

# 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.

## Exec Committee

A. Ortega, Chair  
 J. Abdo, Board Vice Chair  
 M. Camacho, Board Vice Chair  
 S. Goldberg, Board Vice Chair  
 N. Sutley, Board Vice Chair  
 L. Fong-Sakai, Board Secretary  
 G. Cordero  
 D. Erdman  
 G. Gray  
 F. Jung  
 M. Luna  
 T. McCoy  
 B. Pressman  
 T. Quinn  
 M. Ramos  
 T. Smith

## **Executive Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**August 22, 2023**

**12:00 p.m.**

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**Tuesday, August 22, 2023  
Meeting Schedule**

**09:30 a.m. LTRPPBM  
 11:30 a.m. Break  
 12:00 p.m. Exec  
 02:15 p.m. Sp BOD**

MWD Headquarters Building • 700 N. Alameda Street • Los Angeles, CA 90012

Teleconference Locations:

3008 W. 82nd Place • Inglewood, CA 90305

2936 Triunfo Canyon • Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Covina Irrigating Company • 146 E. College Street • Covina, CA 91723

525 Via La Selva • Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Fullerton City Hall Council Chambers • 303 W. Commonwealth Avenue • Fullerton, CA 92832

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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. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS**

- a. Chair's Report
- b. General Manager's report of Metropolitan activities

Boardroom

**2b** General Manager's Business Plan Fiscal Year 2023-2024 [21-2640](#)

**Attachments:** [08222023 Exec 2b Report](#)

- c. General Counsel's report of Metropolitan activities
- d. General Auditor's report of Metropolitan activities
- e. Ethics Officer's report of Metropolitan activities
- f. Report from Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee
- g. Report from Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee
- h. Report from Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee
- i. Report from Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee
- j. Report from Legal and Claims Committee
- k. Report from Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee
- l. Report from One Water and Stewardship Committee

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

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

**A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of July 25, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-2609](#)

**Attachments:** [08222023 Exec \(07252023\) Minutes](#)

**B.** Approve draft Committee and Board meeting agendas, and schedule for September 2023 [21-2610](#)

**Attachments:** [Draft September Agenda Packet](#)

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

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

**5. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a.** Colorado River Board Meeting Report [21-2611](#)

## **6. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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- **General Manager's Business Plan Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

### **Summary**

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The attached document provides the General Manager's Business Plan for fiscal year 2023-2024. It has been updated with minor corrections and to include input provided by directors during the Special Executive Committee meeting on July 11, 2023.

### **Purpose**

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Administrative Code Requirement Section 6416, Annual Report to Executive Committee

### **Attachments**

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General Manager's Business Plan Fiscal Year 2023-2024

## General Manager's Business Plan for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

### **Introduction**

My continuing commitment to the Board is the successful implementation of Metropolitan's mission, in an open and ongoing collaboration with each of you and our Member Agencies. Every day, our dedicated and expert staff ensure the delivery of adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water, consistent with our mission.

Amid a climate emergency, this work has become more complex and demanding than ever. These challenges call for strong leadership throughout the organization and also provide opportunities for Metropolitan to assert its leadership role in the water industry.

Having completed my second year as General Manager of Metropolitan, I am proud of the many accomplishments and progress we've made together, and I am confident that there is even greater progress to be made in the months and years to come. My Business Plan focuses on areas of change and opportunity that will strengthen the organization's readiness to fulfill its mission in the coming century.

The Business Plan for FY23-24 is the practical implementation of the transformational vision set forth in Strategic Priorities and Goals developed in conjunction with the Board and adopted in April 2022. It pursues five Strategic Priorities and 10 Goals and tracks progress through 39 Outcomes, summarized below. These Outcomes are operationalized in Group level workplans identifying the deliverables that ensure progress. As part of my monthly reporting of activities, I update the Board about activities and developments toward these Outcomes.

As an update to the vision set forth in last year's Business Plan, it is consistent with and an extension of that continuing work. We remain agile to respond to new and changing conditions. Among the noteworthy changes is the integration of the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water into the areas of financial planning, resource analyses and public engagement. In particular, Goals 2.1 and 3.1 have been updated to better reflect this coordinated effort.

As stated in last year's Business Plan, core considerations underlying the Goals and Outcomes are:

- Implementation must complement or strengthen core business operations and maintain Metropolitan's tradition of service excellence and its role as industry leader;
- There is a focus on opportunities for change because change is necessary to accomplish our shared goals;
- Specific actions and outcomes are required to ensure progress and accountability at every level of the organization; and
- Expectations are aligned with the adopted biennial budget. The Business Plan will be revisited at the end of the Fiscal Year.

The following overview of Goals and Outcomes has been updated with minor corrections and to include two Outcomes (1.1.6 and 2.1.2) that were provided by directors during the Special Executive Committee meeting July 11, 2023.

**Strategic Priority #1**  
**EMPOWER the workforce and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion**



**Goal 1.1:** Build a safe, inclusive, and accountable workplace where all employees feel valued, respected, and able to meaningfully contribute to decisions about their work.

**Outcomes:**

- 1.1.1 Renovate desert housing and update plans for future housing
- 1.1.2 Reestablish Metropolitan’s Vision and Values, along with a communication plan to reach all of the Metropolitan community
- 1.1.3 Timely closure of EEO complaints within 90 business days
- 1.1.4 Increase employee awareness of and access to EEO
- 1.1.5 Implement the National Safety Council recommendations
- 1.1.6 Partner with department heads on issues affecting the District

**Goal 1.2:** Prepare and support the workforce by expanding training and skill development and updating strategies to recruit and retain diverse talent at a time when Metropolitan’s needs are evolving and employee expectations about the workplace are changing.

**Outcomes:**

- 1.2.1 Update recruitment processes, and shorten recruitment timeline
- 1.2.2 Expand and enhance a District wide workforce development program
- 1.2.3 Grow staff development and training in key areas

**Strategic Priority #2:**  
**SUSTAIN Metropolitan’s mission with a strengthened business model**



**Goal 2.1:** Develop revenue and business model options that support the needs of the member agencies as well as Metropolitan’s financial sustainability and climate adaptation needs.

**Outcomes:**

- 2.1.1 In conjunction with the Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water process, complete the Phase 1 Long-Range Financial Plan and a review of Business Model/revenue options
- 2.1.2 Provide equity and fairness in rates and the business model

**Goal 2.2:** Manage rate pressure on member agencies through attention to programmatic costs, organizational efficiencies, and efforts to secure external funding for projects with broad and multi-purpose benefits.

**Outcomes:**

- 2.2.1 Establish a centralized Grants Office to ensure more consistent and coordinated pursuit of external funding
- 2.2.2 Complete the organizational assessment and implement key recommendations to improve efficiency and effectiveness
- 2.2.3 Secure Inflation Reduction Act funding that supports Colorado River water use objectives

**Strategic Priority #3:  
ADAPT to changing climate and water resources**

**Goal 3.1:** Provide each member agency access to an equivalent level of water supply reliability through the development of a Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water (CAMP4W) that integrates water resource, financial and climate adaptation planning.

**Outcomes:**

- 3.1.1 Provide the Board with a decision-making framework and evaluative criteria to identify investments toward climate adaptation and related supply and system resilience
- 3.1.2 Complete technical analyses and resource program improvements to inform resource options for consideration in CAMP4W
- 3.1.3 Enhance long-term water supply reliability for the State Water Project dependent areas

**Goal 3.2:** Advance the long-term reliability and resilience of the region's water sources through a One Water approach that recognizes the interconnected nature of imported and local supplies, meets both community and ecosystem needs, and adapts to a changing climate.

**Outcomes:**

- 3.2.1 Advance multiple strategies toward sustainable Colorado River supplies and toward broad agreement in long-term compact negotiations
- 3.2.2 Implement and promote agricultural water-conservation best practices
- 3.2.3 Continue implementation of the Climate Action Plan to reduce GHG emissions
- 3.2.4 Determine targets for stormwater and develop programmatic stormwater strategies
- 3.2.5 Expedite the Pure Water Southern California project
- 3.2.6 Advance Delta Conveyance Project Planning and Analysis
- 3.2.7 Implement watershed science and ecosystem restoration, to advance a holistic approach to the Delta
- 3.2.8 Increase outdoor water use efficiency





**Strategic Priority #4:  
PROTECT public health, the regional economy, and Metropolitan’s assets**

**Goal 4.1:** Proactively identify, assess, and reduce potential vulnerabilities to Metropolitan's system, operations, and infrastructure.

**Outcomes:**

- 4.1.1 Enhance emergency preparedness and response plans
- 4.1.2 Implement cybersecurity strategies
- 4.1.3 Assess and prioritize Metropolitan’s Capital Investment Plan based on risk and value

**Goal 4.2:** Apply innovation, technology, and sustainable practices across project lifecycles (design, construction, operations, maintenance, and replacement).

**Outcomes:**

- 4.2.1 Complete the SCADA Control System replacement pilot project phase I at the Mills plant
- 4.2.2 Implement Enterprise Content Management system
- 4.2.3 Develop procurement policies that prioritize sustainable products and practices
- 4.2.4 Incorporate sustainable energy practices in CIP projects



**Strategic Priority #5:  
PARTNER with interested parties and the communities we serve**

**Goal 5.1:** Grow and deepen collaboration and relationships among member agencies, interested parties, and leaders on the issues most important to them and toward mutual and/or regional benefits.

**Outcomes:**

- 5.1.1 Assess Community Partnering Program, legislative events, memberships, sponsored events and other Metropolitan funded community outreach activities
- 5.1.2 Launch a public engagement strategy focused on climate adaptation, resilience, and community needs, to inform the CAMP4W
- 5.1.3 Create communication practices that facilitate input of interested parties into board consideration of policies and projects
- 5.1.4 Establish Internal Communications program to promote improvements in workplace culture and effectiveness and to support Metropolitan employees’ ability to serve as ambassadors

**Goal 5.2:** Reach disadvantaged communities and non-traditional interested parties to better understand their needs and ensure their inclusion in decision making.

**Outcomes:**

- 5.2.1 Complete the analysis of disadvantaged communities within Metropolitan service area and integrate the findings into our program activities
- 5.2.2 Identify tribal interests and engagement strategies
- 5.2.3 Locally implement the national Equity in Infrastructure Program

# THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## MINUTES

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 25, 2023

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chair Ortega announced at this time that we do not have any Directors participating in the meeting using AB 2449. We have members participating on Zoom, so we will complete a verbal roll call of committee members.

Chair Ortega called upon Director Bryant to introduce guest Member Agency Manager Nina, Jazmadarian, General Manager at Foothill Municipal Water District.

Director Bryant and Ms. Jazmadarian made brief remarks.

Chair Ortega thanks Ms. Jazmadarian for joining the Executive Committee and welcome her to participate in the Committee meeting with the exception of voting and participating in closed session.

Members present: Directors Abdo, Camacho, Cordero, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Jung (teleconference posted location), McCoy, Ortega, Pressman, Smith, and Sutley.

Members absent: Directors Gray, Luna, Quinn, and Ramos.

Other Board members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Bryant, Dennstedt, Dick, Faessel, Fellow, Kassakhian, Kurtz, Lefevre, McMillan, Miller, Morris, Peterson (teleconference posted location), and Seckel

Committee staff present: Beatty, Hagekhalil, Hudson, Salinas, Suzuki, and Wheeler.

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

No members responded.

## 2. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Chair Ortega

Chair Ortega reported on the following:

- The quarterly report of international travel first and second quarters of 2023.
- Appointment of Director Alvarez to the Palo Verde Land Management Committee
- Reminder to Chairs and Vice Chairs if plans change to attend committee and board meetings to notify the board office in a timely manner.

b. Subject: General Manager's Report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: General Manager Adel Hagekhalil

General Manager Hagekhalil reported on the following:

- Event at the Pure Water Demonstration Facility and acceptance of the \$80 million check to Metropolitan Water District
- Update on the direct potable reuse regulations
- Update on the Member Agency Groundwater Management Workshop
- Metropolitan Water District annual blood drive
- Update on six per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) cleanup

c. Subject: General Counsel's report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: Assistant General Counsel Heather Beatty

Assistant General Counsel Beatty reported she is filling in for General Counsel Scully and has nothing to add to the report.

d. Subject: General Auditor's report of Metropolitan activities

Presented by: General Auditor Scott Suzuki

General Auditor Suzuki reported that the external assessment deadline for Directors to respond has been extended until, Friday, July 28, 2023.

- e. Subject: Ethics Officer's report of Metropolitan activities  
Presented by: Ethics Officer Abel Salinas

Ethics Officer Salinas stated he had nothing to add to his report.

Chair Ortega announced Legal and Claims Committee will not meet in August. Chair Ortega called on Committee Chairs that will have meetings in August.

- f. Subject: Report from Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Erdman

Committee Chair Erdman announced that the Committee will consider the following four consent items:

- Award a \$TBD contract to TBD for urgent relining of three pipe segments on the Sepulveda Feeder; and authorize an increase of: 1) \$280,000 to an agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$TBD and 2) \$240,000 to an agreement with Los Angeles Community College District for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$TBD
- Authorize an agreement with Nth Generation Computing, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$367,448 for the Datacenter Backup Infrastructure Upgrade
- Authorize an agreement with Computer Aid Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000 to provide staff augmentation support services for the operation and maintenance of the Metropolitan Cybersecurity Operations Center for a period of up to one year
- Authorize an agreement with General Networks Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$6.6 million for implementation of a cloud-based Enterprise Content Management (ECM) System (ECM Phase II)

The Committee will consider the following four committee items:

- Update on use of Alternative Project Delivery for Metropolitan Projects
- Colorado River Aqueduct Electrical Upgrades
- Reservoir Management Update
- Emergency Management Program Update

Lastly, the Committee will hear three management report(s):

- Engineering Services Manager's Report
- Information Technology Manager's report
- Water System Operations Manager's report

g. Subject: Report from Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair McCoy

Committee Chair McCoy announced that the Committee will hear two committee items:

- Panel discussion on Affordability
- A Survey of Member Agency Programs offered to Disadvantaged Communities as defined in Water Code 79505.5

Lastly, the Committee will hear the management report:

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager's Report

h. Subject: Report from Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Ramos

Committee Chair Ramos announced that the Committee will consider the following one action item:

- Approve proposed amendment to Administrative Code section 6471 to increase the amount of the Ethics Officer's authority to obtain professional services for external investigations from \$100,000 to \$250,000

The Ethics Office will present one committee item:

- Monthly Ethics Education

Lastly, the Committee will hear three management report(s):

- Ethics Officer's report
- Human Resources Manager's Report
- Equal Employment Opportunity Manager's report

- i. Subject: Report from Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Smith

Committee Chair Smith announced that the Committee will hear one Other Matters item:

- Report on list of certified assessed valuations for the fiscal year 2023/24 and tabulation of assessed valuations, percentage participation, and vote entitlement of member agencies as of August 15, 2023

The committee will hear one action item:

- Adopt Resolution establishing the Ad Valorem tax rate for the fiscal year 2023/24

The committee will hear one information item:

- Phase 1 Draft Long-Range Finance Plan

The committee will hear four committee items:

- Quarterly Financial Report
- Quarterly Investment Activities Report
- Staff Analysis of Reserves
- Discussion of Department Head Performance and Goal Setting [Public employees' performance evaluations – General Auditor in closed session]

Lastly, the Committee will hear the management reports:

- Chief Financial Officer's Report
- General Auditor's Report
- Real Property Group Manager's Report

- k. Subject: Report from Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Jung

Committee Chair Jung announced that the Committee will hear one Subcommittee report:

- Report from Subcommittee on Public Affairs Engagement

The Committee will hear three committee items:

- Update on Water Conservation Outreach, Advertising and Messaging
- Reports on activities from Washington D.C.
- Report on activities from Sacramento

Lastly, the Committee will hear one management report:

- External Affairs Management Report

I. Subject: Report from One Water and Stewardship Committee

Presented by: Committee Vice Chair Faessel

Committee Vice Chair Faessel announced that the Committee consider two consent items and one action item:

- Authorize amendments to the Cyclic Cost-Offset Program terms
- Authorize implementation of a tree rebate modification to the Turf Replacement Program
- Review and consider the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's approved amended Mitigated Negative Declaration, authorize up to \$80 million for additional project costs and authorize the General Manager to amend the term of the High Desert Water Bank Program agreement with the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency

The Committee will consider the following three committee items:

- Introduction of new Delta Stewardship Council member: Maria Mehranian
- State Water Contractors: Purpose and Benefits (Jennifer Pierre General Manager)
- Update on Conservation

Lastly, the Committee will hear four management reports:

- Colorado River Management Manager's report
- Bay-Delta Manager's report
- Water Resource Management Manager's report
- Chief Sustainability Resiliency and Innovation Officer's report

### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION**

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting for June 27, 2023.

Chair Ortega asked Directors if there were any additions, corrections, or omissions on the minutes of the June 27, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting. None were made.

B. Approve draft Committee and board meeting agendas, and schedule for August 2023.

Chair Ortega announced an item will be added to the Board Agenda to confirm the appointment of the Board Executive Secretary effective August 6, 2023, Rickita Hudson.



**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

Chair Ortega called for the vote on Items 3A and 3B.

Director Erdman made a motion, seconded by Director Camacho to approve the consent calendar Items 3A and 3B as listed.

The vote was:

- Ayes: Directors Abdo, Camacho, Cordero, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Jung, McCoy, Ortega, Pressman, Smith, and Sutley
- Abstention: None
- Recusal: Camacho (3B)\*
- Absent: Gray, Luna, Quinn, and Ramos

The motion for Item 3A passed by a vote of 12 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 4 absent.

\*The motion for Item 3B passed by a vote of 11 ayes; 0 noes; 1 abstention; and 4 absent. Vice Chair Camacho recused himself from Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee item 7-1 on the draft August Agenda packet due to his company teaming with Jacobs Engineering and is the program manager for Los Angeles Community College District.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

**5. OTHER COMMITTEE ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**6. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**7. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Adán Ortega, Jr.  
Chair of the Board

**Draft**

**September 11 & 12, 2023**

**Board and Committee**

**Agenda Packet**



**The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**



# BOARD UPDATES

## **DRAFT Schedule of Meetings – September 2023**

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### **Monday, September 11**

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

### **Tuesday, September 12**

- 8:30 a.m. Legal and Claims Committee
- 10:30 a.m. Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee
- 12:30 p.m. Break
- 1:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee

### **Tuesday, September 26**

- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m. Executive Committee
- 1:30 p.m. Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling

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## EOT Committee

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

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

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**September 11, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

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**Monday, September 11, 2023  
Meeting Schedule**

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

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

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

- A.** Approval of the minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for August 14, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2440**

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

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| <b>7-1</b> | Award a \$3,895,000 contract to Miller Pipeline to furnish and install internal seals along Freda Siphon Barrel No. 1 on the Colorado River Aqueduct; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA  | <b>21-2591</b> |
| <b>7-2</b> | Authorize an agreement with J.F. Shea Construction Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$9.8 million for Phase 1 design-build services for the Sepulveda Feeder Pump Stations project; and authorize an increase of \$1.5 million to an existing agreement with Carollo Engineers Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$2.49 million to serve as the owner's advisor through the Phase 1 design-build agreement; and authorize an amendment to Metropolitan's Project Labor Agreement to add the Sepulveda Feeder Pumps Project to the list of covered projects; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (This action is part of a series of projects that are being undertaken to improve the supply reliability for State Water Project dependent areas) | <b>21-2592</b> |
| <b>7-3</b> | Authorize an agreement with General Networks Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$6,609,900 for the implementation of a cloud-based Enterprise Content Management System; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA  | <b>21-2593</b> |

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

#### **4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

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| <b>8-1</b> | Award a \$12,831,977 contract to James W. Fowler to construct an intertie between Inland Feeder and Rialto Pipeline as part of the water supply reliability improvements in Rialto Pipeline service area; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (This action is part of a series of projects that are being undertaken to improve the supply reliability for State Water Project dependent member agencies) | <b>21-2597</b> |
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#### **5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

#### **6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

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|-----------|--|----------------|
| <b>a.</b> | Information Technology Portfolio Management Update | <b>21-2617</b> |
| <b>b.</b> | Shutdown Planning at Metropolitan                  | <b>21-2618</b> |
| <b>c.</b> | Center for Smart Infrastructure                    | <b>21-2616</b> |

- d. Capital Investment Plan Quarterly Report for Period Ending June 2023 **21-2615**

**7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a. Water System Operations Manager's Report **21-2441**
- b. Engineering Services Manager's Report **21-2442**
- c. Information Technology Manager's Report **21-2443**

**8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance **21-2630**

**9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

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## **EO&P Committee**

M. Ramos, Chair  
T. Phan, Vice Chair  
G. Bryant  
M. Camacho  
G. Cordero  
D. Erdman  
S. Faessel  
L. Fong-Sakai  
F. Jung  
A. Kassakhian  
J. McMillan  
N. Sutley

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

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**September 11, 2023**

**11:30 a.m.**

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**Monday, September 11, 2023  
Meeting Schedule**

**09:30 a.m. EOT  
11:30 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 Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee for August 15, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2425**

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**



- 7-5 Adopt resolutions designating Metropolitan’s maximum contribution for medical benefits for Active Employees and Retirees in order to comply with the current authorized Memoranda of Understanding; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA 21-2595

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Monthly Ethics Education 21-2624

**7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a. Ethics Officer's Report 21-2426
- b. Human Resources Manager's Report 21-2427
- c. Equal Employment Opportunity Officer's Report 21-2428

**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  
A. Chacon  
G. Cordero  
D. De Jesus  
D. Erdman  
L. Fong-Sakai  
S. Goldberg  
C. Kurtz  
R. Lefevre  
C. Miller  
M. Petersen  
G. Peterson  
B. Pressman  
N. Sutley

## **One Water and Stewardship Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**September 11, 2023**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Monday, September 11, 2023  
Meeting Schedule**

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

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the One Water and Stewardship Committee for August 14, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections or omissions) **21-2435**

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-4 Review and consider the Eastern Municipal Water District’s certified Final Environmental Impact Report and Addendum, and take related CEQA actions; Authorize the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program Agreement with Eastern Municipal Water District for the French Valley Recycled Water Distribution System Project for up to 140 acre-feet per year of recycled water for irrigation use in the Eastern Municipal Water District’s service area **21-2594**

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-2 Authorize payments, by a two-thirds vote, of up to \$4.16 million for participation in the State Water Contractors for FY 2023/24; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-2598**
- 8-3 Review and consider Addenda Nos. 1, 2, and 3 to the Mitigated Negative Declaration previously adopted by the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency for the High Desert Water Bank; approve changes to the design, construction and operation of Water Bank facilities; authorize up to \$80 million for additional costs associated with these changes; and approve deliveries of State Water Project supplies to the Water Bank this year **21-2558**

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Update on Conservation Budget and Expenditure **21-2619**
- b. Information on Round 3 Future Supply Action Funding Program **21-2620**
- c. Update on Conservation **21-2622**

**7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a. Colorado River Manager's Report **21-2437**
- b. Bay-Delta Manager's Report **21-2438**
- c. Water Resource Management Manager's Report **21-2439**
- d. Chief Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation Officer’s Report **21-2621**

**8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Bay-Delta **21-2631**
- b. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities **21-2632**

**9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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## L&C Committee

N. Sutley, Chair  
J. Garza, Vice Chair  
M. Camacho  
G. Cordero  
L. D. Dick  
C. Kurtz  
T. McCoy  
C. Miller  
G. Peterson  
M. Ramos  
H. Repenning  
K. Seckel

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

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**September 12, 2023**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, September 12,  
2023**

**08:30 a.m. LC  
10:30 a.m. FAIRP  
12:30 p.m. Break  
01:00 p.m. BOD  
02:30 p.m. LRAC**

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## **2. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

A. General Counsel's report of monthly activities **21-2364**

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

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

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee for July 10, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2365**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

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

**5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

<b>8-5</b>	Report on Baker Electric, Inc. v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., (Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV15612) regarding Metropolitan’s CRA 6.9 kV Power Cables Replacement Project, Contract No. 1915; authorize filing cross-complaints; authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP, for legal services by \$X00,000 to an amount not-to-exceed \$X,X00,000; authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with Exponent, Inc., for consulting services by \$200,000 to an amount not-to-exceed \$600,000; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation and initiation litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1) and 54956.9(d)(4)]	<b>21-2600</b>
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**6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**7. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

NONE

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

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## **FAIRP Committee**

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L. Dick, Vice Chair  
D. Alvarez  
J. Armstrong  
A. Chacon  
D. De Jesus  
B. Dennstedt  
L. Fong-Sakai  
C. Miller  
M. Petersen  
B. Pressman  
T. Quinn  
K. Seckel

## **Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**September 12, 2023**

**10:30 a.m.**

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

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee Meeting for August 15, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2420**

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-6 Authorize the General Manager to execute a second amendment to extend the office lease located in Washington D.C. an additional ninety months with an option to extend another thirty-six months; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA 21-2596

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-4 Authorize three new agricultural lease agreements with Joey DeConinck Farms, Nish Noroian Farms, and Red River Farms, thereby allowing these existing lessees to continue farming on Metropolitan’s fee-owned properties in the Palo Verde Valley; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with real property negotiators; properties are approximately 2,815 gross acres of land north of Interstate 10 in and near Blythe, California in the county of Riverside: 830-210-009; 830-210-010; 833-230-001; 833-230-002; 833-280-002; 833-210-013; 833-060-004; 833-060-008; 833-060-018; 833-100-005;833-100-007; 833-100-011; 833-100-012; 833-100-016; 833-100-017; 833-060-001; 833-060-024; 833-060-025; 827-190-003; 827-190-004; 827-190-005; 827-190-006; 824-190-007; 827-190-009; 827-190-010; 827-190-012; 833-060-026; 815-302-008; 815-310-013; 815-320-007; 827-080-029; 833-030-012; 833-050-014; agency negotiators Anna Olvera and Kevin Webb; negotiating parties: Joseph Deconinck dba Joey DeConinck Farms; Nisha Noroian dba Noroian Farms; Michael Mullion dba Red River Farms; under negotiation: price and terms to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8] 21-2599

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Mid-Cycle Budget Review 21-2625

**7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a. Chief Financial Officer's Report 21-2421
- b. General Auditor's Report 21-2422

**8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**



- a. Report from Subcommittee on Audits **21-2635**
- b. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Audits **21-2637**
- c. Report from Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling **21-2636**
- d. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling **21-2638**

**9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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## Board of Directors - Hidden

September 12, 2023

1:00 PM

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 Meeting Schedule
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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. COMMUNITY REFLECTIONS

- a. TBD 21-2404

### 5. 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))

### 6. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

- A. Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense 21-2405
- B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report 21-2406

C.	General Manager's summary of activities	21-2407
D.	General Counsel's summary of activities	21-2408
E.	General Auditor's summary of activities	21-2409
F.	Ethics Officer's summary of activities	21-2410
G.	Presentation of 10-year Service Pin to Director Russell Lefevre	21-2601
H.	Presentation of Commendatory Resolution for Director Heather Repenning representing the City of Los Angeles	21-2602

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

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

A.	Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for August 15, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions)	21-2411
B.	Approve Committee Assignments	

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

7-1	Award a \$3,895,000 contract to Miller Pipeline to furnish and install internal seals along Freda Siphon Barrel No. 1 on the Colorado River Aqueduct; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT)	21-2591
7-2	Authorize an agreement with J.F. Shea Construction Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$9.8 million for Phase 1 design-build services for the Sepulveda Feeder Pump Stations project; and authorize an increase of \$1.5 million to an existing agreement with Carollo Engineers Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$2.49 million to serve as the owner's advisor through the Phase 1 design-build agreement; and authorize an amendment to Metropolitan's Project Labor Agreement to add the Sepulveda Feeder Pumps Project to the list of covered projects; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (This action is part of a series of projects that are being undertaken to improve the supply reliability for State Water Project dependent areas) (EOT)	21-2592

- 7-3** Authorize an agreement with General Networks Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$6,609,900 for the implementation of a cloud-based Enterprise Content Management System; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) **21-2593**
- 7-4** Review and consider the Eastern Municipal Water District's certified Final Environmental Impact Report and Addendum, and take related CEQA actions; Authorize the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program Agreement with Eastern Municipal Water District for the French Valley Recycled Water Distribution System Project for up to 140 acre-feet per year of recycled water for irrigation use in the Eastern Municipal Water District's service area (OWS) **21-2594**
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- 7-6** Authorize the General Manager to execute a second amendment to extend the office lease located in Washington D.C. an additional ninety months with an option to extend another thirty-six months; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAIRP) **21-2596**

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

**9. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1** Award a \$12,831,977 contract to James W. Fowler to construct an intertie between Inland Feeder and Rialto Pipeline as part of the water supply reliability improvements in Rialto Pipeline service area; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (This action is part of a series of projects that are being undertaken to improve the supply reliability for State Water Project dependent member agencies) (EOT) **21-2597**
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**10. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

9-1 Conservation Program Board Report **21-2412**

**11. OTHER MATTERS**

NONE

**12. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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# 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.

## LRA&C Committee

F. Jung, Chair  
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T. Smith

## **Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**September 12, 2023**

**2:30 p.m.**

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**Tuesday, September 12,  
2023**

**08:30 a.m. LC  
10:30 a.m. FAIRP  
12:30 p.m. Break  
01:00 p.m. BOD  
02:30 p.m. LRAC**

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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 Legislation, Regulatory Actions, and Communications Committee for August 14, 2023 (copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2430**

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Vista del Lago Water Education Center Upgrades **21-2626**
- b. Federal and State Regulatory Tracking Matrices **21-2627**
- c. Report on Activities from Washington, D.C. **21-2431**
- d. Report on Activities from Sacramento **21-2432**

**7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a. External Affairs Management Report **21-2433**

**8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Public Affairs Engagement **21-2634**

**9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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