THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Committee Item
INFORMATION

Special Committee on Ag and Tribal Partnerships

8/25/2026 Special Committee Meeting

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Subject

Discuss revised purpose statement of the Special Committee on Ag and Tribal Partnerships

Executive Summary

The Special Committee on Ag and Tribal Partnerships was formed in December 2025. An initial draft purpose statement was presented at the meeting on January 27, 2026. Directors provided comments, and a revised purpose statement was discussed at the meeting on June 23, 2026. The purpose statement has been further revised to address the directors' additional comments. Once approved, the purpose statement will help guide direction and future agenda items.

Fiscal Impact

None

Applicable Policy

Metropolitan Administrative Code § 2500. Special committees may be created by the Board to undertake special assignments on behalf of the Board and shall report directly to the Board unless otherwise directed. A special committee shall continue in existence indefinitely. Unless otherwise specified, members of a special committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Board and shall serve at the Chair's pleasure.

Related Board Action(s)/Future Action(s)

At the November 18, 2025, board meeting, the Board Chair announced the formation of a new Special Committee on Ag and Tribal Partnerships. At the December 9, 2025, board meeting, the Board Chair appointed committee leadership and members.

Details and Background

The committee is considering a purpose statement to help guide direction and future agenda items. The draft revised purpose statement is as follows:

To advance Metropolitan's interests in agriculture—both as a wholesale water provider and agricultural landowner—and our interests with tribal governments and related tribal issues regionally and across the West, the Special Committee on Ag and Tribal Partnerships will:

- Identify opportunities to build relationships through existing and new partnerships.
- Consider programs and policies that could provide mutual benefits for water reliability, climate resilience and environmental, agricultural, community and financial sustainability.

- Consider policy principles for the management of Metropolitan's agricultural lands and potential legislative and regulatory efforts that could affect beneficial uses of these lands.
- Report and make recommendations to the Board or to other committees for consideration.

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