

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
March 26, 2024

53637 The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in a special session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

Chair Ortega called meeting to order at 12:42 p.m.

Director Dennstedt is using AB 2449 just cause due to physical injury, which prevents her from attending in person. Director Smith is using AB2449 just cause due to illness which prevents him from attending in person. The Directors appeared by audio and video.

53638 Board Secretary Fong-Sakai administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Bryant, Camacho, De Jesus, Dennstedt (AB 2449), Dick, Erdman, Fellow (teleconference posted location available for the public), Fong-Sakai, Gray (teleconference posted location available for the public), Jung (teleconference posted location available for the public), Kurtz, Lefevre (teleconference posted location available for the public), Luna, McCoy, McMillan, Miller, Morris, Ortega, Peterson, Pressman, Quinn, Seckel, Smith (AB 2449), and Sutley.

Those not responding were: Directors Cordero, Douglas, Faessel, Goldberg, Kassakhian, Petersen, Phan, and Ramos.

Directors entered the meeting after the roll call: Directors Garza and Gualtieri.

Board Secretary Fong-Sakai declared a quorum present.

Directors Garza and Gualtieri entered the meeting.

53639 Chair Ortega invited members of the public to address the Board limited to the items listed on the agenda (in-person and teleconference). None were made.

53640 Approval for the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee for the department heads' evaluation will proceed until September 1, 2024, or the completion of the evaluation process. Appoint Director Pressman as Chair, Directors Bryant, Dennstedt, Phan, and Smith as members of the Ad Hoc Committee. (Item 5A)

53641 Approve Committee Assignments (Item 5B)

The Subcommittee on 360 Evaluations is vacated.

Audits Subcommittee of Executive Committee, appoint Board Secretary Fong-Sakai as vice chair.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Equal Employment Opportunity Investigation, remove Director Ramos and appoint Director Pressman as a member.

Ad Hoc San Diego Litigation, remove Directors Dick, Gray, Ortega, and Sutley. Appoint Director Sutley as Chair, Directors Camacho, Armstrong, and Alvarez as members.

Director Camacho moved, seconded by Director Miller that the Board approve the Board Items 5A through 5B as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		5A & 5B							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	6038	Faessel							
Beverly Hills	4493	Pressman	x	x	4493				
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							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	16030	Camacho	x	x	16030				
Las Virgenes	3090	Peterson	x	x	3090				
Long Beach	6558	Cordero							
Los Angeles	80172	Sutley	x	x	26724				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	26724				
		Luna	x	x	26724				
		Douglas							
			Subtotal:		80172				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	64634	Ackerman	x	x	16159				
		Seckel	x	x	16159				
		Dick	x	x	16159				
		Erdman	x	x	16159				
			Subtotal:		64634				
Pasadena	3864	Kurtz	x	x	3864				
San Diego County Water Authority	67201	Fong-Sakai	x	x	22400				
		Goldberg							
		Miller	x	x	22400				
		Smith	x	x	22400				
			Subtotal:		67201				
San Fernando	260	Ortega	x	x	260				
San Marino	800	Morris	x	x	800				
Santa Ana	3431	Phan							
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	27064				
		Gray	x						
			Subtotal:		27064				
Western Municipal Water District	14775	Dennstedt	x	x	14775				
Total	386141				362954				
Present and not voting									
Absent	23187								

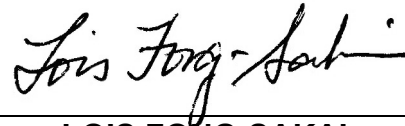
The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 5A through 5B (**M.I. No. 53640 through 53641**) passed by a vote of 362,954 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 23,187 absent.

Directors Dennstedt and Smith, using AB 2449 just cause did not have anyone over the age of 18 present during the vote.

53642 Chair Ortega asked if there were any Follow-up Items. There were none.

53643 Chair Ortega asked if there were any Future Agenda Items. There were none.

53644 There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.



LOIS FONG-SAKAI
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD



ADÁN ORTEGA, JR.
CHAIR OF THE BOARD