THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ONE WATER AND ADAPTATION COMMITTEE

April 13, 2026

Chair Quinn called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Cordero, Crane, Denham, Erdman, Gold, Katz, Lewitt, Miller, Pressman (entered after roll call), Quinn, and Seckel.

Members absent: Kurtz, McMillan, and Shepherd Romey.

Other Board Members present: Directors DeJesus (teleconference posted location), Dennstedt, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Ortega, and Sutley.

Committee Staff present: Crosson, Deshmukh, Goshi, Harms, Hasencamp, Hawk, Hudson, Rossett, Rubin, and Schlotterbeck.

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

Chair Quinn announced how public comments for this meeting would be heard.

A. Public Hearing on Metropolitan's 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Chair Quinn provided background information and introduced Mr. David Sumi, Senior Resource Specialist, Water Resource Management.

Mr. Sumi provided a brief overview of today's Public Hearing and gave a presentation on Metropolitan's 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan as part of the public hearing. The plans assess water supply reliability under normal water year and drought conditions and outline shortage response actions. Findings show sufficient supply to meet projected demand, supported by a diversified portfolio and storage capacity. The plans are available for public review, with Board adoption scheduled for May 2026.

Chair Quinn announced that the Public Hearing was open to public comments and that we had not received any written comment letters or requests to comment in person. She noted we had one caller on the phone line who wished to comment.

1. Audrey Siu from LAWaterkeeper

Chair Quinn announced that the Public Hearing was now closed and asked if there was any regular public comment. We had no regular public comment and therefore the line was closed.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Sutley
2. Quinn
3. Gold

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

Director Pressman entered the meeting room.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS--ACTION

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Adaptation Committee for March 9, 2026.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

7-2 Subject: Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and take related CEQA actions for the Casa Loma Siphon No. 1 and San Jacinto Pipeline Protection Project, and approve the project for CEQA purposes

Motion: Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and take related CEQA actions for the Casa Loma Siphon No. 1 and San Jacinto Pipeline Protection Project, and approve the project for CEQA purposes.

No presentation was given. Director Ackerman made a motion, seconded by Director Crane, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of items 2A and 7-2 option 1.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Cordero, Crane, Denham, Erdman, Gold, Katz, Lewitt, Miller, Pressman, Quinn, and Seckel
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Directors Kurtz, McMillan, and Shepherd Romey

The motion for items 2A, and 7-2 passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 3 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

8-4 Subject: Authorize the Operational Shift Cost-Offset Program and delegate the General Manager authority to activate the Program and execute agreements with member agencies; the General Manager has determined the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Motion: Authorize the Operational Cost-Offset Program and delegate the General Manager authority to activate the Program and execute agreements with Member Agencies.

Due to time constraints, Mr. Brandon Goshi, Group Manager, Water Resource Management, provided background and a summary.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Fong-Sakai
2. Miller
3. Ortega

Staff responded to the Director's questions and comments.

Director Gold left the meeting.

Director Pressman made a motion, seconded by Director Katz, to approve option #1 for item 8-4.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Cordero, Crane, Denham, Erdman, Katz, Lewitt, Miller, Pressman, Quinn, and Seckel
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Directors Gold, Kurtz, McMillan, and Shepherd Romey

The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 4 absent.

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Subject: Information on Memorandum of Understanding to explore inter-state transfers and exchanges in the Lower Colorado River Basin. [SUBJECT REVISED on 4/6/2026]

Presented by: Joseph Vanderhorst, Executive Strategist

Mr. William Hasencamp, Manager of Colorado River Resources, provided background information and introductory remarks.

The Board received an informational presentation on a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore interstate water transfers and exchanges to improve flexibility in Lower Colorado River operations. The presentation highlighted legal constraints on water allocations and the reduced availability of unused apportionment and surplus supplies historically relied upon by Metropolitan. The MOU seeks to develop frameworks for interstate transfers, replace expired storage mechanisms, and enhance supply reliability through regional partnerships. Discussions will involve basin states and the Bureau of Reclamation and address key legal, policy, funding, and environmental considerations.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Ortega
2. Lewitt
3. Denham
4. Cordero

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

Director Gold returned to the meeting.

b. Subject: Quarterly Update on Conservation Program

Presented by: Elise Goldman, Team Manager

Mr. Brandon Goshi, Group Manager, Water Resource Management, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Goldman provided an update on conservation expenditures and grant activities, including strong participation in turf replacement, trees, and clothes washer programs driven by incentive funding. She reported approximately $36–37 million in expenditures and commitments, along with continued project demand and water savings. An additional update highlighted grant-funded CII turf replacement program activity and a grant-funded firefighting training program that conserves water through recirculating equipment developed in partnership with local agencies.

Director Lewitt left the meeting.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Pressman
2. Miller

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

c. Subject: Update on Water Surplus & Drought Management

Presented by: Noosah Razavian, Resource Specialist

Mr. Brandon Goshi, Group Manager, Water Resource Management, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Razavian provided an update on water supply and drought conditions, including current hydrologic conditions and supply-demand balance. She reported below-average snowpack in the Sierra Nevada and dry conditions in the Colorado River Basin, though reservoir storage levels, particularly at Lake Oroville, remain relatively strong. The State Water Project allocation is currently set at 30%, reflecting dry-year planning assumptions. Metropolitan's projected supply is approximately 1.45 million acre-feet, with demand slightly higher at 1.46 million acre-feet, resulting in a near-balanced outlook with a minimal supply gap.

There were no questions or comments.

d. Subject: Pure Water Southern California Update

Presented by: Matthew Hacker, Senior Resource Specialist

Mr. Brandon Goshi, Group Manager, Water Resource Management, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Mr. Hacker provided an update on the Pure Water program, including its history, current status, and next steps toward implementation. He outlined a phased decision-making process to support a Board determination by the end of 2026 on whether and how to implement the project, including potential staging options and use of a progressive design-build approach to improve cost certainty and flexibility. The update also highlighted ongoing technical, environmental, and planning efforts across committees, as well as the program's potential supply and operational benefits, with continued evaluations and updates scheduled throughout the year.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Quinn
2. Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

e. Subject: Update on Basin States Discussions Regarding Post-2026 Operational Guidelines

Presented by: Shanti Rosset, Special Projects Manager

Mr. William Hasencamp, Manager of Colorado River Resources, provided background information and introductory remarks.

Ms. Rosset provided an update on deteriorating conditions in the Colorado River Basin and their implications for current operations and post-2026 negotiations. She reported significantly below-average snowpack and runoff in the Upper Basin, with projections indicating declining reservoir levels at Lake Powell that may trigger emergency federal actions, including reduced releases and upstream reservoir support. These conditions are expected to further lower Lake Mead levels and increase pressure across basin states. While Metropolitan is not subject to reductions in 2026 and can access stored supplies, the overall trajectory reflects heightened urgency and constrained flexibility heading into future negotiations.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Gold
2. Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Resources activities;
Colorado River Resources activities;
Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation activities; and
Water Resource Management activities

Assistant General Manager John Bednarski stated that there was nothing to report beyond the written reports that were previously issued.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

a. Subject: Report on Subcommittee on Imported Water

Director Gold reported that the subcommittee discussed a report on recent Colorado River Board meetings, noting ongoing basin negotiations without agreement on post-2026 guidelines and a funding agreement due in June. Discussion highlighted risks to the San Francisco Bay-Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Bay-Delta, which supplies about 30% of Metropolitan's water, including seismic and climate-related threats to levees. The Board also discussed protecting Metropolitan's Colorado River water rights in closed session; no action was taken.

b. Subject: Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Imported Water

None.

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Ortega asked that a status and risk analysis report on imminent scarcity issues over the next decade, including subsidence issues, be presented at the next Subcommittee on Imported Water.

The next meeting will be held on May 11, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Tracy Quinn
Chair