THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ETHICS COMMITTEE

July 14, 2026

Chair Seckel called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Members present: Directors Douglas, Katz Lewitt, McCoy (teleconference posted location), Paule, Ramos, Seckel, and Shepherd Romey.

Members absent: Directors Cordero and Daniels

Other Board Members present: Directors Bryant, Camacho, Crane, Dennstedt, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Kurtz, Miller, Ortega, Pakala, Pressman, and Quinn

Committee Staff present: Beatty, Deshmukh, Hudson, Rodriguez, Rubin, Salinas, and Shope

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

None

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ****

2. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Ethics Committee for June 9, 2026.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

Director Douglas made a motion, seconded by Director Lewitt, to approve the consent calendar for item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Douglas, Lewitt, McCoy, Paule, Seckel and Shepherd Romey
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	Directors Katz and Ramos
Absent:	Directors Cordero and Daniels

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 6 ayes, 0 noes, 2 abstentions, and 2 absent.

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

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

a. Subject: Government Ethics; Guest Speaker Galena West, Executive Director of the California Fair Political Practices Commission.

Presented by: Galena West, Executive Director of the California Fair Political Practices Commission

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Ortega
2. Seckel
3. Dennstedt

Ms. West responded to the Directors questions and comments.

b. Subject: Ethics Office Overview II

Item was deferred.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

a. Subject: Ethics Officer's report on monthly activities

Chair Seckel announced that the Ethics Officer's report was received and filed. Chair Seckel announced that committee members are invited to meet one-on-one with the Ethics Officer.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Director Paule raised the possibility of Metropolitan sponsoring a float in the 2028 Rose Parade with external partners and requested that the Ethics Officer look into any ethics considerations.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Karl Seckel
Chair