THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ONE WATER AND ADAPTATION COMMITTEE

August 18, 2025

Vice Chair Katz called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Erdman, Gold (teleconference posted location), Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Pressman (teleconference posted location), and Shepherd Romey.

Members absent: Directors Armstrong, Cordero, and Quinn.

Other Board Members present: Directors De Jeus, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Jay, McCoy, Ortega, Ramos, Seckel, and Sutley.

Committee Staff present: Crosson, Goshi, Hasencamp, Munguia, Neudeck, Rubin, Schlotterbeck, and Upadhyay.

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

Public Speakers included:

1. Maura Monigan, L. A WaterKeeper, spoke in support of item 8-3.
2 Neil Desai, National Parks Conservation Association, spoke in support of item 8-3
3 Garry Brown, O.C Coast Keeper, spoke in support of item 8-3.
4 Charming Evelyn, Sierra Club, spoke in support of item 8-3.
5 Caty Wagner, Sierra Club, spoke in support of item 8-3.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION

2. COMMITTEE ACTION

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting One Water and Stewardship Committee for July 7, 2025

Director Erdman made a motion, seconded by Director Miller, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Erdman, Gold, Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Pressman, and Shepherd Romey.
Noes:	None.
Abstentions:	None.
Absent:	Directors Armstrong, Cordero, and Quinn.

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 11 ayes, no noes, no abstentions, and 3 absent.

3. COMMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

8-3	Subject:	Authorize the Local Supply Exchange Framework; delegate authority to the General Manager to enter into agreements to facilitate the exchange; and amend the Metropolitan Administrative Code to facilitate exchanges; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [REVISED SUBJECT on 8/4/2025]
	Presented by:	Tracy Abundez, Sr. Resource Specialist, Water Acquisition Team
	Amended Motion:	Authorize the Local Supply Exchange Framework; delegate authority to the General Manager to enter into agreements to facilitate the exchange; and amend the Metropolitan Administrative Code to facilitate exchanges. The General Manager shall provide a written assessment of exchange agreements involving supplies receiving Local Resources Program funding and provide a written status report following the first 100,000 acre-feet of exchange activity facilitated by Metropolitan in addition to periodic updates. .

Mr. Brandon J. Goshi, Manager, Water Resource Manager, provided background history information and explained that today's proposed action went through the business model processes water resources subworking group and was recommended by the Subcommittee on Long Term Resource Planning and Business Modeling as part of the CAMP4W and business model process.

Ms. Abundez gave a detailed presentation that described the proposed framework to facilitate the exchange of locally produced supplies between Metropolitan's member agencies.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.
1. Lewitt
2. Kurtz,
3. Ortega
4. Miller
5. Sutley

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

After completion of the presentation, Director Kurtz made a motion, seconded by Director Miller, to approve the amended motion of option #1

The vote was:

Ayes:	Ackerman, Alvarez, Erdman, Gold, Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, Pressman, and Shepherd Romey.
Noes:	None.
Abstentions:	None.
Absent:	Directors Armstrong, Cordero, and Quinn.

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 3 absent.

8-4 Subject: Authorize the General Manager to enter into a new three-year sole source agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc. for inspection and verification services for Metropolitan's Conservation Programs, for a total agreement not to exceed $4,500,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Karina Sandique, Resource Specialist, Water Efficiency Team

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to enter into a new three-year sole source agreement with WaterWise Consulting Inc. for inspection and verification services for Metropolitan's Conservation Programs, for a total agreement not to exceed $4,500,000; by the end of the third year, the General Manager is directed to conduct a competitive process for the services provided by this agreement.

Ms. Sandique gave a presentation on the proposed three-year sole source agreement with WaterWise Consulting Inc. for an amount not to exceed $4,500,000 that would continue the Inspections Program for Metropolitan's Conservation Program. She described the scope of work, selection process, and change to inspection activity.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.
1. Miller
2. Gold
3. Ortega
4. Sutley
5. Alvarez

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

After completion of the presentation, Director Alvarez made an amended motion to Authorize the General Manager to enter into a new three-year sole source agreement with WaterWise Consulting Inc. for inspection and verification services for Metropolitan's Conservation Programs, for a total agreement not to exceed $4,500,000; by the end of the third year, the General Manager is directed to conduct a competitive process for the services provided by this agreement, seconded by Director Kurtz.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Ackerman, Alvarez, Erdman, Gold, Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, Miller, Pressman, and Shepherd Romey.
Noes:	None.
Abstentions:	None.
Absent:	Directors Armstrong, Cordero, McMillan, and Quinn.

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 4 absent.

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Science Summary Update

Presented by: Shawn Acuna, Principle Resource Specialist, Bay Delta Initiatives

Maureen Martin, Interim Manager, Bay Delta Initiatives, provided brief background and introductory remarks.

Mr. Acuna gave a presentation summarizing Metropolitan's first-ever annual science report. He highlighted key milestones and described ongoing projects.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions.
1. Seckel
2. Ortega
3. Sutley
3. Gold
4. Erdman
5. Miller
6. Katz

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

b. Subject: Estimating the Efficacy of the Regional Conservation Program

Presented by: Gary V. Tilkian, Sr. Resource Specialist

Mr. Tilkian gave a presentation on the methods and strategies used by staff to manage conservation programs, describing how Metropolitan measures the efficacy of its conservation programs.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Gold

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT AND HIGHLIGHTS

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Resources activities
Colorado River Resources activities
Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation activities
Water Resource Management activities

The various department heads noted there was nothing more to report outside of their written reports.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

a. Subject: Report from Subcommittee on Imported Water

Director Gold announced the upcoming meeting on August 26, 2025, and reported on continued discussions related to Colorado River, Bay-Delta, Delta Conveyance Project, and Colorado River issues.

b. Subject: Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Imported Water.

Chair Ortega announced that there would be a request to The Board for creating an Ad Hoc Committee on Colorado River negotiations.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on September 23, 2025

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Mel Katz
Vice Chair