

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.

Special Board of Directors - Final - Revised 2

November 19, 2024

2:00 PM

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 Meeting Schedule
08:30 a.m. EOP 10:00 a.m. FAM 12:00 p.m. LEG 01:30 p.m. Break 02:00 p.m. BOD

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1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: Director Cynthia Kurtz, City of Pasadena
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Jeffrey D. Armstrong, Eastern 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 **21-3922**
Attachments: [11192024 BOD 5A Report](#)
- B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report **21-3923**
Attachments: [11192024 BOD 5B Report](#)
- C. Interim General Manager's summary of activities **21-3924**
Attachments: [11192024 BOD 5C Report](#)
- D. General Counsel's summary of activities **21-3925**
Attachments: [11192024 BOD 5D Report](#)
- E. General Auditor's summary of activities **21-3926**
Attachments: [11192024 BOD 5E Report](#)
- F. Ethics Officer's summary of activities **21-3927**
Attachments: [11192024 BOD 5F Report](#)
- G. Report from Executive Committee on nominations for Board Secretary **21-3998**
- H. Updated report on the list of certified assessed valuations for the fiscal year 2024/25 and tabulation of assessed valuations, percentage participation, and vote entitlement of member agencies as of November 19, 2024 (FAM) **21-4018**
Attachments: [11192024 FAM 5H B-L](#)

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for October 8, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions). [DEFERRED 11/14/2024] [21-3928](#)
- B. Approve Committee Assignments [21-4005](#)
- C. Nomination and Election for Board Secretary for two-year term effective January 1, 2025 [21-3929](#)

7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-1 Amend an agreement with Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects to provide design and architectural services for Stage 1 improvements of the District Housing and Property Improvements Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-3954](#)

Attachments: [11192024 EOT 7-1 B-L](#)
[11182024 EOT 7-1 Presentation](#)
- 7-2 Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project and take related CEQA actions (EOT) [21-3956](#)

Attachments: [11192024 EOT 7-2 B-L](#)
[11182024 EOT 7-2 Presentation](#)
- 7-3 Authorize the General Manager to enter into Reverse-Cyclic Program agreements with participating agencies to defer deliveries of up to 50,000 acre-feet in calendar year 2024 and up to 50,000 acre-feet in calendar year 2025; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) [21-3957](#)

Attachments: [11192024 OWS 7-3 B-Lpdf](#)
[11182024 OWS 7-3 Presentation](#)
- 7-4 Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to implement phase two of the Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program; and adopt CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the Antelope Valley-East Kern High Desert Water Bank and the Turf Replacement Programs were previously addressed in various CEQA documents and related actions. [ACTION ITEM DEFERRED REPORT AT OWS ITEM 9e 11/15/2024] (OWS) [21-3958](#)

- 7-5** Adopt resolution for 116th 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 (FAM) [21-3963](#)

Attachments: [11192024 FAM 7-5 B-L](#)
[11192024 FAM 7-5 Presentation](#)

- 7-6** Authorize the General Manager to seek legislation for Metropolitan to increase the local agency dollar threshold for public works construction contracts from \$25,000 to \$75,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (Leg) [21-3964](#)

Attachments: [11192024 LC 7-6 B-L](#)
[11192024 LEG 7-6 Presentation](#)

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

8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- 8-1** Authorize the General Manager to amend the Project Labor Agreement to add four new projects and approve the amended Project Labor Agreement's use as a bid condition for the newly added projects; and report on Project Labor Agreement activities over the past year; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-3953](#)

Attachments: [11192024 EOT 8-1 B-L](#)
[11182024 EOT 8-1 Presentation](#)

- 8-2** Adopt a resolution in support of the application for funding under the WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Program for planning of the Pure Water Southern California Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-3955](#)

Attachments: [11192024 EOT 8-2 B-L](#)
[11182024 EOT 8-2 Presentation](#)

- 8-3** Authorize a new lease with the Certified Federal Credit Union for up to a combined total of 1,667 square feet of office space at the Metropolitan Headquarters Building, located at 700 North Alameda Street in Los Angeles, California, and the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant, located at 700 Moreno Avenue in La Verne, California (Los Angeles County Assessor Parcel Nos. 5409-023-930 and 8381-006-906, respectively); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with real property negotiators; agency negotiators: Kevin Webb and Steve Cotton; negotiating party: Hugo Sanchez for Certified Federal Credit Union; under negotiation: price and terms; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.] (FAM) [21-3962](#)
- Attachments:** [11192024 FAM 8-3 Presentation Open Session](#)
- 8-4** Approve the nomination and naming of the San Jacinto Tunnel in honor of former Metropolitan Chairman of the Board and Director Randy Record; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FNA) [21-4002](#)
- Attachments:** [11192024 FNA 8-4 B-L](#)
- 8-5** Approve the nomination and naming of the Inlet/Outlet Tower at Diamond Valley Lake in honor of former Metropolitan General Counsel N. Gregory Taylor; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FNA) [21-4001](#)
- Attachments:** [11182024 FNA 8-5 B-L](#)
- 8-6** Authorize a three percent cost of living salary adjustment for the General Counsel, General Auditor, and Ethics Officer; and in addition, determine and authorize a merit-based salary increase for the General Auditor; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [UPDATED SUBJECT 11/13/2024] [21-4014](#)
- Attachments:** [11192024 BOD 8-6 B-L](#)

- 8-7** Report on litigation in Ryan Tiegs v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2306176; Dane Crawford v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2304015; and Alicia Lorentzen v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 23STCV19214; authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services in Ryan Tiegs v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$275,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$525,000, increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services in Dane Crawford v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$275,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$525,000, and increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services in Alicia Lorentzen v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California with Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP in the amount of \$175,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$425,000; and report on two legal claims alleging equal employment opportunity and other violations; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel – (1) as to the three cases: existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1); and (2) as to the two legal claims: anticipated litigation; based on existing facts and circumstances of receipt of legal claim communications on behalf of two individuals threatening litigation, there is significant exposure to litigation against Metropolitan: two potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]. [ADDED ITEM 11/13/2024] (LC) [21-4071](#)

9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-1** Report on Conservation Program [21-3967](#)
Attachments: [11192024 OWS 9-1 Report](#)
- 9-2** Update on the funding request from the Department of Water Resources for Metropolitan's share of the Delta Conveyance Project planning and pre-construction costs for 2026 and 2027 and proposed amendment to existing funding agreement (OWS) [21-3959](#)
Attachments: [11192024 OWS 9-2 B-L](#)
[11182024 OWS 9-2 Presentation](#)

- 9-3** Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2025 (Leg)

[21-3965](#)

Attachments: [11192024 LEG 9-3 B-L](#)
[11192024 LEG 9-3 Presentation](#)

10. OTHER MATTERS

- 10-1** AB 1234 Ethics Biennial Training

[21-3999](#)

Attachments: [11192024 BOD 10-1 Presentation](#)

11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. ADJOURNMENT

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