

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**June 11, 2024**

**53645** The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in a regular session on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

Director Lefevre is using AB 2449 just cause due to him being the primary caretaker, which prevents him from attending in person. The Director appeared by audio.

**53646** The Meeting was opened with an invocation by Director Dennis Erdman, Municipal Water District of Orange County.

**53647** The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Director Desi Alvarez, West Basin Municipal Water District.

**53648** Board Executive Secretary Hudson administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Bryant, Camacho Crawford, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Dick, Douglas, Erdman, Fellow, Garza, Goldberg, Jung (teleconference posted location available for the public), Kurtz, Lefevre (AB 2449), Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Morris, Ortega, Petersen, Phan (teleconference posted location available for the public), Pressman, Quinn, Seckel, and Sutley.

Director Lefevre announced during the roll that no one was in the room with her 18 years of age or older.

Those not responding were: Directors Cordero, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Gray, Kassakhian, Luna, McCoy, and Smith.

Board Executive Secretary Hudson declared a quorum present.

Director entered the meeting after the roll call: Ramos (teleconference posted location available for the public)

Chair Ortega called on Director Lefevre to introduce Member Agency Manager Guest Chuck Schaich, City of Torrance. Chair Ortega, Director Lefevre, and Mr. Schaich made remarks.

Chair Ortega welcomed and thanked Mr. Schaich for joining the board and encouraged him to comment on matters important to the City of Torrance.

Chair Ortega announced that Metropolitan's Black Employees Association will be celebrating Juneteenth through the telling of its historic significance, focusing on

Metropolitan's sponsorship of the San Fernando Valley Pride March and Festival, highlighting events held throughout the month that highlight Metropolitan efforts in Safety for National Safety Month; Spotlighting visits by Metropolitan Dads to their children's classrooms to talk about their jobs and importance of conservation; lastly, for transparency reasons, the agendas have been updated to show where written public comment is located.

**53649** Chair Ortega invited members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction (in-person and via teleconference).

	Name	Affiliation	Comment
1.	Wigs Mendoza	NAANEA, Volunteer advocate of Indigenous People	100th Anniversary or Centennial of the Indian Citizen Citizenship Act of 1924
2.	Mark Gold	Director, Natural Resources Defense Council	Item 7-10
3.	Board Vice Chair Abdo	Metropolitan Director	Item 7-10
4.	Director Petersen	Metropolitan Director	Item 7-10

Chair Ortega addressed the following: Other Matters and Reports.

**53650** Chair Ortega asked if there were any corrections to the report of events attended by Directors at Metropolitan's expense during the month of May, as previously posted and distributed to the Board. None were made.

**53651** Chair Ortega announced that his monthly report will be posted after today's meeting. In addition, he commended the legal, finance, and general manager's office for the successful bond sale.

**53652** General Manager Hagekhalil provided an update on: the efforts Metropolitan is taking to recognize National Safety Month, Cybersecurity Summit on July 11, 2024, the upcoming board member educational sessions, Colorado River negotiations, and the upcoming CAMP4W Business Model discussions.

**53653** General Counsel Scully stated she had nothing to add to the written report.

**53654** General Auditor Suzuki reported the next fiscal year audit plan is on the board agenda for approval.

**53655** Ethics Officer Salinas stated he had nothing to add to the written report.

**53656** Chair Ortega announced the induction of new James Crawford from Central Basin Municipal Water District (Agenda Item 5G).

- (a) Received credentials
- (b) Reported on credentials by General Counsel
- (c) Filed credentials
- (d) Administered Oath of Office
- (e) Filed Oath

Director Garza introduced Director Crawford. Directors Garza and Crawford made remarks.

**53657** Chair Ortega announced the induction of new Director Jay Lewitt from Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (Agenda Item 5H).

- (a) Received credentials
- (b) Reported on credentials by General Counsel
- (c) Filed credentials
- (d) Administered Oath of Office
- (e) Filed Oath

Former Director Glen Peterson introduced Director Lewitt. Mr. Peterson and Director Lewitt made remarks.

**53658** Chair Ortega asked the Directors if there were any comments or discussions on the Approval of the Minutes of the Subcommittee on Audits for January 23, 2024, and the Board of Directors for May 14, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director any additions, corrections, or omissions) (Agenda Item 6A). No amendments were made.

Board Vice Chair Camacho requested that items 7-8 and 7-9 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

**53659** Approval of Committee Assignments (Agenda Item 6B).

Appoint Director Lewitt to the Legislation and Communications Committee, One Water and Stewardship Committee, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Bay-Delta Negotiations.

Appoint Director Kurtz to the Ad Hoc Committee on San Diego Litigation.

**53660** Approve Commendatory Resolution for Director Michael Gualtieri representing Central Basin Municipal Water District (Agenda Item 6C).

**53661** Approve Commendatory Resolution for Director Glen Peterson representing Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (Agenda Item 6D).

Chair Ortega called on Directors who are requesting that any items be pulled from the Consent Calendar Action Items and to state any recusals, abstentions, and disclosures.

Director Lewitt disclosed that Item 7-6 is an agreement with Las Virgenes Municipal Water District; he is required to disclose for the record that he receives per diem, medical, and related benefits from Las Virgenes. He is allowed to participate in the item.

**53662** Approve the nomination and naming of the Wildflower Trail at Diamond Valley Lake in honor of Metropolitan Board Vice Chair Judy Abdo, as set forth Agenda Item 7-10 board letter.

The following Director(s) asked questions or made comments:

Director(s)

1. Sutley

**53663** Approve the General Auditor's Internal Audit Plan for fiscal year 2024/2, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-1 board letter.

**53664** Authorize on-call agreements with AECOM, Black & Veatch, and Hazen and Sawyer in amounts not to exceed \$3 million each, for a maximum of three years for engineering services, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-2 board letter.

**53665** Award an \$897,469 contract to Exaro Technologies Corporation for the construction of a cathodic protection system on the Santa Monica Feeder, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-3 board letter.

**53666** Approve up to \$2.257 million to purchase insurance coverage for Metropolitan's Property and Casualty Insurance Program to renew or replace all the expiring excess liability and specialty insurance policies for and maintain the \$25 million self-insured retention for FY 2024/25, and include up to \$225,000 to obtain cyber liability coverage, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-4 board letter.

**53667** Approve the Statement of Investment Policy for fiscal year 2024/25; and delegate authority to the Treasurer to invest Metropolitan's funds for fiscal year 2024/2, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-5 board letter.

**53668** Authorize the General Manager to grant a permanent easement to Las Virgenes Municipal Water District for water pipeline purposes on Metropolitan fee-owned property in the City of Los Angeles within Assessor Parcel Number 2723-009-905, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-6 board letter.

**53669** Authorize amending agreements with Hazen and Sawyer for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$2,000,000 and CDM Smith Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000, and authorize a new agreement with Arup US, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000 for a period of three years to provide support services in the development and implementation of the CAMP4W, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-7 board letter.

Director Morris moved, seconded by Director Fellow that the Board approve the Consent Calendar Items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, and 7-1 through 7-7, and 7-10 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Consent Item(s):		6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, and 7-1 through 7-7 & 7-10							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman	x	x	4493				
Burbank	3175	Ramos	x	x	3175				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan	x	x	13073				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x	x	9662				
		Crawford	x	x	9662				
			Subtotal:		19324				
Compton	641	McCoy							
Eastern Municipal Water District	12060	Armstrong	x	x	12060				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2409	Bryant	x	x	2409				
Fullerton	2561	Jung	x	x	2561				
Glendale	3985	Kassakhian							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Lewitt	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero							
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen	x	x	20043				
		Quinn	x	x	20043				
		Luna							
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman	x	x	16159				
		Seckel	x	x	16159				
		Dick	x	x	16159				
		Erdman	x	x	16159				
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67201	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	33601				
		Miller	x	x	33601				
		Smith							
			Subtotal:		67201				
San Fernando	260	Ortega	x	x	260				
San Marino	800	Morris	x	x	800				
Santa Ana	3431	Phan	x	x	3431				
Santa Monica	4861	Abdo	x	x	4861				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8634	De Jesus	x	x	8634				
Torrance	3590	Lefevre	x	x	3590				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	13418	Fellow	x	x	13418				
West Basin Municipal Water District	27064	Alvarez	x	x	27064				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
<b>Total</b>	<b>386141</b>				<b>368919</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>17222</b>								

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, and 7-1 through 7-7 and 7-10 (**M.I. No. 53658 through 53669**) passed by a vote of 368,919 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 17,222 absent.

Directors Lefevre, using AB 2449 just cause did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.

**53670** Table Board Items 7-8 and 7-9 to allow future consideration.

Director Camacho moved, seconded by Director Pressman, that the Board approve to table Board Items 7-8 and 7-9 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Consent Item(s):	7-8 & 7-9								
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman	x	x	4493				
Burbank	3175	Ramos	x	x	3175				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan	x	x	13073				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x	x	9662				
		Crawford	x	x	9662				
			Subtotal:		19324				
Compton	641	McCoy							
Eastern Municipal Water District	12060	Armstrong	x	x	12060				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2409	Bryant	x	x	2409				
Fullerton	2561	Jung	x	x	2561				
Glendale	3985	Kassakhian							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Lewitt	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero							
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen	x	x	20043				
		Quinn	x	x	20043				
		Luna							
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman	x	x	16159				
		Seckel	x	x	16159				
		Dick	x	x	16159				
		Erdman	x	x	16159				
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67201	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	33601				
		Miller	x	x	33601				
		Smith							
			Subtotal:		67201				
San Fernando	260	Ortega	x	x	260				
San Marino	800	Morris	x	x	800				
Santa Ana	3431	Phan	x	x	3431				
Santa Monica	4861	Abdo	x	x	4861				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8634	De Jesus	x	x	8634				
Torrance	3590	Lefevre	x	x	3590				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	13418	Fellow	x	x	13418				
West Basin Municipal Water District	27064	Alvarez	x	x	27064				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
<b>Total</b>	<b>386141</b>				<b>368919</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>17222</b>								

The motion to table the Board Items 7-8 and 7-9 (**M.I. No. 53670**) passed by a vote of 368,919 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 17,222 absent.

Directors Lefevre, using AB 2449 just cause did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.

**53671** Approve and appropriate an increase of \$25 million to the Capital Investment Plan for FYs 2022/23 and 2023/24 budget for a new biennium amount of \$625 million (Agenda Item 8-1).

Director Erdman moved, seconded by Director Morris, that the Board approve the Board Item 8-1 as follows:

Chair Ortega called for a vote on the motion for Agenda Item 8-1 Option 1.

Director Pressman left the meeting.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-1							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman							
Burbank	3175	Ramos	x	x	3175				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan	x	x	13073				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x	x	9662				
		Crawford	x	x	9662				
			Subtotal:		19324				
Compton	641	McCoy							
Eastern Municipal Water District	12060	Armstrong	x	x	12060				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2409	Bryant	x	x	2409				
Fullerton	2561	Jung	x	x	2561				
Glendale	3985	Kassakhian							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Lewitt	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero							
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen	x	x	20043				
		Quinn	x	x	20043				
		Luna							
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman	x	x	16159				
		Seckel	x	x	16159				
		Dick	x	x	16159				
		Erdman	x	x	16159				
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67201	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	33601				
		Miller	x	x	33601				
		Smith							
			Subtotal:		67201				
San Fernando	260	Ortega	x	x	260				
San Marino	800	Morris	x	x	800				
Santa Ana	3431	Phan	x	x	3431				
Santa Monica	4861	Abdo	x	x	4861				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8634	De Jesus	x	x	8634				
Torrance	3590	Lefevre	x	x	3590				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	13418	Fellow	x	x	13418				
West Basin Municipal Water District	27064	Alvarez	x	x	27064				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
<b>Total</b>	<b>386141</b>				<b>364426</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>21715</b>								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-1 (**M.I. No. 53671**) passed by a vote of 364,426 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 21,715 absent.

Directors Lefevre, using AB 2449 just cause did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.



Director Pressman entered the meeting.

**53672** By a two-thirds vote, authorize two payments of up to \$993,600 for support of the CRB, SAC, and Authority for FY 2024/2025 and \$1,023,408 for FY 2025/2026 (Agenda Item 8-2).

Director Quinn moved, seconded by Director Miller, that the Board approve the Board Item 8-2 as follows:

Chair Ortega called for a vote on the motion for Agenda Item 8-2 Option 1.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-2							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman	x	x	4493				
Burbank	3175	Ramos	x	x	3175				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan	x	x	13073				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x	x	9662				
		Crawford	x	x	9662				
			Subtotal:		19324				
Compton	641	McCoy							
Eastern Municipal Water District	12060	Armstrong	x	x	12060				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2409	Bryant	x	x	2409				
Fullerton	2561	Jung	x	x	2561				
Glendale	3985	Kassakhian							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Lewitt	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero							
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen	x	x	20043				
		Quinn	x	x	20043				
		Luna							
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman	x	x	16159				
		Seckel	x	x	16159				
		Dick	x	x	16159				
		Erdman	x	x	16159				
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67201	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	33601				
		Miller	x	x	33601				
		Smith							
			Subtotal:		67201				
San Fernando	260	Ortega	x	x	260				
San Marino	800	Morris	x	x	800				
Santa Ana	3431	Phan	x	x	3431				
Santa Monica	4861	Abdo	x	x	4861				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8634	De Jesus	x	x	8634				
Torrance	3590	Lefevre	x	x	3590				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	13418	Fellow	x	x	13418				
West Basin Municipal Water District	27064	Alvarez	x	x	27064				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
<b>Total</b>	<b>386141</b>				<b>368919</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>17222</b>								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-2 (**M.I. No. 53672**) passed by a vote of 368,919 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 17,222 absent.

Directors Lefevre, using AB 2449 just cause did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.

**53673** Authorize entering into a three year-contract with We Are RALLY, LLC for media placement services related to drought awareness and water conservation not to exceed \$10.5 million (Agenda Item 8-3).

Director Camacho moved, seconded by Director Sutley, that the Board approve the Board Item 8-3 as follows:

Chair Ortega called for a vote on the motion for Agenda Item 8-3 Option 1.

Director Phan left the meeting.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-3							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman	x			x	4493		
Burbank	3175	Ramos	x	x	3175				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan	x	x	13073				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x	x	9662				
		Crawford	x	x	9662				
			Subtotal:		19324				
Compton	641	McCoy							
Eastern Municipal Water District	12060	Armstrong	x	x	12060				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2409	Bryant	x	x	2409				
Fullerton	2561	Jung	x	x	2561				
Glendale	3985	Kassakhian							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Lewitt	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero							
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen	x	x	20043				
		Quinn	x	x	20043				
		Luna							
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman	x	x	16159				
		Seckel	x	x	16159				
		Dick	x	x	16159				
		Erdman	x	x	16159				
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67201	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	33601				
		Miller	x			x	33601		
		Smith							
			Subtotal:		33601		33601		
San Fernando	260	Ortega	x	x	260				
San Marino	800	Morris	x	x	800				
Santa Ana	3431	Phan							
Santa Monica	4861	Abdo	x	x	4861				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8634	De Jesus	x	x	8634				
Torrance	3590	Lefevre	x	x	3590				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	13418	Fellow	x			x	13418		
West Basin Municipal Water District	27064	Alvarez	x	x	27064				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
<b>Total</b>	<b>386141</b>				<b>313977</b>		<b>51512</b>		
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>20653</b>								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-3 (**M.I. No. 53673**) passed by a vote of 313,977 ayes; 51,512 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 20,653 absent.

Directors Lefevre, using AB 2449 just cause did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.

Chair Ortega asked if anyone wanted to hear Agenda Item 8-4 in closed session. No requests were made.

**53674** Approve the recommendation as discussed in closed session at the Legal and Claims Committee (Agenda Item 8-4).

Director Garza moved, seconded by Director Morris, that the Board approve the Board Item 8-4 as follows:

Chair Ortega called for a vote on the motion or Agenda Item 8-4.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:	8-4								
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman	x	x	4493				
Burbank	3175	Ramos	x	x	3175				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan	x	x	13073				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x	x	9662				
		Crawford	x	x	9662				
			Subtotal:		19324				
Compton	641	McCoy							
Eastern Municipal Water District	12060	Armstrong	x	x	12060				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2409	Bryant	x	x	2409				
Fullerton	2561	Jung	x	x	2561				
Glendale	3985	Kassakhian							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Lewitt	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero							
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen	x	x	20043				
		Quinn	x	x	20043				
		Luna							
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman	x	x	16159				
		Seckel	x	x	16159				
		Dick	x	x	16159				
		Erdman	x	x	16159				
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67201	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x						
		Miller	x						
		Smith							
			Subtotal:						
San Fernando	260	Ortega	x	x	260				
San Marino	800	Morris	x	x	800				
Santa Ana	3431	Phan							
Santa Monica	4861	Abdo	x	x	4861				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8634	De Jesus	x	x	8634				
Torrance	3590	Lefevre	x	x	3590				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	13418	Fellow	x	x	13418				
West Basin Municipal Water District	27064	Alvarez	x	x	27064				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
<b>Total</b>	<b>386141</b>				<b>298287</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>	<b>67201</b>								
<b>Absent</b>	<b>20653</b>								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-4 (**M.I. No. 53674**) passed by a vote of 298,287 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 67,201 not voting; and 20,653 absent.

Directors Lefevre, using AB 2449 just cause did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.

Chair Ortega asked if anyone wanted to hear Agenda Item 8-5 in closed session. No requests were made.

**53675** Authorize the General Manager to enter into an option agreement with the AES Corporation, LLC for a long-term lease of up to 6,742 acres in the Palo Verde Mesa for carbon-free energy production and storage uses, subject to the price and terms direction given in closed session (Agenda Item 8-5).

Director Dick moved, seconded by Director De Jesus, that the Board approve the Board Item 8-5 as follows:

Chair Ortega called for a vote on the motion or Agenda Item 8-5.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:	8-5								
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman	x	x	4493				
Burbank	3175	Ramos	x	x	3175				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan	x	x	13073				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x	x	9662				
		Crawford	x	x	9662				
			Subtotal:		19324				
Compton	641	McCoy							
Eastern Municipal Water District	12060	Armstrong	x	x	12060				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2409	Bryant	x	x	2409				
Fullerton	2561	Jung	x	x	2561				
Glendale	3985	Kassakhian							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Lewitt	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero							
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen	x	x	20043				
		Quinn	x	x	20043				
		Luna							
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman	x	x	16159				
		Seckel	x	x	16159				
		Dick	x	x	16159				
		Erdman	x	x	16159				
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67201	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	33601				
		Miller	x	x	33601				
		Smith							
			Subtotal:		67201				
San Fernando	260	Ortega	x	x	260				
San Marino	800	Morris	x	x	800				
Santa Ana	3431	Phan							
Santa Monica	4861	Abdo	x	x	4861				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8634	De Jesus	x	x	8634				
Torrance	3590	Lefevre	x	x	3590				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	13418	Fellow	x	x	13418				
West Basin Municipal Water District	27064	Alvarez	x	x	27064				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
<b>Total</b>	<b>386141</b>				<b>365488</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>20653</b>								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-5 (**M.I. No. 53675**) passed by a vote of 365,488 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 20,653 absent.

Directors Lefevre, using AB 2449 just cause did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.



Chair Ortega announced a Special Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

**53676** Refer correspondence received alleging employment violations to the ad hoc committee (Agenda Item 8-6).

Director Ortega moved, seconded by Director Fellow, that the Board approve the Board Item 8-6 as follows:

Chair Ortega called for a vote on the motion for Agenda Item 8-6.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-6							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman	x	x	4493				
Burbank	3175	Ramos	x	x	3175				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan	x	x	13073				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x	x	9662				
		Crawford	x	x	9662				
			Subtotal:		19324				
Compton	641	McCoy							
Eastern Municipal Water District	12060	Armstrong	x	x	12060				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2409	Bryant	x	x	2409				
Fullerton	2561	Jung	x	x	2561				
Glendale	3985	Kassakhian							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Lewitt	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero							
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen	x	x	20043				
		Quinn	x	x	20043				
		Luna							
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman	x	x	16159				
		Seckel	x	x	16159				
		Dick	x	x	16159				
		Erdman	x	x	16159				
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67201	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	33601				
		Miller	x	x	33601				
		Smith							
			Subtotal:		67201				
San Fernando	260	Ortega	x	x	260				
San Marino	800	Morris	x	x	800				
Santa Ana	3431	Phan							
Santa Monica	4861	Abdo	x	x	4861				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8634	De Jesus	x	x	8634				
Torrance	3590	Lefevre	x	x	3590				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	13418	Fellow	x	x	13418				
West Basin Municipal Water District	27064	Alvarez	x	x	27064				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
<b>Total</b>	<b>386141</b>				<b>365488</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>20653</b>								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-6 (**M.I. No. 53676**) passed by a vote of 365,488 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 20,653 absent.

Directors Lefevre, using AB 2449 just cause did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.

The following Director(s) asked questions or made comments:

Director(s)

1. Seckel
2. Erdman

Chair Ortega and staff responded to the Directors' comments and questions.

**53677** Chair Ortega asked if there were questions or need for discussion on Board Information Item 9-1. No requests were made.

**53678** Chair Ortega asked if there were any Follow-Up Items. There were none.

**53679** Chair Ortega asked if there were any Future Agenda Items. There were none.

**53680** There being no objection, at 3:44 p.m., Chair Ortega adjourned the meeting in honor of ACWA Tim Quinn's daughter, Audrey Macnus, and Metropolitan Pilot John Soder's daughter, Katie Soder, who recently passed away.



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**ADÁN ORTEGA, JR.**  
**CHAIR OF THE BOARD**



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**RICKITA HUDSON**  
**BOARD EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**