



- **Board of Directors**
Ad Hoc Committee on Facilities Naming

4/11/2023 Board Meeting

7-16

Subject

Approve the nomination and naming of Metropolitan's Boardroom in honor of former Metropolitan Board Chair Phillip J. Pace; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Executive Summary

Metropolitan's Facilities Naming Policy Principle establishes approved standard criteria and procedures to submit a naming request for consideration by Metropolitan's Board. The Board has received a nomination to name the Boardroom at Metropolitan's Headquarters Building at Union Station in honor of Phillip J. Pace.

Timing and Urgency

As soon as practical.

Details

Background

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is responsible for its facilities including construction of new facilities, and operations and maintenance of existing facilities. A Metropolitan facility may be named or renamed after an individual, group of individuals, or an organization. The primary criteria for naming or renaming a Metropolitan facility is to honor an individual, group of individuals, or organization that has or have had a substantial, important, and positive impact upon Metropolitan as a member of its Board or as an employee, and/or demonstrated civic achievements of the highest distinction while maintaining close ties with and providing significant support to Metropolitan, and/or the water industry.

Phillip J. Pace Nomination

On January 9, 2023, Board Chair Adan Ortega, Jr. proposed naming Metropolitan's Boardroom and subsequently nominated former Board Chair Phillip J. Pace (**Attachment 1**).

Phillip "Phil" J. Pace's leadership ushered in an era of change and progress for Metropolitan in the late 1990s and early 2000s. He served as a representative of the Central Basin Municipal Water District on Metropolitan's Board from 1995 to 2008, including three terms as Board Chair, after being first elected in October 1998 (**Attachment 2**).

His six-year tenure as Board Chair was highlighted by the completion and dedication of Diamond Valley Lake in March 2000. In 2003, under Chair Pace's leadership, Metropolitan was the first California agency to endorse the Quantification Settlement Agreement, an historic agreement that capped the amount of Colorado River water used by Imperial Irrigation District and Coachella Valley Water District and opened the door for water transfers between agricultural agencies and urban water districts, including Metropolitan's land management and seasonal fallowing programs that are so vitally important today and the IID-SDCWA transfer. He also advanced actions to protect water quality with Metropolitan's call for the elimination of MTBE in gasoline and support for federal legislation authorizing the removal of radioactive uranium mill tailings from the banks of the Colorado River in Utah.

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In addition to his service to Metropolitan, Mr. Pace was a pillar of his community, and in addition to running a successful real estate development/management company, he lived a life dedicated to public service. He served as city treasurer of the city of Montebello for 12 years. He was the president of several civic organizations including, the Montebello Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and Italian Catholic Federation. He also served as president of the California State Medical Board. He was a devout Catholic and supported St. Benedict's Catholic Church ever since arriving in the city of Montebello in 1950.

Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 11104: Delegation of Responsibilities

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA determination for Option #1:

The proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2) and 15378(b)(5)) because it involves organizational or administrative activities and general policy and procedure making that would not result in a direct or indirect physical change to the environment.

CEQA determination for Option #2:

None required

Board Options

Option #1

Approve the nomination and naming of Metropolitan's Boardroom in honor of former Metropolitan Board Chair Phillip J. Pace.

Fiscal Impact: Minimal costs consisting of the estimated cost to provide signage for the Boardroom. Staff work would be required to update the name of the Boardroom on documents and information materials.

Business Analysis: Approval of nomination and naming of Metropolitan's Boardroom in honor of Mr. Pace will demonstrate his substantial importance and positive impact on Metropolitan and his civic achievements of the highest distinction.

Option #2

Take no action.

Fiscal Impact: None

Business Analysis: If the nomination and naming are not approved, Metropolitan would forgo the opportunity to acknowledge the importance and impact of Mr. Pace on Metropolitan.


Staff Recommendation

Option #1


Sue Sims
Group Manager, External Affairs

4/6/2023

Date


Adel Hagekhalil
General Manager

4/6/2023

Date

Attachment 1 – MWD Facilities Naming Request Application Form (Pace)

Attachment 2 – Central Basin Letter (Pace)

Attachment 3 – Supporting Materials (Pace)

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Metropolitan Facilities Naming Request Form

It is the policy of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California ("Metropolitan") acting through its Board of Directors to name and rename facilities. The naming and renaming criteria and procedures are available in the **Metropolitan Facilities Naming Policy Principle**. This form shall be used by an individual, groups of individuals or organization proposing names for new Metropolitan facilities or the renaming of existing Metropolitan facilities.

1. Name for consideration: _____

- ☐ Board to select appropriate Metropolitan facility
- ☐ Facility proposed for naming or renaming: _____

2. The criteria which the proposed name meets or satisfies: (check all that apply)

- ☐ Substantial, important and positive impact upon Metropolitan as a member of its Board or staff
- ☐ Personal achievements of highest distinction in a public service role, while maintaining close ties with and providing significant support to Metropolitan
- ☐ Names that have historical or regional significance to the facility or location, ordinarily not for living persons
- ☐ Other: _____

3. Provide supporting documentation, as available:

- a. A memorandum giving the particulars of the naming request that includes the rationale for the naming, referring to relevant criteria;
- b. Background and information about the individual, group of individuals, or organization for which the facility is to be named or renamed;
- c. Letters of support for this request;
- d. Other information that may be relevant to the potential implementation of the request such as historical photographs and articles;
- e. A list of other facilities named, or being proposed to be named or renamed after the same individual, group of individuals or organizations, including location and date.

You may be contacted by Metropolitan staff for additional information, if needed.

Name of Requestor: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please mail this application and supporting documents to: Metropolitan Board of Directors, P.O. 54153, Los Angeles, CA 90054-053 or ssims@mwdh2o.com

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Facilities Naming Request Form



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Date: March 1, 2023

To: Sue Sims, Group Manager, External Affairs

From: Adán Ortega, Board Chair

Subject: Proposal to Name Metropolitan's Boardroom in Honor of Former Board Chairman Phillip J. Pace

As I stated earlier this year when recommending the establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on Facilities Naming, I propose the Board consider renaming Metropolitan's Boardroom in honor of former Board Chairman Phillip J. Pace

His six-year tenure as Board Chairman was highlighted by the completion and dedication of Diamond Valley Lake in March 2000. In 2003, under Chairman Pace's leadership, Metropolitan was the first California agency to endorse the Quantification Settlement Agreement, an historic agreement that capped the amount of Colorado River water used by Imperial Irrigation District and Coachella Valley Water District and opened the door for water transfers between agricultural agencies and urban water districts, including Metropolitan's land management and seasonal fallowing programs that are so vitally important today and the IID-SDCWA transfer. He also advanced actions to protect water quality with Metropolitan's call for the elimination of MTBE in gasoline and support for federal legislation authorizing the removal of radioactive uranium mill tailings from the banks of the Colorado River in Utah.

As Board Chairman, his efforts paved the way for Metropolitan's Board to be reduced from 51 to 37 directors in 2001 and he streamlined the Board's committee structure to be more efficient. He also led the Board through a complex, but critically important, strategic planning process to collaboratively craft a new water future in Southern California.

In addition to his service to Metropolitan, Mr. Pace was a pillar of his community and in addition to running a successful real estate development/management company, he lived a life dedicated to public service. He served as city treasurer of the city of Montebello for 12 years. He was the president of several civic organizations including, the Montebello Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and Italian Catholic Federation. He also served as president of the California State Medical Board. He was a devout Catholic and supported St. Benedict's Catholic Church ever since arriving in the city of Montebello in 1950.



Central Basin
Municipal Water District

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March 27, 2023

Director Larry Dick
Chair, Facilities Naming Committee
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Facilities Naming Request in Honor of Philip J. Pace

Dear Chair Dick and Committee members:

On behalf of Central Basin MWD and our Board of Directors, we are pleased to submit a letter in support of naming a Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) facility in honor of long-time Central Basin MWD Metropolitan board director Philip J. Pace for his contributions to the water industry and our region.

Mr. Philip J. Pace served as Central Basin MWD's representative on Metropolitan's Board of Directors from 1995 to 2008, including three terms as Board Chairman, after being first elected in October 1998. Mr. Pace's tenure took place during a critical time in Metropolitan's history, his leadership ushered in an era of change and progress. His six-year tenure as Board Chairman was highlighted by the completion and dedication of Diamond Valley Lake in March of 2000. In 2003, under Chairman Pace's leadership, Metropolitan was the first California agency to endorse the Quantification Settlement Agreement, opening the door for water transfers between agricultural agencies and urban water districts, including Metropolitan's land management and seasonal fallowing programs that are so vitally important today. He also advanced actions to protect water quality and support for federal legislation authorizing the removal of radioactive uranium mill tailings from the Colorado River in Utah. Mr. Pace led the Board through a critically important strategic planning process to collaboratively craft a new water future in Southern California.

While Mr. Pace passed away in 2022, his stellar career contributions to our region and the water industry are long-lasting. We respectfully request your consideration in naming a Metropolitan facility in honor of Mr. Philip J. Pace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alejandro J. Rojas'.

Alejandro J. Rojas
General Manager
Central Basin MWD



**Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California**

Contact: Adán Ortega, Jr. (213) 217-5786

Oct. 9, 2002

**PHILLIP J. PACE ELECTED TO ANOTHER TERM
AS METROPOLITAN BOARD CHAIRMAN**

Phillip J. Pace, whose leadership ushered in an era of change at one of the nation's largest regional water agencies, today was re-elected chairman of the board of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Pace, of Montebello, will begin a two-year term Jan. 1. One of two representatives of Central Basin Municipal Water District on the MWD board, he was first elected chairman in October 1998.

"We have created strong momentum for change over the past couple of years through our strategic planning process and district-wide reorganization. I would also like the public to know how dedicated this hard-working MWD board of directors is, working without pay for the public good," Pace said.

"I'm honored to continue my involvement in helping guide Metropolitan as it meets its mission of providing a reliable, high-quality and affordable water supply for the 17 million Southern Californians we serve," he said.

As the head of MWD's 37-member board, Pace represents district policies and programs at national, state and local levels. He also chairs the monthly meetings of the board and its executive committee. In addition, he appoints all members of the district's six standing committees, as well as the leaders of any special committee or task force.

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Among these was the adoption of a new tiered rate structure, which unbundled the district's existing rates by breaking them down into separate water supply and commodity charges that reflect district costs to treat, deliver and develop water supplies. The new rate structure offers customers - the 26 member public agencies that form Metropolitan - more flexibility and choice in shaping their water futures, allowing them to take advantage of opportunities in California's evolving water marketplace and resource options, such as water recycling and desalination.

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Water quality gained more prominence at Metropolitan under his leadership, as the district stepped up its efforts to protect water at the source so consumers can trust it at the tap.

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President of Pace Land & Development in Montebello, Pace is a member of the Montebello Chamber of Commerce and serves as the board vice chairman at Golden Security bank. He is a past member of the Board of Medical Quality Assurance of the California Medical Board, and has served as a member of the Beverly Hospital

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Foundation Board and as the founding chairman and board member of the Lifeline Adult day Health Care Center in Montebello.

Born in Painesville, Ohio, Pace earned a degree in business administration from Cal State Los Angeles. Pace and his wife, Phyllis, have three children and two grandchildren.

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

*Office of the Board of
Directors*

Date: November 8, 2022

To: Board of Directors
Member Agency Managers

From: Gloria D. Gray, Chairwoman of the Board

Subject: Passing of Former Chairman Phillip “Phil” J. Pace

I am saddened to inform you that former Metropolitan Chairman Phillip “Phil” J. Pace, whose leadership ushered in an era of change and progress for the district in the late 1990s and early 2000s, has passed away.

Phil, who represented Central Basin Municipal Water District on Metropolitan’s board from 1995 to 2008, served three terms as board chair after being first elected in October 1998.

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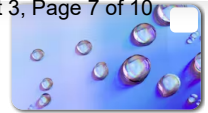
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Potential Facilities for Possible Naming

Prepared for Facilities Naming ad hoc Committee, March 2023

- Diamond Valley Lake Saddle Dam
- Eagle Mountain Pumping Plant
- Iron Mountain Pumping Plant
- Ozone building(s) at any of the treatment plants (Diemer is very prominent)
- Water Quality Laboratory at Weymouth Treatment Plant
- Copper Basin Reservoir
- Palos Verdes Reservoir
- Garvey Reservoir (apparently named for proximity to former Garvey Ranch)
- Live Oak Reservoir
- Eagle Rock Operations Control Center
- PC-1 Pressure Control Structure
- Hydro Electric Power Plants
- HQ Board Room or other HQ rooms