

# 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

March 11, 2025

12:00 PM

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 Meeting Schedule
08:30 a.m. FAAME 10:15 a.m. LEGAL 11:30 a.m. Break 12:00 p.m. BOD

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## 1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: Director Brenda Dennstedt, Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Jacque McMillan, Calleguas 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 [21-4296](#)  
**Attachments:** [03112025 BOD 5A Report](#)
- B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report [21-4297](#)  
**Attachments:** [03112025 BOD 5B Report](#)
- C. General Manager's summary of activities [21-4298](#)  
**Attachments:** [03112025 BOD 5C Report](#)  
[03112025 BOD 5C Presentation](#)
- D. General Counsel's summary of activities [21-4299](#)  
**Attachments:** [03112025 BOD 5D Report](#)
- E. General Auditor's summary of activities [21-4300](#)  
**Attachments:** [03112025 BOD 5E Report](#)
- F. Ethics Officer's summary of activities [21-4301](#)  
**Attachments:** [03112025 BOD 5F Report](#)
- G. Presentation of Commendation to Eduardo Rosado, LuxBus Company [21-4378](#)
- H. Presentation of 35-year Service Pin to Director John Morris, City of San Marino [21-4317](#)

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for January 21, 23, and 29, 2025 [21-4302](#)  
**Attachments:** [03112025 BOD 6A \(01212025 and 01232025\) Minutes](#)  
[03112025 BOD 6A \(01292025\) Minutes](#)

- B. Approve Resolution confirming Director Jacque McMillan for Association of California Water Agencies Region 8 Board Member. [ADDED ITEM 3/6/2025] [21-4387](#)

**Attachments:** [03112025 BOD 6B ACWA Resolution 9371 Resolution.pdf](#)

- C. Nomination and Election of nonofficer members of the Executive Committee for two-year term effective March 11, 2025 [21-4315](#)

- D. Approve Committee Assignments

## 7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-1 Award a \$407,740.66 procurement contract to Ireland Inc. (dba Core-Rosion Products) to furnish two sodium hypochlorite tanks for the Copper Basin Reservoir; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-4303](#)

**Attachments:** [03112025 EOT 7-1 B-L](#)  
[03102025 EOT 7-1 Presentation](#)

- 7-2 Award procurement contracts in the amount of \$321,575 to Integrated 8a Solutions, Inc. for two 24-inch knife gate valves and in the amount of \$2,151,947 to Bailey Valve for two 24-inch sleeve valves for the Hollywood Tunnel pressure control structure; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-4304](#)

**Attachments:** [03112025 EOT 7-2 B-L](#)  
[03102025 EOT 7-2 Presentation](#)

- 7-3 Authorize an increase of \$1.0 million to a professional services agreement with Grid Subject Matter Experts, LLC for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$1.245 million for electric transmission planning and National Electric Reliability Corporation related electric reliability compliance services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [DEFERRED on 3/4/2025] (EOT) [21-4305](#)

- 7-4** Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with City of San Buenaventura and Calleguas Municipal Water District for wheeling and emergency delivery of State Water Project water; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWA) [21-4307](#)
- Attachments:** [03112025 OWA 7-4 B-L](#)  
[03102025 OWA 7-4 Presentation](#)
- 7-5** Authorize the General Manager to terminate six inactive Conjunctive Use Program agreements; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [DEFERRED on 3/3/2025] (OWA) [21-4308](#)
- 7-6** Authorize the General Manager to enter into a Stormwater for Recharge Pilot Program agreement with the City of Anaheim with a maximum amount up to \$980,000 for the State College Stormwater Tank Project; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWA) [21-4309](#)
- Attachments:** [03112025 OWA 7-6 B-L](#)  
[03102025 OWA 7-6 Presentation](#)
- 7-7** Authorize the General Manager to forbear water conserved by two Coachella Valley Water District projects, thus allowing the conserved water to be added to Lake Mead under U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWA) [21-4310](#)
- Attachments:** [03112025 OWA 7-7 B-L](#)  
[03102025 OWA 7-7 Presentation](#)
- 7-8** Review and consider the County of Riverside negative declaration and Authorize the General Manager to execute a new ground license agreement with Verizon Wireless for up to 25 years for a new telecommunication site on Metropolitan's fee-owned property in the unincorporated community of Winchester, identified as County of Riverside Assessor Parcel Number 964-030-005 (FAAME) [21-4311](#)
- Attachments:** [03112025 FAAME 7-8 B-L](#)  
[03112025 FAAME 7-8 Presentation](#)

- 7-9** Review and consider the County of Riverside Final Environmental Impact Report, adopt the Lead Agency's findings and authorize the General Manager to execute a thirty-year license agreement with Intersect Power, LLC for renewable energy infrastructure purposes on Metropolitan fee-owned property in the County of Riverside and identified as Assessor Parcel Numbers 808-023-022 and 808-023-030 (FAAME) [21-4312](#)

**Attachments:** [03112025 FAAME 7-9 B-L](#)  
[03112025 FAAME 7-9 Presentation](#)

- 7-10** Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to conform surplus water provisions to current law and practice, update the list of active District funds, and clarify employee benefits for unrepresented employees; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [ITEM DEFERRED on 2/26/2025] (LC) [21-4204](#)

- 7-11** Authorize an increase of \$100,000, to an amount not-to-exceed \$600,000, for a contract for legal services with Hanson Bridgett LLP to provide legal advice on deferred compensation plans, other employee benefits, taxes, and CalPERS matters; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LC) [21-4367](#)

**Attachments:** [03112025 LC 7-11 B-L](#)  
[03112025 LC 7-11 Presentation](#)

- 7-12** Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to modify the structure and duties of various committees and the roles of specified board and committee officers; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LC) [21-4365](#)

**Attachments:** [03112025 LC 7-12 B-L](#)  
[03112025 LC 7-12 Presentation](#)

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

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

- 8-1** Authorize an increase of the maximum amount payable under the contract with Richardson & Company LLP for auditing services related to State Water Project charges from \$5,125,000 to an amount not to exceed \$8,900,000 and extend the term by three years to March 31, 2028; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWA) [21-4306](#)

**Attachments:** [03112025 OWA 8-1 B-L](#)  
[03102025 OWA 8-1 Presentation](#)

- 8-2** Approve New General Manager Employment Agreement and authorize retroactive payment to January 29, 2025; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [UPDATED SUBJECT 3/3/2025] [21-4375](#)

**Attachments:** [03112025 BOD 8-2 B-L](#)  
[BD #8-2 Att1 - Fully Executed.pdf](#)

- 8-3** Report on litigation in Ryan Tiegs v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2306176; 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)]. [WITHDRAWN on 3/5/2025] (LC) [21-4366](#)

## **9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9-1** Report on Conservation Program [21-4316](#)
- Attachments:** [03112025 OWA 9-1 B-L](#)

## **10. OTHER MATTERS - COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a.** Human Resources Activities (OPE) [21-4384](#)
- Attachments:** [03112025 BOD 10a Human Resources Activities](#)

- b.** Safety, Security, and Protection Activities (OPE) [21-4383](#)
- Attachments:** [03112025 BOD 10b Safety, Security, and Protection Activities](#)

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

NONE

## **12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

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