

**Draft**

**January 13-14, 2025**

**Committee and**

**Board Meeting**

**Agenda Packet**



**The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# BOARD UPDATES

## **DRAFT Schedule of Meetings – January 2025**

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### **Monday, January 13**

- 9:00 a.m. Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee
- 11:00 a.m. Ethics, Organization, and Personnel
- 1:30 p.m. Break
- 2:00 p.m. One Water and Stewardship Committee

### **Tuesday, January 14**

- 8:30 a.m. Legal and Claims Committee
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

### **Tuesday, January 28**

- 8:30 a.m. Audit Subcommittee of the Executive Committee
- 9:30 a.m. Executive Committee
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Pure Water SoCal and Regional Conveyance

### **Wednesday, January 29**

- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling

# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

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## EOT Committee

D. Erdman, Chair  
M. Camacho, Vice Chair  
D. Alvarez  
G. Bryant  
J. Crawford  
B. Dennstedt  
S. Faessel  
L. Fong-Sakai  
R. Lefevre  
J. McMillan  
C. Miller  
J. Morris  
M. Petersen  
K. Seckel  
T. Smith

## **Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**January 13, 2025**

**9:00 a.m.**

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Meeting Schedule**

**09:00 a.m. EOT  
11:00 a.m. EOP  
01:30 p.m. Break  
02:00 p.m. OWS**

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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))**

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for December 9, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-4100**

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-1 Authorize an increase of \$TBD to an agreement with Arcadis U.S. Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$TBD million for final design to rehabilitate the finished water reservoirs at the Henry J. Mills and Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **[21-4119](#)**
- 7-2 Authorize an agreement with TBD in an amount not to exceed \$TBD for the implementation of the Data Storage Infrastructure Refresh project; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **[21-4121](#)**

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9-2 Colorado River Aqueduct High-voltage Transformers Replacement Project Update **[21-4120](#)**

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Update on Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe Program **21-4122**
- b. 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)] **21-4123**

- c. Update on Invasive Mussels in the State Water Project 21-4124

## 7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Engineering Services activities 21-4098  
Information Technology activities  
Water System Operations activities

## 8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Pure Water 21-4099  
Southern California and Regional Conveyance

## 9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

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# Agenda

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## EO&P Committee

B. Pressman, Chair  
T. Phan, Vice Chair  
G. Bryant  
M. Camacho  
G. Cordero  
C. Douglas  
D. Erdman  
S. Faessel  
L. Fong-Sakai  
F. Jung  
J. Lewitt  
J. McMillan  
M. Ramos  
N. Sutley

## **Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**January 13, 2025**

**11:00 a.m.**

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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))**

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee for November 19, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-4103**

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-5 Approve amending the list of Metropolitan officials required to take AB 1234 state ethics training to include all Form 700 filers; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-4141**

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Results of Ethics Office Survey **21-4140**

**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. Ethics Officer's report on monthly activities **21-4104**
- b. Equal Employment Opportunity activities **21-4105**  
Human Resources activities  
Safety, Security, and Protection activities

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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## **OW&S Committee**

T. Quinn, Chair  
S. Faessel, Vice Chair  
L. Ackerman  
D. Alvarez  
J. Armstrong  
G. Cordero  
D. De Jesus  
D. Erdman  
L. Fong-Sakai  
M. Gold  
S. Goldberg  
C. Kurtz  
R. Lefevre  
J. Lewitt  
C. Miller  
B. Pressman  
N. Sutley

## **One Water and Stewardship Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**January 13, 2025**

**2:00 p.m.**

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- A. Public Hearing on Metropolitan’s Achievements in Conservation, Recycling, and Groundwater Recharge (To participate via teleconference 1-833-548-0276 and enter meeting ID: 815 2066 4276) **21-4132**

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting One Water Stewardship Committee for December 9, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-4106**

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-3** Authorize the General Manager to enter into a funding agreement for the DAC Leak Detection and Repair Program with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation [CEQA] [21-4126](#)

- 7-4** Authorize: (1) renewal of the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Agreement between the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Contractors and participating urban State Water Project Contractors; and (2) renewal of the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Program Specific Project Agreement between the State Water Contractors and participating urban State Water Project Contractors; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4127](#)

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1** Authorize a resolution to support a grant application selected to receive United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART: Applied Sciences Program funding for fiscal year 2023 for an amount totaling \$390 thousand; authorize Metropolitan’s non-federal cost share of \$130 thousand; and authorize the General Manager to enter a contract with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4125](#)

- 8-2** Authorize developing State Water Project water management actions to meet multiple objectives of managing dry year and wet year water supplies and generating new revenues [CEQA] [21-4128](#)

## **5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9-3** Information on proposed agreements with the City of San Buena Ventura and Calleguas Municipal Water District for wheeling and emergency delivery of State Water Project water [21-4129](#)

## **6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a.** Report on Regulatory Processes **21-4131**
- b.** Update on Conservation **21-4133**
- c.** Report on Water Surplus and Drought Management **21-4134**
- d.** Update on WSDM **21-4135**
- e.** [PLACEHOLDER] Update on Basin States Discussions Regarding Post-2026 Operational Guidelines **21-4130**

## **7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a.** Bay-Delta Resources activities **21-4107**  
Colorado River Resources activities  
Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation activities  
Water Resources Management activities

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a.** Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Meeting **21-4136**
- b.** Report on Delta Conveyance Finance Authority Meeting **21-4137**
- c.** Report on the Bay-Delta Ad Hoc Meeting **21-4138**

## **9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

- a.** Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities **21-4139**

## **10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

## **11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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## L&C Committee

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J. Garza, Vice Chair  
M. Camacho  
G. Cordero  
L. Dick  
C. Douglas  
A. Fellow  
C. Kurtz  
T. McCoy  
C. Miller  
M. Ramos  
K. Seckel

## **Legal and Claims Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**January 14, 2025**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025  
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**08:30 a.m. LEGAL  
11:30 a.m. Break  
12:00 p.m. BOD**

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2. **MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

A. General Counsel's report of monthly activities **21-4101**

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

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

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee for December 9, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-4102**

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

7-6 Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to conform surplus water provisions to current law and practice, update the list of active District funds, and clarify employee benefits for unrepresented employees; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-4142**

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

5. **OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

8-3 Report on Nevada Environmental Response Trust Site (former Tronox Site) in Henderson, Nevada and authorize an increase of \$150,000 to an amount not to exceed \$450,000 for an existing contract with GeoPentech, Inc. for consulting services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-4143**

6. **BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

7. **COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Report on litigation in San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510830, CPF-12-512466, CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, CPF-16-515391, CGC-17-563350, and CPF-18-516389; the appeals of the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case Nos. A146901, A148266, A161144, and A162168, and California Supreme Court Case No. S243500; the petition for extraordinary writ in the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A155310; the petition for extraordinary writ in the second 2016 action, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A154325 and California Supreme Court Case No. S251025; the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California v. San Diego County Water Authority cross-complaints in the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions; and the appeals of the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A170156; including report on discussions regarding potential settlement of the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions, including the cross-complaints and appeals, San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, and CPF-18-516389 and Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A170156 [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; may be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1)] **21-4144**

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

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## Board of Directors - Hidden

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12:00 PM

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## 1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: TBD
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: TBD

## 2. Roll Call

## 3. Determination of a Quorum

## 4. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction. (As required by Gov. Code §54954.3(a))

## 5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

- A. Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense 21-4112



- B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report 21-4113
- C. Interim General Manager's summary of activities 21-4114
- D. General Counsel's summary of activities 21-4115
- E. General Auditor's summary of activities 21-4116
- F. Ethics Officer's summary of activities 21-4117
- G. Presentation of 10-year Service Pin to Director Marsha Ramos, City of Burbank 21-4146
- H. Induction of new Director Mel Katz from San Diego County Water Authority 21-4148
  - (a) Receive credentials
  - (b) Report on credentials by General Counsel
  - (c) File credentials
  - (d) Administer Oath of Office
  - (e) File Oath

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Joint Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting for December 10, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) 21-4118
- B. Approve Commendatory Resolution for Director Timothy Smith representing San Diego County Water Authority 21-4147
- C. Approve Committee Assignments

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-1 Authorize an increase of \$TBD to an agreement with Arcadis U.S. Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$TBD million for final design to rehabilitate the finished water reservoirs at the Henry J. Mills and Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-4119](#)
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- 9-3** Information on proposed agreements with the City of San Buena Ventura and Calleguas Municipal Water District for wheeling and emergency delivery of State Water Project water (OWS) [21-4129](#)

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NONE

**11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

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**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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