

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

April 8, 2025

12:00 PM

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 Meeting Schedule
08:30 a.m. FAAME
10:15 a.m. LEGAL
11:30 a.m. Break
12:00 p.m. BOD
01:30 p.m. CWC

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1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: Director Larry D. Dick, Municipal Water District of Orange County
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Jay Lewitt, Las Virgenes 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 [21-4393](#)
Attachments: [04082025 BOD 5A Report](#)
- B.** Chair's Monthly Activity Report [21-4394](#)
Attachments: [04082025 BOD 5B Report](#)
- C.** General Manager's summary of activities [21-4395](#)
Attachments: [04082025 BOD 5C Report](#)
[04082025 BOD 5C Presentation](#)
- Spotlight on Metropolitan Employee(s) Retiring with over Twenty Years of Service [21-4401](#)
- D.** General Counsel's summary of activities [21-4396](#)
Attachments: [04082025 BOD 5D Report](#)
- E.** General Auditor's summary of activities [21-4397](#)
Attachments: [04082025 BOD 5E Report](#)
- F.** Ethics Officer's summary of activities [21-4398](#)
Attachments: [04082025 BOD 5F Report](#)
- G.** Induction of new Director Gretchen Shepherd Romey from City of San Marino [21-4400](#)
- (a) Receive credentials
(b) Report on credentials by General Counsel
(c) File credentials
(d) Administer Oath of Office
(e) File Oath
- Attachments:** [04082025 BOD 5G Report](#)

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Special Audit Subcommittee of the Executive Committee for November 20, 2024; Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee for February 10, 2025; Ethics, EEO, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee for March 10, 2025; and Board of Directors Meetings for February 11, 2025 and March 11, 2025 [21-4386](#)

Attachments: [04082025 BOD 6A \(Audit 11202024\) Minutes](#)
[04082025 BOD 6A \(EOP 02102025\) Minutes](#)
[04082025 BOD 6A \(EEDEI 03102025\) Minutes](#)
[04082025 BOD 6A \(BOD 02112025\) Minutes](#)
[04082025 BOD 6A \(BOD 03112025\) Minutes](#)

- B.** Nomination and Election of nonofficer member of the Executive Committee for remaining two-year term effective March 11, 2025 [21-4399](#)

- C.** Approve Committee Assignments

7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-1** Authorize an increase 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 North American Electric Reliability Corporation-related electric reliability compliance services; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-4403](#)

Attachments: [04082025 EOT 7-1 B-L](#)
[04072025 EOT 7-1 Presentation](#)

- 7-2** Authorize an agreement with Red8 in an amount not to exceed \$850,000 for the implementation of the Data Storage Infrastructure Refresh project; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-4197](#)

Attachments: [04082025 EOT 7-2 B-L](#)
[04072025 EOT 7-2 Presentation](#)

- 7-3** Authorize an agreement with Metal Toad Media, Inc. for a new fixed cost of \$299,000 per year with a not-to-exceed amount of \$996,200 for the duration of the three-year agreement to host, manage, and maintain Metropolitan's external websites; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-4405](#)
- Attachments:** [04082025 EOT 7-3 B-L](#)
[04072025 EOT 7-3 Presentation](#)
- 7-4** Authorize an increase of \$3.3 million to an existing agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$4.99 million for final design of a mechanical dewatering facility at the Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plant; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-4406](#)
- Attachments:** [04082025 EOT 7-4 B-L](#)
[04072025 EOT 7-4 Presentation](#)
- 7-5** Authorize an amendment to a reimbursable agreement with BH Luxury Residences LLC for the relocation of the Santa Monica Feeder within the city of Beverly Hills; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-4421](#)
- Attachments:** [04082025 EOT 7-5 B-L](#)
[04072025 EOT 7-5 Presentation](#)
- 7-6** Approve Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water Five-Year Implementation Strategy; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAAME) [21-4419](#)
- Attachments:** [04082025 FAAME 7-6 B-L](#)
[04082025 FAAME 7-6 Presentation](#)

- 7-7** Adopt resolutions fixing and adopting a Readiness-to-Serve Charge and a Capacity Charge for calendar year 2026; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAAME) [21-4420](#)
- Attachments:** [04082025 FAAME 7-7 B-L](#)
[04082025 FAAME 7-7 Presentation](#)
[9372 Resolution.pdf](#)
[9373 Resolution.pdf](#)
- 7-8** Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to conform oversight of the General Auditor and Audit Department duties and responsibilities to the current committee structure, to streamline reporting on professional services agreements, and make a minor non-substantive change; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LEGAL) [21-4429](#)
- Attachments:** [04082025 LC 7-8 B-L](#)
[04082025 LC 7-8 Presentation](#)
- 7-9** Express support if amended for AB 523 (Irwin) Metropolitan water districts: alternate representative; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LEG) [21-4432](#)
- Attachments:** [04082025 LEG 7-9 B-L](#)
[04072025 LEG 7-9 Presentation](#)
- 7-10** Approve the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's salary schedules pursuant to CalPERS regulations; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OPE) [21-4437](#)
- Attachments:** [04082025 OPE 7-10 B-L](#)
[04082025 OPE 7-10 Presentation](#)
- 7-11** Authorize the General Manager to extend California Contractor Forbearance for Intentionally Created Surplus; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWA) [21-4442](#)
- Attachments:** [04082025 OWA 7-11 B-L](#)
[04072025 OWA 7-11 Presentation](#)

- 7-12** Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Foothill Area Conjunctive Use Program Agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWA) [21-4443](#)
- Attachments:** [04082025 OWA 7-12 B-L](#)
[04072025 OWA 7-12 to 7-17 Presentation](#)
- 7-13** Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Live Oak Basin Conjunctive Use Program Agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWA) [21-4444](#)
- Attachments:** [04082025 OWA 7-13 B-L](#)
[04072025 OWA 7-12 to 7-17 Presentation](#)
- 7-14** Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Long Beach Conjunctive Use Program Agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWA) [21-4445](#)
- Attachments:** [04082025 OWA 7-14 B-L](#)
[04072025 OWA 7-12 to 7-17 Presentation](#)
- 7-15** Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Long Beach Expansion into Lakewood Conjunctive Use Program Agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWA) [21-4446](#)
- Attachments:** [04082025 OWA 7-15 B-L](#)
[04072025 OWA 7-12 to 7-17 Presentation](#)
- 7-16** Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Orange County Conjunctive Use Program Agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWA) [21-4447](#)
- Attachments:** [04082025 OWA 7-16 B-L](#)
[04072025 OWA 7-12 to 7-17 Presentation](#)

- 7-17** Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Compton Conjunctive Use Program Agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4448](#)

Attachments: [04082025 OWA 7-17 B-L](#)
[04072025 OWA 7-12 to 7-17 Presentation](#)

- 7-18** Authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with outside counsel Liebert, Cassidy Whitmore, in the amount of \$200,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$450,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LEGAL) [21-4457](#)

Attachments: [04082025 LC 7-18 B-L](#)
[04082025 LC 7-18 Presentation](#)

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

8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- 8-1** Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action was previously addressed in the certified 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report and authorize an increase of \$12.4 million to an agreement with La Cañada Design Group Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$16.8 million for final design to upgrade the Michael J. McGuire Water Quality Laboratory (EOT) [21-4404](#)

Attachments: [04082025 EOT 8-1 B-L](#)
[04072025 EOT 8-1 Presentation](#)

- 8-2** Report on litigation in Maria Carmen Zarate v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 23STCV15786; and authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Seyfarth Shaw LLP, in the amount of \$250,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$750,000; 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)] (LEGAL) [21-4428](#)

9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-1 Report on Conservation Program [21-4402](#)
Attachments: [04082025 BOD 9-1 Report](#)
- 9-2 Annual Infrastructure Resilience Update (EOT) [21-4412](#)
Attachments: [04072025 EOT 9-2 Presentation](#)
- 9-3 Real Property Quarterly Report (Q3 January 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025) (FAAME) [21-4422](#)
Attachments: [04082025 FAAME 9-3 Report](#)

10. OTHER MATTERS

NONE

11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. ADJOURNMENT

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