

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 27, 2024

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Members present: Directors Abdo, Camacho, Cordero, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Gray (teleconference posted location and entered after roll call), Jung (teleconference posted location), Luna (entered after roll call), McCoy, Ortega, Quinn (entered after roll call), and Sutley.

Members absent: Directors Pressman, Ramos, and Smith.

Other Board members present: Directors Alvarez, Armstrong, Bryant, De Jesus (teleconference posted location), Dick, Douglas, Garza, Kassakhian, Kurtz, Lefevre (teleconference posted location), Morris, and Seckel.

Committee staff present: Hagekhalil, Hudson, Salinas, Scully, Suzuki, Wheeler, and Upadhyay.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

	Name	Affiliation	Item
1.	Ellen Mackey	Metropolitan Employee	Employment and Ethics Issues

2. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Chair Ortega

Chair Ortega stated that he will name the new members of the San Diego Litigation Ad Hoc Committee. He asked if any Directors were interested in serving on the Committee to let him know. At the upcoming Board meeting, the elections of three non-officers to the Executive Committee will be conducted, and one of those elected members will be appointed to the Audits Subcommittee, which already includes Director Cordero and Board Secretary Fong-Sakai.

b. Subject: General Manager's Report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: General Manager Adel Hagekhalil

General Manager Hagekhalil reported on the following:

- State Water Project Allocation
- the upcoming Networks Event in Carson
- the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion launch of the Core Values

c. Subject: General Counsel's report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia Scully

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

d. Subject: General Auditor's report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: General Auditor Scott Suzuki

General Auditor Suzuki stated that the audit report will be posted on the website.

e. Subject: Ethics Officer's report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: Ethics Officer Abel Salinas

Ethics Officer Salinas stated he had nothing to add to his report.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting for January 23, 2024.

Chair Ortega asked Directors if there were any additions, corrections, or omissions on the minutes of the January 23, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting. None were made.

- B. Approve the draft of the Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for March 2024.

Chair Ortega asked if there were any additions or deletions to the March 2024 draft packet.

Chair Ortega reported that at the Ethics, Organization & Personnel Committee, the following items have been added:

- Overview of the Human Resources Group and Key Initiatives; and
- Department Head 360 Evaluation process

Committee Vice Chair Dick reported that at the Finance and Asset Management Committee, the following items have been added:

- Historical Revenue and Expense Analysis

Committee Chair Luna reported that at the Legal and Claims Committee, the following items have been added:

- Update on pending employment litigation

Board Vice Chair Sutley reported that at the One Water Stewardship Committee, the following items have been added:

- Potential Interagency Local Supply Exchange Program

The following item have been deleted as a written report:

- Proposed Interagency Local Supply Exchange Program

Chair Ortega called for the vote on Items 3A and 3B.

Director Sutley made a motion, seconded by Director Camacho, to approve the consent calendar Items 3A and 3B as listed.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Camacho, Cordero, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Jung, Luna, McCoy, Ortega, and Sutley.

Abstention: None

Recusal: None

Absent: Gray, Pressman, Quinn, Ramos, and Smith.

The motion for Items 3A and 3B passed by a vote of 11 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 5 absent.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

5. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Subject: Report on the Colorado River Board Meeting.
Presented by: Director Cordero

Director Cordero reported on the Colorado River Board Meeting.

Directors Quinn and Luna entered the meeting.

- b. Subject: Update and discussion regarding the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's development of post-2026 Colorado River reservoir operations guidelines and strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead. [Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation; based on existing facts and circumstances, including potential imposition of significant water use reductions in the Lower Basin under the regulatory authority of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation could lead to litigation among the United States and one or more Colorado River water users; there is a significant exposure to litigation against Metropolitan: unknown number of potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]
Presented by: William Hasencamp, Manager of Colorado River Resources

Chair Ortega called the meeting into closed session to discuss Item 5b.

Director Gray entered the meeting.

The Committee returned to open session at 1:54; in closed session the Committee conferred with staff and legal counsel regarding item 5b. No action was taken in closed session.

6. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Adán Ortega, Jr.
Chair of the Board