

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

**FINANCE, AFFORDABILITY, ASSET MANAGEMENT, AND EFFICIENCY
COMMITTEE**

June 9, 2026

Vice Chair Alvarez called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Members present: Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Crane, Daniels (entered after Rollcall), Dennstedt, Fong-Sakai, McMillan (teleconference posted location), Miller (alternative teleconferencing), Paule, Pressman, Quinn (entered after rollcall), and Seckel.

Members absent: Director Petersen.

Other Board Members present: Camacho, Denham, Erdman, Fellow, Gray (teleconference posted location), Jay, Kurtz, Lewitt, Ortega, and Shepherd Romey.

Director Miller stated he was participating using alternative teleconferencing due to caretaking and was alone in the room.

Committee Staff present: Chapman, Deshmukh, Hudson, Quilizapa, Ros, Rubin, and Van den Berg.

**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 (ONLY)

- A. Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Asset Management Committee Meeting for May 12, 2026

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

- 7-5 Subject: Approve up to \$2.65 million to purchase insurance coverage for Metropolitan's Property and Casualty Insurance Program for fiscal year 2026/27; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Motion: Approve up to \$2.65 million to purchase insurance coverage for Metropolitan's Property and Casualty Insurance Program to renew or replace all the expiring excess liability and specialty insurance policies and maintain the \$25 million self-insured retention for general liability coverage.
- 7-6 Subject: Approve Metropolitan's Statement of Investment Policy for fiscal year 2026/27, delegate authority to the Treasurer to invest Metropolitan's funds for fiscal year 2026/27; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Motion: Approve Metropolitan's Statement of Investment Policy for fiscal year 2026/27; and delegate authority to the Treasurer to invest Metropolitan's funds for fiscal year 2026/27.

No presentations were given, Director Seckel made a motion, seconded by Director Bryant, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A, 7-5, and 7-6.

The vote was:

- Ayes: Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Crane, Dennstedt, Fong-Sakai, McMillan, Miller, Paule, Pressman, and Seckel.
- Noes: None
- Abstentions: Director Fong-Sakai (item 2A)
- Absent: Directors Daniels, Petersen, and Quinn.

The motion for items 7-5 and 7-6 passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 3 absent.

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstention, and 3 absent.

Director Miller stated he was alone in the room.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Subject: Affordability of water services study in Metropolitan's service area presented by Dr. Kurt Schwabe from the University of Riverside

Presented by: Dr. Kurt Schwabe, PhD, School of Public Policy, UC Riverside

Mr. Deshmukh introduced the item, and Ms. Upadhayay introduced the presenter, Dr. Schwabe from the University of California, Riverside. Dr. Schwabe presented highlights of the water affordability study using Metropolitan's retailer level data and household-level data to assess water affordability across the service area.

Director Quinn entered the meeting.

Director Daniels entered the meeting.

The following Director provided comments or asked questions:

1. Ortega
2. Fong-Sakai
3. Seckel
4. Pressman
5. Daniels
6. Crane
7. Erdman
8. Alvarez

Staff responded to the Director's comments and questions.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Subject: Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency activities

No report was provided. Report is posted online.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Subject: Report from Subcommittee on CAMP4W

Director Seckel updated the committee on items discussed at the May 26, 2026, Subcommittee on CAMP4W.

- b. Subject: Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on CAMP4W

No direction was given.

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Director Fong-Sakai requested a follow-up regarding the 6-CCF benchmark used by the State Water Resources Control Board and how closely this aligns with Metropolitan's demographics.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Paule requested an assessment of how we label our property tax bills.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on July 14, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Desi Alvarez
Vice Chair