

# 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 1

June 13, 2023

1:00 PM

Tuesday, June 13, 2023  
Meeting Schedule

08:30 a.m. FAIRP  
10:30 a.m. EOP  
12:30 p.m. Break  
01:00 p.m. BOD

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### 1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: Director Tana McCoy, City of Compton
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Anthony Fellow, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

### 2. Roll Call

### 3. Determination of a Quorum

### 4. COMMUNITY REFLECTIONS

- a. Frank Montes, Hispanic Coalition of Small Businesses

[21-2278](#)

### 5. 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))

### 6. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

- A. Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense [21-2199](#)  
**Attachments:** [06132023 BOD 6A Report](#)
- B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report [21-2200](#)  
**Attachments:** [06132023 BOD 6B Report](#)
- C. General Manager's summary of activities [21-2201](#)  
**Attachments:** [06132023 BOD 6C Report](#)
- D. General Counsel's summary of activities [21-2202](#)  
**Attachments:** [06132023 BOD 6D Report](#)
- E. General Auditor's summary of activities [21-2203](#)  
**Attachments:** [06132023 BOD 6E Report](#)
- F. Ethics Officer's summary of activities [21-2204](#)  
**Attachments:** [06132023 BOD 6F Report](#)

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

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for May 9, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-2198](#)  
**Attachments:** [06132023 BOD 7A Minutes](#)

- B. Approve Committee Assignments

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-1** Authorize agreements with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. and CDM Smith Inc., each in an amount not to exceed \$800,000, for water desalination studies in Metropolitan's service area; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-2277](#)
- Attachments:** [06132023 EOT 7-1 B-L](#)  
[06122023 EOT 7-1 Presentation](#)
- 7-2** Amend the Capital Investment Plan for fiscal years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 to include three projects: (1) Jensen Administration Building column panel replacement; (2) Skinner chemical storage tanks replacement; and (3) Auld Valley and Red Mountain Control Structures upgrade; and award a \$281,900 contract to MMJ Contracting Inc. to replace the existing entrance column panels at the Jensen Administration Building; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-2281](#)
- Attachments:** [06132023 EOT 7-2 B-L](#)  
[06122023 EOT 7-2 Presentation](#)
- 7-3** Approve up to \$1.894 million to purchase insurance coverage for Metropolitan's Property and Casualty Insurance Program for fiscal year 2023/24; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [SUBJECT UPDATED 6/2/23] (FAIRP) [21-2287](#)
- Attachments:** [06132023 FAIRP 7-3 B-L](#)  
[06132023 FAIRP 7-3 Presentation](#)
- 7-4** Approve Metropolitan's Statement of Investment Policy for fiscal year 2023/2024, delegate authority to the Treasurer to invest Metropolitan's funds for fiscal year 2023/2024; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAIRP) [21-2288](#)
- Attachments:** [06132023 FAIRP 7-4 B-L](#)  
[06132023 FAIRP 7-4 Presentation](#)

- 7-5** Authorize the General Manager to execute six lease/license amendments and two new license agreements for the installation and upgrade of telecommunication equipment and changes in the terms at existing telecommunication sites known as Edom Hill, Vidal Junction, Crossman Peak, Las Vegas Junction, Searchlight, Christmas Tree, and Black Peak, and to commence occupying a new site known as Super Nap, in Southern California, Southern Nevada, and Southern Arizona, as part of Metropolitan's Desert Microwave Project; the proposed action is in furtherance of a project that was previously determined to be exempt from CEQA [21-2290](#)

(Riverside County Assessor Parcel No. 659-260-030, San Bernardino County Assessor Parcel No. 0647-321-20-0000, Mohave County Parcel No. 113-02-003, Clark County Parcel Nos. 190-15-000-001; 243-34-501-019; 259-00-001-001; 176-01-801-043, and La Paz County Parcel No. 311-01-006) (FAIRP)

**Attachments:** [06132023 FAIRP 7-5 B-L](#)  
[06132023 FAIRP 7-5 Presentation](#)

- 7-6** Authorize the General Manager to grant a permanent easement to Eastern Municipal Water District for the construction and operation of a pipeline northeast of Diamond Valley Lake in the city of Hemet within Assessor Parcel Numbers 464-250-002, 464-250-003, 454-270-020 and 454-270-032; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt and not subject to CEQA (FAIRP) [21-2291](#)

**Attachments:** [06132023 FAIRP 7-6 B-L](#)  
[06132023 FAIRP 7-6 Presentation](#)

- 7-7** By a two-thirds vote, authorize payment of up to \$932,800 for support of the Colorado River Board and Six Agency Committee for fiscal year 2023/24; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) [21-2284](#)

**Attachments:** [06132023 OWS 7-7 BL](#)  
[06122023 OWS 7-7 Presentation](#)

- 7-8** Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Delta Smelt and Native Species Preservation Project and take related CEQA actions (OWS) [21-2286](#)

**Attachments:** [06132023 OWS 7-8 B-L](#)  
[06122023 OWS 7-8 Presentation](#)

- 7-9** Authorize adding a \$500,000 line item to the fiscal year 2023/2024 Equal Employment Opportunity Office budget to cover outside legal services; and authorize an agreement with Meyers Nave in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for ongoing legal advice in support of Equal Employment Opportunity Office activities and Equal Employment Opportunity related personnel and compliance matters; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [ADDED SUBJECT 6/2/23] (EOP) [21-2398](#)

**Attachments:** [06132023 EOP 7-9 B-L](#)

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

**9. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1** Authorize on-call agreements with Kennedy Jenks Consultants Inc., Lee & Ro Inc., and Stantec Consulting Services Inc., in amounts not to exceed \$10 million each, for a maximum of five years for engineering services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-2279](#)

**Attachments:** [06132023 EOT 8-1 B-L](#)  
[06122023 EOT 8-1 Presentation](#)

- 8-2** Award a \$16,490,000 contract to J. F. Shea Construction, Inc. to replace equipment storage buildings at three Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-2280](#)

**Attachments:** [06132023 EOT 8-2 B-L](#)  
[06122023 EOT 8-2 Presentation](#)

- 8-3** Express support, if amended, on two legislative bond proposals, Assembly Bill 1567 (Garcia) and Senate Bill 867 (Allen), to provide funding for water projects to address climate change impacts; the General Manager has determined that the action is exempt. [REVISED LETTER 6/6/2023] (LRAC) [21-2292](#)

**Attachments:** [06132023 LRAC 8-3 B-L Revised](#)  
[06122023 LRAC 8-3 Presentation](#)

- 8-4** Approve entering into fiscal years 2022-2026 Memorandum of Understanding between The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and The Supervisors Association of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with Labor Negotiators; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code 54957.6. Metropolitan representatives: Katano Kasaine, Assistant General Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Gifty J. Beets, Human Resources Section Manager of Labor Relations. Employee organization: The Supervisors Association of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California] (EOP) [21-2302](#)

**Attachments:** [06132023 EOP 8-4 B-L](#)  
[06132023 EOP 8-4 Tentative Agreement](#)  
[06132023 BOD 8-4 Non-Interest Disclosure Notice](#)  
[06132023 EOP 8-4 Non-Interest Disclosure Notice](#)

## 10. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-1** Conservation Program Board Report [21-2197](#)

**Attachments:** [06132023 BOD 9-1 Report](#)

- 9-2** Introduction of 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 (FAIRP) [21-2289](#)

**Attachments:** [06132023 FAIRP 9-2 B-L](#)

## 11. OTHER MATTERS

NONE

## **12. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

## **13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

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