

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMPORTED WATER

January 27, 2026

Committee Chair Gold called the meeting to order at 12:21 p.m.

Members present: Committee Chair Gold, Committee Vice Chair Ackerman (entered after roll call), Directors Alvarez, Cordero, Crane, De Jesus, Denham, Garza, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, and Miller.

Members absent: Director Camacho.

Other Board Members present: Directors Bryant, Erdman, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Board Chair Ortega, Paule, Quinn, Seckel, Shepherd Romey, and Board Vice Chair Sutley.

Committee Staff present: Bednarski, Crosson, Deshmukh, Goshi, Hasencamp, Horton, Hudson, Martin, Rubin, and Winn.

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

None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS -- ACTION

None

****END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS****

3. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

Vice Chair Ackerman entered the meeting.

Committee Chair Gold announced that there would be a reordering of the items. Item 3b would be heard first.

- b. Subject: Perspectives on the Future Outlook of the Colorado River and Opportunities to Partner on Water Supply Initiatives; Guest Speakers Brenda Burman, General Manager, and Terry Goddard Board President, Central Arizona Water Conservation District (Central Arizona Project)

Presented by: Ms. Burman and Mr. Goodard

Board Chair Ortega introduced the guests that were present from the Central Arizona Project (CAP) and the speakers.

Ms. Burman reported on the following:

- The partnership that Metropolitan and CAP have had over the years
- At the request of the Committee Chair, she provided an overview, background, and many accomplishments of the CAP.

Director Seckel asked a question. It was answered by one of the guests.

Mr. Goddard reported on the following:

- Explained that CAP imports water from the Colorado River
- Described how CAP works, grows, and prospers
- How they manage and conserve water

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Gold
2. Sutley
3. Ortega

The guests responded to the Directors questions and comments.

- a. Subject: Regulatory Updates on the Coordinated Long-term Operations of the State Water Project and Central Valley Project and the Phase 2 Update to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan

Presented by: Rebecca Sheehan, Senior Deputy General Counsel

John Bednarski, Assistant General Manager, announced that Nina Hawk will be returning as Group Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives next week. He thanked Dr. Maureen Martin for a job well done as interim group manger while Nina was on an extended leave.

Dr. Martin introduced Ms. Sheehan.

Ms. Sheehan reported on the following:

- Regulatory overview
- State Water Project and Central Valley Project Endangered Species Act Permit updates
- December 2025 Draft Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan summary
- Next steps

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Sutley
2. Ortega
3. Gold
4. Seckel

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

- c. Subject: Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Meeting

Presented by: Director Jacque McMillan

Director McMillan reported on the meeting of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority that she attended on December 18, 2025.

- d. Subject: Report on Colorado River Board Meeting

Presented by: Director Gloria Cordero

Director Cordero reported on the meetings of the Colorado River Board that she attended on December 16, 2025, held at the Colorado River Water Users Association Conference in Las Vegas and the January 9, 2026, meeting held in Palm Desert.

- e. Subject: Update on Colorado River negotiations and protection of Metropolitan's Colorado River water rights [Closed session]

Presented by: Michael Hughes, Senior Deputy General Counsel
Shanti Rosset, Colorado River Resources Policy Manager

In closed session, the committee heard the item. No action was taken.

4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Chair Gold requested that an item be added in the near future, on the Fresh Water Pathway including what it is, what the specific projects are, and the estimated cost.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Fresh Water Pathway item mentioned above.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on February 24, 2026

The meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Mark Gold
Chair