

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
May 9, 2023

53230 The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 09, 2023.

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

Chair Ortega announced that we do not have any Directors participating in the meeting utilizing AB2449.

53231 The Meeting was opened with an invocation by Vice Chair Heather Repenning, City of Los Angeles. Vice Chair Repenning shared a video to acknowledge the recent Holocaust Days of Remembrance, April 16-23, 2023.

53232 The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Director Dennis Erdman, Municipal Water District of Orange County.

Chair Ortega welcomed Alejandro Rojas, Central Basin General Manager. On a rotation basis, the Board will invite the Member Agency Managers to participate in the Board and Executive meetings with the exception of voting.

Chair Ortega announced that May is Water Awareness Month, and this is drinking water week. Metropolitan will be utilizing social media platforms to highlight the various events on conservation and education resources. An invite was extended to preview the liquid art exhibit on the twelfth floor.

Chair Ortega called upon Deven Upadhyay, Assistant General Manager, to discuss the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month events. Chair Ortega recognized Memorial Day, the new employee resource group Military Veterans at Metropolitan (MetVets), and the members of the Board who served in the military.

53233 Interim Board Administrator Hudson administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Abdo, Ackerman (teleconference posted location), Alvarez, Armstrong, Camacho (teleconference posted location), Chacon, Cordero (teleconference posted location), De Jesus (teleconference posted location), Dennstedt, Dick, Erdman, Faessel, Fellow (teleconference posted location), Garza, Goldberg, Gray (teleconference posted location), Jung (Fullerton staff teleconferenced from posted location), Kassakhian, Kurtz, Lefevre, Luna, McCoy, McMillan (teleconference posted location), Miller, Morris, Ortega, Peterson (teleconference posted location), Phan (teleconference posted location), Pressman, Quinn, Ramos, Repenning, and Sutley.

Those not responding were: Directors Atwater, Fong-Sakai, Petersen, Seckel, and Smith.

Interim Board Administrator Hudson declared a quorum present.

53234 Community Reflections: Robert Sausedo and Jennie Carreon, Groundswell For Water Justice.

Chair Ortega announced the Board meetings would include monthly community guest speakers beginning with the group Groundswell For Water Justice. Chair Ortega introduced Robert Sausedo and Jennie Carreon, Groundswell For Water Justice.

53235 Chair Ortega invited members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction (in-person and via teleconference).

	Name	Affiliation	Item
1.	Brett Barbre	President, Yorba Linda Water District	Item 7B and 7-4
2.	Caty Wagner	Sierra Club, California	Media Coverage
3.	Wigs Mendoza	Metropolitan Employee	Indigenous People
4.	Ellen Mackey	Metropolitan Employee	Whistleblower Report

Chair Ortega addressed the following: Other Matters and Reports.

53236 Chair Ortega asked if there were any changes to the report of events attended by Directors at Metropolitan's expense during the month of April, as previously posted and distributed to the Board. Chair Ortega asked the Directors if there were any corrections on the item. No amendments were made.

Chair Ortega announced that his office had received expense reports over the period of ninety days for approval. His office has the authority to waive the restrictions on late reports, but he encourages Directors to submit their expense reports timelier.

53237 Chair Ortega referred to Chair's monthly report, which was previously posted and distributed to the Board.

Chair Ortega asked the Directors if there were any questions on the item.

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

Director(s)

1. Goldberg

Chair Ortega responded to the Director comments or questions.

53238 Assistant General Manager Upadhyay referred to the General Manager's monthly report, which was previously posted and distributed to the Board. In addition, Assistant General Manager Upadhyay reported on the following:

1. General Manager Hagekhalil is traveling for the Global Water Summit in Germany
2. Reported on the delegation of authority process
3. Reported on National Safety Month events and the Coffee with the GM update
4. Update on the Santa Ana Valley Pipeline shutdown
5. Addressed the previous public comments.

53239 General Counsel Scully stated she had nothing to add to the written report.

53240 General Auditor Suzuki stated he had nothing to add to the written report.

53241 Ethics Officer Salinas stated he had nothing to add to the written report.

53242 Chair Ortega asked the Directors if there were any comments or discussions on the Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for April 11, 2023. (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) (Agenda Item 7A). No amendments were made.

53243 Authorize the preparation of a commendatory resolution supporting Cathy Green as Association of California Water Agencies President (Agenda Item 7B). Chair Ortega made remarks.

53244 Approval of Committee Assignments (Agenda Item 7C). No assignments were made. Chair Ortega called on Committee Chair Erdman to announce the Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance membership, adding Director Smith to the membership.

Chair Ortega called on Vice Chair Quinn to announce the membership of the Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities:

Director Armstrong, Chair of the Subcommittee. Directors Abdo, Alvarez, Fong-Sakai, Lefevre, McMillan, Miller, Quinn, and Ramos.

Vice Chair Quinn added Director Peterson to the membership of the Subcommittee on Bay-Delta.

Chair Ortega called on the Committee Chairs to give a report on Consent Calendar Action Items and to hear recusals before any discussion on the items.

53245 Award a \$637,520 contract to Acro Constructors for upgrades to the video room at Metropolitan's Headquarters Building, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-1 board letter.

53246 Authorize an agreement with Arcadis U.S. Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$550,000 to design, develop, and deploy the Capital Investment Plan Budget System Improvements, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-2 board letter.

53247 A. Authorize an increase of \$1.5 million to an existing agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$1.69 million for preliminary design of a mechanical dewatering facility at the Jensen Plant; and B. Authorize an amendment to an agreement with Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to forego construction of two new lagoons on LADWP's property and to extend

Metropolitan's use of two solids lagoons at the Aqueduct Filtration Plant, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-3 board letter.

53248 Amend the Capital Investment Plan for fiscal years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 to include the Diemer Helicopter Hydrant Facility project, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-4 board letter.

53249 Award a \$1,466,665 contract to B&K Valves & Equipment, Inc. for procurement of 72 replacement air release and vacuum valves for San Diego Pipeline Nos. 3 and 5., as set forth in Agenda Item 7-5 board letter.

53250 Authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with Thompson Coburn LLP for legal advice on state and federal energy regulatory and contractual matters by \$200,000 to a maximum amount payable of \$300,000, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-6 board letter.

53251 Approve changes in the Administrative Code to clarify provisions relating to Board committees and the role of the Vice Chairs of the Board, to delete references to certain Ad Hoc Committees, and to correct the pay grade for Board Executive Secretary due to elimination of the job title of Board Administrator, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-7 board letter.

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve Consent Calendar Items 7A, 7B, 7C, 7-1 through 7-7 (**M.I. No. 53242 through 53251**).

Director Morris moved, seconded by Director Jung that the Board approve the Consent Calendar Items 7A, 7B, 7C, 7-1 through 7-7 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Consent Item(s):		Items: 7A, 7B, 7C and 7-1 through 7-7								
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote	
Anaheim	5627	Faessel	x	x	5627					
Beverly Hills	4267	Pressman	x	x	4267					
Burbank	2893	Ramos	x	x	2893					
Calleguas Municipal Water District	12368	McMillan	x	x	12368					
Central Basin Municipal Water District	18216	Garza	x	x	9108					
		Chacon	x	x	9108					
			Subtotal:		18216					
Compton	599	McCoy	x	x	599					
Eastern Municipal Water District	10502	Armstrong	x	x	10502					
Foothill Municipal Water District	2290	Atwater								
Fullerton	2390	Jung	x	x	2390					
Glendale	3814	Kassakhian	x	x	3814					
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	14663	Camacho	x	x	14663					
Las Virgenes	2927	Peterson	x	x	2927					
Long Beach	6151	Cordero	x	x	6151					
Los Angeles	75699	Sutley	x	x	18925					
		Petersen								
		Quinn	x	x	18925					
		Luna	x	x	18925					
		Repenning	x	x	18925					
			Subtotal:		75699					
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	60913	Ackerman	x	x	20304					
		Seckel								
		Dick	x	x	20304					
		Erdman	x	x	20304					
			Subtotal:		60913					
Pasadena	3716	Kurtz	x	x	3716					
San Diego County Water Authority	63232	Fong-Sakai								
		Goldberg	x	x	31616					
		Miller	x	x	31616					
		Smith								
			Subtotal:		63232					
San Fernando	238	Ortega	x	x	238					
San Marino	770	Morris	x	x	770					
Santa Ana	3228	Phan	x	x	3228					
Santa Monica	4619	Abdo	x	x	4619					
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8254	De Jesus	x	x	8254					
Torrance	3416	Lefevre	x	x	3416					
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	12688	Fellow	x	x	12688					
West Basin Municipal Water District	25453	Alvarez	x	x	12727					
		Gray	x	x	12727					
			Subtotal:		25453					
Western Municipal Water District	13541	Dennstedt	x	x	13541					
Total	362474				360184					
Present and not voting										
Absent	2290									

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 7A, 7B, 7C, 7-1 through 7-7 (**M.I. No. 53242 through 53251**)* passed by a vote of 360,184 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 2,290 absent.

***Note: Individual vote tally for Item 7-3**

Director Gray abstained on Consent Calendar Item 7-3. The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 7-3 passed by a vote of 347,458 ayes; 0 noes; 12,727 abstain; 0 not voting; and 2,290 absent.

Chair Ortega called on the Committee Chairs to give a report on Board Items and to hear recusals before any discussion on the items.

Director Dennstedt recused herself on Item 8-4 due to the fact that she receives a per diem from Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County. Item 8-4 is an agreement between Metropolitan Water District and other agencies.

Director Garza requested an amendment to Item 8-4.

53252 Award a \$2,601,437 procurement contract to Sojitz Machinery Corporation of America to furnish two large diameter butterfly valves for the Inland Feeder/SBVMWD Foothill Pump Station Intertie project as part of water supply reliability improvements in the Rialto Pipeline service area, as set forth in Agenda Item 8-1 board letter.

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve Board Item 8-1 (**M.I. No. 53252**)

Director Erdman moved, seconded by Director Miller that the Board approve the Board Item 8-1 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-1							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	5627	Faessel	x	x	5627				
Beverly Hills	4267	Pressman	x	x	4267				
Burbank	2893	Ramos	x	x	2893				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	12368	McMillan	x	x	12368				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	18216	Garza	x	x	9108				
		Chacon	x	x	9108				
			Subtotal:		18216				
Compton	599	McCoy	x	x	599				
Eastern Municipal Water District	10502	Armstrong	x	x	10502				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2290	Atwater							
Fullerton	2390	Jung	x	x	2390				
Glendale	3814	Kassakhian	x	x	3814				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	14663	Camacho	x	x	14663				
Las Virgenes	2927	Peterson	x	x	2927				
Long Beach	6151	Cordero	x	x	6151				
Los Angeles	75699	Sutley	x	x	18925				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	18925				
		Luna	x	x	18925				
		Repenning	x	x	18925				
			Subtotal:		75699				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	60913	Ackerman	x	x	20304				
		Seckel							
		Dick	x	x	20304				
		Erdman	x	x	20304				
			Subtotal:		60913				
Pasadena	3716	Kurtz	x	x	3716				
San Diego County Water Authority	63232	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	31616				
		Miller	x	x	31616				
		Smith							
			Subtotal:		63232				
San Fernando	238	Ortega	x	x	238				
San Marino	770	Morris	x	x	770				
Santa Ana	3228	Phan	x	x	3228				
Santa Monica	4619	Abdo	x	x	4619				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8254	De Jesus	x	x	8254				
Torrance	3416	Lefevre	x	x	3416				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	12688	Fellow	x	x	12688				
West Basin Municipal Water District	25453	Alvarez	x	x	12727				
		Gray	x	x	12727				
			Subtotal:		25453				
Western Municipal Water District	13541	Dennstedt	x	x	13541				
Total	362474				360184				
Present and not voting									
Absent	2290								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-1 (M.I. No. 53252) passed by a vote of 360,184 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 2,290 absent.

53253 Award a \$5,266,000 contract to Leed Electric Inc. to install 12 flow monitoring stations along the CRA conveyance system, as set forth in Agenda Item 8-2 board letter.

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve Board Item 8-2 (M.I. No. 53253)

Director Erdman moved, seconded by Director Dennstedt that the Board approve the Board Item 8-2 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-2							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	5627	Faessel	x	x	5627				
Beverly Hills	4267	Pressman	x	x	4267				
Burbank	2893	Ramos	x	x	2893				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	12368	McMillan	x	x	12368				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	18216	Garza	x	x	9108				
		Chacon	x	x	9108				
				Subtotal:	18216				
Compton	599	McCoy	x	x	599				
Eastern Municipal Water District	10502	Armstrong	x	x	10502				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2290	Atwater							
Fullerton	2390	Jung	x	x	2390				
Glendale	3814	Kassakhian	x	x	3814				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	14663	Camacho	x	x	14663				
Las Virgenes	2927	Peterson	x	x	2927				
Long Beach	6151	Cordero	x	x	6151				
Los Angeles	75699	Sutley	x	x	18925				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	18925				
		Luna	x	x	18925				
		Repenning	x	x	18925				
				Subtotal:	75699				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	60913	Ackerman	x	x	20304				
		Seckel							
		Dick	x	x	20304				
		Erdman	x	x	20304				
				Subtotal:	60913				
Pasadena	3716	Kurtz	x	x	3716				
San Diego County Water Authority	63232	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	31616				
		Miller	x	x	31616				
		Smith							
				Subtotal:	63232				
San Fernando	238	Ortega	x	x	238				
San Marino	770	Morris	x	x	770				
Santa Ana	3228	Phan	x	x	3228				
Santa Monica	4619	Abdo	x	x	4619				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8254	De Jesus	x	x	8254				
Torrance	3416	Lefevre	x	x	3416				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	12688	Fellow	x	x	12688				
West Basin Municipal Water District	25453	Alvarez	x	x	12727				
		Gray	x	x	12727				
				Subtotal:	25453				
Western Municipal Water District	13541	Dennstedt	x	x	13541				
Total	362474				360184				
Present and not voting									
Absent	2290								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-2 (**M.I. No. 53253**) passed by a vote of 360,184 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 2,290 absent.

53254 Adopt a resolution to support an approximately \$20,900,000 grant application to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy to develop a multi-benefit landscape opportunity on Webb Tract; and authorize the General Manager or designated representative to accept the grant if awarded and return to the Board at a future meeting to review the draft funding agreement and funding plan and consider adding the proposed project to the Capital Investment Program, as an amended option of Agenda Item 8-3.

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve Board Item 8-3 (**M.I. No. 53254**)

Director Alvarez moved, seconded by Director Quinn that the Board approve the Board Item 8-3 as follows:

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

Director(s)

1. Alvarez
2. Quinn
3. Sutley
4. Miller

Staff responded to the Director's comments or questions.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-3							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	5627	Faessel	x	x	5627				
Beverly Hills	4267	Pressman	x	x	4267				
Burbank	2893	Ramos	x	x	2893				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	12368	McMillan	x	x	12368				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	18216	Garza	x	x	9108				
		Chacon	x	x	9108				
				Subtotal:	18216				
Compton	599	McCoy	x	x	599				
Eastern Municipal Water District	10502	Armstrong	x	x	10502				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2290	Atwater							
Fullerton	2390	Jung	x	x	2390				
Glendale	3814	Kassakhian	x	x	3814				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	14663	Camacho	x	x	14663				
Las Virgenes	2927	Peterson	x	x	2927				
Long Beach	6151	Cordero	x	x	6151				
Los Angeles	75699	Sutley	x	x	18925				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	18925				
		Luna	x	x	18925				
		Repenning	x	x	18925				
				Subtotal:	75699				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	60913	Ackerman	x	x	30457				
		Seckel							
		Dick	x	x	30457				
		Erdman							
				Subtotal:	60913				
Pasadena	3716	Kurtz	x	x	3716				
San Diego County Water Authority	63232	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	31616				
		Miller	x	x	31616				
		Smith							
				Subtotal:	63232				
San Fernando	238	Ortega	x	x	238				
San Marino	770	Morris	x	x	770				
Santa Ana	3228	Phan	x	x	3228				
Santa Monica	4619	Abdo	x	x	4619				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8254	De Jesus	x	x	8254				
Torrance	3416	Lefevre	x	x	3416				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	12688	Fellow	x	x	12688				
West Basin Municipal Water District	25453	Alvarez	x	x	12727				
		Gray	x	x	12727				
				Subtotal:	25453				
Western Municipal Water District	13541	Dennstedt							
Total	362474				346643				
Present and not voting									
Absent	15831								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-3 (**M.I. No. 53254**) passed by a vote of 346,643 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 15,831 absent.

53255 Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Western Municipal Water District, Rubidoux Community Services District, West Valley Water District, and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District to deliver water to Western's service area through facilities not owned by Metropolitan or Western and direct staff to

bring back to the Board, on a committee and board schedule to be established by staff working with the Board Chair, relevant Vice Chairs, and Committee Chairs, the three policy issues identified in the Board letter and a forth policy issue related to assessing water quality and salinity inequities among member agencies, including but not limited to, a report on how staff seeks to achieve the objectives of Section 136 of the MWD Act on blending, as an amended option to Agenda Item 8-4.

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

Director(s)

1. Garza
2. Peterson
3. Goldberg
4. Alvarez
5. Morris
6. Ortega
7. De Jesus
8. Kurtz
9. Guest speaker (Alejandro Rojas, Central Basin General Manager)
10. Repenning

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve Board Item 8-4 (**M.I. No. 53255**)

Director Garza moved, seconded by Director Sutley that the Board approve the Board Item 8-4 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-4							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	5627	Faessel	x	x	5627				
Beverly Hills	4267	Pressman	x	x	4267				
Burbank	2893	Ramos	x	x	2893				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	12368	McMillan	x	x	12368				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	18216	Garza	x	x	9108				
		Chacon	x	x	9108				
				Subtotal:	18216				
Compton	599	McCoy	x	x	599				
Eastern Municipal Water District	10502	Armstrong	x	x	10502				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2290	Atwater							
Fullerton	2390	Jung	x	x	2390				
Glendale	3814	Kassakhian	x	x	3814				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	14663	Camacho	x	x	14663				
Las Virgenes	2927	Peterson	x	x	2927				
Long Beach	6151	Cordero	x	x	6151				
Los Angeles	75699	Sutley	x	x	25233				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	25233				
		Luna							
		Repenning	x	x	25233				
				Subtotal:	75699				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	60913	Ackerman	x	x	30457				
		Seckel							
		Dick	x	x	30457				
		Erdman							
				Subtotal:	60913				
Pasadena	3716	Kurtz	x	x	3716				
San Diego County Water Authority	63232	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	31616				
		Miller	x	x	31616				
		Smith							
				Subtotal:	63232				
San Fernando	238	Ortega	x	x	238				
San Marino	770	Morris	x	x	770				
Santa Ana	3228	Phan	x	x	3228				
Santa Monica	4619	Abdo	x	x	4619				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8254	De Jesus	x	x	8254				
Torrance	3416	Lefevre	x	x	3416				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	12688	Fellow	x	x	12688				
West Basin Municipal Water District	25453	Alvarez	x	x	25453				
		Gray							
				Subtotal:	25453				
Western Municipal Water District	13541	Dennstedt							
Total	362474				346643				
Present and not voting									
Absent	15831								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-4 (M.I. No. 53255)* passed by a vote of 346,643 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 15,831 absent.

***Note:**

Director Dennstedt recused herself on Item 8-4 due to the fact that she receives a per diem from Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County. Item 8-4 is an agreement between Metropolitan Water District and other agencies.

53256 On Board Item 8-5 the One Water Stewardship Committee reviewed and maintained the General Manager's implementation of the Cyclic Cost-Offset Program effective April 15, 2023, pursuant to the Program terms approved by the Board on April 9, 2019. (No motion or vote is required for this option; the Report will be received and filed.)

Board Item 8-5 required no motion or vote.

53257 Adopt the resolution to continue the Standby Charge for fiscal year 2023/24, as set forth in Agenda Item 8-6 board letter.

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve Board Item 8-6 (**M.I. No. 53257**)

Director Dick moved, seconded by Director Pressman that the Board approve the Board Item 8-6 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-6							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	5627	Faessel	x	x	5627				
Beverly Hills	4267	Pressman	x	x	4267				
Burbank	2893	Ramos	x	x	2893				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	12368	McMillan	x	x	12368				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	18216	Garza	x	x	9108				
		Chacon	x	x	9108				
			Subtotal:		18216				
Compton	599	McCoy	x	x	599				
Eastern Municipal Water District	10502	Armstrong	x	x	10502				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2290	Atwater							
Fullerton	2390	Jung	x	x	2390				
Glendale	3814	Kassakhian	x	x	3814				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	14663	Camacho	x	x	14663				
Las Virgenes	2927	Peterson	x	x	2927				
Long Beach	6151	Cordero	x	x	6151				
Los Angeles	75699	Sutley	x	x	25233				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	25233				
		Luna							
		Repenning	x	x	25233				
			Subtotal:		75699				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	60913	Ackerman	x	x	30457				
		Seckel							
		Dick	x	x	30457				
		Erdman							
			Subtotal:		60913				
Pasadena	3716	Kurtz	x	x	3716				
San Diego County Water Authority	63232	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	31616				
		Miller	x	x	31616				
		Smith							
			Subtotal:		63232				
San Fernando	238	Ortega	x	x	238				
San Marino	770	Morris	x	x	770				
Santa Ana	3228	Phan							
Santa Monica	4619	Abdo	x	x	4619				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8254	De Jesus	x	x	8254				
Torrance	3416	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	12688	Fellow	x	x	12688				
West Basin Municipal Water District	25453	Alvarez	x	x	25453				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		25453				
Western Municipal Water District	13541	Dennstedt							
Total	362474				339999				
Present and not voting									
Absent	22475								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-6 (M.I. No. 53257) passed by a vote of 339,999 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 22,475 absent.

53258 Authorize the General Counsel to increase the maximum amount payable under a contract with Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP for legal services by \$150,000, to an amount not to exceed \$250,000, as set forth in Agenda Item 8-7 board letter.

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve Board Item 8-7 (M.I. No. 53258)

Director Sutley moved, seconded by Director Quinn that the Board approve the Board Item 8-7 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-7							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	5627	Faessel	x	x	5627				
Beverly Hills	4267	Pressman	x	x	4267				
Burbank	2893	Ramos	x	x	2893				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	12368	McMillan	x	x	12368				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	18216	Garza	x	x	9108				
		Chacon	x	x	9108				
				Subtotal:	18216				
Compton	599	McCoy	x	x	599				
Eastern Municipal Water District	10502	Armstrong	x	x	10502				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2290	Atwater							
Fullerton	2390	Jung	x	x	2390				
Glendale	3814	Kassakhian	x	x	3814				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	14663	Camacho	x	x	14663				
Las Virgenes	2927	Peterson	x	x	2927				
Long Beach	6151	Cordero	x	x	6151				
Los Angeles	75699	Sutley	x	x	25233				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	25233				
		Luna							
		Repenning	x	x	25233				
				Subtotal:	75699				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	60913	Ackerman	x	x	30457				
		Seckel							
		Dick	x	x	30457				
		Erdman							
				Subtotal:	60913				
Pasadena	3716	Kurtz	x	x	3716				
San Diego County Water Authority	63232	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	31616				
		Miller	x	x	31616				
		Smith							
				Subtotal:	63232				
San Fernando	238	Ortega	x	x	238				
San Marino	770	Morris	x	x	770				
Santa Ana	3228	Phan							
Santa Monica	4619	Abdo	x	x	4619				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8254	De Jesus	x	x	8254				
Torrance	3416	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	12688	Fellow	x	x	12688				
West Basin Municipal Water District	25453	Alvarez	x	x	25453				
		Gray							
				Subtotal:	25453				
Western Municipal Water District	13541	Dennstedt							
Total	362474				339999				
Present and not voting									
Absent	22475								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-7 (M.I. No. 53258) passed by a vote of 339,999 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 22,475 absent.

53259 Authorize filing a cross-complaint in Oswalt v. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, San Diego County Superior Court Case No. 37-2023-00009934-CU-PO-CTL, as set forth in Agenda Item 8-8 board letter.

Chair Ortega called for a vote to approve Board Item 8-8 (**M.I. No. 53259**)

Director Sutley moved, seconded by Director Morris that the Board approve the Board Item 8-8 as follows:

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:		8-8							
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	5627	Faessel	x	x	5627				
Beverly Hills	4267	Pressman	x	x	4267				
Burbank	2893	Ramos	x	x	2893				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	12368	McMillan	x	x	12368				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	18216	Garza	x	x	9108				
		Chacon	x	x	9108				
			Subtotal:		18216				
Compton	599	McCoy	x	x	599				
Eastern Municipal Water District	10502	Armstrong	x	x	10502				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2290	Atwater							
Fullerton	2390	Jung	x	x	2390				
Glendale	3814	Kassakhian	x	x	3814				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	14663	Camacho	x	x	14663				
Las Virgenes	2927	Peterson	x	x	2927				
Long Beach	6151	Cordero	x	x	6151				
Los Angeles	75699	Sutley	x	x	25233				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	25233				
		Luna							
		Repenning	x	x	25233				
			Subtotal:		75699				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	60913	Ackerman	x	x	30457				
		Seckel							
		Dick	x	x	30457				
		Erdman							
			Subtotal:		60913				
Pasadena	3716	Kurtz	x	x	3716				
San Diego County Water Authority	63232	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg	x	x	31616				
		Miller	x	x	31616				
		Smith							
			Subtotal:		63232				
San Fernando	238	Ortega	x	x	238				
San Marino	770	Morris	x	x	770				
Santa Ana	3228	Phan							
Santa Monica	4619	Abdo	x	x	4619				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	8254	De Jesus	x	x	8254				
Torrance	3416	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	12688	Fellow	x	x	12688				
West Basin Municipal Water District	25453	Alvarez	x	x	25453				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		25453				
Western Municipal Water District	13541	Dennstedt							
Total	362474				339999				
Present and not voting									
Absent	22475								

The motion to approve the Board Item 8-8 (**M.I. No. 53259**) passed by a vote of 339,999 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 22,475 absent.

Chair Ortega announced there were no other board items for action.

53259 Chair Ortega asked if there were questions or need for discussion for Board Information Items 9-1 and 9-2. No requests were made.

Chair Ortega announced that the Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee is postponed due to Board members traveling for ACWA conference. Chair Ortega presented Alejandro Rojas, Central Basin General Manager, with a gift from Metropolitan.

53260 Chair Ortega asked if there were any Other Matters Items. There were none.

53261 Chair Ortega asked if there were any Follow-Up Items. There were none.

53262 Chair Ortega asked if there were any Future Agenda Items. There were none.

53263 There being no objection, at 2:16 p.m., Chair Ortega adjourned the meeting.

Rickita C. Hudson

**RICKITA HUDSON,
INTERIM BOARD EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
ON BEHALF OF LOIS FONG-SAKAI
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD**



**ADÁN ORTEGA
CHAIR**