

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 2

February 11, 2025

1:00 PM

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 Meeting Schedule
08:30 a.m. LEGAL 09:30 a.m. FAM 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 Garry E. Bryant, Foothill 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. Chair's Second Term Priorities [21-4261](#)
- B. Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense [21-4186](#)
Attachments: [02112025 BOD 5B Report](#)
- C. Chair's Monthly Activity Report [21-4187](#)
Attachments: [02112025 BOD 5C Report](#)
- D. General Manager's summary of activities [21-4188](#)
Attachments: [02112025 BOD 5D Report](#)
- E. General Counsel's summary of activities [21-4189](#)
Attachments: [02112025 BOD 5E Report](#)
- F. General Auditor's summary of activities [21-4190](#)
Attachments: [02112025 BOD 5F Report](#)
- G. Ethics Officer's summary of activities [21-4191](#)
Attachments: [02112025 BOD 5G Report](#)
- H. Presentation of 10-year Service Pin to Director Marsha Ramos, City of Burbank [21-4255](#)
- I. Presentation Commendatory Resolution for Director Timothy Smith representing San Diego County Water Authority [21-4192](#)

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors for January 11, 2025 and Board of Directors Meeting for January 14, 2025 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-4193](#)

Attachments: [02112025 BOD 6A \(01112025\) Minutes](#)
[02112025 BOD 6A \(01142025\) Minutes](#)

- B. Approve Chairs and Vice Chairs for the term commencing on February 11, 2025, governance changes to committees and committee formation, and direct staff to bring back the required changes to the Administrative Code for Board approval; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [REVISED SUBJECT 2/7/2025] [21-4254](#)

Attachments: [02112025 BOD 6B BL](#)

- C. Approve Committee Assignments

7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-1 Award a \$2,556,478.19 construction contract to MasTec Network Solutions LLC for upgrades to the Desert microwave communications system; award a \$1,531,044 procurement contract to Logicalis Inc. for communications sites network equipment; authorize an increase of \$591,000 to an existing agreement with Nokia of America Corporation, for a new not to exceed amount of \$5,888,000 for network materials and manufacturer's field services; and authorize an increase of \$680,000 to an existing agreement with Hatfield & Dawson Consulting Engineers LLC, for a new not to exceed amount of \$1,410,000 to provide technical support during construction; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-4194](#)

Attachments: [02112025 EOT 7-1 B-L](#)
[02102025 EOT 7-1 Presentation](#)

- 7-2** Award a \$1,931,217 contract to Fencecorp Inc. for perimeter fencing at the housing and playground areas and playground area shade improvements at four Colorado River Aqueduct Pumping Plant villages; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-4195](#)
- Attachments:** [02112025 EOT 7-2 B-L](#)
[02102025 EOT 7-2 Presentation](#)
- 7-3** Authorize an agreement with Computer Aid, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$6 million for co-managed support services for the operation and maintenance of the Metropolitan Cybersecurity Operations Center; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [REVISED SUBJECT 2/4/2025] (EOT) [21-4196](#)
- Attachments:** [02112025 EOT 7-3 B-L \(Revised\)](#)
[02102025 EOT 7-3 Presentation](#)
- 7-4** Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Palo Verde Irrigation District to jointly fund community investment in Palo Verde Irrigation District's service area; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) [21-4198](#)
- Attachments:** [02112025 OWS 7-4 B-L](#)
[02112025 OWS 7-4 Presentation](#)
- 7-5** Authorize the General Manager to approve a new three-year agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc. for the Large Landscape and Residential Survey Program, for a total agreement not to exceed \$200,000/year; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) [21-4200](#)
- Attachments:** [02112025 OWS 7-5 B-L](#)
[02112025 OWS 7-5 Presentation](#)

- 7-6** Authorize the General Manager to expand the Bard Seasonal Fallowing Program and amend the System Conservation Implementation Agreement for Bard Seasonal Fallowing Program to increase its program size from 3,000 acres to 6,000 acres for the years 2025 and 2026; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) [21-4247](#)

Attachments: [02112025 OWS 7-6 B-L](#)
[02102025 OWS 7-6 Presentation](#)

- 7-7** Review and consider the Lead Agency's certified Final Environmental Impact Report and Initial Study and take related CEQA actions, and adopt resolution for 117th Fringe Area Annexation to Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan (FAM) [21-4206](#)

Attachments: [02112025 FAM 7-7 B-L](#)
[02112025 FAM 7-7 Presentation](#)

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

8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- 8-1** Authorize the General Manager to execute transfers, exchanges, and other State Water Project management transactions during 2025 and 2026; grant final decision-making authority to the General Manager subject to the terms set forth in this letter; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [2/3/2025 SUBJECT REVISED] (OWS) [21-4199](#)

Attachments: [02112025 OWS 8-1 B-L](#)
[02102025 OWS 8-1 Presentation](#)

- 8-2** Authorize the execution of lease amendments with existing tenants, D&L Farms, Inc., Dinelli Farms and Sierra Cattle Company, to extend the term up to two years for Dinelli Farms and Sierra Cattle and provide D&L Farms with up to a one-year, move-out period while adjusting the rent for all three tenants, thereby allowing the existing tenants to continue farming on Metropolitan's fee-owned property in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, with temporary tenant replacement and land preservation procedures in the event of tenant default or surrender of land; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with real property negotiators; properties totaling approximately 5,603 gross acres in the area commonly known as Bacon Island, also identified as San Joaquin County Assessor Parcel Nos. 129-050-01, 129-050-02; 129-050-03; 129-050-04; 129-050-05; 129-050-06; 129-050-07; 129-050-08; 129-050-09; 129-050-11; 129-050-12; 129-050-13; 129-050-14; 129-050-15; 129-050-16; 129-050-17; 129-050-18; 129-050-19; 129-050-24; 129-050-25; 129-050-26; 129-050-27; 129-050-28; 129-050-52; 129-050-54; 129-050-55; 129-050-56; 129-050-60; approximately 3,103 gross acres in the area commonly known as Bouldin Island West, also identified as San Joaquin County Assessor Parcel Nos. 069-030-35, 069-030-36, 069-030-37, 069-030-38, 069-030-39, 069-100-02; approximately 2,728 gross acres in the area commonly known as Bouldin Island East, also identified as San Joaquin County Assessor Parcel Nos. 069-100-01; 069-100-02; 069-030-39; agency negotiators: Kevin Webb, and Kieran Callanan; negotiating parties: Leisha Robertson dba D&L Farms; Robert Hilarides dba Sierra Cattle Company; Steve Dinelli dba Dinelli Farms; under negotiation: price and terms; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8] (FAM) [21-4205](#)

Attachments: [02112025 FAM 8-2 Open Session Presentation](#)

- 8-3** Report on litigation in Ryan Tiegs v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2306176, and authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$300,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$825,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]. [REVISED SUBJECT 2/6/2025] (LC) [21-4275](#)

9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

9-1 Report on Conservation Program [21-4248](#)

Attachments: [02112025 OWS 9-1 B-L](#)

9-2 Information on proposed agreements with the City of San Buena Ventura and Calleguas Municipal Water District for wheeling and emergency delivery of State Water Project water (OWS) [21-4201](#)

Attachments: [02112025 OWS 9-2 B-L](#)
[02102025 OWS 9-2 Presentation](#)

9-3 Update on treatment approaches, contingencies, and amendments to the High Desert Water Bank Program agreement (OWS) [21-4202](#)

Attachments: [02112025 OWS 9-3 B-L](#)
[02102025 OWS 9-3 Presentation](#)

10. OTHER MATTERS

NONE

11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. ADJOURNMENT

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