

# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

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## **Exec Committee**

A. Ortega, Chair  
J. Abdo, Board Vice Chair  
M. Camacho, Board Vice  
Chair  
S. Goldberg, Board Vice  
Chair  
H. Repenning, Board Vice  
Chair  
L. Fong-Sakai, Board  
Secretary  
G. Cordero  
D. Erdman  
G. Gray  
F. Jung  
M. Luna  
T. McCoy  
B. Pressman  
T. Quinn  
M. Ramos  
T. Smith  
N. Sutley

## **Executive Committee - Final - Revised 1**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**May 23, 2023**

**1:00 p.m.**

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## **Tuesday, May 23, 2023 Meeting Schedule**

**08:30 a.m. Audits**  
**10:30 a.m. PAE**  
**12:30 p.m. Break**  
**01:00 p.m. Exec**  
**02:00 p.m. BOD Wksp -**  
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- 1. Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee on matters within the committee's jurisdiction (As required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))**
- 2. Voices of Met (Spotlight on Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Employee Perspectives)**
- 3. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS**
  - a. Chair's Report
  - b. General Manager's report of Metropolitan activities
  - c. General Counsel's report of Metropolitan activities

Boardroom

- d. General Auditor's report of Metropolitan activities
- e. Ethics Officer's report of Metropolitan activities
- f. Report from Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee
- g. Report from Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee
- h. Report from Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee
- i. Report from Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee
- j. Report from Legal and Claims Committee
- k. Report from Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communication Committee
- l. Report from One Water and Stewardship Committee

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

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting for April 25, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-2165](#)

**Attachments:** [05232023 Exec 4A \(04252023\) Minutes](#)

- B. Approve draft Committee and Board meeting agendas, and schedule for June 2023 [21-2206](#)

**Attachments:** [06132023 Revised Draft Agenda Packet](#)

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

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

**6. OTHER COMMITTEE ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**7. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Update on Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Colorado River Interim Guidelines. [Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation; based on existing facts and circumstances, including that requiring significant water use reductions in relation to the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement could lead to litigation among the United States and one or more Colorado River water users; there is a significant exposure to litigation against Metropolitan: unknown number of potential cases; may be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]. [ADDED 5/17/2023] [21-2316](#)

**Attachments:** [05232023 Exec 7a Presentation](#)

- b. Labor Negotiations Update. [Conference with labor negotiators; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6. Metropolitan representatives: Katano Kasaine, Assistant General Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Gifty J. Beets, Human Resources Section Manager of Labor Relations. Employee organization: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Supervisors Association]. [REVISED CS LANGUAGE 5/17/2023] [21-1581](#)

**Attachments:** [0523203 EXEC 7b Non-Interest Disclosure Notice](#)

## 8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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# **THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

## **MINUTES**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**April 25, 2023**

Chair Ortega called the hybrid teleconference and in-person meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Chair Ortega called on Rickita Hudson, Interim Board Administrator, to announce that the addresses 2223 Fitzgerald Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90040, and 8700 Beverly Boulevard, Ste M313, Los Angeles, California 90048, listed on the agenda did not have anyone present, and the addresses were not open to the public. Directors Chacon and Pressman were attending the meeting at the Metropolitan Headquarters in person.

Members present: Directors Abdo, Camacho, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Gray (entered after roll call, teleconference location posted), Luna, Jung (entered after roll call, AB 2449), McCoy, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn, Ramos, Repenning (entered after roll call), Smith and Sutley (entered after roll call).

Director Jung participated under (AB2449) “just cause” regarding official legislative business travel.

Members absent: Director Cordero.

Other Board members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Atwater, Chacon, Dennstedt, Faessel, Fellow, Garza, Miller, Morris, and Seckel.

Committee staff present: Beatty, Chapman, Hagekhalil, Hudson, Kasaine, Salinas, Scully, Suzuki, Upadhyay, and Zinke.

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

No members responded.

#### **2. VOICES OF MET (SPOTLIGHT ON ADVANCING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION – EMPLOYEE PERSPECTIVES)**

Chair Ortega called on the President and Vice President of the Armenian American Employee Resources Group, Anna Serobyan, Senior Benefits Analyst, and Gary Tilkian, Senior Resources Specialist, to present the item.

### 3. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Chair Adán Ortega

Chair Ortega reported on the following:

- On May 9, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., the Dedication of the San Fernando Room and Liquid Art Hall by photographer Tom Bonner will occur.
- Update on the revisions to the Boardroom seating chart

Director Repenning entered the meeting

Director(s)

1. Repenning
2. Pressman

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

Presented by: General Manager Adel Hagekhalil

General Manager Hagekhalil reported on the following:

- Reported on one hundred percent allocation and the Climate Adaption Master Plan
- Updated on the Colorado River
- Updated on the State Audit
- Reported on the loss of Delta Conveyance employee accident the late Praba Pirabarooban
- Reported on Earth Day events, including Sustainability Expo
- Reported on Desert Housing visits

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

Director(s)

1. Ortega
2. Pressman
3. Morris

Chair Ortega and staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

Director Gray entered the meeting.

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

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia L. Scully

General Counsel Scully reported on the following:

Nothing to add to her report.

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

Presented by: General Auditor Scott Suzuki

General Auditor Suzuki reported on the following:

The new report initiative is complete, future audit reports will be issued using the new format, and the upcoming audit risk assessment workshop in May.

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

Presented by: Ethics Officer Abel Salinas

Nothing to add to his report.

Chair Ortega announced that the Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee will not meet in May.

- f. Subject: Report from Engineering, Operations, and Technology

Presented by: Committee Chair Erdman

Committee Chair Erdman announced that the Committee will consider the following five consent items:

- Award a \$637,520 contract to Acro Constructors to upgrade the video production room at Metropolitan's Headquarters Building.
- Authorize an agreement with Arcadis U.S. Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$550,000 to design, develop, and deploy Metropolitan's Capital Investment Plan Budget System Improvements.
- Authorize an increase of \$1.5 million to an existing agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$1.69 million for the preliminary design of a mechanical dewatering facility at the Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plant; and an amendment to an agreement with Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to extend Metropolitan's use of two solids lagoons at the Aqueduct Filtration Plant.
- Amend the Capital Investment Plan for fiscal years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 to include the Diemer Helicopter Hydrant Facility project.

- Award a \$1,466,665 procurement contract to B&K Valves & Equipment, Inc., for 72 combination air release/vacuum valves to be installed on San Diego Pipeline Nos. 3 and 5.

And two action items:

- Award a \$2,601,437 procurement contract to Sojitz Machinery Corporation of America for two large-diameter butterfly valves to be installed at the Foothill Pump Station Intertie as part of water supply reliability improvements in the Rialto Pipeline service area.
- Award a \$5,266,000 contract to Leed Electric, Inc., to install 12 flow monitoring stations along the Colorado River Aqueduct conveyance system.

The Committee will consider the following two committee items:

- Eastern Municipal Water District's Lake Skinner Water Transmission System and EM-11 Connection Project
- Update on Constituents of Emerging Concern

Lastly, the Committee will hear three management report(s):

- Water System Operations Manager's report
- Engineering Services Manager's report
- Information Technology Manager's report

h. Subject: Report from Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Ramos

Committee Chair Ramos announced that the Committee will hear the following two committee items:

- Contractors Code of Conduct
- Workshop on framework for Ethical Decision Making

Three management report(s):

- Ethics Officer's report
- Human Resources Manager's Report
- Equal Employment Opportunity Manager's report

i. Subject: Report from Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Smith

Committee Chair Smith announced that the Committee will hear one Subcommittee report:

- Report from Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling

The Committee will hear one action item:

- Adopt resolution to continue Metropolitan's Water Standby Charge for fiscal year 2023/24

The Committee will hear one information item:

- Renewal Status of Metropolitan's Property and Casualty Insurance Program' subject has been updated

The Committee will hear one committee item:

- Quarterly Financial Report

Lastly, the Committee will hear the management reports:

- Chief Financial Officer's Report
- General Auditor's Report
- Real Property Group Manager's Report

j. Subject: Report from Legal and Claims Committee

Presented by: Committee Vice Chair Garza

Committee Vice Chair Garza announced the Committee will hear a report on the General Counsel's monthly activities; and the Committee will hear reports on the following items and consider authorizing increases in the maximum accounts payable under contract with:

- Thompson, Coburn LLP by \$200,000 to an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for legal services related to state and federal energy regulatory and contractual matters; and
- Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP by \$150,000 to an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for legal services in the lawsuit, *Joshua Rivers v. Metropolitan*

The Committee will also consider approving changes to the Administrative Code to clarify provisions relating to Board committees and the role of the Vice Chairs of the Board, to delete references to certain Ad Hoc Committees, and to correct the pay grade for Board Executive Secretary due to elimination of the job title of Board Administrator.

k. Subject: Report from Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee



Presented by: Dee Zinke, Assistant General Manager, External Affairs

Assistant General Manager Zinke announced that the Committee will consider two board reports:

- Update on legislative bond proposals to provide funding to address impacts of climate change, including AB 1567 (Garcia) and SB 867 (Allen) (changed from a consent item to an oral report)
- Update on water conservation advertising and outreach

The Committee will hear the three standard Committee items, including:

- Reports on activities from Washington D.C.
- Report on activities from Sacramento
- External Affairs Management Report

- i. Subject: Report from One Water and Stewardship Committee  
Presented by: Committee Chair Quinn

Committee Chair Quinn announced that the Committee will hear a report from the Subcommittee on Bay-Delta.

The Committee will consider one consent item and three action items:

- Review and consider the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's approved amended Mitigated Negative Declaration and authorize up to \$79 million for additional project costs and authorize the General Manager to amend and extend the term of the High Desert Water Bank Program agreement with the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency
- Adopt a resolution to support an approximately \$19,740,000 grant application to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy to develop a multi-benefit landscape opportunity on Webb Tract, and authorize the General Manager to accept the grant if awarded
- Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Western Municipal Water District, Rubidoux Community Services District, West Valley Water District, and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District to deliver water to Western's service area through facilities not owned by Metropolitan or Western
- Review the General Manager's determination to initiate the Cyclic Cost-Offset Program effective April 15, 2023, and determine whether to suspend the Cyclic Cost-Offset Program initiated by the General Manager

The Committee will consider the following four Committee items:

- Review of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Colorado River Interim Guidelines

- Science update: Salmon update
- Annual Climate Action Plan and Update on Climate Vulnerability and Risk
- Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management

Lastly, three management reports:

- Colorado River Management Manager's report
- Bay-Delta Manager's report
- Water Resource Management Manager's report

### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

#### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting for March 28, 2023.

Chair Ortega asked Directors if there were any comments or discussion on the minutes of March 28, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting. None were made.

- B. Approve draft Committee and board meeting agendas, and schedule for May 2023.

Chair Ortega announced that an action item would be added to the May agendas. The Board will consider passing a resolution supporting Cathy Green as the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) President. Ms. Green is currently the Vice President of ACWA.

Chair Ortega asked Directors if there were any comments, additions, or corrections to the May 2023 draft packet.

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

#### **Director(s)**

1. Luna
2. Ramos
3. Repenning

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

- C. Create an ad hoc subcommittee of three members and two alternates that will serve for a period of one year to address substantiated findings of violations determined as a result of Equal Employment Opportunity investigations against a director or Department Head, pursuant to Administrative Code section 2416(f) (5); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

The Committee will create an Ad Hoc Committee of three members and two alternates that will serve for a period of one year to address substantiated findings of violations determined as a result of equal employment opportunity investigations against a Director or Department Head, pursuant to the Administrative Code Section 2416(f)(5).

The members of the Ad Hoc Committee will be Nancy Sutley, Marsha Ramos, and Gail Goldberg. The alternative members will be Juan Garza and Tana McCoy.

## **5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

Chair Ortega called for the vote on Items 4A, 4B, and 4C.

Director Pressman made a motion, seconded by Director McCoy to approve the consent calendar Items 4A, 4B, and 4C as listed.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Camacho, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Gray, Luna, McCoy, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn, Ramos, Repenning, Smith, and Sutley.

Noes: None

Abstentions:

Absent: Cordero and Jung

The motion for Items 4A, 4B, and 4C passed by a vote of 15 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 2 absent.

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

## **6. OTHER COMMITTEE ITEMS – ACTION**

None

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

Director(s)

1. Smith

Chair Ortega responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

Board staff announced that the vote displayed showed Director Cordero as a voting member and would be removed.

## 7. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS

### a. Labor Negotiations Update

[Conference with labor negotiators; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6. Metropolitan representatives: Debra S. Gill, Human Resources Group Manager, Gifty J. Beets, Human Resources Section Manager of Labor Relations. Employee organization: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Supervisors Association].

Chair Ortega called the meeting into closed session to hear Agenda Item 7a, Labor Negotiations Update.

The meeting returned to open session at 12:20 p.m. Chair Ortega stated that no action was taken in closed session.

### b. Discussion of Committee and Board meeting schedule

Chair Ortega made opening remarks and opened the floor for discussion.

#### Director(s)

1. Smith

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

Jung entered the meeting after roll call (using AB2449).

### c. Parliamentary Procedures Training

Chair Ortega called upon Board Secretary Fong-Sakai to discuss parliamentary procedures.

#### Director(s)

1. Fong-Sakai

Chair Ortega introduced Sally F. Lamacchia, Esquire and Owner of Prime Parliamentary Services to discuss and train the Committee on parliamentary procedures.

The following Director(s) participated in the training.

#### Director(s)

1. Erdman
2. Ramos
3. Quinn
4. Smith

5. Repenning
6. McCoy
7. Ortega
8. Fong-Sakai
9. Faessel
10. Ackerman
11. Garza
12. Morris
13. Miller
14. Pressman
15. Armstrong
16. Luna

Ms. Lamacchia responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

#### **8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

#### **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Adán Ortega, Jr.  
Chair of the Board

**Revised Draft**

**June 12 & 13, 2023**

**Board and Committee**

**Meetings**

**Agenda Packet**



**The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## BOARD UPDATES

### Revised Schedule of Meetings – June 2023

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#### Monday, June 12

- 8:30 a.m. Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee
- ~~10:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Public Affairs Engagement~~
- 10:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities
- 12:30 p.m. Break
- 1:00 p.m. Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee
- 3:00 p.m. One Water and Stewardship Committee

*\*Subcommittee on Public Affairs Engagement cancelled*

#### Tuesday, June 13

- 8:30 a.m. Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee
- 10:30 a.m. Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee
- 12:30 p.m. Break
- 1:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee

#### Monday, June 19

*Juneteenth – District Offices Closed*

#### Tuesday, June 27

- 8:30 a.m. Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee (Workshop)
- 10:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Audits
- 10:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance
- 12:30 p.m. Break
- 1:00 p.m. Executive Committee
- 2:00 p.m. Board Workshop Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling

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M. Petersen, Vice Chair  
D. Alvarez  
M. Camacho  
A. Chacon  
B. Dennstedt  
S. Faessel  
L. Fong-Sakai  
R. Lefevre  
J. McMillan  
C. Miller  
J. Morris  
G. Peterson  
T. Quinn  
K. Seckel  
T. Smith

## **Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**June 12, 2023**

**8:30 a.m.**

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10:30 a.m. DMCP  
12:30 p.m. Break  
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## **2. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

NONE

## **\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION \*\***

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for May 8, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) 21-2171**

TBD



#### 4. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

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| <b>7-1</b> | Authorize agreements with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. and CDM Smith Inc., each in an amount not to exceed \$800,000, for water desalination studies in Metropolitan's service area; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA  | <b>21-2277</b> |
| <br>       |  |                |
| <b>7-2</b> | Amend the Capital Investment Plan for fiscal years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 to include three projects: (1) Jensen Administration Building column panel replacement; (2) Skinner chemical storage tanks replacement; and (3) Auld Valley and Red Mountain Control Structures upgrade; and award a \$281,900 contract to MMJ Contracting, Inc. to replace the existing entrance column panels at the Jensen Administration Building; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA | <b>21-2281</b> |

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

#### 5. **OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

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| <b>8-1</b> | Authorize on-call agreements with Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc., Lee & Ro, Inc., and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., in amounts not to exceed \$10 million each, for a maximum of five years for engineering services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA | <b>21-2279</b> |
| <br>       |  |                |
| <b>8-2</b> | Award a \$16,490,000 contract to J. F. Shea Construction, Inc. to replace equipment storage buildings at three Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA  | <b>21-2280</b> |

#### 6. **BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

#### 7. **COMMITTEE ITEMS**

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|-----------|---|----------------|
| <b>a.</b> | Metropolitan's Dam Safety Program                                     | <b>21-2318</b> |
| <b>b.</b> | Capital Investment Plan Quarterly Report for Period Ending March 2023 | <b>21-2303</b> |

#### 8. **MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

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| <b>a.</b> | Water System Operations Manager's Report | <b>21-2172</b> |
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| b. | Engineering Services Manager's Report   | <b>21-2173</b> |
| c. | Information Technology Manager's Report | <b>21-2174</b> |

## **9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

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J. Abdo  
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### **\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION \*\***

2. **CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

### **\*\* END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS\*\***

3. **SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Update on Local Resources Program 21-2322
- b. Conservation Update 21-2323

TBD

**4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

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## LRA&C Committee

F. Jung, Chair  
A. Kassakhian, Vice Chair  
J. Abdo  
L. Ackerman  
B. Dennstedt  
A. Fellow  
J. Garza  
G. Gray  
M. Luna  
J. McMillan  
T. Phan  
B. Pressman  
M. Ramos  
T. Smith

## **Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**June 12, 2023**

**1:00 p.m.**

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## **Monday, June 12, 2023 Meeting Schedule**

**08:30 a.m. EOT  
10:30 a.m. DMCP  
12:30 p.m. Break  
01:00 p.m. LRAC  
03:00 p.m. OWS**

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## **\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION \*\***

## **2. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

- a. Report from Subcommittee on Public Affairs Engagement

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee for May 8, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2182**

TBD

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**\*\* END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS \*\*****5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-5** Express support, if amended, on AB 1567 (Garcia) and SB 867 (Allen), legislative bond proposals to provide funding for water projects to address climate change impacts; the General Manager has determined that the action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-2292**

**6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**7. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a.** Presentation on Regional Survey of Public Attitudes on Water Issues; Presented by President and CEO of EMC Research, Ruth Bernstein **21-2319**
- b.** Update on Inspection Trips **21-2311**
- c.** Update on Community Partnering Program **21-2312**
- d.** Report on Activities from Washington, D.C. **21-2313**
- e.** Report on activities from Sacramento **21-2314**

**8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a.** External Affairs Management Report **21-2181**

**9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****11. ADJOURNMENT**

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## **OW&S Committee**

T. Quinn, Chair  
S. Faessel, Vice Chair  
L. Ackerman  
D. Alvarez  
J. Armstrong  
A. Chacon  
G. Cordero  
D. De Jesus  
D. Erdman  
L. Fong-Sakai  
S. Goldberg  
C. Kurtz  
R. Lefevre  
C. Miller  
M. Petersen  
G. Peterson  
N. Sutley

## **One Water and Stewardship Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**June 12, 2023**

**3:00 p.m.**

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## **1. Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee on matters within the committee's jurisdiction (As required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))**

## **2. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

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|----|--|----------------|
| a. | Report from Subcommittee on Bay-Delta  | <b>21-2191</b> |
| b. | Report from Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities | <b>21-2192</b> |

## **\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION \*\***

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

TBD



- a. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Stewardship Committee for May 8, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2180**

#### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-7 By a two-thirds vote, authorize payment of up to \$932,800 for support of the Colorado River Board and Six Agency Committee for FY 2023/24; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-2284**
- 7-8 Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Delta Smelt and Native Species Preservation Project and take related CEQA actions **21-2286**

#### **\*\* END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS \*\***

#### **5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-3 Review and consider the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's approved amended Mitigated Negative Declaration and authorize up to \$79 million for additional project costs and authorize the General Manager to amend and extend the term of the High Desert Water Bank Program agreement with the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency **21-2283**
- 8-4 Authorize the General Manager to: (1) enter into an agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to create Colorado River system water for Lake Mead from 2023 through 2026 using funds provided by the federal government; and (2) forebear up to 268,500 acre-feet; and adopt CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the conservation efforts that are the subject of the proposed action were previously addressed in various CEQA documents and related actions, and that no further CEQA review is required **21-2285**

#### **6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

#### **7. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Update on Metropolitan's Groundwater Storage and Delivery Programs **21-2304**
- b. Update on Stormwater 2023 **21-2306**
- c. Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management **21-2305**

## **8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

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| a. | Colorado River Manager's Report            | <b>21-2177</b> |
| b. | Bay-Delta Manager's Report                 | <b>21-2178</b> |
| c. | Water Resource Management Manager's Report | <b>21-2179</b> |

## **9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

## **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

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## **FAIRP Committee**

T. Smith, Chair  
L. Dick, Vice Chair  
D. Alvarez  
J. Armstrong  
R. Atwater  
A. Chacon  
D. De Jesus  
B. Dennstedt  
L. Fong-Sakai  
C. Miller  
M. Petersen  
B. Pressman  
T. Quinn  
K. Seckel

## **Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**June 13, 2023**

**8:30 a.m.**

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**08:30 a.m. FAIRP  
10:30 a.m. EOP  
12:30 p.m. Break  
01:00 p.m. BOD  
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## **2. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

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|-----------|---|----------------|
| <b>A.</b> | Report from Subcommittee on Audits  | <b>21-2185</b> |
| <b>B.</b> | Report from Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling | <b>21-2186</b> |

## **\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION \*\***

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee Meeting for May 9, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2190**

#### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-3** Approve up to XX to purchase insurance coverage for Metropolitan's Property and Casualty Insurance Program for fiscal year 2023/24; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-2287**
- 7-4** Approve Metropolitan's Statement of Investment Policy for fiscal year 2023/24, delegate authority to the Treasurer to invest Metropolitan's funds for fiscal year 2023/24; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-2288**
- 7-5** Authorize the General Manager to execute six lease amendments and two new license agreements with various landowners or site operators for the installation and upgrade of telecommunication equipment and changes in the premises at existing telecom sites known as Edom Hill, Vidal Junction, Crossman Peak, Las Vegas Junction, Searchlight, Christmas Tree, Black Peak, and to commence occupying a new site known as Super Nap. These agreements are to facilitate the implementation of Metropolitan's Desert-Wide-Area Network Upgrade Project. The subject telecom sites are located in Riverside (659-260-030), San Bernardino (xxxxxxxx), Mohave (113-02-003), Clark (190-15-000-001; 243-34-501-019; 259-00-001-001; 176-01-801-043) and La Paz (311-01-006) Counties with the respective Assessor Parcel Numbers in parenthesis [Missing CEQA] **21-2290**
- 7-6** Authorize the General Manager to grant a permanent easement to Eastern Municipal Water District for the construction and operation of a pipeline northeast of Diamond Valley Lake in the city of Hemet within Assessor Parcel Numbers 464-250-002, 464-250-003, 454-270-020 and 454-270-032; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt and not subject to CEQA **21-2291**

#### **\*\* END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS \*\***

#### **5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

#### **6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

TBD

- 9-2 Introduction of Ordinance 152 21-2289

## 7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Quarterly Investment Activities Report 21-2310
- b. Annexation Policies within Metropolitan's Current Boundaries. 21-2324  
[ADDED 5/18/23]

## 8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Chief Financial Officer's Report 21-2187
- b. General Auditor's Report 21-2188
- c. Real Property Group Manager's Report 21-2189

## 9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

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## **EO&P Committee**

M. Ramos, Chair  
T. Phan, Vice Chair  
M. Camacho  
G. Cordero  
D. Erdman  
S. Faessel  
L. Fong-Sakai  
F. Jung  
A. Kassakhian  
J. McMillan  
N. Sutley

## **Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**June 13, 2023**

**10:30 a.m.**

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### **\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION \*\***

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee for April 11, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2193**

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

TBD

**\*\* END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS \*\*****4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-6** Approve entering into 2022-2026 Memorandum of Understanding between The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and The Supervisors Association of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with Labor Negotiators; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code 54957.6. Metropolitan representatives: Debra S. Gill, Human Resources Group Manager, Gifty J. Beets, Human Resources Section Manager of Labor Relations. Employee organization: The Supervisors Association of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California] **21-2302**

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a.** Ethics Office Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 **21-2308**
- b.** Contractors Code of Conduct **21-2309**
- c.** Update on Apprenticeship Program **21-2307**

**7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a.** Ethics Officer's Report **21-2194**
- b.** Human Resources Manager's Report **21-2195**
- c.** Equal Employment Opportunity Officer's Report **21-2196**

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****10. ADJOURNMENT**

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## Board of Directors - Draft

June 13, 2023

12:00 PM

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## 1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: TBD
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: TBD

## 2. Roll Call

## 3. Determination of a Quorum

## 4. COMMUNITY REFLECTIONS

- a. TBD 21-2278

## 5. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction. (As required by Gov. Code §54954.3(a))

## 6. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

- A. Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense 21-2199
- B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report 21-2200

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| C. | General Manager's summary of activities | 21-2201 |
| D. | General Counsel's summary of activities | 21-2202 |
| E. | General Auditor's summary of activities | 21-2203 |
| F. | Ethics Officer's summary of activities  | 21-2204 |

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

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

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| A. | Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for May 9, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) | 21-2198 |
| B. | Approve Committee Assignments   |         |

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

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| 7-1 | Authorize agreements with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. and CDM Smith Inc., each in an amount not to exceed \$800,000, for water desalination studies in Metropolitan's service area; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT)  | 21-2277 |
| 7-2 | Amend the Capital Investment Plan for fiscal years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 to include three projects: (1) Jensen Administration Building column panel replacement; (2) Skinner chemical storage tanks replacement; and (3) Auld Valley and Red Mountain Control Structures upgrade; and award a \$281,900 contract to MMJ Contracting, Inc. to replace the existing entrance column panels at the Jensen Administration Building; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) | 21-2281 |
| 7-3 | Approve up to XX to purchase insurance coverage for Metropolitan's Property and Casualty Insurance Program for fiscal year 2023/24; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAIRP)   | 21-2287 |
| 7-4 | Approve Metropolitan's Statement of Investment Policy for fiscal year 2023/24, delegate authority to the Treasurer to invest Metropolitan's funds for fiscal year 2023/24; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAIRP)  | 21-2288 |

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| <b>7-5</b> | <p>Authorize the General Manager to execute six lease amendments and two new license agreements with various landowners or site operators for the installation and upgrade of telecommunication equipment and changes in the premises at existing telecom sites known as Edom Hill, Vidal Junction, Crossman Peak, Las Vegas Junction, Searchlight, Christmas Tree, Black Peak, and to commence occupying a new site known as Super Nap. These agreements are to facilitate the implementation of Metropolitan's Desert-Wide-Area Network Upgrade Project. The subject telecom sites are located in Riverside (659-260-030), San Bernardino (xxxxxxx), Mohave (113-02-003), Clark (190-15-000-001; 243-34-501-019; 259-00-001-001; 176-01-801-043) and La Paz (311-01-006) Counties with the respective Assessor Parcel Numbers in parenthesis [Missing CEQA] (FAIRP)</p> | <b>21-2290</b> |
| <b>7-6</b> | <p>Authorize the General Manager to grant a permanent easement to Eastern Municipal Water District for the construction and operation of a pipeline northeast of Diamond Valley Lake in the city of Hemet within Assessor Parcel Numbers 464-250-002, 464-250-003, 454-270-020 and 454-270-032; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt and not subject to CEQA (FAIRP)</p>   | <b>21-2291</b> |
| <b>7-7</b> | <p>By a two-thirds vote, authorize payment of up to \$932,800 for support of the Colorado River Board and Six Agency Committee for FY 2023/24; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS)</p>   | <b>21-2284</b> |
| <b>7-8</b> | <p>Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Delta Smelt and Native Species Preservation Project and take related CEQA actions (OWS)</p>   | <b>21-2286</b> |

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

## **9. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

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| <b>8-1</b> | <p>Authorize on-call agreements with Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc., Lee &amp; Ro, Inc., and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., in amounts not to exceed \$10 million each, for a maximum of five years for engineering services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT)</p> | <b>21-2279</b> |
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| <b>8-2</b> | Award a \$16,490,000 contract to J. F. Shea Construction, Inc. to replace equipment storage buildings at three Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT)   | <b>21-2280</b> |
| <b>8-3</b> | Review and consider the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's approved amended Mitigated Negative Declaration and authorize up to \$79 million for additional project costs and authorize the General Manager to amend and extend the term of the High Desert Water Bank Program agreement with the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (OWS)   | <b>21-2283</b> |
| <b>8-4</b> | Authorize the General Manager to: (1) enter into an agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to create Colorado River system water for Lake Mead from 2023 through 2026 using funds provided by the federal government; and (2) forebear up to 268,500 acre-feet; and adopt CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the conservation efforts that are the subject of the proposed action were previously addressed in various CEQA documents and related actions, and that no further CEQA review is required (OWS)   | <b>21-2285</b> |
| <b>8-5</b> | Express support, if amended, on AB 1567 (Garcia) and SB 867 (Allen), legislative bond proposals to provide funding for water projects to address climate change impacts; the General Manager has determined that the action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LRAC)   | <b>21-2292</b> |
| <b>8-6</b> | Approve entering into 2022-2026 Memorandum of Understanding between The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and The Supervisors Association of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with Labor Negotiators; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code 54957.6. Metropolitan representatives: Debra S. Gill, Human Resources Group Manager, Gifty J. Beets, Human Resources Section Manager of Labor Relations. Employee organization: The Supervisors Association of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California] (EOP) | <b>21-2302</b> |

## **10. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

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| <b>9-1</b> | Conservation Program Board Report     | <b>21-2197</b> |
| <b>9-2</b> | Introduction of Ordinance 152 (FAIRP) | <b>21-2289</b> |

## **11. OTHER MATTERS**

NONE

## **12. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

## **13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

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# 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.

## **EI&A Committee**

T. McCoy, Chair  
G. Cordero, Vice Chair  
D. De Jesus  
L. Dick  
A. Fellow  
L. Fong-Sakai  
J. Garza  
G. Gray  
M. Luna  
B. Pressman  
N. Sutley

## **Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee - Draft**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**June 13, 2023**

**3:00 p.m.**

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## **Tuesday, June 13, 2023 Meeting Schedule**

**08:30 a.m. FAIRP  
10:30 a.m. EOP  
12:30 p.m. Break  
01:00 p.m. BOD  
03:00 p.m. EIA**

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- 1. Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee on matters within the committee's jurisdiction (As required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))**

### **\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION \*\***

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee for May 8, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2176**

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

TBD

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

#### 4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

## 5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

## 6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. DEI Assessment Report** **21-2315**

## 7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager's Report** **21-2175**

## 8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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Executive Committee

# Update on Draft SEIS for Colorado River Interim Guidelines

Item 7a  
May 23, 2023



Executive Committee

# Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) uses the 2007 Interim Guidelines to manage operation of Lake Powell/Glen Canyon Dam and Lake Mead/Hoover Dam

## SEIS Background

- Spring 2022: Lake Powell and Lake Mead decline to lowest elevations since initial filling
- June 2022: Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner calls for 2-4 maf in annual reductions
- August 2022: Congress appropriates \$4 billion in Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) for drought mitigation
- November 2022: Reclamation initiates process to change 2007 Interim Guidelines through SEIS
- April 2023: Reclamation publishes draft SEIS
- May 2023: 7-States request Reclamation pause comment deadline and analyze Lower Basin Plan and Reclamation agrees to temporarily withdraw SEIS to perform analysis

PIO Meeting

## Draft SEIS Alternatives

The Draft SEIS notes the alternatives submitted by the Colorado River Basin States but developed its own alternatives for analysis in this SEIS process

## Three Alternatives Analyzed

- **Alternative 1:** reduces deliveries in the Lower Basin according to priority
- **Alternative 2:** reduces deliveries to all Lower Basin water users on a pro-rata basis
- No Action Alternative
- Draft SEIS did not identify a preferred alternative

# Next Step in the SEIS Process

## Lower Basin Plan Announced

- Reclamation to analyze impacts of Lower Basin Plan
- States and water users to develop implementing agreements

## Final SEIS & Record of Decision

- Public Comment
- Revised draft SEIS
- Board authorization of implementing agreements

# Lower Basin Plan Terms

Lower Basin Plan does not require the Secretary to unilaterally exercise her authorities to implement reductions or contemplate any waiver of those authorities

## New Conservation

- Minimum of 3 million acre-feet (maf) of system conservation in 2023-2026
  - At least 1.5 maf by end of 2024
- New conservation up to 2.3 maf will be federally compensated under IRA
  - Compensated conservation will be mandatory, enforceable, measurable, verifiable, and non-retrievable

# Lower Basin Plan Terms

Existing shortage and DCP contribution obligations under the 2007 Interim Guidelines, Lower Basin DCP, and Treaty Minute 323 will remain in place

## New Conservation, cont'd

- The remaining new conservation may be compensated or uncompensated
  - All or a portion of this may be offset with ICS created in 2023-2026
    - ICS designated as meeting the new conservation goal cannot be delivered, transferred, or assigned before December 31, 2026
    - Due to the limitation on ICS storage space, some DCP ICS will become system water, which is an uncompensated addition of system water

# Lower Basin Plan Terms

Glen Canyon Dam operations will be consistent with the existing 2007 Interim Guidelines and the DCPs

## Protection Elevations

- Reclamation may act independently to protect
  - Lake Mead elevation 1,000 feet
  - Lake Powell elevation 3,500 feet
- Annual releases from Glen Canyon Dam may be reduced to protect Lake Powell elevation 3,500 feet to no less than 6.0 maf, under specified conditions





**EXECUTIVE**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**May 23, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.**  
**MWD Headquarters Building/Teleconference Meeting**

**NON-INTEREST DISCLOSURE NOTICE**  
**COMMITTEE ITEM 7.b.**

COMMITTEE ITEM 7.b. – Labor Negotiations Update [Conference with labor negotiators; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6. Metropolitan representatives: Katano Kasaine, Assistant General Manager, Chief Financial Officer and Gifty J. Beets, Human Resources Section Manager of Labor Relations. Employee organization: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Supervisors Association]

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