

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.

OW&S Committee

T. Quinn, Chair
S. Faessel, Vice Chair
L. Ackerman
D. Alvarez
J. Armstrong
A. Chacon
G. Cordero
D. De Jesus
D. Erdman
L. Fong-Sakai
S. Goldberg
C. Kurtz
R. Lefevre
C. Miller
G. Peterson
B. Pressman
N. Sutley

One Water and Stewardship Committee - Final - Revised 1

Meeting with Board of Directors *

November 13, 2023

2:30 p.m.

Agendas, live streaming, meeting schedules, and other board materials are available here: <https://mwdh2o.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. A listen-only phone line is available at 1-877-853-5257; enter meeting ID: 873 4767 0235. Members of the public may present their comments to the Board on matters within their jurisdiction as listed on the agenda via in-person or teleconference. To participate via teleconference 1-833-548-0276 and enter meeting ID: 876 9484 9772 or click <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87694849772?pwd=V3dGZGRYUjJ3allqdUxXTIJRM044Zz09>

**Monday, November 13, 2023
Meeting Schedule**

**09:00 a.m. EOT
11:00 a.m. EOP
12:00 p.m. EIA
02:00 p.m. Break
02:30 p.m. OWS**

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

Teleconference Locations:

525 Via La Selva • Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Cedars Sinai Medical Center • 8700 Beverly Blvd • Los Angeles, CA 90048

3008 W. 82nd Place • Inglewood, CA 90305

Alandale Insurance Agency • 337 W. Foothill Blvd • Glendora, CA 91740

* The Metropolitan Water District's meeting of this Committee is noticed as a joint committee meeting with the Board of Directors for the purpose of compliance with the Brown Act. Members of the Board who are not assigned to this Committee may participate as members of the Board, whether or not a quorum of the Board is present. In order to preserve the function of the committee as advisory to the Board, members of the Board who are not assigned to this Committee will not vote on matters before this Committee.

- 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))**

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

- 2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Stewardship Committee for October 9, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-2790](#)

Attachments: [11142023 OWS 2A \(10092023\) Minutes](#)

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-5 Authorize the General Manager to extend the Metropolitan/Quechan Tribe Seasonal Fallowing Pilot Program with the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation and farmers within Quechan tribal land, to provide incentives for land fallowing for up to \$864,000.00 in 2024 and escalated annually through 2026; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-2739](#)

Attachments: [11142023 OWS 7-5 B-L](#)
[11142023 OWS 7-5 Presentation Revised](#)

- 7-6 Express support for the 2023 California Resilience Challenge and approve a financial sponsorship of \$50,000 to continue as a Resilience Leader; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-2769](#)

Attachments: [11142023 OWS 7-6 B-L](#)
[11142023 OWS 7-6 Presentation](#)

- 7-7 Authorize a \$200,000/year increase to the existing agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc., currently set at \$200,000/year, for the Large Landscape and Residential Survey Program, for a total agreement not to exceed \$400,000/year; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-2740](#)

Attachments: [11142023 OWS 7-7 B-L](#)
[11142023 OWS 7-7 and 7-8 Presentation](#)

- 7-8 Authorize a \$350,000/year increase to the existing agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc., currently set at \$500,000/year, to provide inspection services for turf removal, regional device rebates, and water savings incentive program projects for Metropolitan's conservation rebate programs, for a total agreement not to exceed \$850,000/year; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-2741](#)

Attachments: [11142023 OWS 7-8 B-L](#)
[11142023 OWS 7-7 and 7-8 Presentation](#)

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- 8-3 Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District, and San Diego County Water Authority to allow water to be added to Lake Mead under U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program in 2023; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [REVISED SUBJECT 11/8/2023] [21-2768](#)

Attachments: [11142023 OWS 8-3 B-L](#)
[11142023 OWS 8-3 Presentation](#)

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes [21-2791](#)

Attachments: [11132023 OWS 6a Presentation](#)

- b. Revised Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Changing the 2007 Colorado River Guidelines. [REVISED SUBJECT 11/8/2023] [21-2792](#)

Attachments: [11132023 OWS 6b Presentation](#)

- c. Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management [21-2793](#)

Attachments: [11142023 OWS 6c Report](#)
[11132023 OWS 6c Presentation](#)

- d. Update on Conservation [21-2794](#)

Attachments: [11132023 OWS 6d Presentation](#)

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Bay-Delta Resources, Colorado River Resources, Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation, and Water Resource Management activities [21-2795](#)

Attachments: [11142023 OWS 7a Colorado River Mgmt Report](#)
[11142023 OWS 7a Bay-Delta Mgmt Report](#)

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Report from Subcommittee on Bay-Delta [21-2798](#)
- b. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Bay-Delta [21-2796](#)
- c. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities [21-2797](#)

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: This committee reviews items and makes a recommendation for final action to the full Board of Directors. Final action will be taken by the Board of Directors. Committee agendas may be obtained on Metropolitan's Web site <https://mwdh2o.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. This committee will not take any final action that is binding on the Board, even when a quorum of the Board is present.

Writings relating to open session agenda items distributed to Directors less than 72 hours prior to a regular meeting are available for public inspection at Metropolitan's Headquarters Building and on Metropolitan's Web site <https://mwdh2o.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Requests for a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to attend or participate in a meeting should be made to the Board Executive Secretary in advance of the meeting to ensure availability of the requested service or accommodation.