THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

September 14, 2026

Chair Erdman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Directors Bryant, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt (entered after roll call), Miller, Pakala, Petersen, and Seckel

Members absent: Directors Alvarez and Crawford

Other Board Members present: Directors Ackerman, Barrera, Crane, Fellow, Gray (teleconference posted location), Katz, Kurtz, Paule, and Shepherd Romey

Committee Staff present: Bednarski, Chapman, Deshmukh, Hudson, Linares, Parsons, Rubin, and Scully

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

None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for August 17, 2026.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

7-1 Subject: Award a $782,917 procurement contract to Ross Valve Manufacturing Company for an 18-inch conical plug valve for Service Connection B-01; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or not subject to CEQA

Motion: Award a $782,917 procurement contract to Ross Valve Manufacturing Company for an 18-inch conical plug valve for Service Connection B-01.

7-2	Subject:	Authorize the General Manager to amend the Project Labor Agreement to add one new project and approve the amended Project Labor Agreement's use as a bid condition for the newly added project; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
	Motion:	Authorize the General Manager to amend the Project Labor Agreement to add one new project and approve the amended Project Labor Agreement's use as a bid condition for the newly added project.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Miller (7-2 and 7-1)
2. Pakala (7-1)

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

No presentations were given, Director Seckel made a motion, seconded by Director Bryant, to approve the consent calendar, consisting of items 2A, 7-1, and 7-2.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Bryant, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Miller, Pakala, Petersen, and Seckel
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Not voting:	None
Absent:	Directors Alvarez, Crawford, and Lewitt

The motion to approve items 2A, 7-1, and 7-2 passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstention, and 3 absent.

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

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

8-1 Subject: Award a $42,710,530.01 construction contract to Mountain Cascade Inc. to rehabilitate the circulating water and sump discharge piping systems at the Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Cathy Lou, Engineer, Program Management Section, Engineering Services Group

Motion: Award a $42,710,530.01 construction contract to Mountain Cascade Inc. to rehabilitate the circulating water and sump discharge piping systems at the Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants.

Director Lewitt entered the meeting.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Fong-Sakai
2. Dennstedt
3. Miller
4. Pakala
5. Bryant
6. Faessel
7. Erdman

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

After completion of the presentation, Director Fong-Sakai made a motion, seconded by Director Bryant, to approve item 8-1, option 1.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Bryant, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, Miller, Pakala, Petersen, and Seckel
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Not voting:	None
Absent:	Directors Alvarez and Crawford

The motion for item 8-1, option 1, passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent.

8-2 Subject: Authorize (1) an increase of $172,849,771 to an existing design-build agreement with J.F. Shea Construction Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of $276,209,771 to authorize Phase 2B of the Sepulveda Pump Stations project; (2) an increase of $1.59 million to an existing agreement with Carollo Engineers Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of $4.89 million to serve as the owner's advisor; and (3) an increase of $857,000 to an existing agreement with Parametrix Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of $1.402 million for cost estimating and scheduling services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Jeannie Chu, Engineer, Program Management Section, Engineering Services Group; and Howard Lum, Design Section Manager, Engineering Services Group.

Motion:

a. Authorize an increase of $172,849,771 to an existing design-build agreement with J.F. Shea Construction Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of $276,209,771 to authorize Phase 2B of the Sepulveda Pump Stations project;
b. Authorize an increase of $1.59 million to an existing agreement with Carollo Engineers Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of $4.89 million to serve as the owner's advisor; and
c. Authorize an increase of $857,000 to an existing agreement with Parametrix Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of $1.402 million for cost estimating and scheduling services.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Miller
2. Seckel
3. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

Director Miller left the meeting.

After completion of the presentation, Director Fong-Sakai made a motion, seconded by Director Seckel, to approve item 8-2, option 1.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Bryant, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, Pakala, Petersen, and Seckel
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Not voting:	None
Absent:	Directors Alvarez, Crawford, and Miller

The motion for item 8-2, option 1, passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 3 absent.

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Subject: State Water Project Invasive Mussel Mitigation and Control Update

Presented by: Richard Lin, Team Manager, Engineering Compliance, Water Quality Section; and Jinny Huang-Uy, Engineer, Program Management Section

Mr. Lin and Ms. Huang-Uy reported on the following:

- Update on the SWP Invasive Mussel Mitigation and Control Program

Director Miller re-entered the meeting.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Seckel
2. Fellow

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

b. Subject: Shutdown Planning Update

Presented by: Arman Motavvef, Engineer, Water Operations and Planning Section

Mr. Motavvef reported on the following:

- Overview of Metropolitan's shutdown planning process that requires staff to balance many competing and important factors to plan and execute shutdowns.

The following Director provided comments or asked questions:

1. Seckel

Staff responded to the Director's questions and comments.

c. Subject: Capital Investment Plan Quarterly Report for period ending June 2026

Presented by: Michael Thomas, Capital Program Management Unit Manager, Engineering Services Group

Mr. Thomas reported on the following:

- End of FYs 2024-25 & 2025-26 biennium status of the Capital Investment Plan

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

a. Subject: Engineering Services activities
Information Technology activities
Water System Operations activities

Presented by: John Bednarski, Assistant General Manager, Engineering and Technical Resources

Shane Chapman, Assistant General Manager, Water System Operations

Mr. Bednarski reported on the following:

- Board of Directors EO&T Inspection Trip
- Project Labor Agreement Highlights

Mr. Chapman reported on the following:

- 2026 Annual Shutdown Meeting

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Miller requested a refresher on Risk Assessment.

Director Miller requested a brief update on the electric vehicle program.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on October 12, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Dennis Erdman
Chair