

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
**November 23, 2021**

**52596** The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in Special Session on Tuesday, November 23, 2021.

Chairwoman Gray called the Teleconference Meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**52597** Board Secretary Abdo administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Apodaca, Atwater, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fellow, Fong, Goldberg, Gray, Jung, Kurtz, Luna, McCoy, Miller, Morris, Ortega, Peterson, Phan, Pressman, Quinn, Ramos, Record, Repenning, Smith, Sutley, Tamaribuchi, and Williams.

Director Petersen entered the Meeting after the roll call.

Those not responding were: Directors Cordero, Dick, Hawkins, Kassakhian, and Lefevre.

Board Secretary Abdo declared a quorum present.

**52598** Chairwoman Gray invited members of the public to address the Board on matters in this notice of Special Board meeting. No requests were made.

Chairwoman Gray made brief remarks acknowledging the Thanksgiving and Hanukkah holidays.

Chairwoman Gray addressed the following: Other Matters and Reports.

**52599** Induction of new Director Marty Miller from the San Diego County Water Authority:

- (a) Received credentials
- (b) Reported on credentials by General Counsel
- (c) Filed credentials
- (d) Administered Oath of Office
- (e) Filed Oath

General Counsel Scully reported the credentials were received and are in order.

Director Tim Smith provided an introduction for Director Miller. Director Miller responded with brief remarks to the Board.

Chairwoman Gray introduced new Director Lois Fong-Sakai from the San Diego County Water Authority. General Counsel Scully reported the credentials were received and are in order. Director Fong-Sakai will be formally introduced at the December 14, 2021 Board Meeting.

Chairwoman Gray announced the reordering of the agenda; Agenda Item 6B will be discussed first and then Agenda Item 7-3.

**52600** Chairwoman Gray conducted the nomination and election of nonofficer member of the Executive Committee for the completion of a two-year term effective November 23, 2021 and ending at the January 2023 Board Meeting. Chairwoman reported that a nomination was received on behalf of Director Miguel Luna for the position.

Chairwoman asked if there were any other nominations from the floor; seeing none, Chairwoman asked if Director Luna accepted nomination. Director Luna accepted his nomination and made brief comments to the Board.

Chairwoman called for the vote to elect Director Luna as a nonofficer member of the Executive Committee (Agenda Item 6B).

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item: 6B		Executive Committee Nonofficer Election							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	5277	Faessel	x	x	5277				
Beverly Hills	4056	Pressman	x	x	4056				
Burbank	2666	Ramos	x	x	2666				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	11552	Blois	x	x	11552				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	17051	Apodaca	x	x	17051				
		Hawkins							
			Subtotal:		17051				
Compton	553	McCoy	x	x	553				
Eastern Municipal Water District	9492	Record	x	x	9492				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2131	Atwater	x	x	2131				
Fullerton	2255	Jung	x	x	2255				
Glendale	3622	Kassakhian							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	13433	Camacho	x	x	13433				
Las Virgenes	2741	Peterson	x	x	2741				
Long Beach	5772	Cordero							
Los Angeles	70689	Sutley	x	x	14138				
		Petersen	x	x	14138				
		Quinn	x	x	14138				
		Luna	x	x	14138				
		Repenning	x	x	14138				
			Subtotal:		70689				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	57264	Ackerman	x	x	19088				
		Tamaribuchi	x	x	19088				
		Dick							
		Erdman	x	x	19088				
			Subtotal:		57264				
Pasadena	3522	Kurtz	x	x	3522				
San Diego County Water Authority	58302	Fong-Sakai	x	x	14576				
		Goldberg	x	x	14576				
		Miller	x	x	14576				
		Smith	x	x	14576				
			Subtotal:		58302				
San Fernando	224	Ortega	x	x	224				
San Marino	730	Morris	x	x	730				
Santa Ana	3035	Phan	x	x	3035				
Santa Monica	4352	Abdo	x	x	4352				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	7753	De Jesus	x	x	7753				
Torrance	3237	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat.	11942	Fellow	x	x	11942				
West Basin Municipal Water District	23608	Williams	x	x	11804				
		Gray	x	x	11804				
			Subtotal:		23608				
Western Municipal Water District	12466	Dennstedt	x	x	12466				
<b>Total</b>	<b>337725</b>				<b>325094</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>12631</b>								

The motion to approve 6B passed by a vote of 325,094 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 12,631 absent.

Director Camacho left the meeting.

**52601** Chairwoman Gray introduced Agenda Item 7-3 to approve recommendation for changes in committee structure and direct staff to return to the December Board

meeting with Administrative Code language consistent with the changes, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-3 board letter.

Director Kurtz moved, seconded by Director De Jesus, that the Board approve recommendation for changes in committee structure and direct staff to return to the December Board meeting with Administrative Code language consistent with the changes as recommended.

The following Directors asked questions or made comments:

Directors	Comments/Questions
1. Kurtz	Requested her vote be changed to "yes" for Item 6B; and made Motion.
2. Kurtz	Commented
3. Chairwoman Gray	Commented
4. De Jesus	Requested his vote for Item 6B be corrected to show him as "yes"; and seconded Kurtz motion.
5. Blois	Commented
6. Chairwoman Gray	Commented
7. Ortega	Commented
8. Repenning	Commented
9. Record	Commented
10. Quinn	Commented
11. Pressman	Commented
12. Tamaribuchi	Commented
13. Smith	Commented
14. Chairwoman Gray	Commented
15. Quinn	Commented
16. Chairwoman Gray	Commented

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		Consent Item 7-3							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	5277	Faessel	x	x	5277				
Beverly Hills	4056	Pressman	x	x	4056				
Burbank	2666	Ramos	x	x	2666				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	11552	Blois	x	x	11552				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	17051	Apodaca	x	x	17051				
		Hawkins							
			Subtotal:		17051				
Compton	553	McCoy	x	x	553				
Eastern Municipal Water District	9492	Record	x	x	9492				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2131	Atwater	x	x	2131				
Fullerton	2255	Jung	x	x	2255				
Glendale	3622	Kassakhian							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	13433	Camacho							
Las Virgenes	2741	Peterson	x	x	2741				
Long Beach	5772	Cordero							
Los Angeles	70689	Sutley	x	x	14138				
		Petersen		x	14138				
		Quinn	x	x	14138				
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Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	57264	Ackerman	x	x	19088				
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Pasadena	3522	Kurtz	x	x	3522				
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San Fernando	224	Ortega	x	x	224				
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Western Municipal Water District	12466	Dennstedt	x	x	12466				
<b>Total</b>	<b>337725</b>				<b>311661</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>26064</b>								

The motion to approve Agenda Item 7-3, passed by a vote of 311,661 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; 0 present and not voting; and 26,064 absent.

Chairwoman returned the meeting back to its original order to consider Consent Items 6A, 7-1, and 7-2.

**52602** Chairwoman Gray presented Item 6A that the Board adopt the resolution to continue remote teleconference meetings pursuant to the Brown Act Section 54953(e) for meetings of Metropolitan's legislative bodies for a period of 30 days.

Chairwoman Gray addressed the Board to announce General Manager Hagekhalil's decision to continue remote work for staff until March 2022. Virtual board and committee meetings will also continue until March 2022.

**52603** Chairwoman Gray called on Chief Financial Officer Kasaine to present Agenda Item 7-1 to direct staff to incorporate the 100 percent Supply Alternative as the demand management cost recovery method used in the proposals for rates and charges.

Chief Financial Officer Kasaine introduced Arnout Van den Berg to present Item 7-1.

The following Directors asked questions or made comments:

Directors	Comments/Questions
1. Repenning	Commented.
2. Record	Commented; and made the motion to move 6A, 7-1, and 7-2.
3. Repenning	Seconded Director Record's motion.

**52604** Consider and adopt the Board's Principles of Governance Statement, as set forth in Agenda 7-2.

**52605** Chairwoman Gray called for a vote to approve the Consent Calendar Items 6A, 7-1, and 7-2 (**M.I. 52603 through 52605**).

Director Record moved, seconded by Director Repenning that the Board approve the Consent Calendar Items for Action 6A, 7-1, and 7-2 follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Consent Items 6A, 7-1, and 7-2									
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Anaheim	5277	Faessel	x	x	5277				
Beverly Hills	4056	Pressman	x	x	4056				
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Las Virgenes	2741	Peterson	x	x	2741				
Long Beach	5772	Cordero							
Los Angeles	70689	Sutley	x	x	17672				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	17672				
		Luna	x	x	17672				
		Repenning	x	x	17672				
		Subtotal:			70689				
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<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>26064</b>								

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 6A, 7-1, and 7-2 (**M.I. 52603 through 52605**) passed by a vote of 311,661 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 26,064 absent.

Chairwoman Gray addressed the following: Other Matters.

**52606** Chairwoman Gray called on Executive Officer and Assistant General Manager Upadhyay to introduce Item 8A: Update on Arvin-Edison Groundwater Banking Program [Conference with legal counsel—potential litigation; portion of presentation concerning potential litigation may be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]

Chairwoman Gray called the meeting into closed session to continue discussion on Agenda Item 8A.

The meeting returned to open session at 3:37 p.m. Chairwoman Gray stated that the Board discussed Item 8A. No action was taken during closed session.

**52607** Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any follow-up items. No requests were made.

**52608** Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any future agenda items. No requests were made.

**52609** There being no objection, at 3:38 p.m., Chairwoman Gray adjourned the Meeting.

  
GLORIA D. GRAY  
CHAIRWOMAN

  
JUDY ABDO  
SECRETARY