

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
February 27, 2024

53540 The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in a special session on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Director Faessel is using AB 2449 just cause due to legislation business that prevents him from attending in person. Director Faessel appeared by audio and video.

53540 Board Secretary Fong-Sakai administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Abdo, Alvarez, Armstrong, Bryant, Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus (teleconference posted location), Dennstedt (teleconference posted location), Dick, Douglas, Erdman, Faessel (AB2449-Just Cause), Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Goldberg, Gray (teleconference posted location), Gualtieri, Jung (teleconference posted location), Kassakhian, Kurtz, Lefevre (teleconference posted location), Luna, McCoy, McMillan Miller, Morris, Ortega, Phan (teleconference posted location), Quinn, Seckel, and Sutley.

Those not responding were: Directors Ackerman, Petersen, Pressman, Ramos, and Smith.

Directors entered the meeting after the roll call: Directors Peterson (AB 2449-Emergency Circumstances).

Board Secretary Fong-Sakai declared a quorum present.

Directors Peterson entered the meeting requesting the use of AB 2449 Emergency Circumstance due to illness.

53541 Chair Ortega called for a vote on Director Peterson attending the meeting via teleconference using AB2449 Emergency Circumstances.

Director McCoy moved, seconded by Director Quinn that the Board approve the Director Peterson attending the meeting via teleconference using AB 2449 Emergency Circumstances as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:	Peterson	AB2449 Emergency Circumstances							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel	x	x	6038				
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman							
Burbank	3175	Ramos							
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan	x	x	13073				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x	x	9662				
		Gualtieri	x	x	9662				
			Subtotal:		19324				
Compton	641	McCoy	x	x	641				
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	x	x	3985				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Peterson	x						
Long Beach	6558	Cordero	x	x	6558				
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	20043				
		Luna	x	x	20043				
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman							
		Seckel	x	x	21545				
		Dick	x	x	21545				
		Erdman	x	x	21545				
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67201	Fong-Sakai	x	x	22400				
		Goldberg	x	x	22400				
		Miller	x	x	22400				
		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	13532				
		Gray	x	x	13532				
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
Total	386141				375383				
Present and not voting	3090								
Absent	7668								

The motion to approve the Director Peterson attending the meeting via teleconference using AB 2449 Emergency Circumstances (**M.I. No. 53541**) passed by a vote of 375,383 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 3,090 not voting; and 7,668 absent.

53542 Board Vice Chair Sutley invited members of the public to address the Board limited to the items listed on the agenda (in-person and teleconference).

	Name	Affiliation	Item
1.	Gonzalo Pantoja	Metropolitan Employee	5B
2.	Mike Jones	Metropolitan Employee	5B
3.	Ruben Lopez	Metropolitan Employee	5B
4.	John Vrsalovich	MAPA	5B
5.	Alan Shanahan	AFSCME, Local 102	5B

53543 Adopt a resolution authorizing the general manager to take fee title to lands purchased by the conservation fund in the Palo Verde Valley, find that disposition of the lands is exempt from the surplus lands act, and authorize the conveyance of the lands to the State of California for conservation use implemented by the lower Colorado River multi-species conservation program, as set forth in Agenda Item 5A board letter.

Chair Ortega called for the vote.

Director Morris moved, seconded by Director Cordero that the Board approve the Agenda Item 5A as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item: 5a									
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel	x	x	6038				
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman							
Burbank	3175	Ramos							
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan	x	x	13073				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x	x	9662				
		Gualtieri	x	x	9662				
			Subtotal:		19324				
Compton	641	McCoy	x	x	641				
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	x	x	3985				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Peterson	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero	x	x	6558				
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	20043				
		Luna	x	x	20043				
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman							
		Seckel	x	x	21545				
		Dick	x	x	21545				
		Erdman	x	x	21545				
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67201	Fong-Sakai	x	x	22400				
		Goldberg	x	x	22400				
		Miller	x	x	22400				
		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	13532				
		Gray	x	x	13532				
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
Total	386141				378473				
Present and not voting									
Absent	7668								

The motion to approve the Agenda Item 5A (**M.I. No. 53543**) passed by a vote of 378,473 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 7,668 absent.

Director Faessel using AB 2449 just cause and Director Peterson using AB 2449 emergency circumstances, appeared on video and did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.

53544 An update on labor negotiations with the management and professional employees association of the Metropolitan Water District Of Southern California/AFSCME Local 1101; The Supervisors Association; and The Association Of Confidential Employees and to approve entering into a two-year extension of the 2022-2024 Memorandum Of Understanding Between The Metropolitan Water District Of Southern California and the management and professional employees association of The Metropolitan Water District Of Southern California/AFSCME Local 1101.

Chair Ortega called the meeting into closed session to discuss Agenda Item 5B.

The Board returned to open session at 3:00 p.m. In closed session, the Board discussed Item 5B. No action was taken on Item 5B.

Director McMillan left the meeting.

Chair Ortega called for the vote.

Director Bryant moved, seconded by Director McCoy that the Board approve the Agenda Item 5B as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		5b							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel	x	x	6038				
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman							
Burbank	3175	Ramos							
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13073	McMillan							
Central Basin Municipal Water District	19324	Garza	x	x	9662				
		Gualtieri	x	x	9662				
			Subtotal:		19324				
Compton	641	McCoy	x	x	641				
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	x	x	3985				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Peterson	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero	x	x	6558				
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	20043				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	20043				
		Luna	x	x	20043				
		Douglas	x	x	20043				
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman							
		Seckel	x	x	21545				
		Dick	x	x	21545				
		Erdman	x	x	21545				
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67201	Fong-Sakai	x	x	22400				
		Goldberg	x	x	22400				
		Miller	x	x	22400				
		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	13532				
		Gray	x	x	13532				
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
Total	386141				365400				
Present and not voting									
Absent	20741								

The motion to approve the Agenda Item 5B (**M.I. No. 53544**) passed by a vote of 365,400 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 20,741 absent.

Director Faessel using AB 2449 just cause and Director Peterson using AB 2449 emergency circumstances, appeared on video and did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.

53545 A discussion of department head performance evaluation for the general manager.

Director Cordero left the meeting.

Chair Ortega called the meeting into closed session to discuss Agenda Item 6A.

The Board returned to open session at 4:19 p.m. In closed session, the Board discussed and conferred with legal counsel regarding Item 6A. No action was taken on Item 6A.

53546 Chair Ortega asked if there were any Follow-up Items. There were none.

53547 Chair Ortega asked if there were any Future Agenda Items.

53548 There being no objection, at 4:20 p.m., Chair Ortega adjourned the meeting.



ADÁN ORTEGA
CHAIR OF THE BOARD



LOIS FONG-SAKAI
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD