

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Agenda

The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

SP LC Committee

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Special Legal and Claims Committee - Final - Revised 1

Meeting with Board of Directors *

June 23, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Monday, June 23, 2025 Meeting Schedule

09:00 a.m. Sp FAAME
11:00 a.m. Sp LEGAL
01:00 p.m. Break
01:30 p.m. Sp AUDIT
03:00 p.m. Sp IW

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Teleconference Locations:

13 Pumphouse Road • Garden Valley, ID 83622

3008 W. 82nd Place • Inglewood, CA 90305

Conference Room • 1545 Victory Boulevard, 2nd Floor • Glendale, CA 91201

26772 Calle Maria • Dana Point, CA 92624

81973 Alegre • La Quinta, CA 92253

Western MWD • 14205 Meridian Parkway • Riverside, CA 92518

San Diego County Water Authority • Lobby Conference Room • 4677 Overland Avenue • San Diego, CA 92123

Alandale Insurance Agency • 337 West Foothill Boulevard • Glendora, CA 91740

1855 First Avenue, Room 300 • San Diego, CA 92101

Cedars-Sinai Imaging Medical Group • 8700 Beverly Blvd., Suite M 313 • Los Angeles, CA 90048

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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))**

2. **MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- A. General Counsel's report of monthly activities [21-4734](#)

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION ****

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee for April 8, 2025 [21-4735](#)

Attachments: [06232025 LC 3A \(04082025\) Minutes](#)

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

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

5. **OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-2** Report on litigation in Alicia Lorentzen v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 23STCV19214, and authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services with Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP in the amount of \$175,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$600,000; report on litigation in Dane Crawford v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2304015, and authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$375,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$900,000; and report on legal claim alleging equal employment opportunity violations, and authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$200,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$550,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation, to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1); and conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation, based on existing facts and circumstances of receipt of a legal claim threatening litigation, there is significant exposure to litigation against Metropolitan: one potential case, to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]. [REVISED SUBJECT on 6/20/2025] [21-4730](#)

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Update on the Settlement of the SDCWA v Metropolitan Litigation [21-4736](#)
Attachments: [06232025 Special LC 7a Presentation](#)
- b. Discussion of Department Head Performance and Goal Setting [Public employee performance evaluation – General Counsel; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957] [21-4737](#)

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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