

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 - Revised 1

January 17, 2023

9:00 AM

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 Meeting Schedule
09:00 a.m. Sp BOD 09:30 a.m. BOD WKSP

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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

[21-1882](#)

Attachments: [01172023 Sp BOD 5A Resolution](#)

- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee; Underserved Communities Committee; and One Water (Conservation and Local Resources) Committee held October 25, 2022 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-1883](#)

Attachments: [01172023 BOD 5B \(DEI 10252022\) minutes](#)
[01172023 BOD 5B \(UCC 10252022\) minutes](#)
[01172023 BOD 5B \(OWC 10252022\) minutes](#)

- C. Approve Committee Assignments. [ADDED LANGUAGE 1/12/23] [21-1884](#)

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

6. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE:

Each agenda item with a committee designation will be considered and a recommendation may be made by one or more committees prior to consideration and final action by the full Board of Directors. The committee designation appears in parenthesis at the end of the description of the agenda item e.g. (E&O). Committee agendas may be obtained from the Executive Secretary.

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. XXXX

**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
JANUARY 17, 2023 TO FEBRUARY 16, 2023 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) February 16, 2023, 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 January 17, 2023.

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

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

October 25, 2022

Chair McCoy called the hybrid teleconference meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Members present: Chair McCoy, Vice Chair Jung, Directors Abdo, Atwater, Fong-Sakai, Ramos, and Tamaribuchi.

Members absent: Directors Erdman, Ortega, and Williams.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Ackerman, Blois, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Fellow, Goldberg, Kurtz, Lefevre, Miller, Morris, Peterson, Quinn, Record, Repenning, and Smith.

Committee Staff present: Hagekhalil, Kasaine, Redin, Ros, Scully, Thomas, Upadhyay.

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

None

Chairwoman Gray, addressed the committee, acknowledging the critical work this committee will oversee to better serve the diverse communities across Southern California.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee: Duties, Functions, and General Overview

Presented by: Liji Thomas, Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer

Ms. Kasaine introduced the item and Ms. Thomas presented the committee with an overview of the administrative code, Metropolitan’s past DE&I efforts, vision and key principles, and next steps. After completion of the presentation, a video was displayed highlighting the DE&I forum that took place August 2022.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Repenning
2. Ramos
3. Fong-Sakai

Staff responded to Directors’ comments and questions.

Ms. Kasaine announced that there will be an email sent to all Metropolitan employees that will include a survey for a DE&I assessment.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

None

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Chair McCoy and Ms. Kasaine will discuss frequency of the committee and will bring back their recommendation to the Board.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Tana McCoy

Chair

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

October 25, 2022

Chair Sutley called the hybrid teleconference meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Members present: Chair Sutley, Vice Chair Miller, Directors Ackerman, Atwater, Erdman, Jung, Quinn, and Smith.

Members absent: Directors Camacho, Cordero, Ortega, and Williams

Other Board Members present Chairwoman Gray, Directors Abdo, Blois, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Dick, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Lefevre, McCoy, Morris, Peterson, Pressman, Record and Tamaribuchi.

Committee Staff present: Rohen, Hagekhalil, Kasaine, Ros, Scully, Upadhyay.

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

None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Underserved Communities Committee: Duties, Functions, and General Overview

Presented by: Katano Kasaine, Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer
Dee Zinke, Assistant General Manager/Chief External Affairs Officer
Patrick Rohen, Senior Deputy General Counsel

Ms. Kasaine introduced the item and provided an overview of the administrative code that included duties and functions. Ms. Zinke continued the presentation with common terms and current programs underway. Mr. Rohen presented the sources of authority and limits on authority. Ms. Kasaine concluded the presentation with the next steps and potential actions.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Miller
2. Record
3. Sutley
4. Smith

Staff responded to Directors' comments and questions.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

None

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Kasaine stated that she will meet with Chair Sutley and Vice Chair Miller to determine the agenda for the January meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Nancy Sutley
Chair

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ONE WATER (CONSERVATION AND LOCAL RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

October 25, 2022

Chair Abdo called the teleconference meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Members present: Chair Abdo, Vice Chair Quinn, Directors Ackerman, Atwater, Blois, Erdman, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Kurtz, Lefevre, Miller, Morris, and Pressman.

Members absent: Director Cordero.

Other Board Members present: Directors De Jesus, Dennstedt, Dick, Goldberg, Hawkins, Jung, Ortega, Peterson, Ramos, Record, Repenning, Smith, and Tamaribuchi.

Staff present: Coffey, S. Franco, Goshi, Hagekhalil, Schlotterbeck, and Upadhyay.

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

None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the One Water (Conservation and Local Resources) Committee held September 27, 2022

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

- 7-5 Subject: Adopt CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the East County Advanced Water Purification Local Resources project that is the subject of the proposed action was previously addressed in Padre Dam Municipal Water District’s Mitigated Negative Declaration and related CEQA actions and that no further CEQA review is required, and authorize the General Manager to amend the existing Local Resources Program agreement with San Diego County Water Authority and East County Advanced Water Purification Joint Powers Authority for the East County Advanced Water Purification Project

Motion: Adopt CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the East County Advanced Water Purification Local Resources project that is the subject of the proposed action was previously addressed in Padre Dam Municipal Water District's Mitigated Negative Declaration and related CEQA actions and that no further CEQA review is required, and authorize the General Manager to amend the existing Local Resources Program agreement with San Diego County Water Authority and East County Advanced Water Purification Joint Powers Authority for the East County Advanced Water Purification Project

No presentations were given. Director Atwater made a motion, seconded by Director Morris to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A and 7-5.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Blois, Erdman, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Kurtz, Lefevre, Miller, Morris, Pressman, and Quinn.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Recusals: Directors Fong-Sakai (7-5) and Miller (7-5).

Absent: Director Cordero

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

The motion for item 7-5 passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, 2 recusals, and 1 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Update on Conservation Programs

Presented by: Elise Goldman, Resource Specialist, Water Efficiency Team

Elise Goldman provided an update on recent conservation activity, expenditures, and the continued efforts in water conservation.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Miller
2. Fong-Sakai
3. Abdo
4. Peterson
5. Morris
6. Record

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report

Presented by: Brad Coffey, Manager, Water Resource Management Group

Brad Coffey provided an update on Water Resource Management activities and the continued efforts in managing the drought.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Judy Abdo
Chair