

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.

Board of Directors - Final - Revised 2

December 13, 2022

12:30 PM

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022
Meeting Schedule**

08:30 a.m. L&C
09:00 a.m. RP&AM
10:30 a.m. C&L
12:00 p.m. Sp Exec
12:30 p.m. Board

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MWD Headquarters Building - 700 N. Alameda Street - Los Angeles, CA 90012

1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: Elisa T. Mendez, Principal Admin Analyst, Office of General Manager
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Glen Peterson, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

2. Roll Call

3. Determination of a Quorum

4. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction. (As required by Gov. Code § 54954.3(a))

5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

- A. Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense

[21-1698](#)

Attachments: [12132022 BOD 5A Report](#)

- B. Chairwoman's Monthly Activity Report [21-1699](#)
Attachments: [12132022 BOD 5B Report](#)
- C. General Manager's summary of activities [21-1700](#)
Attachments: [12132022 BOD 5C Report](#)
- D. General Counsel's summary of activities [21-1701](#)
Attachments: [12132022 BOD 5D Report](#)
- E. Interim General Auditor's summary of activities [21-1702](#)
Attachments: [12132022 BOD 5E Report](#)
- F. Ethics Officer's summary of activities [21-1703](#)
Attachments: [12132022 BOD 5F Report](#)
- G. Induction of new Director Arturo Chacon from Central Basin [21-1777](#)
Municipal Water District (ADDED ITEM 12/8/22)
(a) Receive credentials
(b) Report on credentials by General Counsel
(c) File credentials
(d) Administer Oath of Office
(e) File Oath

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION ****

6. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting for October 25, 2022 and the Board of the Directors Meeting for November 8, 2022 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-1705](#)
Attachments: [12132022 BOD 6A-1 Minutes](#)
[12132022 BOD 6A-2 Minutes](#)
- B. Authorize the preparation of commendatory resolutions for Senator Dianne Feinstein and Representative Grace Napolitano [21-1704](#)
- C. Approve Committee Assignments [21-1764](#)

7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-1** Approve proposed amendments to the Administrative Code Section 2416 relating to Equal Employment Opportunity policies and investigative procedures involving the Board of Directors and its Direct Reports; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (AE) **[21-1761](#)**
- Attachments:** [12132022 AE 7-1 B-L](#)
[12122022 AE 7-1 Presentation](#)
- 7-2** Adopt Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2023; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (CL) **[21-1706](#)**
- Attachments:** [12132022 CL 7-2 B-L](#)
[12132022 CL 7-2 Presentation](#)
- 7-3** Authorize the General Manager to use \$80 million in grant funding from the State Water Resources Control Board to commence activities related to the initiation of the Pure Water Southern California program, and authorize an increase to Metropolitan's current staff levels by 17 full-time equivalent positions for employees to work on the program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EO) **[21-1709](#)**
- Attachments:** [12132022 EO 7-3 B-L](#)
[12122022 EO 7-3 Presentation](#)
- 7-4** Award a \$2,165,000 contract to Caltec Corp. for physical security improvements at Metropolitan's Headquarters Building; and authorize an increase of \$250,000 to an agreement with Arcadis IBI Group for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$3.35 million for technical support during construction; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EO) **[21-1707](#)**
- Attachments:** [12132022 EO 7-4 B-L](#)
[12122022 EO 7-4 Presentation](#)

- 7-5** Adopt a resolution designating authorized agents for funding from the California Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EO) **[21-1710](#)**

Attachments: [12132022 EO 7-5 B-L](#)
[12122022 EO 7-5 Presentation](#)

- 7-6** Adopt resolution to accept \$50 million in state funding from the California Department of Water Resources to support Metropolitan's drought mitigation projects; designate the Group Manager of Engineering Services to be the signatory to execute actions related to the funds; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EO) **[21-1711](#)**

Attachments: [12132022 EO 7-6 B-L](#)
[12122022 EO 7-6 Presentation](#)

- 7-7** Authorize on-call agreements with GEI Consultants, Inc., HDR, Inc., and Stantec Consulting Services Inc. in amounts not to exceed \$2.5 million each, for a maximum of five years, to support Metropolitan's Dam Safety Initiatives Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EO) **[21-1765](#)**

Attachments: [12132022 EO 7-7 B-L](#)
[12122022 EO 7-7 Presentation](#)

- 7-8** Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to conform to current law, practices, and regulations; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LC) **[21-1712](#)**

Attachments: [12132022 LC 7-8 B-L](#)

- 7-9** Authorize an increase of \$100,000, to an amount not to exceed \$500,000, for a contract for legal services with Hanson Bridgett LLP to provide legal advice on deferred compensation plans, other employee benefits, taxes, and CalPERS matters; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LC) **[21-1713](#)**
- Attachments:** [12132022 LC 7-9 B-L](#)
[12132022 LC 7-9 Presentation](#)
- 7-10** Authorize an agreement with Voyageur Security Inc. doing business as Access Technologies in an amount not to exceed \$860,000 for procurement of radio equipment for Metropolitan's Automatic Meter Reading System; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OPT) **[21-1716](#)**
- Attachments:** [12132022 OPT 7-10 B-L](#)
[12122022 OPT 7-10 presentation](#)
- 7-11** Authorize the General Manager to enter into the First Amendment to the Agreement regarding Annexation of the Murrieta Window Area with Western Municipal Water District and Eastern Municipal Water District to extend the term ten years; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (RPAM) **[21-1717](#)**
- Attachments:** [12132022 RPAM 7-11 B-L](#)
[12132022 RPAM 7-11 Presentation](#)
- 7-12** Adopt a resolution for the Yerba Valley Annexation to San Diego County Water Authority and Metropolitan; the General Manager has determined that this proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (RPAM) **[21-1718](#)**
- Attachments:** [12132022 RPAM 7-12 B-L](#)
[12132022 RPAM 7-12 Presentation](#)

- 7-13** Adopt resolution reaffirming the Regional Drought Emergency for all member agencies and calling on all member agencies to reduce the use of State Water Project and Colorado River supplies; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (WPS) [21-1719](#)

Attachments: [12132022 WPS 7-13 B-L](#)
[12132022 WPS 7-13 Presentation](#)
[12132022 BOD 7-13 Revised Resolution](#)

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

8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- 8-1** Approve appointment of Board Vice Chairs effective January 1, 2023 (Exec) [21-1766](#)

- 8-2** Approve changes in the Administrative Code modifying the standing committees of the Board, creating certain ad hoc committees, modifying the role of the Board Secretary and providing an additional at-large elected member of the Executive Committee, eliminating gender-specific references to the Board and staff; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [REVISED LANGUAGE 12/6/22] (Exec) [21-1767](#)

Attachments: [12132022 BOD 8-2 B-L](#)

- 8-3** Approve Chairs, Vice Chairs, and members of Standing Committees, and of the newly approved Ad Hoc Committees of the Board effective January 1, 2023 (Exec) [21-1773](#)

Attachments: [12132022 BOD 8-3 Chair-Elect Memo.pdf](#)

9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-1** Report on Conservation [21-1720](#)

Attachments: [12132022 BOD 9-1 Report.pdf](#)

10. OTHER MATTERS

- 10-1** General Auditor Interviews and Authority to Hire [21-1721](#)
[Public Employment; General Auditor; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code 54957 and Conference with labor negotiator: Agency designated representative: Diane Pitman; Unrepresented employee: General Auditor; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code 54957.6]

11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE:

Each agenda item with a committee designation will be considered and a recommendation may be made by one or more committees prior to consideration and final action by the full Board of Directors. The committee designation appears in parenthesis at the end of the description of the agenda item e.g. (E&O). Committee agendas may be obtained from the Executive Secretary.

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