

# **THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

## **MINUTES**

### **ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**August 18, 2025**

Chair Erdman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Chair Erdman, Vice Chair Faessel, Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, and Seckel.

Members absent: Directors Luna and Petersen.

Other board members present: Chair Ortega, Vice Chair Camacho, Directors Ackerman, Dick, Gray (teleconference posted location), Katz, and Shepherd Romey.

Committee staff present: Benson, Chapman, Chaudhuri, Eckstrom, Hattar, Parsons, Rubin, and Upadhyay.

#### **1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION (As required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))**

None.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

#### **2. COMMITTEE ACTION**

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for July 7, 2025.

- 7-1** Subject: Authorize an agreement with Kaygen Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$473,640 for MyWarehouse Shopping Cart Replacement project; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA.

Presented by: No presentation requested.

Motion: Authorize an agreement with Kaygen Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$473,640 for MyWarehouse Shopping Cart Replacement project.

**7-2** Subject: Authorize an on-call professional services agreement with Allied Reliability, Inc. for a not-to-exceed total amount of \$1.75 million for asset reliability services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA.

Presented by: No presentation requested.

Motion: Authorize an on-call professional services agreement with Allied Reliability, Inc. for a not-to-exceed total amount of \$1.75 million for asset reliability services.

**7-3** Subject: Award a \$1,454,000 construction contract to MMC Inc. to replace the San Jacinto Diversion Structure slide gates; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA.

Presented by: No presentation requested.

Motion: Award a \$1,454,000 construction contract to MMC Inc. to replace the San Jacinto Diversion Structure slide gates.

**7-4** Subject: Award a \$370,900 construction contract to American Wrecking Inc. for the removal of three existing gate frames in support of the San Gabriel Tower Improvements; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or not subject to CEQA.

Presented by: No presentation requested.

Motion: Award a \$370,900 construction contract to American Wrecking Inc. for the removal of three existing gate frames in support of the San Gabriel Tower Improvements.

Director Alvarez made a motion, seconded by Director Bryant, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A, 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, and 7-4.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Alvarez, Bryant, Crawford, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, and Seckel.

Noes: None

Abstentions: Fong-Sakai (Item 2A)

Recusals: None

Not voting: None

Absent: Directors Luna and Petersen

The motion for Item 2A passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstention, and 2 absent.  
The motion for Items 7-1, 7-2, 7-3 and 7-4 passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent.

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

**4. COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**

There were none.

**5. COMMITTEE INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**

There were none

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS INFORMATIONAL**

- a.            Subject:            Increase of funding for the Capital Investment Plan for fiscal years  
2024-25 and 2025-26

Presented by:      Francisco Becerra, Section Manager, Engineering Services

Mr. Becerra reported on the following:

- Information on potentially increasing the current biennium CIP budget to address known vulnerabilities to Metropolitan's conveyance, distribution, and treatment systems

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Alvarez
2. Bryant
3. Seckel
4. Vice Chair Faessel
5. Miller
6. Chair Erdman

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

b. Subject: Update on Golden Mussels in the State Water Project

Presented by: Paul Rochelle, Section Manager, Water Quality

Dr. Rochelle reported on the following:

- Update on invasive golden mussels in the State Water Project, potential impact on operations, and Metropolitan's response

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Miller
2. Jay
3. Seckel
4. Dick
5. Chair Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

c. Subject: Planning and Execution of Pipeline Shutdowns Within  
Metropolitan's Distribution System

Presented by: Scott Reiersen, Unit Manager, Conveyance & Distribution Eastern  
Region

Mr. Reiersen reported on the following:

- Overview of activities required to plan and execute a conveyance and distribution system shutdown

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Vice Chair Faessel
3. Chair Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

## 7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

a.           Subject:           Engineering Services, Information Technology, and Water System  
Operations Activities

Presented by:   Mai Hattar, Group Manager and Chief Engineer, Engineering  
Services Group

Shane Chapman, Assistant General Manager, Operations

Ms. Hattar reported on the following:

- Lake Skinner Dam Perimeter Drainage Improvements

Mr. Chapman reported on the following:

- Successful completion of the Lake Mathews tower shutdown and discharge valve repairs at Iron Mountain pumping plant. A video of the Lake Mathews shutdown was also shared with the committee.
- The IT Group successfully completed its annual disaster recovery exercise of business continuity applications within our Oracle Cloud tenancy. This critical test involved a comprehensive business continuity switchover of critical business applications and their dependencies.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Dennstedt

## 8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Chair Erdman returned to Item 6d for discussion in closed session.

6d.           Subject:           Quarterly Cybersecurity Update [Conference with Metropolitan  
Director of Info Tech Services, Information Technology, Jacob  
Margolis, or designated agents on threats to public services or  
facilities; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code  
Section 54957(a)]

Presented by:   Closed Session Presentation

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on September 8, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Dennis Erdman  
Chair