

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.

L&C Committee

A. Kassakhian, Chair
J. McMillan, Vice Chair
M. Camacho
J. Crawford
D. De Jesus
C. Douglas
M. Katz
C. Kurtz
C. Miller
M. Ramos
G. Shepherd Romey

Legal and Claims Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

June 9, 2026

9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Meeting Schedule**

**08:30 a.m. FAAME
09:30 a.m. LEGAL
11:30 a.m. ETHICS
01:30 p.m. BREAK
02:00 p.m. BOD**

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* Translated Agendas [21-5959](#)

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. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

a. General Counsel's report of monthly activities [21-5623](#)

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ****

3. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Approve the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee of May 12, 2026 [21-5624](#)

Attachments: [06092026 LC 3A \(05122026\) Minutes](#)

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

**** END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ****

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

8-2 Authorize an increase under contract with Van Ness Feldman, LLP in the amount of \$500,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and with Milbank, LLP in the amount of \$1,000,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,250,000 for legal advice on Colorado River matters; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with legal counsel - anticipated litigation; unknown number of potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)] [21-5931](#)

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Discuss department head performance and goal setting [Public employee performance evaluation—General Counsel; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957] [21-5893](#)
- b. Conference with Labor Negotiator; agency designated representative: Chair of Legal and Claims Committee Kassakhian; Unrepresented employee: General Counsel; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957 [21-5947](#)

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

LEGAL AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

May 12, 2026

Vice Chair McMillan called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Members present: Directors Camacho (alternative teleconferencing), Crawford, De Jesus (teleconference posted location), Kassakhian (entered after roll call), Katz, Kurtz, McMillan, Miller, and Shepherd Romey (entered after roll call).

Members absent: Directors Douglas and Ramos.

Other Board Members present: Directors Ackerman, Bryant, Crane, Dennstedt (alternative teleconferencing), Erdman, Faessel, Lewitt, Ortega, Seckel, and Sutley.

Director Camacho stated he was participating using alternative teleconferencing due to a contagious illness and was alone in the room.

Director Dennstedt stated she was participating using alternative teleconferencing due to a contagious illness and was alone in the room.

Committee Staff present: Beatty, Deshmukh, Gaxiola, Hudson, Rubin, and Scully.

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

None

2. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

A. Subject: General Counsel's report of monthly activities

General Counsel Scully had nothing to add to her written report.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

3. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

- A. Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee for March 10, 2026.

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

Director Katz made a motion, seconded by Director Miller, to approve item 3A.

The vote was:

- Ayes: Directors Camacho, Crawford, De Jesus, Katz, Kurtz, McMillan, Miller.
Noes: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Directors Douglas, Kassakhian, Ramos, and Shepherd Romey

The motion for Item 3A passed by a vote of 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstention, and 4 absent.
Director Camacho stated he was alone in the room.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

Vice Chair McMillan called the meeting into closed session.

Chair Kassakhian and Director Shepherd Romey entered the meeting.

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Subject: Discussion of department head performance and goal setting [Public employee performance evaluation – General Counsel; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957]

Presented by: Marcia Scully, General Counsel

In closed session, the committee discussed the item with the General Counsel. No action was taken in closed session.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Colorado River Issues

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Ardy Kassakhian
Chair