

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
**March 29, 2022**

**52753** Board Chairwoman Gray called the Teleconference to order at 10:00 a.m.

**52754** 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, Jung, Luna, Miller, Morris, Ortega, Phan, Quinn, Ramos, Record, Smith, Sutley, and Tamaribuchi.

Directors Kassakhian, Peterson, Pressman, and Repenning entered the Meeting after the roll call.

Those not responding were: Directors Hawkins, Kurtz, Lefevre, McCoy, Petersen, and Williams.

Board Secretary Abdo declared a quorum present.

**52755** Chairwoman Gray invited members of the public to address the Board on matters in this notice of the Special Board meeting.

Name	Affiliation	Item
Alan Shanahan	Executive President, AFSCME 1902	The memory of retired Metropolitan staff Dora Williamson & draft State Auditor's Report

Chairwoman Gray expressed her condolences to the family and friends of Metropolitan retiree Dora Williamson.

**52756** Regarding matters relating to Metropolitan's operations and activities, General Manager Hagekhalil, announced the following.

1. Expressed condolences to the family and friends of Metropolitan retiree Dora Williamson.
2. Updated the Board on the voluntary agreements to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with other water agencies related to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta water quality program.
3. Updated the Board on the Governor's Drought Executive Order.
4. Reported on the press conference on water conservation, usage of native plants, and utilizing the rebate programs with California Secretary for Natural Resources Wade Crowfoot and Chairwoman Gray.
5. Reported on the grants received for water efficiency devices and turf removal program.
6. Reported on hiring Metropolitan first Chief Sustainability, Resiliency, Innovation Officer Liz Crosson and Equal Employment Opportunity Officer Jonaura Wisdom.
7. Updated the Board on the status of hiring the first Diversity Equity and Inclusion Officer.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

Directors

1. Peterson
2. Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors.

**52757** 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 called for a vote to approve Consent Calendar Item 6A (**M.I. No. 52757**).

Director Camacho moved, seconded by Director De Jesus that the Board approve Consent Calendar Item for Action 6A as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Consent Item(s):		6A							
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							
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	17672				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	17672				
		Luna	x	x	17672				
		Repenning	x	x	17672				
					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							
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. Dist.	11942	Fellow	x	x	11942				
West Basin Municipal Water District	23608	Williams							
		Gray	x	x	23608				
					Subtotal:		23608		
Western Municipal Water District	12466	Dennstedt	x	x	12466				
<b>Total</b>	<b>337725</b>				<b>327672</b>		<b>2741</b>		
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>7312</b>								

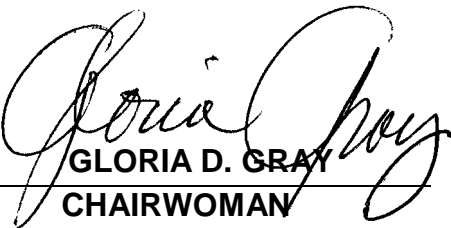
The motion to approve Consent Calendar Item 6A (M.I. No. 52757) passed by a vote of 327,672 ayes; 2,741 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 7,312 absent.

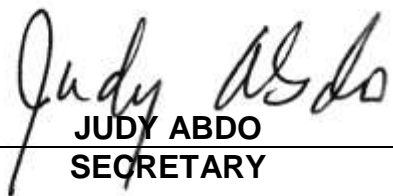
Chairwoman Gray announced that Agenda Item 7A was withdrawn.

**52758** Chairwoman Gray called the meeting into closed session to hear Agenda Item 7B on a briefing and discussion of proposed response to confidential draft State Audit Report of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California [Audit by California State Auditor's Office - to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.75].

Meeting returned to open session at 1:31 p.m. Vice Chair De Jesus stated that the Board discussed Item 7B. No action was taken during closed session.

**52759** Vice Chair De Jesus adjourned the Meeting at 1:33 p.m.

  
GLORIA D. GRAY  
CHAIRWOMAN

  
JUDY ABDO  
SECRETARY