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.

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Legal and Claims Committee - Final - Revised 3

Meeting with Board of Directors *

November 9, 2026

12:30 p.m.

Monday, November 9, 2026 Meeting Schedule
08:00 a.m. EOT
10:30 a.m. LEG
12:00 p.m. BREAK
12:30 p.m. LEGAL
02:00 p.m. FAAME
03:00 p.m. OWA

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11092026 Legal and Claims Committee Translated Agendas **21668**

Attachments: 11092026 LC Agenda - Armenian
11092026 LC Agenda - Chinese Mandarin
11092026 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 **21-6400**

Attachments: 11092026 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 held on October 13, 2026 **21-6399**

Attachments: 11092026 LC 3A (10132026) Minutes

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

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

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

8-4 Conference with legal counsel—anticipated litigation—initiation of litigation: initiation of 1 potential case; intervening in 1 or more potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [SUBJECT ADDED on 10/30/2026] **21-6401**

8-5 Conference with legal counsel—anticipated litigation—initiation of litigation: initiation of 1 potential case; intervening in 1 or more potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [SUBJECT ADDED on 10/30/2026] **21-6402**

8-6 Report on litigation in Gina Chavez v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, San Bernardino County Superior Court Case No. CIVSB2521200 and consider authorizing settlement; 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)]. [SUBJECT ADDED on 11/3/2026] **21-6403**

8-7 Report on litigation in Heather Beatty v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 26STCV15010, and authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services with Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in the amount of $350,000 for a total amount not to exceed $600,000; 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)]. [SUBJECT ADDED on 11/3/2026] **21-6418**

8-8 Report on litigation in Katano Kasaine v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25STCV05250, and authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services with Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in the amount of $350,000 for a total amount not to exceed $1,100,000; 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)]. [SUBJECT REVISED on 11/5/2026] **21-6419**

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

NONE

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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