

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.

OPE Committee

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Organization, Personnel, and Effectiveness Committee - Final - Revised 2

Meeting with Board of Directors *

March 9, 2026

1:00 p.m.

Monday, March 9, 2026 Meeting Schedule

**09:00 a.m. EOT
11:00 a.m. LEG
12:30 p.m. BREAK
01:00 p.m. OPE
02:00 p.m. AUDIT
03:30 p.m. OWA**

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MWD Headquarters Building • 700 N. Alameda Street • Los Angeles, CA 90012

Teleconference Locations:

3008 W. 82nd Place • Inglewood, CA 90305

11973 Fuerte Drive • El Cajon, CA 92020

Conference Room • 1545 Victory Boulevard, 2nd Floor • Glendale, CA 91201

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1. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee on matters within the committee's jurisdiction (As required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))**

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ****

2. **COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Organization, Personnel, and Effectiveness Committee for February 10, 2026 [21-5490](#)

Attachments: [03092026 OPE 2A \(02102026\) Minutes](#)

3. **COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

NONE

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

4. **COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

NONE

5. **COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)**

NONE

6. **COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)**

- a. Apprenticeship Program Overview and Update [21-5491](#)

Attachments: [03092026 OPE 6a C-L](#)
[03092026 OPE 6a Presentation](#)

- b. Update on Labor Negotiations [Conference with Labor Negotiators; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code 54957.6; Metropolitan representatives: Katano Kasaine, Assistant General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Adam Benson, Finance Group Manager, Gifty J. Beets, Human Resources Section Manager and Mark Brower, Human Resources Group manager. Employee Organization(s): The Employees Association of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California/AFSCME Local 1902; the Management and Professional Employees Associations MAPA/AFSCME Chapter 1001; the Supervisors Association; and the Association of Confidential Employees]. [SUBJECT WITHDRAWN on 3/2/2026] [21-5493](#)

- c. Conference with Tomer Benito, Unit Manager- Security, Office of Safety, Security, and Protection; Charles Eckstrom, Group Manager Information Technology; Jacob Margolis, Director of Info Tech Services, Information Technology; on potential threats to public services or facilities; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957(a). [SUBJECT ADDED on 3/3/2026] [21-5660](#)

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Human Resources activities [21-5515](#)
 Safety, Security, and Protection activities

Attachments: [03092026 OPE 7a Human Resources activities](#)
[03092026 OPE 7a Safety, Security, and Protection activities](#)

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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