MINUTES

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

May 27, 2025

54078 The Executive Committee and Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in a special session on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

Vice Chair of the Board Camacho called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Director Katz stated that he is using AB 2449 just cause for physical disability.

54079 Interim Assistant Board Administrator Aldrete administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Bryant, Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus (teleconference posted location), Dennstedt (teleconference posted location), Dick, Erdman (teleconference posted location), Faessel, Fellow, Garza, Katz (AB2449 "just Cause"), Kurtz, Lewitt, McCoy, McMillan, Miller (teleconference posted location), Ortega (teleconference posted location), Pressman, Quinn, Ramos, Seckel, and Sutley

Interim Assistant Board Administrator Aldrete declared a quorum present.

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Directors entered the meeting after the roll call: Directors Gold, Jung (teleconference posted location), Lefevre (teleconference posted location), and Luna

Those not responding were: Directors Armstrong, Crawford, Douglas, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Gray, Kassakhian, Petersen, Phan, and Sheperd Romey

54080 Board Vice Chair Camacho invited members of the public to address the Board limited to the items listed on the agenda (in-person and via teleconference). No requests to speak.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS

5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Board Vice Chair Camacho

Board Vice Chair Camacho called on Chair Ortega. Chair Ortega stated he had nothing to add to the report.

b. Subject: General Manager's Report of Metropolitan activities

General Manager Upadhyay provided updates on bond ratings, Pure Water Southern California project, and draft Trailer Bill language related to the Delta Conveyance.

The following Director(s) asked questions or made comments:

1. Sutley

2. Garza

3. Quinn

4. Ortega

5. Gold

6. Kurtz

The General Manager Upadhyay and Assistant General Manager Zinke responded to the Directors' comments and questions.

c. Subject: General Counsel's report of Metropolitan activities

General Counsel Scully stated she had nothing to add to the report.

d. Subject: General Auditor's report of Metropolitan activities

General Auditor Suzuki stated May is Internal Audit month and announced that at next Audit meeting, June 9, he will be presenting the internal audit plan for next fiscal year.

e. Subject: Ethics Officer's report of Metropolitan activities

Ethics Officer Salinas stated he had nothing to add to the report.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

6. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting for April 22, 2025 Board Vice Chair Camacho asked Directors if there were any additions, corrections, or omissions on the minutes of the April 22, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting. None were made.

B. Approve the draft of the Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for June 2025. Board Vice Chair Camacho asked if there were any additions or deletions to the June 2025 draft packet.

Board Vice Chair Camacho reported a change to schedule adding meeting of the Special Organization, Personnel and Effectiveness committee on June 3, 2025, at 10:00am

Vice Chair Alvarez reported that at the Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency Committee the following subjects are revised:

Authorize a new agricultural lease agreement with Bouldin Farming Company for rice farming and related uses on portions of Metropolitan-owned real property in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta known as Webb Tract; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with real property negotiators; properties totaling approximately 2,159 gross acres in the area commonly known as Webb Tract, also identified as Contra Costa County Assessor Parcel Numbers: 026-070-001-8, 026-080-006-5, 026-080-009-9, 026-080-007-3, 026-080-008-1, 026-080-004-0, 026-008-005-7; agency negotiators: Steven Johnson, Kevin Webb, and Kieran Callanan; negotiating parties: John Winther dba Bouldin Farming Company; under negotiation: price and terms; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8]

And the following item has been added.

Authorize an amendment to LRP Agreement to extend the start of operation deadline for the Oceanside Pure Water and Recycled Water Expansion Phase I Project

Vice Chair McMillan reported for the Legal and Claims Committee. General Counsel Scully report that the following subject has been deleted.

Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to conform to current policy, law, and practice, and to make other minor, non-substantive changes.

Board Vice Chair Camacho called for the vote on Item 6A and 6B.

Director Sutley made a motion, seconded by Director McCoy, to approve the consent calendar Item 6A and 6B as listed.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Camacho, Erdman, Garza, Kurtz, Lewitt, McCoy, McMillan (Alternate Luna), Miller, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn, Ramos (Alternate Armstrong), Seckel, and Sutley.
Abstention:	None
Recusal:	None
Absent:	Armstrong, Douglas, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Gray, Jung, Luna

The motion for Items 6A and 6B passed by a vote of 14 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 7 absent.

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE AND BOARD OF DIRECTOR ITEMS

7. OTHER MATTERS

54081 Update on General Manager Recruitment Process (Board Item 7-1)

Directors Lefevre and Luna entered the meeting.

54082 Public Employment – General Manager [To be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957] (Board Item 7-2)

Board Vice Chair Camacho called the meeting into closed session to discuss Agenda Item 7-2

Direct Jung entered the meeting.

Board Vice Chair Camacho stated no action was taken in closed session.

54083 The Board authorize the General Manager selection process as outlined, including the following steps: Organizational, Personnel, and Effectiveness Committee received direction on May 13, 2025 to enter into a contract with an executive recruiter informed by Ad Hoc on Executive Performance recommendation; Commencement of executive search conversations with identified candidates; Joint meeting of OPE and Board to approve the job description, and expression of District priorities and key selection criteria; Recruiter to complete initial inquiry with candidates and candidate

evaluation; Candidates will be presented to full Board for consideration and interview; and final selection of the General Manager by full Board subject to references and background check.

Director Bryant moved, seconded by Director Ramos, that the Board approve Board Item 7-3 as stated.

Board Vice Chair Camacho called for a vote to approve Board Item 7-3

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item:	**7-3**								
Member Agency	**Total Votes**	**Director**	**Present**	**Yes**	**Yes Vote**	**No**	**No Vote**	**Abstain**	**Abstain Vote**
Anaheim	6306	Faessel	x	x	6306				
Beverly Hills	4677	Pressman	x	x	4677				
Burbank	3330	Ramos	x	x	3330				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	13627	McMillan	x	x	13627				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	20265	Garza	x	x	20265				
		Crawford							
			Subtotal:		20265				
Compton	678	McCoy	x	x	678				
Eastern Municipal Water District	13623	Armstrong							
Foothill Municipal Water District	2543	Bryant	x	x	2543				
Fullerton	2766	Jung	x	x	2766				
Glendale	4165	Kassakhian							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	17103	Camacho	x	x	17103				
Las Virgenes	3224	Lewitt	x	x	3224				
Long Beach	6805	Cordero	x	x	6805				
Los Angeles	83835	Sutley	x	x	27945				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	27945				
		Luna	x	x	27945				
		Douglas							
			Subtotal:		83835				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	68102	Ackerman	x	x	17026				
		Seckel	x	x	17026				
		Dick	x	x	17026				
		Erdman	x	x	17026				
			Subtotal:		68102				
Pasadena	4042	Kurtz	x	x	4042				
San Diego County Water Authority	70158	Fong-Sakai							
		Goldberg							
		Miller	x	x	35079				
		Katz	x	x	35079				
			Subtotal:		70158				
San Fernando	274	Ortega	x	x	274				
San Marino	836	Shepherd Rom							
Santa Ana	3569	Phan							
Santa Monica	5055	Gold	x	x	5055				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	9019	De Jesus	x	x	9019				
Torrance	3781	Lefevre	x	x	3781				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	14079	Fellow	x	x	14079				
West Basin Municipal Water District	28764	Alvarez	x	x	28764				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		28764				
Western Municipal Water District	15689	Dennstedt	x	x	15689				
Total	**406315**				**384122**				
Present and not voting									
Absent	**22193**								

The motion to approve the Board Item 7-3 (M.I. No. 54083) by a vote of 384,122 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 22,193 absent.

Director Katz stated during the vote that he was alone.

54084 Board Vice Chair Camacho asked if there were any Follow-up Items. No request were made.

54085 Board Vice Chair Camacho asked if there were any Future Agenda Items. No Requests were made.

54086 There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

ISABEL ALDRETE
INTERIM ASSISTANT BOARD ADMINISTRATOR

MICHAEL CAMACHO
BOARD VICE CHAIR