

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
February 8, 2022

52684 The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in regular session on Tuesday, February 08, 2022.

Chairwoman Gray called the teleconference meeting to order at 1:16 PM.

52685 The meeting was opened with an invocation by Kevin Mapp, Videographer II, External Affairs Group.

52686 The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Steve Blois, Calleguas MWD.

Chairwoman Gray acknowledged Black History Month as well as addressing the rejected slate of chairs and vice chairs of committees.

The following Directors asked questions or made comments:

	Directors	Comments/Questions
1.	Peterson	Commented.
2.	Record	Commented.
3.	Pressman	Commented.
4.	Fellow	Commented.
5.	Ramos	Commented.

52687 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, Kurtz, Lefevre, McCoy, Miller, Morris, Ortega, Peterson, Quinn, Ramos, Record, Smith, Sutley, Tamaribuchi, and Williams.

Director Pressman entered the meeting after roll call

Those not responding were: Directors Kassakhian, Luna, Petersen, Phan, and Repenning.

Board Secretary Abdo declared a quorum present.

52688 Chairwoman Gray invited members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

	Name	Affiliation	Item
1.	Dr. Janet Clark	NAACP Santa Monica/Venice Branch	Board matters
2.	Darrel Goode	President, NAACP Santa Monica/Venice Branch	Board matters
3.	Latricia Mitchell	President, NAACP LA Branch	Board matters
4.	Scott Svonkin	NAACP Beverly Hills/Hollywood Branch	Board matters
5.	Dr. James Thomas	President, NAACP San Fernando Valley Branch	Board matters
6.	Rev. Fred Shaw	NAACP Inglewood/South Bay Branch	Board matters
7.	Alan Shanahan	President, AFSCME Local 1902	Personnel matters
8.	Ellen Mackey	Chair of AFSCME Women's Caucus	Personnel matters
9.	Olivia Verrett	NAACP CA Hawaii State Conference	Board matters
10.	Ellen Mackey	Chair of AFSCME Women's Caucus	Personnel matters

The following Director asked questions or made comments:

	Director	Comments/Questions
1.	Ortega	Commented.

52689 Chairwoman asked Director Harold Williams to introduce Interim General Manager E.J. Caldwell, West Basin Municipal Water District, to provide a Member Agency Overview.

West Basin MWD Interim General Manager Caldwell gave a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of West Basin Municipal Water District member agency.

Chairwoman Gray addressed the following: Other Matters and Reports.

52690 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any changes to the report of events attended by Directors at Metropolitan's expense during the month of January as previously posted and distributed to the Board. No amendments were made.

52691 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.

52692 Regarding matters relating to Metropolitan's operations and activities, General Manager Hagekhalil reported on the following:

1. Acknowledged Black History Month; and Metropolitan's Black Employee Association and their members that help to honor Black History Month each year.
2. Reported on the action under emergency authority provided to the General Manager in response to severe drought. Two agreements, one with Arvin Edison Water Storage; and the other with MWDOC and Irvine Ranch Water

District to provide 24,000-acre feed of additional supply this year to these State Water Project dependent areas.

3. Announced the General Manager monthly report has new format that includes a six-month look-ahead of key board items.
4. Met with Environmental Protection Agency Assistant Administrator Radhika Fox and her staff to discuss efforts of Metropolitan on the Leaky Pipes Program.
5. Announced that the Colorado River Aqueduct shutdown began this month; and expressed his gratitude to the many staff that are involved.

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

Director Pressman entered the meeting.

52693 General Counsel Scully stated she had nothing to add to her report.

52694 General Auditor Riss reported that the quarterly consultant and service contracts review taken over the previous quarter and found everything to be in complete compliance.

52695 Ethics Officer Salinas stated he had nothing to add to his report.

Chairwoman Gray addressed the Consent Calendar Items for February 2022.

52696 Chairwoman Gray asked Directors if there were any comments or discussion on the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting for January 11, 2022; and the Special Board Meeting for January 25, 2022 (Agenda Item 6A). No comments or requests were made.

52697 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).

The following Directors asked questions or made comments:

	Directors	Comments/Questions
1.	Peterson	Commented.
2.	Ortega	Commented on Public Comments.

52698 Approval of Committee Assignments (Agenda Item 6C). There were no committee assignments.

52699 Chairwoman Gray addressed the Consent Calendar Items – Action for February 2022.

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

52700 Set a combined public hearing on March 8, 2022, regarding: (1) the proposed water rates and charges for calendar years 2023 and 2024 necessary to meet the revenue requirements for fiscal years 2022/23 and 2023/24; and (2) review of the applicability of the MWD Act Section 124.5 ad valorem property tax limitation for fiscal years 2022/23 through 2025/26, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-1 board letter.

A letter from the San Diego County Water Authority General Counsel Mark Hattam dated February 3, 2022 addressed to General Counsel Scully will be added to the record. (The letter received via email on 2/19/22 at 5:25pm.)

The following Directors asked questions or made comments:

	Directors	Comments/Questions
1.	Fong-Sakai	Asked a question.
2.	Blois	Commented; he will vote No on Item 6B.

Staff responded to Director's questions.

52701 Authorize an agreement with Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,650,000 for design to replace the utilities at Iron Mountain and Gene pumping plants; authorize an agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$650,000 for preliminary design to improve physical security at the CRA pumping plants; and authorize an agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$650,000 for preliminary design to rehabilitate the station power and lighting switchrack at the Iron Mountain pumping plant, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-2 board letter.

52702 Authorize an agreement with La Cañada Design Group, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$4,400,000 to provide preliminary design to upgrade the functional capabilities of Metropolitan's Water Quality Laboratory at the La Verne site; and authorize an agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$550,000 to provide environmental support services for the planned facility upgrades at the La Verne site, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-3 board letter.

52703 Amend the current CIP to include planning and implementation of infrastructure projects to improve water supply reliability for the western service area; and authorize a new agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for technical investigations, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-4 board letter.

52704 Review and consider Addendum No. 4 to the 2017 Programmatic Environmental Impact Report; and Award \$4,759,000 contract to Facility Builders & Erectors, Inc. for construction of the PCCP Rehabilitation Valve and Equipment Storage Building, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-5 board letter.

52705 Approve Metropolitan's annual membership in the National Water Research Institute and authorize annual dues of \$50,000, and approve Metropolitan's annual membership in CCEEB's Air Project and Climate Change Project and authorize annual

dues payments of \$30,500 and \$34,000, respectively, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-6 board letter.

Agenda Item 7-7 was deferred with no action taken.

52706 Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the State Water Contractors, Inc. to pursue 2022 Sacramento Valley water transfer supplies, in a form approved by the General Counsel; and authorize making a \$5 per acre-foot initial administrative deposit and disbursements from that deposit consistent with the agreement not-to-exceed \$500,000, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-8 board letter.

52707 Authorize the General Manager to enter into reverse-cyclic agreements with participating agencies to preserve the availability of State Water Project supplies to Metropolitan consistent with the terms in Attachment 1, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-9 board letter.

The following Directors asked questions or made comments:

	Directors	Comments/Questions
1.	Morris	Moved Consent Calendar Items.
2.	Peterson	Seconded Morris' motion.

Chairwoman Gray called for a vote to approve the Consent Calendar Items 6A, 6B, and 7-1 through 7-6, 7-8 through 7-9 (**M.I. 52696 through 52707**).

Director Morris moved, seconded by Director Peterson that the Board approve the Consent Calendar Other Items for Action 6A, 6B, and 7-1 through 7-6, 7-8 through 7-9 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Consent Item(s): 6A, 6B, 7-1 through 7-6 and 7-8 through 7-9									
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							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	13433	Camacho							
Las Virgenes	2741	Peterson	x	x	2741				
Long Beach	5772	Cordero	x	x	5772				
Los Angeles	70689	Sutley	x	x	70689				
		Petersen							
		Quinn							
		Luna							
		Repenning							
				Subtotal:	70689				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	57264	Ackerman	x	x	14316				
		Tamaribuch	x	x	14316				
		Dick	x	x	14316				
		Erdman	x	x	14316				
				Subtotal:	57264				
Pasadena	3522	Kurtz							
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							
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. Dist.	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				314113				
Present and not voting									
Absent	23612								

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 6A, 6B, and 7-1 through 7-6, 7-8 through 7-9 (**M.I. 52696 through 52707**), passed by a vote 314,113 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 23,612 absent.

***Note: Individual vote tally for Item 6B**

Director Blois voted No on Item 6B. The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item passed by a vote of 302,561 ayes; 11,552 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 23,612 absent.

52708 Chairwoman Gray stated there were no Other Items - Action.

52709 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were questions or need for discussion for Board Information Item 9-1. No requests were made.

52710 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were questions or need for discussion for Board Information Item 9-2. No requests were made.

52711 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any Follow-up Items. No requests were made.

The following Directors asked questions or made comments:

	Directors	Comments/Questions
1.	Record	Asked a question.

Staff responded to Director's question.

52712 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any future agenda items. No requests were made.

Chairwoman Gray made a statement in response to Director Ortega's statement he read under this meeting's committee assignment agenda item .

52713 There being no objection, at 2:55 PM, Chairwoman Gray adjourned the Meeting.

JUDY ABDO

SECRETARY

GLORIA D. GRAY

CHAIRWOMAN