

# 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.

## L&C Committee

A. Kassakhian, Chair  
J. McMillan, Vice Chair  
M. Camacho  
J. Crawford  
D. De Jesus  
C. Douglas  
M. Katz  
C. Kurtz  
C. Miller  
M. Ramos  
G. Shepherd Romey

## **Legal and Claims Committee - Final**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**June 9, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026  
Meeting Schedule**

**08:30 a.m. FAAME  
09:30 a.m. LEGAL  
11:30 a.m. ETHICS  
01:30 p.m. BREAK  
02:00 p.m. BOD**

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Allendale Insurance Agency • 337 West Foothill Boulevard • Glendora, CA 91741  
4616 E. Warwood Road • Long Beach, CA 90808  
424 N. Cordova Street • Burbank, CA 91505  
2136 Spyglass Trail West • Oxnard, CA 93036

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\* Translated Agendas [21-5959](#)

**Attachments:** [06092026 LC Agenda - Armenian](#)  
[06092026 LC Agenda - Chinese Mandarin](#)  
[06092026 LC Agenda - Spanish](#)

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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))**

**2. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

a. General Counsel's report of monthly activities [21-5623](#)

**Attachments:** [06092026 LC 2a General Counsel's report of monthly activities](#)

**\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR \*\***

**3. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)**

A. Approve the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee of May 12, 2026 [21-5624](#)

**Attachments:** [06092026 LC 3A \(05122026\) Minutes](#)

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

NONE

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

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

- 8-2 Authorize an increase under contract with Van Ness Feldman, LLP in the amount of \$500,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and with Milbank, LLP in the amount of \$1,000,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,250,000 for legal advice on Colorado River matters; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with legal counsel - anticipated litigation; unknown number of potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)] [21-5931](#)

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

NONE

**7. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)**

- a. Discuss department head performance and goal setting [Public employee performance evaluation—General Counsel; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957] [21-5893](#)
- b. Conference with Labor Negotiator; agency designated representative: Chair of Legal and Claims Committee Kassakhian; Unrepresented employee: General Counsel; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6 [21-5947](#)

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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