

# 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

August 20, 2024

12:00 PM

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 Meeting Schedule
08:30 a.m. FAM 10:30 a.m. EOP 11:30 a.m. Break 12:00 p.m. BOD

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## 1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: Director Stephen J. Faessel, City of Anaheim
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Tracy M. Quinn, City of Los Angeles

## 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 **[21-3618](#)**  
**Attachments:** [08202024 BOD 5A Report](#)
- B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report **[21-3619](#)**  
**Attachments:** [08202024 BOD 5B Report](#)
- C. Interim General Manager's summary of activities **[21-3620](#)**  
**Attachments:** [08202024 BOD 5C Report](#)
- D. General Counsel's summary of activities **[21-3621](#)**  
**Attachments:** [08202024 BOD 5D Report](#)
- E. General Auditor's summary of activities **[21-3622](#)**  
**Attachments:** [08202024 BOD 5E Report](#)
- F. Ethics Officer's summary of activities **[21-3623](#)**  
**Attachments:** [08202024 BOD 5F Report](#)
- G. Presentation of 5-year Service Pin to Director Tana McCoy, City of Compton **[21-3624](#)**
- H. Report on list of certified assessed valuations for fiscal year 2024/25 and tabulation of assessed valuations, percentage participation, and vote entitlement of member agencies as of August 20, 2024 (FAM) **[21-3634](#)**  
**Attachments:** [08202024 FAM 5H B-L](#)  
[08202024 FAM 5-H Presentation](#)

- I. Presentation of commendatory resolution honoring The Rancho California Water District for 2024 recipient of the Outstanding Public Service Announcement Emmy Awards "Be a Water Hero" Campaign [21-3691](#)
- J. Presentation of commendatory resolution honoring Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District recipient of the American Water Works Association National 2024 Hydrant Hysteria Competition [21-3692](#)
- K. Induction of new Director Mark Gold from City of Santa Monica [21-3694](#)
  - (a) Receive credentials
  - (b) Report on credentials by General Counsel
  - (c) File credentials
  - (d) Administer Oath of Office
  - (e) File Oath

**Attachments:** [08202024 BOD 5K Sufficiency of Credentials](#)

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for July 9, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions). [21-3625](#)

**Attachments:** [2024-0709 BOD Meeting Minutes](#)
- B. Approve Commendatory Resolution for Director Judy Abdo representing City of Santa Monica [21-3693](#)
- C. Approve Committee Assignments

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-1 Authorize on-call agreements with AECOM, RHA LLC, Strategic Value Solutions Inc., and Value Management Strategies Inc., in amounts not to exceed \$1.5 million each, for a maximum of three years for value engineering and related technical services in support of Capital Investment Plan projects; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-3614](#)

**Attachments:** [08202024 EOT 7-1 B-L](#)  
[08192024 EOT 7-1 Presentation](#)

- 7-2** Authorize an agreement to Carollo Engineers Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1.3 million for owner's advisor services to assist with progressive design-build project delivery on the Lake Mathews Pressure Control Structure and Electrical System Upgrades; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-3615](#)
- Attachments:** [08202024 EOT 7-2 B-L](#)  
[08192024 EOT 7-2 Presentation](#)
- 7-3** Authorize an increase of \$840,000 in change order authority to an existing contract with Steve P. Rados for the installation of an isolation valve for the Wadsworth Pump Plant Bypass Pipeline; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (This action is part of a series of projects that are being undertaken to improve the supply reliability for State Water Project dependent member agencies) (EOT) [21-3616](#)
- Attachments:** [08202024 EOT 7-3 B-L](#)  
[08192024 EOT 7-3 Presentation](#)
- 7-4** Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Inland Feeder-Foothill Pump Station Intertie Project and take related CEQA actions; adopt a resolution to accept \$5 million in funding from U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects grant for Fiscal Year 2024 to support the Inland Feeder/San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Foothill Pump Station Intertie project; and authorize the General Manager to accept grant funds, if awarded; designate Metropolitan's Group Manager of Engineering Services to be the signatory to execute actions for reimbursement by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (EOT) [21-3617](#)
- Attachments:** [08202024 EOT 7-4 B-L](#)  
[08192024 EOT 7-4 Presentation](#)

- 7-5** Amend an existing agreement with Procure America Inc. for a new annual maximum amount of \$340,000 per year for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$1.7 million over the term of the agreement for the audit of Metropolitan's telecommunications circuits; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-3628](#)
- Attachments:** [08202024 EOT 7-5 B-L](#)  
[08192024 EOT 7-5 Presentation](#)
- 7-6** Authorize a \$875,000 increase to an existing agreement with Computer Aid Incorporated to a new not-to-exceed amount of \$2,625,000 for staff augmentation support services for the operation and maintenance of the Metropolitan Cybersecurity Operations Center for an additional six months; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-3629](#)
- Attachments:** [08202024 EOT 7-6 B-L](#)  
[08192024 EOT 7-6 Presentation](#)
- 7-7** Approve and authorize the distribution of Appendix A for 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) [21-3688](#)
- Attachments:** [08202024 FAM 7-7 B-L](#)
- 7-8** Review and consider the Lead Agency's adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration and take related CEQA actions, and adopt resolution for 115th Fringe Area Annexation to Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan (FAM) [21-3635](#)
- Attachments:** [08202024 FAM 7-8 B-L](#)  
[08202024 FAM 7-8 Presentation](#)

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

## **8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1** Authorize the General Manager to enter into: (1) a forbearance agreement with Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District, Palo Verde Irrigation District, and the City of Needles to allow water conserved under the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's conservation program to be added to Lake Mead; and (2) agreements with Imperial Irrigation District and San Diego County Water Authority under U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's conservation program to add water conserved by Imperial Irrigation District to Lake Mead that would otherwise accrue to San Diego County Water Authority; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) [21-3681](#)

**Attachments:** [08202024 OWS 8-1 B-L](#)  
[08192024 OWS 8-1 Presentation](#)

- 8-2** Adopt the Twenty-Sixth Supplemental Resolution to the Master Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$425 million of Water Revenue and Refunding Bonds, 2024 Series; and approve expenditures to fund the costs of issuance of the Bonds; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAM) [21-3703](#)

**Attachments:** [08202024 FAM 8-2 B-L](#)

- 8-3** Adopt resolution establishing the Ad Valorem tax rate for fiscal year 2024/25; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAM) [21-3633](#)

**Attachments:** [08202024 FAM 8-3 B-L](#)  
[08202024 FAM 8-3 Presentation](#)

- 8-4** Approve salary increase of 8.25 percent effective June 13, 2024 for Deven Upadhyay as Interim General Manager to reflect the added responsibilities and duties; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3711](#)

**Attachments:** [08202024 BOD 8-4 B-L](#)

## **9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9-1** Conservation Report [21-3626](#)

**Attachments:** [08202024 BOD 9-1 Report](#)

- 9-2** Update on proposed agreements with the Plumas Community Protection I Forest Resilience Bond LLC, North Feather I Forest Resilience Bond LLC, and Upper Butte Creek I Forest Resilience Bond LLC to establish watershed partnerships and forest health pilot investigations in the Northern Sierra Nevada; each agreement will not exceed \$200,000 per year for a maximum of two years (OWS) [21-3631](#)

**Attachments:** [08202024 OWS 9-2 B-L](#)  
[08192024 OWS 9-2 Presentation](#)

## 10. OTHER MATTERS

- 10-1** Report on Department Head 2023 Salary Survey [21-3637](#)

**Attachments:** [08202024 BOD 10-1 Presentation](#)

- 10-2** Discussion of Department Head Performance Evaluations [Public Employees' performance evaluations; General Counsel, General Auditor, and Ethics Officer; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code 54957] [21-3639](#)

- 10-3** Discuss and Approve Compensation Recommendations for General Counsel, General Auditor, and Ethics Officer [21-3638](#)

## 11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

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