THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ONE WATER AND ADAPTATION COMMITTEE

September 14, 2026

Committee Vice Chair Seckel called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Members present: Ackerman, Alvarez, Crane, Denham, Erdman, Gold (teleconference posted location), Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, Miller, Seckel, and Shepherd Romey.

Members absent: Directors Cordero, Pressman, and Quinn.

Other Board Members present: Directors Barrera, Bryant, Dennstedt, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Jay, Ortega, Pakala, and Sutley.

Committee Staff present: Bednarski, 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

None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Adaptation Committee for August 17, 2026.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

7-5 Authorize the General Manager to enter into a funding agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for an invasive mussel mitigation pilot treatment at the Rialto Pipeline; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

7-6 Authorize proposed changes to the Coordinated Operating, Water Storage, Exchange and Delivery Agreement between the Metropolitan Water District, the Municipal Water District of Orange County, and Irvine Ranch Water District; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Director Ackerman read a recusal statement for this item, and left the meeting during discussion of the item.

Director Crane disclosed for the record that he and Director Seckel would not vote on Item 7-6.

Director Erdman read a disclosure statement into the record.

Director Ackerman left the meeting.
Director Ackerman returned.

Director Alvarez made a motion, seconded by Director Kurtz, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A, 7-5, and 7-6.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Crane, Denham, Erdman, Gold, Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, Miller, Seckel, and Shepherd Romey.
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	Katz (2A)
Absent:	Directors Cordero, Pressman, and Quinn.
Not Voting	Directors Ackerman, Crane and Seckel (7-6)

The motion for item 2A, passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstention, and 3 absent.
The motion for item 7-5 passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 3 absent.
The motion for item 7-6 passed by a vote of 9 ayes 0 noes, 0 abstentions, 3 not voting, and 3 absent.

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

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

8-4 Subject: Amend the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to incorporate Board direction on Climate Action and Adaptation; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

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

Motion: Table this item.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Erdman
2. Alvarez
3. Ortega
4. Seckel
5. Kurtz
6. Gold
7. Sutley
8. Crane

Staff responded to the directors' questions and comments.

After completion of the presentation, Director Erdman made a motion, seconded by Director Crane to table the item.

The vote was:

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

The motion for item 8-4 passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 1 no, 0 abstentions, and 3 absent.

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Subject: Update on Conservation Program

Presented by: No presentation was provided.

Assistant General Manager John Bednarski explained that this is Water Resource Management's monthly written report on conservation program activities that is provided in the board packet, and that a quarterly oral presentation will be provide at the October meeting.

b. Subject: Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Update

Presented by: Maureen Martin, Ph.D., Manager Bay-Delta Science and Regulatory Strategy

Dr. Martin reported on the following:

- The Water Quality Control Plan (WQCP)
- Healthy Rivers and Landscapes
- Status of the WQCP and potential concerns
- Next steps

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Seckel
2. Sutley
3. Fellow

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

c. Subject: Update on Colorado River Negotiations

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

In open session, Ms. Rosset reported on how Minute 334 affects the Colorado River negotiations including the following:

- Shortage and surplus sharing
- Terms for storage of Mexico's Lake Mead water reserve
- Salinity pilot project
- Implications for Metropolitan

The Following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Sutley
2. Ortega

Staff responded to the Directors' questions and comments.

The Committee continued discussion in closed session. No action was taken.

7 MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

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

Assistant General Manger Bednarski announced that the planning phase of the Webb Tract Project won an outstanding environmental project award, and that Metropolitan will host its first ever Pitch Fest for Water Innovation at Metropolitan's headquarters on October 20, 2026.

8 SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

a. Report on Subcommittee on Imported Water

Presented by: Director Gold ENV, Committee Chair, Subcommittee on Imported Water

Director Gold reported on the six items that were discussed at the August 25 Subcommittee on Imported Water, which included a positive note about the Northern Sierra Watershed update, the discussion about the Sites Reservoir Project, and that there was a closed session item on the Colorado River Negotiations and water rights.

b. Discuss and provide direction on Subcommittee on Imported Water

None.

9 FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Karl Seckel
Vice Chair