

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
January 11, 2022

52639 The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

Chairwoman Gray called the Teleconference Meeting to order at 12:31 PM.

52640 The Meeting was opened with an invocation by Cheryl Auger, Team Manager-Info Security, Information Technology Group.

52641 The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Director Richard Atwater, Foothill Municipal Water District

Chairwoman Gray made brief remarks acknowledging Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

52642 Board Secretary Abdo administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Apodaca, Atwater, Blois, Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Dick, Erdman, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Gray, Hawkins, Jung, Kassakhian, Kurtz, Lefevre, Luna, McCoy, Miller, Morris, Ortega, Petersen, Peterson, Phan, Pressman, Quinn, Ramos, Record, Repenning, Smith, Sutley, Tamaribuchi, and Williams.

Board Secretary Abdo declared a quorum present.

52643 Chairwoman Gray invited members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

Name	Affiliation	Item
1. John Mendoza	Redistricting Commission	Admin Code Amendments

Chairwoman Gray addressed the following: Other Matters and Reports.

52644 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any changes to the report of events attended by Directors at Metropolitan's expense during the month of December as previously posted and distributed to the Board. No amendments were made.

52645 Chairwoman Gray referred to her monthly report, which was previously posted and distributed to the Board. Chairwoman stated she had nothing to add to her report.

52646 Regarding matters relating to Metropolitan's operations and activities, General Manager Hagekhalil announced the following:

1. Metropolitan's 2021 annual report has been finalized and distributed to the Board of Directors and is also available online.
2. Colorado River 500+ plan was signed allowing Metropolitan to increase water supply in Lake Mead in the future.
3. Climate Action Plan is currently being reviewed; a listening session was held on December 17, 2021 with a number of environmental stakeholders in attendance, in which we received good input.
4. That he recently visited employees at Eagle Mountain, Hinds, and Iron Mountain.

Additional information on the General Manager's activities may be found in his written monthly report.

52647 General Counsel Scully stated she had nothing to add to her report.

52648 General Auditor Riss informed the Board that questions received during his performance evaluation on "how audit process works" will be responded to in detail at a future Audit and Ethics Committee meeting.

52649 Ethics Officer Salinas stated he had nothing to add to his report.

52650 Presentation of Commendatory Resolution for Director Michael T. Hogan representing San Diego County Water Authority. Director Hogan was unable to attend. Arrangements will be made to deliver the resolution directly to the Director.

52651 Chairwoman Gray acknowledged Director John Murray, Jr. representing the City of Los Angeles, for his service as a Metropolitan Board member by presenting him with a commendatory resolution.

Director Murray responded with remarks to the Board.

52652 Chairwoman Gray acknowledged Director Jerry Butkiewicz representing the San Diego County Water Authority, for his service as a Metropolitan Board member by presenting him with a commendatory resolution.

Director Butkiewicz responded with remarks to the Board.

Chairwoman Gray addressed the Consent Calendar Items for January 2022.

52653 Chairwoman Gray asked Directors if there were any comments or discussion on the approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting for November 23, 2021 and the Regular Meeting for December 14, 2021 (Agenda Item 6A). No comments or requests were made.

52654 Adopt 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 (Agenda Item 6B). No comments or requests were made.

52655 Approval of Committee Assignments (Agenda Item 6C). There were no committee assignments at this time.

52656 Chairwoman Gray addressed the Consent Calendar Items – Action for January 2022.

Chairwoman Gray called on the Committee Chairs to give a report of the Consent Calendar Action Items as discussed at their Committees.

52657 Authorize on-call agreements with Aspen Environmental Group and Environmental Science Associates, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 per year each, for a maximum of four years for environmental planning services to support O&M and board-authorized Capital Investment Plan projects, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-1 board letter.

52658 Award a \$1,936,977 contract to All American Asphalt for the rehabilitation of asphalt pavement at the Skinner plant, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-2 board letter.

52659 Approve the attached salary schedules pursuant to CalPERS regulations, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-3 board letter.

52660 Review and consider the County of Riverside's adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration and take related CEQA actions, and authorize the granting of a permanent easement for drainage purposes to the County of Riverside Flood Control and Water Conservation District, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-4 board letter.

52661 Authorize the execution of an amendment to the existing license with Fountains La Verne MHP Associates, L.P. for additional recreational vehicle parking, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-5 board letter.

52662 Authorize modifications of the On-Site Retrofit Program to increase the \$195 per acre-foot incentive term from five to 10 years, and to also allow untreated imported water as eligible for retrofit under the Program, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-6 board letter.

52663 Authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc. for inspection and verification services for Metropolitan's water conservation programs, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-7 board letter.

52664 Authorize the General Manager to execute a renewal of the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Agreement between the Department of Water Resources, the

State Water Contractors, and participating urban State Water Project Contractors and continue the MWQI Program for an additional three-year term of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025; and execute a renewal of the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Program Specific Project Agreement between the State Water Contractors and participating urban State Water Project Contractors and continue the MWQI Program for an additional three-year term of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-8 board letter.

52665 Authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreement for Temporary Emergency Delivery of a Portion of the Mexican Treaty Waters of the Colorado River to the International Boundary in the Vicinity of Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, and for Operation of Facilities in the United States for five years, subject to the proposed agreement being in a form approved by the General Counsel and further providing that the proposed agreement will become effective only upon approval and execution by the parties of Minute 327 to the Treaty and adoption of the joint engineering report that are both consistent with the terms of the proposed agreement, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-9 board letter.

Chairwoman remarked on Agenda Item 7-10.

52666 Approve, as modified, the recommendations for changes in the Metropolitan Administrative Code to modify the Board Committee structure as set forth in Attachment 1 to Agenda Item 7-10 to reflect the new committee structure and duties; and: (1) with the changes recommended by Director Quinn's written revisions distributed to the Board, modified to: (a) changing the word "authority" to the word "oversight"; and (b) changing "demand management or supply projects" to "demand management or local and regional supply projects"; and (2) in Item 3b of the Board Letter: deleting "reclamation and their development" and in its place adding "recycling and reuse."

Director Smith disclosed for the record that he and Directors Fong-Sakai and Miller receive per diem from San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA). Additionally, pursuant to Metropolitan's Act Section 56, Directors who are also members of the governing body of their member agency are disqualified from voting on a contract between Metropolitan and their member agency. Therefore, Directors Fong-Sakai, Miller, and Smith will not vote on Item 7-9 authorizing an agreement with SDCWA and other agencies.

Director Goldberg stated that Agenda Item 7-9 involves an agreement with the San Diego County Water Authority and other agencies, and disclosed for the record that she receives per diem from the San Diego County Water Authority for serving as their representative on the Metropolitan Board. However, Director Goldberg stated that she would vote on this item and all others on the consent calendar.

Chairwoman Gray called for a vote to approve the Consent Calendar Items **6A, 6B, and 7-1 through 7-10 (M.I. 52653 through 52666)**.

Director Kurtz moved, seconded by Director Dick that the Board approve the Consent Calendar Other Items for Action 6A, 6B, and 7-1 through 7-10 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Consent Item(s) 6A, 6B, 7-1 through 7-10									
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	8526				
		Hawkins	x	x	8526				
			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	x	x	3622				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	13433	Camacho	x	x	13433				
Las Virgenes	2741	Peterson	x	x	2741				
Long Beach	5772	Cordero	x	x	5772				
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	14316				
		Tamaribuchi	x	x	14316				
		Dick	x	x	14316				
		Erdman	x	x	14316				
			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	x	x	3237				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. D	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				
Total	337725				337725				
Present and not voting									
Absent	0								

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 6A, 6B, and 7-1 through 7-10 (**M.I. 52653 through 52666**), passed by a vote of 337,725 ayes, and 0 absent.

***Note: Individual vote tally for Item 7-9**

For Item 7-9, Directors Smith, Fong-Sakai and Miller were in the room. Pursuant to MWD Act Section 56 they were disqualified from voting on this item and not “legally present” for the vote. Director Goldberg cast the full SDCWA delegation vote.

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 7-9 passed by a vote of 337,725 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 0 absent.

52667 Chairwoman Gray stated there were no Other Items - Action.

52668 Board Chairwoman Gray asked if there were questions or need for discussion for Board Information Item 9-1. No requests were made.

52669 Board Chairwoman Gray asked if there were questions or need for discussion for Board Information Item 9-2. No requests were made.

52670 Chairwoman Gray called on Ethics Officer Salinas to introduce Matthew Christie from the Fair Political Practice Commission to provide the Directors an Ethics training for: *Preventing Conflicts of Interest in Contracts and Other Government Decisions*.

The following Directors asked questions or made comments during the training:

	Directors	Comments/Questions
1.	Fong-Sakai	Asked a question
2.	Miller	Asked a question
3.	Blois	Asked a question

Mr. Christie responded to the Directors questions.

52671 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any Follow-up Items. No requests were made.

52672 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any future agenda items. No requests were made.

52673 There being no objection, at 2:16 PM, Chairwoman Gray adjourned the Meeting.


GLORIA D. GRAY
CHAIRWOMAN


JUDY ABDO
SECRETARY