

# 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

M. Luna, Chair  
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## **Legal and Claims Committee - Final - Revised 1**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**September 14, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

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**Tuesday, September 14,  
2021**

**09:00 a.m. - L&C  
10:30 a.m. - RP&AM  
12:00 p.m. - BOD  
12:30 p.m. - FNA**

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\* The Metropolitan Water District's meeting of this Committee is noticed as a joint committee meeting with the Board of Directors for the purpose of compliance with the Brown Act. Members of the Board who are not assigned to this Committee may participate as members of the Board, whether or not a quorum of the Board is present. In order to preserve the function of the committee as advisory to the Board, members of the Board who are not assigned to this Committee will not vote on matters before this Committee.

**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 REPORTS**

a. General Counsel's report of monthly activities

[21-459](#)

**Attachments:** [09142021 LC 2a Report - Revised](#)

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

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting of the Legal and Claims Committee held August 17, 2021 [21-430](#)

**Attachments:** [09142021 LC 3A Minutes](#)

#### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-7 Authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with Ryan & Associates for legal services related to general real estate and leasing law issues by \$100,000 to a maximum amount payable of \$200,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-463](#)

**Attachments:** [09142021 LC 7-7 B-L.pdf](#)

- 7-8 Report on existing litigation OHL USA, Inc. v. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV27689; and authorize increase of maximum amount payable under contract with Theodora Oringer PC for legal services by \$200,000 to an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000 (Approp. 154170); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-415](#)  
[Conference with legal counsel - existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

- 7-9 Update and authorize the settlement of: (1) Imperial Irrigation District v. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCP01376 and California Court of Appeal Case No. B311674; and (2) Imperial Irrigation District v. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 0STCV46404; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-465](#)  
[Conference with legal counsel - existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]  
[Letter Added 9/8/2021]

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

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

None

#### **5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

## 6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Report on San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510830, CPF-12-512466, CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, CPF-16-515391, CGC-17-563350, and CPF-18-516389; the appeals of the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case Nos. A146901, A148266, A161144, and A162168, and California Supreme Court Case No. S243500; the petition for extraordinary writ in the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A155310; the petition for extraordinary writ in the second 2016 action, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A154325 and California Supreme Court Case No. S251025; and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California v. San Diego County Water Authority cross-complaints in the 2014 action and the first 2016 action.  
[Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1)]

[21-467](#)

## 8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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