

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

August 23, 2022

Chairwoman Gray called the teleconference meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Members present: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Fellow, Gray, McCoy, Peterson, Pressman, Ramos, Record, Smith, and Sutley.

Other Board members present: Directors Blois, Erdman, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Lefevre, Miller, Morris, Ortega, Peterson, Quinn, and Tamaribuchi.

Committee staff present: Beatty, Aldrete, Chapman, Hagekhalil, Hudson, Kasaine, Salinas, Scully, Tonsick, Upadhyay, and Zinke

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

	Name	Affiliation	Item
1.	Ellen Mackey	Metropolitan employee, member of the public	Civility resolution

2. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

a. Subject: Chairwoman's Report

Presented by: Chairwoman Gloria D. Gray

Nothing to add to her report.

b. Subject: General Manager's report of Metropolitan's activities

Presented by: General Manager Adel Hagekhalil

General Manager Hagekhalil reported on the following:

- Meeting with the Department of Interior and Bureau of Reclamation regarding drought conditions, conservation efforts, and recycled water.
- Third Environmental community listening session regarding the recycled water programs.

- Upper Feeder shutdown scheduled in September.
- Video highlighting last year's accomplishments.

c. Subject: General Counsel's report of Metropolitan's activities

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia L. Scully

Nothing to add to her report

d. Subject: Interim General Auditor's report of Metropolitan's activities

Presented by: Interim General Auditor John L. Tonsick

Nothing to add to his report.

e. Subject: Ethics Officer's report of Metropolitan's activities

Presented by: Ethics Officer Abel Salinas

Ethics Officer Salinas reported on the following:

- Bi-annual AB1234 ethics mandatory training in November.

f. Subject: Report from Audit and Ethics

Presented by: Committee Chair Ramos

Committee Chair Ramos announced that the Committee will hear the following items:

- A discussion of Ethics Office oversight responsibilities and provide an update on the Ethics Office monthly activity report.
- Update on the General Auditor's monthly activity report.

g. Subject: Report from Communications and Legislation Committee

Presented by: Committee Vice Chair Cordero

Committee Chair Cordero announced that the Committee will hear three committee items:

- Update on water conservation advertising campaign.
- Report on activities from Washington D.C.

- Report on activities from Sacramento

Lastly, the Committee will also hear the External Affairs Management Report.

- h. Subject: Report from Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee is not meeting in September

- i. Subject: Report from Engineering and Operations Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Smith

Committee Chair Smith announced that the Committee will hear the following five consent items:

- Award a \$287,824 contract to Bishop, Inc. for replacement of the maintenance building roof at the Henry J. Mills Water Treatment Plant.
- Authorize an increase of \$1,200,000 to an existing agreement with IBI Group, for a new not-to-exceed total of \$1,830,000 for design services, and an agreement with Fugro, in an amount not-to-exceed \$450,000 for geotechnical engineering services for the Weymouth Administration Building seismic upgrade project.
- Determine that there is a need to continue the emergency action of executing a no-bid contract for the Upper Feeder expansion joint replacement (Requires four-fifths vote of the Board).
- Authorize an increase of \$690,000 to an existing agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc., for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$990,000, to serve as the owner's advisor for development of the Sepulveda Feeder Pump Stations project with the alternative delivery approach referred to as progressive design-build.
- Authorize entering into two separate agreements with Calpine Energy Solutions, LLC and The Energy Authority, Inc. for the sale of renewable energy from the Phase I-II hydroelectric power plants.

In addition, the Committee will hear three committee items:

- State Water Project Dependent Area Solutions: Drought Action/Project Portfolios Update.
- Capital Investment Plan quarterly report for period ending Jun 2022.
- Pure Water Southern California Program Update.

Lastly, the Committee will hear the following two management reports:

- Water System Operations Manager's report.
- Engineering Services Manager's report.

j. Subject: Report from Finance and Insurance Committee
The Finance and Insurance Committee is not meeting in September

k. Subject: Report from Imported Water Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Peterson

Committee Chair Peterson announced that the Committee will hear the following consent item:

- Adopt the Revision and Restatement of Bay-Delta Policy.

The Committee will hear two committee items:

- Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management and Water Shortage Emergency Condition.
- Update on Colorado River Basin System Conditions and Colorado River Basin State Discussions.

Lastly, the Committee will hear the following three management reports:

- Colorado River Manager's Report
- Bay-Delta Manager's Report
- Water System Operations Manager's report.

l. Subject: Report from Legal and Claims Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Dick

Committee Chair Dick announced that the Committee will hear a report on the General Counsel's monthly activities.

- The Committee will consider approving amendments to the Administrative Code to establish reporting requirements to the Board on personnel-related settlements.
- The Committee will hear the General Counsel's Business Plan for fiscal year 2022-23.

- m. Subject: Report from One Water (Conservation and Local Resources) Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Abdo

Committee Chair Abdo announced the Committee will meet in September and the Chair will meet with staff to discuss the agenda.

- n. Subject: Report from Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Fellow

Committee Chair Fellow announced that the Committee will hear one action item:

- Adopt resolution designating Metropolitan's maximum contribution for medical benefits in order to comply with the current authorized Memoranda of Understanding.

The Committee will hear one committee item:

- Update on Status of Recommendation from Independent Review of Workplace Concerns.

Lastly, there will be no Information Technology Manager's Report and Human Resources Manager's Report in September.

Real Property and Asset Management Committee reported out of order.

- p. Subject: Report from Underserved Communities Committee

The Underserved Communities Committee is not meeting in September

- q. Subject: Report from Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

The Water Planning and Stewardship Committee is not meeting in September

- o. Subject: Report from Real Property and Asset Management Committee

Presented by: Assistant Board Administrator Isabel Aldrete for Vice Chair Peterson

The Committee will hear the following three consent calendar items:

- Authorize granting a new ten-year license agreement to Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District for the continued operation of a trail on Metropolitan fee-owned property in the city of Hemet and county of Riverside.
- Authorize the General Manager to grant a permanent easement for electrical equipment purposes to Southern California Edison on Metropolitan property in Riverside County.

In addition to the items in the draft agenda package the Committee will be adding another consent calendar item:

- Authorize an increase of \$8.5 million to an agreement with Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects for a new not-to-exceed total of \$13.5 million for final design and architectural services in support of the District Housing and Property Improvement Program; and

Lastly, the Real Property group manager will present her monthly report.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting for June 28, 2022.

Chairwoman Gray asked Directors if there were any comments or discussion on the minutes of June 28, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting. None were made.

Director Erdman entered the meeting.

- B. Approve draft committee and board meeting agendas, and schedule for September 2022.

Chairwoman Gray then asked Directors if there were any comments, additions, or corrections to the September 2022 Draft Packet. No comments were made.

Chairwoman Gray called for the vote on the Consent Calendar Other Items.

Director Peterson made a motion, seconded by Director Dick to approve the consent calendar Items 3A and 3B as listed.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Fellow, Gray, McCoy, Peterson, Pressman, Ramos, Record, Smith, and Sutley

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Hawkins, Jung, Kurtz, and Luna

The motion for Item 3A passed by a vote of 15 ayes; 0 noes; 1 abstention; and 4 absent.

The motion for Item 3B passed by a vote of 16 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 4 absent.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. General Manager's Business Plan Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

General Manager Hagekhalil presented the business plan for fiscal year 2022-2023.

The following Directors asked questions or made comments:

	Director(s)
1.	Gray
2.	Sutley
3.	Erdman

Staff responded to the Directors comments or questions.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Gloria D. Gray
Chairwoman of the Board