

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
**June 14, 2022**

**52840** The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in regular session on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

Chairwoman Gray called the teleconference meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

**52841** The Meeting was opened with an invocation by Tyler Grossheim, Associate Engineer, Engineering Services Group.

**52842** The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Director Dennis Erdman, Municipal Water District of Orange County.

Chairwoman Gray made remarks regarding Pride Month, Juneteenth, and the Metropolitan Pride Employee Resource Group.

**52843** Board Secretary Abdo administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Blois, Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Gray, Hawkins, Jung, Kurtz, Lefevre, McCoy, Miller, Morris, Ortega, Petersen, Peterson, Phan, Pressman, Quinn, Ramos, Record, Repenning, Smith, Sutley, Tamaribuchi, and Williams.

Those not responding were: Directors Goldberg, and Kassakhian.

Directors Apodaca, Dick, and Luna entered the meeting after roll call.

Board Secretary Abdo declared a quorum present.

**52844** Chairwoman Gray invited members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

	Name	Affiliation	Item
1.	Tony Trembley	Councilmember City of Camarillo	Delta Conveyance Project
2.	Caty Wagner	Sierra Club of California	Bay-Delta Policies and Shaw Law Group Report
3.	Ellen Mackey	Senior Ecologist, Chair of the Women's Caucus, Metropolitan Employee	Shaw Law Group Report
4.	Maura Monagan	Los Angeles WaterKeeper	Delta Conveyance Project and Shaw Law Group Report
5.	Conner Everts	The Southern California Watershed Alliance and Environmental Water Caucus	Delta Conveyance Project and Shaw Law Group Report

Chairwoman Gray addressed the following: Other Matters and Reports.

**52845** Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any changes to the report of events attended by Directors at Metropolitan's expense during the month of May as previously posted and distributed to the Board. No amendments were made.

**52846** Chairwoman Gray referred to her monthly report, which was previously posted and distributed to the Board. Chairwoman Gray reported on her attendance at the Ninth Summit of the Americas hosted by the President and Vice President of the United States.

**52847** Regarding matters relating to Metropolitan's operations and activities, General Manager Hagekhalil, reported on the following:

1. Acknowledgement of Juneteenth, Pride Month, and Metropolitan support of the new employee resources groups Pride and Voice. Pride will be hosting a Potluck on June 29<sup>th</sup> and Voice is an employee resources group to support employees with disabilities.
2. Lake Oroville Dam and the Delta visit.
3. His presentation at the Groundwater Resource Association.
4. Nongovernmental organizations meeting regarding science in the Delta.
5. Meeting with San Diego County Water Authority's General Manager Sandra L. Kerl and the Industrial Environment Association.
6. Conservation and emergency within the State Water Project dependent areas. Acknowledged Tony Trembley's, Councilmember of the City of Camarillo, public comments and correspondence received. Mentioned that actions relating to water resources will be brought to the Board in August.
7. Listening session with environmental groups.
8. Metropolitan's testimony at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation hearing relating to the Colorado River and Compact guidelines expiring in 2026.

9. Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior Tanya Trujillo visit at the June Executive Committee.
10. Metropolitan is repairing the leak in the Upper Feeder.
11. Metropolitan's National Government Employee of the Year award from the International Right of Way Association.

Director Luna entered the meeting after roll call.

The following Director(s) asked questions or made comments:

Director(s)	
1.	Smith
2.	Sutley
3.	Luna

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

**52848** General Counsel Scully stated she had nothing to add to her written report.

**52849** Interim General Auditor Tonsick stated he had nothing to add to his report.

**52850** Ethics Officer Salinas, reported on upcoming presentations regarding the State Audit and independent oversight program at the June 28, 2022 Audit and Ethics Committee meeting and that he will also provide an update on the current six ad hoc subcommittees.

Chairwoman Gray addressed the Consent Calendar Items for June 2022.

**52851** Chairwoman Gray asked Directors if there were any comments or discussions on the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting for May 10, 2022, and the Special Meeting for May 24, 2022 (Agenda Item 6A). No comments or requests were made.

**52852** 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). Chairwoman Gray asked Directors if there were any comments or discussions on the item. No comments were made.

**52853** Authorize preparation of a Commendatory Resolution for Gerald C. Riss for his service and leadership during his term as General Auditor of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Agenda Item 6C). Chairwoman Gray asked Directors if there were any comments or discussions on the item. No comments were made.

**52854** Approval of Committee Assignments (Agenda Item 6D). Chairwoman Gray appointed Director Miller as a member of the One Water (Conservation and Local Resources) Committee.

**52855** Chairwoman Gray addressed the Consent Calendar Items – Action for June 2022.

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

**52856** Authorize the General Manager to enter into a five-year agreement with Electric & Gas Industries Association to administer Metropolitan's consumer incentive programs, to be paid from funds the Board authorized for Metropolitan's consumer incentive programs, in accordance with a cost schedule that will not exceed the proposal in Attachment 1 of the board letter, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-1 board letter.

**52857** Approve the job description for the General Auditor, and approve the hiring process for the General Auditor, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-2 board letter.

**52858** Approve up to \$1.954 million to purchase insurance coverage for Metropolitan's Property and Casualty Insurance Program to renew or replace all the expiring excess liability and specialty insurance policies, and reserve funds to allow for the purchase of a \$5 million limit cyber liability policy with a cost up to \$200,000 if it becomes available, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-3 board letter.

**52859** Approve the Statement of Investment Policy for FY 2022/23, and delegate authority to the Treasurer to invest Metropolitan's funds for FY 2022/23, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-4 board letter.

**52860** Authorize agreements with Power-Tech Engineers, Inc., HDR, Inc., Mangan, Inc., and Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed total of \$750,000 each per year for a period of three years, to assess and mitigate arc flash risks for Metropolitan's facilities, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-5 board letter.

**52861** Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed project was previously addressed in the certified 2022 Final PEIR, Findings, SOC, and MMRP, and that no further environmental analysis or documentation is required; and a. Award a \$6,176,521 contract to Siemens Industry, Inc. to construct Battery Energy Storage System facilities at the Weymouth plant; b. Authorize an increase of \$300,000 to agreement with Stantec Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total of \$1,750,000, to provide technical support, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-6 board letter.

**52862** Award a \$2,257,897 contract to Leed Electric, Inc. for replacement of ozone power supply units at the Jensen plant, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-7 board letter.

Agenda Item 7-8 was withdrawn.

**52863** Authorize the General Manager to increase contract 184454-02 with Johnson Service Group by \$22,000 to an amount not to exceed \$271,000, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-9 board letter.

**52864** Amend Section 1106 and Section 6226 of the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code regarding Holidays and Annual Leave to ensure benefits parity by adding Juneteenth and an across-the-board standard for payments of excess accumulated annual leave, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-10 board letter.

**52865** Review and consider the Bureau of Land Management's Final Environmental Impact Statement certified to satisfy CEQA and take related CEQA actions; and authorize the General Manager to grant a permanent transmission line easement to Delaney Colorado River Transmission, LLC, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-11 board letter.

**52866** Review and consider the Lead Agency's adopted 2019 Mitigated Negative Declaration and take related CEQA actions, and adopt a resolution for the Calleguas Annexation No. 104 concurrently to Calleguas Municipal Water District and Metropolitan, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-12 board letter.

**52867** Adopt resolution for Calleguas Annexation No. 106 concurrently to Calleguas and Metropolitan, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-13 board letter.

**52868** By a two-thirds vote, authorize the General Manager to make payment of up to \$871,680 for support of the Colorado River Board and Six Agency Committee for FY 2022/23, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-14 board letter.

Chairwoman Gray called for a vote to approve the Consent Calendar Items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 7-1 through 7-7 and 7-9 through 7-14 **(M.I. 52851 through 52868)**.

Director Camacho moved, seconded by Director Peterson that the Board approve the Consent Calendar Items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 7-1 through 7-7 and 7-9 through 7-14 as follows:

Directors Apodaca and Dick entered the meeting.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Consent Item(s):		6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 7-1 through 7-7 and 7-9 through 7-14							
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							
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	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	x	x	3522				
San Diego County Water Authority	58302	Fong-Sakai	x	x	19434				
		Goldberg							
		Miller	x	x	19434				
		Smith	x	x	19434				
			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. 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				
<b>Total</b>	<b>337725</b>				<b>324611</b>				
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>13114</b>								

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 7-1 through 7-7, and 7-9 through 7-14 (**M.I. 52851 through 52868**), passed by a vote of 324,611 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 13,114 absent.

**\*Note: Individual vote tally for Item 6A**

Directors Cordero and Fong-Sakai abstained on Item 6A. Director Phan commented that although she was not present, she did review the minutes. The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 6A passed by a vote of 299,405 ayes; 0 noes; 25,206 abstain; 0 not voting; and 13,114 absent.

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

Director Peterson voted No on Item 6B. The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 6B passed by a vote of 321,870 ayes; 2,741 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 13,114 absent.

**\*Note: Individual vote tally for Item 7-6**

Chairwoman Gray abstained on Item 7-6. The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 7-6 passed by a vote of 312,807 ayes; 0 noes; 11,804 abstain; 0 not voting; and 13,114 absent.

**52869** Chairwoman Gray stated there were no Other Board Items - Action.

**52870** Chairwoman Gray asked if there were questions or need for discussion for Board Information Item 9-1. No requests were made.

**52871** Update on Upcoming Department Head Performance Evaluations Process.

Chairwoman Gray called upon Diane Pitman, Group Manager, Human Resources to present Item 10-1.

The following Directors asked questions or made comments:

Director(s)
1. Ortega
2. Dennstedt
3. Smith
4. Peterson



Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

**52872** Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any Follow-up Items. No requests were made.

**52873** Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any future agenda items.

Director Camacho made a motion, seconded by Director Ortega as follows:

That the Board of Directors direct the Executive committee to place an item on the agenda for the regular board meeting in July to waive confidentiality of the final four Shaw group reports for the board to take action.

Chairwoman Gray called for a vote to approve the Future Agenda Item 12 (**M.I. 52873**).

Chairwoman Gray called for the vote. Secretary Abdo proceeded to do a roll call vote, but the vote was called off and retaken due to clarification of the motion.

The following is a record of the final vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		Board of Directors Direct the Executive committee to place item on the agenda for the regular board meeting in July to waive confidentiality of the final four Shaw group reports for the board to take action.							
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Beverly Hills	4056	Pressman	x			x	4056		
Burbank	2666	Ramos							
Calleguas Municipal Water District	11552	Blois	x			x	11552		
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Compton	553	McCoy	x			x	553		
Eastern Municipal Water District	9492	Record							
Foothill Municipal Water District	2131	Atwater							
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	x	x	5772				
Los Angeles	70689	Sutley	x	x	23563				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	23563				
		Luna							
		Repenning	x	x	23563				
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		Tamaribuchi	x			x	14316		
		Dick	x			x	14316		
		Erdman	x			x	14316		
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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. Dist.	11942	Fellow	x			x	11942		
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		Gray	x			x	11804		
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Western Municipal Water District	12466	Dennstedt	x			x	12466		
<b>Total</b>	<b>337725</b>				<b>180390</b>		<b>139424</b>		
<b>Present and not voting</b>									
<b>Absent</b>	<b>17911</b>								

The motion to approve Future Agenda Item 12 (**M.I. 52873**) for the Board of Directors to direct the Executive Committee to place item on the agenda for the regular board meeting in July to waive confidentiality of the final four Shaw group reports for the Board to take action passed by a vote of 180,390 ayes; 139,424 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 17,911 absent.




Chairwoman Gray announced to allow for a Board Summer Recess the Board will only meet on Tuesday, July 12. Monday, July 11, and Tuesday, July 26 Committee days have been canceled.

**52874** There being no objection, at 2:30 PM Chairwoman Gray adjourned the meeting.



GLORIA D. GRAY  
CHAIRWOMAN



JUDY ABDO  
SECRETARY