

# 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 3

April 9, 2024

2:00 PM

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 Meeting Schedule
08:30 a.m. LC 10:30 a.m. FAM 01:30 p.m. Break 02:00 p.m. BOD

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## 1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: Director Ardy Kassakhian, City of Glendale
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Juan Garza, Central Basin 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 [21-3171](#)  
**Attachments:** [04092024 BOD 5A Report](#)
- B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report [21-3172](#)  
**Attachments:** [04092024 BOD 5B Report](#)
- C. General Manager's summary of activities [21-3173](#)  
**Attachments:** [04092024 BOD 5C Report](#)
- D. General Counsel's summary of activities [21-3174](#)  
 a. Update on Social Media and the First Amendment  
**Attachments:** [04092024 BOD 5D Report](#)  
[04092024 BOD 5Da Presentation](#)
- E. General Auditor's summary of activities [21-3175](#)  
**Attachments:** [04092024 BOD 5E Report](#)
- F. Ethics Officer's summary of activities [21-3176](#)  
**Attachments:** [04092024 BOD 5F Report](#)

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes Board of Directors Workshop on Proposed Biennial Budget for February 27, 2024, Special Meeting of the Board of Directors for February 27, 2024, and the Board of Directors Meeting for March 12, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-3177](#)  
**Attachments:** [04092024 BOD 6A \(02272024\) Budget Workshop Minutes](#)  
[04092024 BOD 6A \(02272024\) Sp BOD Minutes](#)  
[04092024 BOD 6A \(03122024\) BOD Minutes](#)
- B. Approve Committee Assignments

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-1** Certify the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant and La Verne Site Improvements Program and take related CEQA actions; and award three procurement contracts to furnish water quality equipment for Metropolitan's Water Quality Laboratory: (1) a \$1,512,882 contract to Agilent Technologies to furnish two gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer units and two gas chromatograph mass spectrometry/solid phase microextraction units; (2) a \$726,432 contract to SCIEX to furnish one liquid chromatograph-mass spectrometer unit; and (3) a \$665,441 contract to Thermo Fisher Scientific to furnish four ion chromatograph systems (EOT) [21-3179](#)
- Attachments:** [04092024 EOT 7-1 B-L](#)  
[04082024 EOT 7-1 Presentation](#)
- 7-2** Authorize an agreement with HDR Engineering Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$3 million for final design to rehabilitate a portion of the Sepulveda Feeder; and adopt the CEQA determination that the Sepulveda Feeder rehabilitation project was previously addressed in the certified 2017 Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe Rehabilitation Program (EOT) [21-3180](#)
- Attachments:** [04092024 EOT 7-2 B-L](#)  
[04082024 EOT 7-2 Presentation](#)
- 7-3** Authorize an increase of \$1,100,000 to an agreement with HDR Engineering Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$1,735,000 for final design services to replace the 2.4 kV power line that serves the Black Metal Mountain Communications Site; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-3182](#)
- Attachments:** [04092024 EOT 7-3 B-L](#)  
[04082024 EOT 7-3 Presentation](#)
- 7-4** Award a \$295,562 contract to The Kepler Group Inc. to implement security system improvements at the Gene Pumping Plant; the General Manager has determined that this proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-3183](#)
- Attachments:** [04092024 EOT 7-4 B-L](#)  
[04082024 EOT 7-4 Presentation](#)

- 7-5** Adopt resolution for the 113th Fringe Area Annexation to Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [BL # CHANGED 4/2/24] (FAM) [21-3193](#)

**Attachments:** [04092024 FAM 7-5 B-L](#)  
[04092024 FAM 7-5 Presentation](#)

- 7-6** Express support for broadening Metropolitan's board priorities to include funding for Delta levee maintenance in the State of California's climate resiliency bond proposals, AB 1567 (Garcia-D) and SB 867 (Allen-D); the General Manager has determined that the action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [BL # CHANGED 4/2/24] [SUBJECT UPDATED 4/5/24] (Leg) [21-3194](#)

**Attachments:** [04092024 LEG 7-6 B-L](#)  
[04092024 LEG 7-6 Presentation](#)

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

**8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1** Appropriate \$636.48 million for projects identified in the Capital Investment Plan for Fiscal Years 2024/25 and 2025/26 and authorize the General Manager to initiate or proceed with work on capital projects identified in the Capital Investment Plan for Fiscal Years 2024/25 and 2025/26; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-3181](#)

**Attachments:** [04092024 EOT 8-1 B-L](#)  
[04082024 EOT 8-1 Presentation](#)

- 8-2** Approve and authorize the distribution of Appendix A for the use in the issuance and remarketing of Metropolitan's Bonds; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAM) [21-3191](#)

**Attachments:** [04092024 FAM 8-2 B-L](#)

- 8-3** Review and consider Eastern Municipal Water District's five approved Initial Studies/Mitigated Negative Declarations and two Addenda, and take related CEQA actions; authorize the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program Agreement with Eastern Municipal Water District for the Perris North Basin Groundwater Contamination Prevention and Remediation Program for up to 3,466 acre-feet per year of treated groundwater for potable purposes in the Eastern Municipal Water District service area. [MOVED FROM CONSENT 4/2/24] (OWS) [21-3186](#)

**Attachments:** [04092024 OWS 8-3 B-L Attachment 1](#)  
[04092024 OWS 8-3 Attachment 2](#)  
[04092024 OWS 8-3 Attachment 3](#)  
[04092024 OWS 8-3 Attachment 4](#)  
[04092024 OWS 8-3 Presentation](#)  
[04092024 OWS 8-3 to 8-6 Presentation](#)

- 8-4** Review and consider the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority certified Final Environmental Impact Report and two Addenda, and take related CEQA actions; authorize the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program Agreement with Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority for the PURE Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo for up to 5,000 acre-feet per year of treated recycled water for potable purposes in the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District service area. [MOVED FROM CONSENT 4/2/24] (OWS) [21-3187](#)

**Attachments:** [04092024 OWS 8-4 B-L](#)  
[04092024 OWS 8-4 Presentation](#)

- 8-5** Review and consider the South Coast Water District's certified Final Environmental Impact Report and take related CEQA actions; authorize the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program Agreement with the Municipal Water District of Orange County and South Coast Water District for the Doheny Ocean Desalination Project for up to 5,600 acre-feet per year of treated desalinated water for potable purposes in the Municipal Water District of Orange County service area. [UPDATED SUBJECT 4/4/24; MOVED FROM CONSENT 4/2/24] (OWS) **21-3188**

**Attachments:** [04092024 OWS 8-5 B-L \(Revised\) w/Attach 1](#)  
[04092024 OWS 8-5 Attach 2](#)  
[04092024 OWS 8-5 Attach 3](#)  
[04092024 OWS 8-5 A-4 & A-5a-5b](#)  
[04092024 OWS 8-5 Presentation](#)

- 8-6** Review and consider the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's certified Environmental Impact Report and Addendum, and take related CEQA actions; authorize the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program Agreement with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for the Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Project for up to 19,500 acre-feet per year of potable recycled water through groundwater replenishment in the San Fernando Valley. [MOVED FROM CONSENT 4/2/24] (OWS) **21-3189**

**Attachments:** [04092024 OWS 8-6 B-L](#)  
[04092024 OWS 8-6 Presentation](#)

- 8-7** Approve the Proposed Biennial Budget for fiscal years 2024/25 and 2025/26, which includes the Capital Investment Plan and revenue requirements for fiscal years 2024/25 and 2025/26 and the ten-year forecast; adopt resolutions fixing and adopting the water rates and charges for calendar years 2025 and 2026; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [BL # CHANGED 4/2/24] (FAM) **21-3192**

**Attachments:** [04092024 FAM 8-7 B-Lpdf](#)  
[04092024 FAM 8-7 Presentation](#)

- 8-8** Ratify General Manager's Appointment of Chief of Staff and the terms and conditions of the Chief of Staff's employment. The General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [ADDED ITEM 4/2/2024] [WITHDRAWN 4/5/24] (EOP) [21-3265](#)

## **9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9-1** Conservation Report [21-3178](#)  
**Attachments:** [04092024 BOD 9-1 Report](#)
- 9-2** Proposed Interagency Local Supply Exchange Program (OWS) [21-3190](#)  
**Attachments:** [04092024 OWS 9-2 B-L](#)  
[04092024 OWS 9-2 Presentation](#)
- 9-3** Equal Employment Opportunity Statistical Report (EOP) [21-3217](#)  
**Attachments:** [04092024 BOD 9-3 Presentation](#)

## **10. OTHER MATTERS**

NONE

## **11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

## **12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

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