, 2022 Board meeting. The Vice Chairs of the Board serve at the pleasure of the Chair. The term of the new Chairs and Vice Chairs of the standing committees will commence upon approval of the Board. It is anticipated that the members of the new standing committees will be approved at the February 2022 Board meeting and the new standing committees will have their initial meetings in March 2022.

Attachment 1 to this letter is a matrix listing the proposed appointments of the appointed Vice Chairs of the Board and the Chairs and Vice Chairs for the standing committees of the Board.

Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Sections 2401 and 2202

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 11104: Delegation of Responsibilities

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA determination for Option #1:

The proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA because it involves continuing administrative activities, such as general policy and procedure making (Public Resources Code Section 21065, Section 15378(b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines). In addition, the proposed action is not subject to CEQA because it involves organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment (Section 15378(b)(5) of the State of CEQA Guidelines).

CEQA determination for Option #2:

None required

Board Options

Option #1

Approve appointments of the Board Vice Chairs and appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs of standing committees for the term commencing January 25, 2022 through January 1, 2023

Fiscal Impact: None

Business Analysis: Provides the appointed Vice Chairs of the Board and the Chair and Vice Chair leadership for existing and new standing committees of the Board

Option #2

Do not approve the proposed appointments of the appointed Board Vice Chairs and the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the standing committees of the Board.

Fiscal Impact: None

Business Analysis: The existing standing committees will continue to have vacancies in Chair or Vice Chair positions; the new standing committees will not have Chairs or Vice Chairs as committee leadership

Recommendation

Option 1



 Gloria D. Gray 01/21/2022
 Chairwoman of the Board Date

Attachment 1 – Proposed Board Leadership

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Attachment 1
Proposed Board Leadership
Chair and Vice Chair of Standing Committees
Appointed Vice Chairs of the Board

Audit & Ethics Committee

Director Kurtz	Chair
Director De Jesus	Vice Chair

Communications & Legislation Committee

Director Blois	Chair
Director Fellow	Vice Chair

Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee

Director Ramos	Chair
Director McCoy	Vice Chair

Engineering & Operations Committee

Director Smith	Chair
Director Blois	Vice Chair

Finance & Insurance Committee

Director Pressman	Chair
Director Sutley	Vice Chair

Imported Water Committee

Director Glen Peterson	Chair
Director Faessel	Vice Chair

Legal & Claims Committee

Director Dick	Chair
Director Atwater	Vice Chair

One Water (Conservation & Local Resources) Committee

Director Quinn	Chair
Director Erdman	Vice Chair

Organization, Personnel & Technology Committee

Director McCoy	Chair
Director Morris	Vice Chair

Real Property & Asset Management Committee

Director Goldberg	Chair
Director Hawkins	Vice Chair

Underserved Communities Committee

Director Ortega	Chair
Director Dennstedt	Vice Chair

Water Planning & Stewardship Committee

Director Lefevre	Chair
Director Tamaribuchi	Vice Chair

Vice Chairs of the Board (non-elected)

Director DeJesus
Director Repenning
Director Ackerman
Director Jung