

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

May 11, 2026

Chair Erdman called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Members present: Directors Bryant, Dennstedt (alternative teleconferencing), Erdman, Faessel, Jay, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller (entered after rollcall), Petersen (entered after rollcall), Seckel

Members absent: Directors Alvarez, Crawford, Fong-Sakai

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

Other board members present: Directors Ackerman, Crane, Katz, Kurtz, Ortega, Paule, Pressman, Shepherd Romey.

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Bueno, Chaudhuri, Deshmukh, Eckstrom, Hattar, Hawk, Hudson, Nobriga, Parsons, Rhoads, and Rubin

Director Peterson entered the meeting.

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))

None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for April 13, 2026.

Director Erdman recused himself from participating in item 7-2.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

- 7-1 Subject: Award a \$511,294 procurement contract to Tricor Industrial Inc. to furnish two tanks to replace the sodium hypochlorite storage tanks at the Robert A. Skinner Water Treatment Plant; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Presented by: No presentation was given.
- Motion: Award a \$511,294 procurement contract to Tricor Industrial Inc. to furnish two tanks to replace the sodium hypochlorite storage tanks at the Robert A. Skinner Water Treatment Plant.
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- 7-2 Subject: Authorize an agreement with Oracle America Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$4,603,698 for Metropolitan's Oracle E-Business Suite System migration to Oracle Cloud Infrastructure and Upgrade project; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Presented by: No presentation was given.
- Motion: Authorize an agreement with Oracle America Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,603,698 for Metropolitan's Oracle E-Business Suite (EBS) System migration to Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI) and Upgrade project.
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- 7-3 Subject: Authorize an agreement with Bayen Group LLC in an amount not to exceed \$598,880 for Metropolitan's IntraMet Redesign project; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Presented by: No presentation was given.
- Motion: Authorize an agreement with Bayen Group LLC in an amount not to exceed \$598,880 for Metropolitan's IntraMet Redesign project.

7-8 Subject: Award a \$1,072,500 contract to Heed Engineering for storm drainage improvements along Holland Road at Diamond Valley Lake; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: No presentation was given.

Motion: Award a \$1,072,500 contract to Heed Engineering for storm drainage improvements along Holland Road at Diamond Valley Lake.

Director Bryant made a motion, seconded by Director Seckel, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A and 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-8.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Bryant, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Jay, Lewitt, McMillan, Petersen, Seckel
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Not voting:	None
Absent:	Directors Alvarez, Crawford, Fong-Sakai, Miller

The motion for Items 2A and 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-8 passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 4 absent.

Director Dennstedt stated she was alone in the room.

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

Director Miller entered the meeting.

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

8-1 Subject: Adopt a resolution in support of the application for Proposition 4 funding under the State Water Resources Control Board Water Recycling Funding Program for the direct potable reuse testing facility improvements at the Napolitano Innovation Center; authorize the General Manager to accept the grant if awarded; and appropriate any funds awarded; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Hedieh Esfahani, Engineer, Engineering Services

Motion: Adopt a resolution in support of the application for Proposition 4 funding under the State Water Resources Control Board Water Recycling Funding Program for the direct potable reuse testing facility improvements at the Napolitano Innovation Center, authorize the General Manager to accept the grant if awarded, and appropriate any funds awarded.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Miller
3. Ortega
4. Jay

Staff responded to the Director's questions and comments.

After completion of the presentation, Director Jay made a motion, seconded by Director Bryant, to approve item 8-1.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Bryant, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Jay, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Petersen, Seckel

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Not voting: None

Absent: Directors Alvarez, Crawford, Fong-Sakai

The motion for Item 8-1 passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions and 3 absent.

Director Dennstedt stated she was alone in the room.

- 8-2** Subject: Adopt CEQA determination that the proposed action was previously addressed in the certified 2024 F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment and La Verne Site Improvements Program Environmental Impact Report; award a \$26,679,800 contract to PCN3 Inc. for seismic upgrades to the Weymouth Administration and Control Building; authorize an agreement with Arcadis U.S. Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$1.3 million for technical support during construction, and an agreement with Fugro USA Land Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$750,000 for geotechnical engineering support during construction

Presented by: Gary Cho, Senior Engineer, Engineering Services

- Motion:
- a. Adopt CEQA determination that the proposed action was previously addressed in the certified 202 F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant and La Verne Site Improvements Program Environmental Impact Report.
 - b. Award a \$26,679,800 construction contract for PCN3 Inc. for seismic upgrades to the Weymouth Administration and Control Building.
 - c. Authorize an agreement with Arcadis U.S. Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$1.3 million for technical support during construction.
 - d. Authorize an agreement with Fugro USA Land Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$750,000 for geotechnical engineering support during construction.

John Bednarski thanked staff for their work on this project.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

- 1. Miller
- 2. Bryant
- 3. Erdman

Staff responded to the Director's questions and comments.

After completion of the presentation, Director Seckel made a motion, seconded by Director Bryant, to approve item 8-2.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Bryant, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Jay, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Petersen, Seckel
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Not voting:	None
Absent:	Directors Alvarez, Crawford, Fong-Sakai

The motion for Item 8-2 passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 3 absent.

Director Dennstedt stated she was alone in the room.

Chair Erdman stated that item 8-5 had been withdrawn.

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Subject: 2026 Colorado River Aqueduct Shutdown Review

Presented by: Charley Jackson, Senior Planner Scheduler, Conveyance & Distribution
Veronica Villareal, Team Manager, Conveyance & Distribution
Scott Reiersen, Unit Manager, Conveyance & Distribution

Mr. Jackson, Ms. Villareal, and Mr. Reiersen reported on the following:

- Shutdown planning timeline/duration
- Procurement, logistics, and preventative maintenance
- Corrective and improvement projects
- Staffing
- Guest services data

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Erdman

Staff responded to Directors' questions and comments.

b. Subject: Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project Update
Presented by: Malinda Stalvey, Program Manager Bay-Delta Initiative

Ms. Stalvey reported on the following:

- Update on the Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project
- Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Grant
- Wetland goals and objectives
- Public outreach, project schedule, next steps

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Miller
2. Seckel
3. Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Subject: Engineering Services, Information Technology, and Water System
 Operations Activities
 Presented by: John Bednarski, Assistant General Manager, Water and Technical
 Resources
 JR Rhoads, Group Manager, Conveyance & Distribution
 Charles Eckstrom, Group Manager, Information Technology

Mr. Bednarski reported on the following:

- Collaboration meetings with DWR and LADWP
- Damage Assessment Team functional exercise
- Diemer helicopter hydrant facility
- California Division of Safety of Dams field visit

Mr. Rhoads reported on the following:

- Current operational conditions
- DWR & MWD Collaboration Meeting
- Shutdown season

Mr. Eckstrom reported on the following:

- Real Property business system replacement

The following Director provided comments or asked questions.

1. Bryant

Staff responded to the Directors' question.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Dennis Erdman
Chair