

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

FINANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

December 10, 2024

Vice Chair Dick called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Directors Alvarez, Armstrong, Bryant, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Dick, Fong-Sakai, McMillan (entered after rollcall), Miller, Pressman (entered after rollcall), Seckel, and Smith (teleconference posted location).

Members absent: Directors Gold, Petersen, and Quinn.

Other Members present: Ackerman, Camacho, Erdman, Goldberg, Gray (teleconference posted location), Morris, Ortega, and Ramos (teleconference posted location).

Committee Staff present: Beatty, Benson, Kasaine, Ros, Upadhyay, and Wheeler.

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. Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Special Finance and Asset Management Committee Meeting for November 19, 2024

3. CONSENT CALENDAR -ACTION

7-4. Subject: Authorize a professional services agreement with Public Financial Management Asset Management, LLC, a subsidiary of US Bancorp Asset Management, Inc., to provide investment management services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Motion: Authorize a professional services agreement with Public Financial Management Asset Management LLC, a subsidiary of US Bancorp Asset Management Inc., to provide investment management services.

Katano introduced the item. No presentation was requested.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Miller
2. Seckel
3. Dick
4. Dennstedt

Staff responded to the Directors' comments and questions.

Director Dennstedt made a motion, seconded by Director Seckel, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A and 7-4.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Alvarez, Armstrong, Bryant, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Dick, Fong-Sakai, Miller, Seckel, and Smith.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Gold, McMillan, Petersen, Pressman, and Quinn.

The motion for items 2A and 7-4 passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 5 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER CONSENT ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for fiscal year 2023/24

Ms. Kasaine introduced the item and Ms. Mayor provided an overview of the Audit timeline and results. Her presentation also included an analysis of the trends observed in the balance sheet and cash flow data.

Director McMillan entered the meeting.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Armstrong

Staff responded to the Directors' comments and questions.

- b. Subject: Fiscal Years 2026/27 and 2027/28 Biennial Budget Impacts

Ms. Kasaine introduced the item and Mr. Van den Berg provided a summary of the current challenges facing Metropolitan, challenges for Fiscal Year 2026/27 and 2027/28 budget, and the future schedule for the proposed budget.

Director Pressman entered the meeting.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Smith
2. Alvarez
3. Dennstedt
4. Seckel
5. Pressman
6. De Jesus
7. Dick
8. Armstrong
9. Ortega
10. Erdman

Staff responded to the Directors' comments and questions.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Subject: Financial and Asset Management Activities

No report was given.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Subject: Report from Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning
Processes and Business Modeling

Director Seckel updated the committee on items discussed at the November 20, 2024, Joint Task Force meeting.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Dick

- b. Subject: Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Long Term
Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling

No direction was given.

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Dick adjourned the meeting in memory of former Metropolitan director, Jim Blake.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Larry Dick
Vice Chair