

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

LEGAL AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

May 12, 2026

Vice Chair McMillan called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Members present: Directors Camacho (alternative teleconferencing), Crawford, De Jesus (teleconference posted location), Kassakhian (entered after roll call), Katz, Kurtz, McMillan, Miller, and Shepherd Romey (entered after roll call).

Members absent: Directors Douglas and Ramos.

Other Board Members present: Directors Ackerman, Bryant, Crane, Dennstedt (alternative teleconferencing), Erdman, Faessel, Lewitt, Ortega, Seckel, and Sutley.

Director Camacho stated he was participating using alternative teleconferencing due to a contagious illness and was alone in the room.

Director Dennstedt stated she was participating using alternative teleconferencing due to a contagious illness and was alone in the room.

Committee Staff present: Beatty, Deshmukh, Gaxiola, Hudson, Rubin, and Scully.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

None

2. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

A. Subject: General Counsel's report of monthly activities

General Counsel Scully had nothing to add to her written report.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

3. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

- A. Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee for March 10, 2026.

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

Director Katz made a motion, seconded by Director Miller, to approve item 3A.

The vote was:

- Ayes: Directors Camacho, Crawford, De Jesus, Katz, Kurtz, McMillan, Miller.
Noes: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Directors Douglas, Kassakhian, Ramos, and Shepherd Romey

The motion for Item 3A passed by a vote of 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstention, and 4 absent.
Director Camacho stated he was alone in the room.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

Vice Chair McMillan called the meeting into closed session.

Chair Kassakhian and Director Shepherd Romey entered the meeting.

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Subject: Discussion of department head performance and goal setting
[Public employee performance evaluation – General Counsel; to
be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section
54957]

Presented by: Marcia Scully, General Counsel

In closed session, the committee discussed the item with the General Counsel. No action was taken in closed session.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Colorado River Issues

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Ardy Kassakhian
Chair