

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

June 27, 2023

Vice Chair Camacho called the meeting to order at 1:51 p.m.

Vice Chair Camacho welcomed guest Dawn Roth Lindell, General Manager, Burbank Water and Power to participate in the Committee meeting with the exception of voting.

Vice Chair Camacho 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.

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

Members absent: Directors Cordero, Gray, Jung, Luna, and Repenning.

Other Board members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Dennstedt, Dick, Faessel, Garza, Kurtz, Morris, Peterson, and Seckel

Committee staff present: Beatty, Chapman, Hagekhalil, Hudson, Kasaine, Scully, Salinas, Zinke, Suzuki, Upadhyay, and Wheeler.

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

	Name	Affiliation	Item
1.	Darcy Burke	Director, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	Desalination feasibility study, deferment

2. VOICES OF MET (SPOTLIGHT ON ADVANCING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION – EMPLOYEE PERSPECTIVES)

Vice Chair Camacho called on Jolene Ditmar, Associate Environmental Specialist, SRI Group and Chair of the Resources Committee for Pride to present the item.

3. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Vice Chair Camacho

Vice Chair Camacho reported on the following:

- Extended the invitation to the Mujeres De La Tierra Reception honoring Latina and Latino Water Pioneers and Leaders on June 29, 2023
- Department Head Evaluations are due July 24, 2023

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

Presented by: General Manager Adel Hagekhalil

General Manager Hagekhalil reported on the following:

- Reported on the Safety Fair at Gene Camp.
- Reported on the Metropolitan events celebrating Pride Month.
- Acknowledge Eid-al-Adha Holiday.
- Reported on the grant to the Sanitation Districts from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to support the clean-up of the future Pure Water facility.
- Update on Metropolitan credit ratings.
- Updated on Assembly Bill 1572.

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

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia L. Scully

General Counsel Scully reported on the following:

- Update on the Supreme Court's ruling on the Navajo Nation.

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

Presented by: General Auditor Scott Suzuki

General Auditor Suzuki stated he had nothing to add to his report.

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.

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

Presented by: Committee Chair Erdman

Committee Chair Erdman announced that the Committee will hear one subcommittee report:

- Report from Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance.

The Committee will consider the following four consent items:

- Authorize an increase of \$950,000 in change order authority for the contract with W.A. Chester, LLC to terminate 6.9 kV power cables at all five Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants.
- Authorize an increase of \$2 million to an agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$2.65 million for final design of the first stage of security upgrades for the Colorado River Aqueduct Region.
- Award a \$452,886 contract to Best Contracting Services, Inc. for replacement of the administration and warehouse building roofs at the Lake Mathews site.
- Award a \$349,527.80 procurement contract to TechnoFlo Systems Inc. for 50 magnetic flowmeters to comply with surface water diversion regulations on Metropolitan's Delta Island properties.

And one action items:

- Award a \$3,740,792 contract to M.S. Construction Management Group, Inc. for replacement of a portion of the existing fire sprinkler system's piping and network components at Metropolitan's Headquarters Building.

The Committee will consider the following three committee items:

- Update on Water Quality Laboratory Upgrades
- Colorado River Aqueduct Storage Buildings Assessment
- Emergency Management Program Update

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

- Water System Operations Manager's report
- Engineering Services Manager's report
- Information Technology 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 the one committee item:

- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Assessment and Action Plan

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 five committee items:

- Contractor Code of Conduct
- Review of confidentiality policies and procedures
- Review of select ethics rules
- Discussion of Department Head Performance and Goal Setting – to be heard in closed session
- Equal Employment Opportunity Statistical Report

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 two Subcommittee reports:

- Report from Subcommittee on Audits
- Report from Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling

The Committee will hear three consent items:

- Adopt Ordinance No. 152: Determining that the Interests of Metropolitan Require the Use of Revenue Bonds in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$500 Million to Finance a Portion of Capital Expenditures and Waive the Full Reading of the Ordinance
- Review and consider the Lead Agency's adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration and take related CEQA actions, and adopt resolution for 114th Fringe Area Annexation to Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan
- Award a \$359,725 contract to Mesa Energy Systems, Inc. for the repair of heating, ventilation and air condition (HVAC) refurbishment of chiller #2 located at the Metropolitan Headquarters building

The Committee will hear one action items:

- General Auditor fiscal year 2023/2024 business plan

The Committee will hear two committee items:

- Overview of Metropolitan's Finances
- Discussion of Department Head Performance and Goal Setting [Public employees' performance evaluations – General Auditor]

Lastly, the Committee will hear the management reports:

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

j. Subject: Report from Legal and Claims Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Sutley

Committee Chair Sutley announced that the Committee will hear a report on the General Counsel's monthly activities;

- The Committee will consider approving an amendment of the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to delete the requirement that matters may not be placed on consent if a roll call vote is required and increase the cost of items that may be placed on the Consent Calendar from \$2 million to \$10 million.
- In closed session, there will be a discussion of Department Head Performance and Goal Setting.

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

Presented by: Interim Board Executive Secretary Hudson

Interim Board Executive Secretary Hudson announced that the Committee will hear one Subcommittee report:

- Report from Subcommittee on Public Affairs Engagement
- Staff will present an item on the Governor's infrastructure trailer bill package.

The Committee will hear three committee items:

- Update on inspection trips
- Reports on activities from Washington D.C.
- Report on activities from Sacramento

Lastly, the Committee will hear one the management report:

- External Affairs Management Report

i. Subject: Report from One Water and Stewardship Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Quinn

Committee Chair Quinn announced that the Committee will hear two Subcommittee reports:

- Report from Subcommittee on Bay-Delta
- Report from Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities

The following board action item is removed from consideration:

- Authorize the General Manager to: (1) enter into an agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to create Colorado River system water for Lake Mead from 2023 through 2026 using funds provided by the federal government; and (2) forebear up to 268,500 acre-feet; and adopt CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the

conservation efforts that are the subject of the proposed action were previously addressed in various CEQA documents and related actions.

The Committee will consider the following three Committee items:

- Tree Rebate addition to Turf Replacement Program

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

4. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting for May 23, 2023.

Vice Chair Camacho asked Directors if there were any comments or discussion on the minutes of the May 23, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting. None were made.

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

5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

Vice Chair Camacho called for the vote on Items 4A and 4B.

Director Ramos made a motion, seconded by Director Sutley to approve the consent calendar Items 4A and 4B as listed.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Camacho, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, McCoy, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn, Ramos, Smith, and Sutley

Noes: None

Abstentions: Fong-Sakai (4A)

Absent: Cordero, Gray, Jung, Luna, and Repenning

The motion for Item 4A passed by a vote of 11 ayes; 0 noes; 1 abstention; and 5 absent.

The motion for Item 4B passed by a vote of 12 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 5 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

6. OTHER COMMITTEE ITEMS – ACTION

None

7. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS

None

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Michael Camacho
Vice Chair of the Board