

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMPORTED WATER

October 28, 2025

Committee Chair Gold called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Members present: Committee Chair Gold, Committee Vice Chair Ackerman, Directors Alvarez, Armstrong, Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus, Denham, Garza, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, and Miller.

Members absent: Director Luna.

Other Board Members present: Directors Dick, Erdman, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Ortega, Ramos, Shepherd Romey and Sutley.

Committee Staff present: Dunbar, Goshi, Hasencamp, Horton, Hudson, Martin, Rubin, and Zinke.

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

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Subcommittee on Imported Water for August 26, 2025

Director Camacho made a motion, seconded by Director De Jesus, to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus, Denham, Garza, Gold, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan and Miller.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Luna.

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent.

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

3. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Sites Reservoir Project Plan of Finance Summary and Overview of Agreements

Presented by: Jerry Brown, Executive Director of Sites Project Authority

Mr. Brown reported on the following:

- Sites Reservoir Project Overview
- Sites Decision-making structure
- Sites Plan of Finance: Key Funding Sources
- Timeline

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Miller
2. Lewitt
3. Camacho
4. Gold
5. Garza
6. Chair Ortega
7. Armstrong
8. Seckel

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

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

Presented by: Jackie McMillan, Director

Ms. McMillan. reported on the following:

- Board introduction to Clint Rehermann, DCA Program Support Manager
- Adoption of a Board resolution recognizing Director Miguel Luna for his service
- Standard manager reporting items provided by the DCA Executive Director, Treasurer, Communications Manager, Environmental Manager and the General Counsel

- c. Subject: Report on Colorado River Board Meeting

Presented by: Director Cordero

Director Cordero reported on the meeting of the Colorado River Board that she attended on October 15, 2025, held at Metropolitan's McGuire Water Quality Laboratory at the Weymouth Treatment Plan. Director Cordero reported on the following:

- General Manager Upadhyay presentation focusing on Colorado River Supplies Challenges faced by Metropolitan and the State of California
- GM Upadhyay announcement of the new general manager selection, Shivaji Deshmukh
- Department of Interior Management and Staffing
- Water Supply Conditions
- A closed session discussion was held pertaining to negotiations among the Basin States and the Department of the Interior regarding operating guidelines for the river for the post-2026 period

- d. Subject: Report on Colorado River negotiations and protection of Metropolitan's Colorado River water rights

Presented by: Laura Lamdin, Interim Team Manager, Colorado River, Water Resource Management and Shanti Rosset, Special Projects Manager

Ms. Lamdin reported on the following:

- A high-level overview of Colorado River Basin Hydrology and system imbalance, including the structural deficit in the Lower Basin
- An outline of original Lower Basin alternative

Ms. Rosset then discussed the 1922 Colorado River Compact and reported on the following:

- Why the Compact still matters and why the Basin States reached agreement in 1922
- Key Compact provisions
- How these provisions shape current negotiations
- Implications for post-2026 guidelines

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Gold
2. Denham

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments. The Board then proceeded into closed session.

No action was taken in closed session.

4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be a Joint One Water & Adaptation Committee and Subcommittee on Imported Water meeting to be held on November 17, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Mark Gold
Chair