THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ETHICS COMMITTEE

April 14, 2026

Chair Seckel called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Members present: Directors Cordero, Douglas (teleconference posted location), Katz, Lewitt, McCoy, Paule, Ramos, and Seckel

Members absent: Director Shepherd Romey

Other Board Members present: Directors Ackerman, Crane, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Gray (teleconference posted location), Jay, Kurtz, Miller, and Ortega

Committee Staff present: Beatty, Deshmukh, Hudson, Rodriguez, Salinas, and Shope

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

None

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ****

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

NONE

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

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

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Subject: Ethics Office Overview, Guest Speaker: Andrea Sheridan Ordin

Presented by: Abel Salinas, Ethics Officer
Kelli Shope, Assistant Ethics Officer
Dominic Berbeo, Senior Deputy Ethics Officer

Mr. Salinas provided an overview of the Ethics Office's history, structure, programs, and staff. Ms. Shope, Assistant Ethics Officer, provided an overview of the Education, Advice, and Compliance programs. Mr. Berbeo, Senior Deputy Ethics Officer, provided an overview of the Policy Development and Investigations programs. Ms. Sheridan Ordin commented on her experience and the field of ethics.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Paule
2. Ortega
3. Douglas
4. Ramos

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

b. Subject: Ethics Office Review Process

Presented by: Abel Salinas, Ethics Officer

Mr. Salinas provided an informational overview of Ethics Office reviews.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Seckel
2. Katz
3. Ortega
4. Ramos
5. Lewitt
6. Garza

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

c. Subject: Requested Investigation Information

Presented by: Abel Salinas, Ethics Officer

Mr. Salinas provided the supplemental Ethics Office investigation information previously requested.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Seckel
2. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

a. Subject: Ethics Officer's report on monthly activities

Presented by: Abel Salinas, Ethics Officer

Chair Seckel announced we would receive and file the Ethics Officer's report. The report is available online.

Chair Seckel also announced that Mr. Salinas will present the Business Plans for FY 2025/26 and FY 2026/27 at the next meeting.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Karl Seckel
Chair