

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Agenda

The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

Special Board Meeting - Final

October 25, 2022

8:30 AM

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 Meeting Schedule
08:30 a.m. Sp. BOD
09:00 a.m. A&E
10:30 a.m. DE&I
12:00 p.m. Exec.
01:00 p.m. UC
02:00 p.m. OW

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Determination of a Quorum
4. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board limited to the items listed on agenda. (As required by Gov. Code § 54954.3(a))

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION ****

5. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Adopt resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings pursuant to the Brown Act Section 54953(e) for meetings of Metropolitan's legislative bodies for a period of 30 days; the General Manager has determined that this proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

[21-1681](#)

Attachments: [10252022 Sp BOD 5A Resolution](#)

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

6. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE:

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
RELYING ON GOVERNOR NEWSOM’S MARCH 4, 2020 PROCLAMATION OF A
STATE OF EMERGENCY
AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR THE PERIOD OF 30 DAYS FROM
OCTOBER 25, 2022 TO NOVEMBER 24, 2022 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT
PROVISIONS**

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (“Metropolitan”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of its legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of Metropolitan’s legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov’t Code Sections 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the Metropolitan’s legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code Section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code Section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within Metropolitan’s boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now persist at Metropolitan, specifically, Governor Newsom’s March 4, 2020 Proclamation of A State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing and/or as a result of the emergency meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the state of emergency, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the legislative bodies of Metropolitan shall conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of Section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall continue to comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 54953; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan is providing call-in telephonic and in person access for the public to make comment and to listen; and providing livestreaming of the meetings over the internet to ensure access for the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Metropolitan Board of Directors does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board of Directors hereby relies on the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.

Section 3. Meeting in Person would Present Imminent Risks to the Health and Safety of Attendees and/or State or Local Officials Continue to Impose or Recommend Measures to Promote Social Distancing. The Board of Directors hereby determines by majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of the attendees and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The General Manager and legislative bodies of Metropolitan are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution, including conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) November 24, 2022, or such time the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of Metropolitan may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 54953.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at its meeting held on October 25, 2022.

Secretary of the Board of Directors of
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California