MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP ON ENGINEERING, OPERATIONS, AND TECHNOLOGY

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

September 23, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Faessel called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Directors Fong-Sakai and Garza indicated they are participating under AB 2449 “just cause” due to caretaking for a loved one. Directors Fong-Sakai and Garza appeared by audio and on camera.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Director Dennstedt, Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Executive Secretary Hudson administered the roll call.

Board Members present: Ackerman, Alvarez, Bryant, Cordero (entered after roll call), Denham, Dennstedt, Dick, Faessel, Fellow (entered after roll call), Fong-Sakai (AB 2449 “just cause”), Garza (AB 2449 “just cause”), Gray (teleconference posted location), Jay, McCoy (entered after roll call), McMillan (entered after roll call), Miller (entered after roll call), Ortega, Pressman, Ramos, Seckel, and Shepherd Romey

Board Members absent: Directors Armstrong, Camacho, Crawford, De Jesus, Douglas, Erdman, Gold, Jung, Kassakhian, Katz, Kurtz, Lewitt, Luna, Petersen, Phan, Quinn, and Sutley

Directors Fong-Sakai and Garza announced during roll call that no one was in the room with them.

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Board Executive Secretary Hudson determined that a quorum was present.

4. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on Matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

	Name	Affiliation	Item
1.	Tom Love	Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD	5a

Committee Vice Chair Faessel and John Bednarski made introductory remarks.

5. WORKSHOP ITEMS

Directors Ramos, Cordero, and Shepherd Romey entered the meeting.

a. Subject: Pure Water Cost Estimate

Presented by: Gloria Lai-Bluml, Pure Water Southern California Program Manager and Arnout Van den Berg, Revenue & Budget Section Manager

Ms. Hattar introduced Ms. Lai-Bluml, who provided an overview of the Pure Water Southern California cost estimate. The presentation summarized foundational information of the project explaining cost, staging options, schedules and potential cashflows for staging options. Arnout Van den Berg added the overall estimated rate impact along with unit cost estimates.

The following Directors made comments or asked questions:

1. Dick
2. Miller
3. Seckel
4. Alvarez
5. Miller
6. Ortega
7. Seckel
8. Fong-Sakai
9. Miller

Staff responded to the directors' questions and comments.

6. FOLLOW UP ITEMS

Director Alvarez requested the costs of having all treatment at Carson and taking treated water to the central pool, versus building a conveyance pipeline.

Director Seckel requested an update to the analysis of the cost difference between Indirect Potable Reuse (IPR) and Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) including Treated Water Augmentation (TWA) given the costs for the conveyance system.

Director Miller would like the cost of the training building reported back to the board.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

STEPHEN FAESSEL
COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR