THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ONE WATER AND ADAPTATION COMMITTEE

August 17, 2026

Committee Chair Quinn called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

Members present: Ackerman (teleconference posted location), Alvarez, Cordero, Crane, Denham, Erdman, Gold, Lewitt, Miller, Quinn, and Seckel,

Members absent: Directors Katz, Kurtz, Pressman, and Shepherd Romey.

Other Board Members present: Directors Barrera, Bryant, Daniels, Dennstedt (teleconference posted location), Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Garza Jay, Ortega, Pakala, and Sutley.

Committee Staff present: Deshmukh, Hasencamp, Hudson, Rubin, Schlotterbeck, Scully, and Winn.

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

1. Katy Wagner, Sierra Club of California, regarding item 6a

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Adaptation Committee for July 13, 2026.

Director Erdman made a motion, seconded by Director Miller, to approve the consent calendar item 2A

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Alvarez, Crane, Denham, Erdman, Gold, Lewitt, Miller, Quinn, and Seckel.
Noes:	None
Abstention:	Directors Ackerman and Cordero
Absent:	Directors Katz, Kurtz, Pressman, and Shepherd Romey.

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 noes, 2 abstentions, and 4 absent.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

****END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS****

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

Director Crane read a disclosure for the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) delegation on Item 9-1. The item involved an agreement with MWDOC. Directors Crane, Erdman, and Seckel receive per-dem, reimbursements, and other benefits from MWDOC for their service on the Board. However, they were advised that they could participate in this item with this disclosure.

Director Ackerman read a disclosure on item 9-1. It was disclosed that she receives per diem, reimbursements, and other benefits from MWDOC for her service on the Board. Because her spouse performs consulting services for MWDOC, she recused herself from this matter and left the meeting until completion of the item.

9-1	Subject:	Information on proposed changes to the Coordinated Operating, Water Storage, Exchange and Delivery Agreement among Metropolitan, the Municipal Water District of Orange County, and Irvine Ranch Water District
	Presented by:	Jessica Arm, Resource Specialist Water Resource Management Supply Acquisition Team

Ms. Arm's presentation provided background on the agreement and described how it operates, gave an overview of key terms, listed the proposed changes, and noted next steps.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Miller
2. Seckel
3. Ortega
4. Gold
5. Pakala
6. Garza

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

9-2 Subject: Information on the proposed amendments to the Administrative Code to incorporate Board direction on climate action and adaptation

Presented by: Liz Crosson, Chief of Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation

Ms. Crosson gave a presentation regarding two proposed changes to the Metropolitan Administration Code. She described the purpose, background, and listed some of the proposed changes.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Ortega
2. Seckel
3. Sutley
4. Gold
5. Lewitt
6. Bryant
7. Miller
8. Quinn
9. Daniels
10. Denham

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

9-7 Subject: Information on proposed sole-source agreement with Electric & Gas Industries Association to administer Metropolitan's regional consumer incentive programs

Presented by: Karina Sandique, Resource Specialist with Water Resource Management Water Efficiency Team.

Ms. Sandique's presentation provided a breakdown of the current agreement and its upcoming expiration, explained the proposed sole-source agreement, and provided next steps.

The following Director asked a question:

1. Sutley

Staff responded to the Director's question.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

Committee Chair Quinn announced that the committee items would be heard out of order. Item 6b would be heard first

b. Subject: Report on Final Environmental Impact Statement for Post-2026 Colorado River Operational Guidelines

Presented by: Shanti Rosset, Policy Manger, Colorado River Resources

Ms. Rosset reported on the following:

- 10-year framework, three nestled layers
- Final environmental impact statement a milestone, not the finish line
- From a fixed plan to an adaptive framework
- Constrained on volume-but ISC access enhanced
- Decisive pieces are still being written

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Sutley
2. Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

a. Subject: Review of Adopted Bay-Delta Policies

Presented by: Nina Hawk, Chief of Bay-Delta Initiatives

Ms. Hawk reported on the following in response to the committee's request:

- Bay-Delta Polices development milestones
- Objectives and framework
- Four examples of how they apply in connection with notable projects since 2022
- Next steps

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Sutley
2. Ortega
3. Miller
4. Seckel
5. Daniels

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

c. Subject: Update on Conservation Program

Presented by: General Manager Deshmukh announced that the information is included in the board packet, and the next quarterly update presentation will take place at the October committee meeting.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

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

The General Manager reported specifically on the Operational Shift Cost-Offset Program (OSCOP). He reported that during the past couple of months water quality monitoring has shown that nitrification is occurring in the central pool, primarily at the dead ends of the system in the West Basin Service area. He explained that this is an opportunity to use OSCOP. He noted that staff is reaching out to and working with West Basin and noted next steps.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

a. Report on Subcommittee on Imported Water

Presented by: Director Gold, D. Env., Committee Chair, Subcommittee on Imported Water

He reported on the July 28, 2026 meeting of the Subcommittee on Imported Water, noting that there was a report on the 2025 Scientific Achievements and that the committee received a copy of the report; that there was a report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Meeting; and that there was a closed session item on the Colorado River Negotiations and water rights, and that no action was taken.

b. Discuss and provide direction on Subcommittee on Imported Water.

There was no discussion on this subject.

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on September 14, 2026

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Tracy Quinn
Chair