

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
August 9, 2022

52905 The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in special session on Tuesday, August 09, 2022.

Board Chairwoman Gray called the teleconference to order at 1:03 p.m.

52906 Board Secretary Abdo administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Apodaca, Atwater, Blois, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Erdman, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Gray, Hawkins, Jung, Kurtz, Lefevre, Luna, McCoy, Miller, Morris, Ortega, Peterson, Phan, Pressman, Quinn, Ramos, Record, Smith and Tamaribuchi.

Those not responding were: Directors Dennstedt, Goldberg, Kassakhian, Petersen, Repenning, and Williams.

Directors entered the meeting after the roll call Camacho and Sutley.

Board Secretary Abdo declared a quorum present.

52907 Chairwoman Gray invited members of the public to address the Board on matters in this notice of Special Board meeting.

	Name	Affiliation	Item
1.	Joseph Velasco	Orchard Dale Water District	6a

Director Camacho entered the meeting.

52908 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 5A).

General Manager Hagekahlil updated the Board on how the coronavirus is affecting Metropolitan staff.

Chairwoman Gray called for a vote to approve Consent Calendar Item 5A (**M.I. No. 52908**).

Director Ortega moved, seconded by Director Luna that the Board approve the Consent Calendar Items 5A as follows:

Record of Vote on Consent Item(s): 5A									
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	x	x	13433				
Las Virgenes	2741	Peterson	x			x	2741		
Long Beach	5772	Cordero	x	x	5772				
Los Angeles	70689	Sutley							
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	35345				
		Luna	x	x	35345				
		Repenning							
			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							
		Gray	x	x	23608				
			Subtotal:		23608				
Western Municipal Water District	12466	Dennstedt							
Total	337725				309404		12233		
Present and not voting									
Absent	16088								

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 5A passed by a vote of 337,725 ayes; 12,233 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 16,088 absent.

52909 Board Workshop on Colorado River.

Chairwoman Gray called on General Manager Hagekahlil to introduce items 6A-6C. Staff provided presentations on items 6A-6C below.

52910 Colorado River Historical Review (Item 6A).

52911 Review of Current Conditions (Item 6B).

Director Sutley entered the meeting.

The following Directors asked questions or made comments:

	Director(s)
1.	Peterson
2.	Morris
3.	Lefevre
4.	Sutley
5.	Erdman
6.	Ortega
7.	Miller
8.	Smith
9.	Fellow

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

52912 Near-term Implications to Metropolitan (Item 6C).

Discussion regarding deteriorating conditions of the Colorado River, the Bureau of Reclamation's request for significant water use reductions by 2023 and negotiations regarding actions to conserve water. [Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation; based on existing facts and circumstances, including that requiring significant water use reductions could lead to litigation among the United States and one or more Colorado River water users; there is a significant exposure to litigation against Metropolitan: unknown number of potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)].

Chairwoman Gray called the meeting into closed session on Item 6C.

The meeting returned to open session at 3:47 p.m. Vice Chair De Jesus stated that the Board discussed and conferred with its legal counsel and staff regarding Item 6C. No action was taken in closed session. (During closed session, Chairwoman Gray turned the meeting over to Vice Chair De Jesus.)

52913 Vice Chair De Jesus asked if there were any Follow-up Items. No requests were made.

52914 Vice Chair De Jesus asked if there were any future agenda items. No requests were made.

52915 There being no objection, at 3:48 p.m., Vice Chair De Jesus adjourned the meeting.



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CHAIRWOMAN