

# 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  
N. Sutley, 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

## **Executive Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**July 25, 2023**

**1:00 p.m.**

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## **Tuesday, July 25, 2023 Meeting Schedule**

**08:30 a.m. PAE  
10:00 a.m. EIA  
12:30 p.m. Break  
01:00 p.m. Exec  
02:15 p.m. BOD WKSP  
- Bay-Delta**

**MWD Headquarters Building • 700 N. Alameda Street • Los Angeles, CA 90012**

**Teleconference Locations:**

**2936 Triunfo Canyon • Agoura Hills, CA 91301**

**MWD Sacramento Office • 1121 L Street, Suite 900 • Sacramento, CA 95814**

**Fullerton City Hall Council Chambers • 303 W. Commonwealth Avenue • Fullerton, CA 92832**

**3008 W. 82nd Place • Inglewood, CA 90305**

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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. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS**
  - a. Chair's Report

Quarterly Report of International Travel First and Second [21-2579](#)  
Quarter of 2023 (January - June 2023)

**Attachments:** [07252023 Exec 2A Quarterly International Travel Report Jan-June 2023.pdf](#)

- b. General Manager's report of Metropolitan activities
- c. General Counsel's report of Metropolitan activities
- 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 Communications Committee
- l. Report from One Water and Stewardship Committee

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of [21-2543](#)  
June 27, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any  
additions, corrections, or omissions)

**Attachments:** [07252023 Exec 3A \(06272023\) Minutes](#)

- B. Approve draft Committee and Board meeting agendas, and [21-2352](#)  
schedule for August 2023

**Attachments:** [07252023 Draft August Packet](#)

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

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

**5. OTHER COMMITTEE ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**7. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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## Quarterly Report of International Travel First and Second Quarter of 2023 (January - June 2023)

This report summarizes all international travel that was approved pursuant to Metropolitan's Administrative Code section 6325, which requires the Chair of the Board to report quarterly to the Executive Committee on all approved international travel .

Travel Date	Location	Director/Staff*	Purpose	Date Approved by GM	Date Reported to or Approved by Board Chair
May – September 2023	Gouda, Netherlands	Potential travelers: Mario Toner, Glenn Duenas, Kevin Kearns, Eric Freeman, John Treadwell	Greg Avenue pumping plant station check valve procurement: Prefabrication meeting, In-Process Inspection and Final Inspections of 30-Inch s/s check Valve (2 trips 2-staff per trip)	May 3, 2023	July 17, 2023
May – September 2023	San Luis Rio Colorado, Mexico	Potential travelers: Humberto Duran Robert Roy Hugo Rael Javier Garcia Luis Pelayo John Treadwell Valente De la Roza	Santa Monica Feeder relocation K-pipe Fabrication Inspections: Prefabrication meeting, In-Process Inspection and Final Inspections. 30-Inch Diameter K-Pipe (3 total trips- 2 staff per trip)	May 25, 2023	July 17, 2023
May 2023 – October 2024	Osaka, Japan	Potential traveler s: Spideh Shirkhani Moore Chung Javier Garcia Humberto Duran Hugo Rael John Treadwell Rob Roy Luis Pelayo	Wadsworth Bypass Pipeline, Inland Feeder-Rialto Pipeline intertie, Badlands tunnel isolation surge tanks butterfly valves procurement: Prefabrication meeting, In-Process Inspection and Final Inspections (7 trips and 13 staff total)	May 24, 2023	July 17, 2023
May 4-13, 2023	Berlin, Germany	Adel Hagekhalil	Attend the Global Water Summit to speak and represent Metropolitan	Approved By Board Chair	April 4, 2023

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June 9-12, 2023	Toronto, Canada	Shane Chapman	Attend the Water Research Foundation (WRF) Board of Directors meeting and the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) Board of Directors meeting, Shane is on the board.	April 24, 2024	July 17, 2023
June 7-15, 2023	Toronto, Canada	Heather Collins	American Water Works Association (AWWA) 2023 Annual Conference and Exposition. (Hotel and registration paid by AWWA	May 23, 2023	July 17, 2023

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# THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## MINUTES

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**June 27, 2023**

Vice Chair Camacho called the meeting to order at 1:51 p.m.

Vice Chair Camacho welcomed guest Dawn Roth Lindell, General Manager, Burbank Water and Power to participate in the Committee meeting with the exception of voting.

Vice Chair Camacho announced at this time that we do not have any Directors participating in the meeting using AB 2449. We have members participating on Zoom, so we will complete a verbal roll call of committee members.

Members present: Directors Abdo, Camacho, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, McCoy, Ortega (teleconference posted location), Pressman, Quinn, Ramos, Smith, and Sutley.

Members absent: Directors Cordero, Gray, Jung, Luna, and Repenning.

Other Board members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Dennstedt, Dick, Faessel, Garza, Kurtz, Morris, Peterson, and Seckel

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

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

	Name	Affiliation	Item
1.	Darcy Burke	Director, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	Desalination feasibility study, deferment

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

Vice Chair Camacho called on Jolene Ditmar, Associate Environmental Specialist, SRI Group and Chair of the Resources Committee for Pride to present the item.

### 3. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Vice Chair Camacho

Vice Chair Camacho reported on the following:

- Extended the invitation to the Mujeres De La Tierra Reception honoring Latina and Latino Water Pioneers and Leaders on June 29, 2023
- Department Head Evaluations are due July 24, 2023

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

Presented by: General Manager Adel Hagekhalil

General Manager Hagekhalil reported on the following:

- Reported on the Safety Fair at Gene Camp.
- Reported on the Metropolitan events celebrating Pride Month.
- Acknowledge Eid-al-Adha Holiday.
- Reported on the grant to the Sanitation Districts from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to support the clean-up of the future Pure Water facility.
- Update on Metropolitan credit ratings.
- Updated on Assembly Bill 1572.

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

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia L. Scully

General Counsel Scully reported on the following:

- Update on the Supreme Court's ruling on the Navajo Nation.

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

Presented by: General Auditor Scott Suzuki

General Auditor Suzuki stated he had nothing to add to his report.

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

Presented by: Ethics Officer Abel Salinas

Ethics Officer Salinas stated he had nothing to add to his report.

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

Presented by: Committee Chair Erdman

Committee Chair Erdman announced that the Committee will hear one subcommittee report:

- Report from Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance.

The Committee will consider the following four consent items:

- Authorize an increase of \$950,000 in change order authority for the contract with W.A. Chester, LLC to terminate 6.9 kV power cables at all five Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants.
- Authorize an increase of \$2 million to an agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$2.65 million for final design of the first stage of security upgrades for the Colorado River Aqueduct Region.
- Award a \$452,886 contract to Best Contracting Services, Inc. for replacement of the administration and warehouse building roofs at the Lake Mathews site.
- Award a \$349,527.80 procurement contract to TechnoFlo Systems Inc. for 50 magnetic flowmeters to comply with surface water diversion regulations on Metropolitan's Delta Island properties.

And one action items:

- Award a \$3,740,792 contract to M.S. Construction Management Group, Inc. for replacement of a portion of the existing fire sprinkler system's piping and network components at Metropolitan's Headquarters Building.

The Committee will consider the following three committee items:

- Update on Water Quality Laboratory Upgrades
- Colorado River Aqueduct Storage Buildings Assessment
- Emergency Management Program Update

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



- g. Subject: Report from Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair McCoy

Committee Chair McCoy announced that the Committee will hear the one committee item:

- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Assessment and Action Plan

Lastly, the Committee will hear the management report

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion 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 consider the following five committee items:

- Contractor Code of Conduct
- Review of confidentiality policies and procedures
- Review of select ethics rules
- Discussion of Department Head Performance and Goal Setting – to be heard in closed session
- Equal Employment Opportunity Statistical Report

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 two Subcommittee reports:

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

The Committee will hear three consent items:

- Adopt Ordinance No. 152: Determining that the Interests of Metropolitan Require the Use of Revenue Bonds in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$500 Million to Finance a Portion of Capital Expenditures and Waive the Full Reading of the Ordinance
- Review and consider the Lead Agency's adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration and take related CEQA actions, and adopt resolution for 114th Fringe Area Annexation to Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan
- Award a \$359,725 contract to Mesa Energy Systems, Inc. for the repair of heating, ventilation and air condition (HVAC) refurbishment of chiller #2 located at the Metropolitan Headquarters building

The Committee will hear one action items:

- General Auditor fiscal year 2023/2024 business plan

The Committee will hear two committee items:

- Overview of Metropolitan's Finances
- Discussion of Department Head Performance and Goal Setting [Public employees' performance evaluations – General Auditor]

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 Chair Sutley

Committee Chair Sutley announced that the Committee will hear a report on the General Counsel's monthly activities;

- The Committee will consider approving an amendment of the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to delete the requirement that matters may not be placed on consent if a roll call vote is required and increase the cost of items that may be placed on the Consent Calendar from \$2 million to \$10 million.
- In closed session, there will be a discussion of Department Head Performance and Goal Setting.

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

Presented by: Interim Board Executive Secretary Hudson

Interim Board Executive Secretary Hudson announced that the Committee will hear one Subcommittee report:

- Report from Subcommittee on Public Affairs Engagement
- Staff will present an item on the Governor's infrastructure trailer bill package.

The Committee will hear three committee items:

- Update on inspection trips
- Reports on activities from Washington D.C.
- Report on activities from Sacramento

Lastly, the Committee will hear one the management report:

- 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 two Subcommittee reports:

- Report from Subcommittee on Bay-Delta
- Report from Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities

The following board action item is removed from consideration:

- 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.

The Committee will consider the following three Committee items:

- Tree Rebate addition to Turf Replacement Program

Lastly, the Committee will hear four management reports:

- Colorado River Management Manager's report
- Bay-Delta Manager's report
- Water Resource Management Manager's report
- Chief Sustainability Resiliency and Innovation Officer's report

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting for May 23, 2023.

Vice Chair Camacho asked Directors if there were any comments or discussion on the minutes of the May 23, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting. None were made.

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

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

None

Vice Chair Camacho called for the vote on Items 4A and 4B.

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

The vote was:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: Fong-Sakai (4A)

Absent: Cordero, Gray, Jung, Luna, and Repenning

The motion for Item 4A passed by a vote of 11 ayes; 0 noes; 1 abstention; and 5 absent.

The motion for Item 4B passed by a vote of 12 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 5 absent.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

**6. OTHER COMMITTEE ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**7. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Michael Camacho  
Vice Chair of the Board

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**August 14-15, 2023**

**Board and Committee**

**Meetings**

**Agenda Packet**



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## BOARD UPDATES

### **DRAFT** Schedule of Meetings – August 2023

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#### **Monday, August 14**

- 9:30 a.m. Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee
- 9:30 a.m. Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee
- 11:30 a.m. Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee
- 1:30 p.m. Break
- 2:00 p.m. One Water and Stewardship Committee

#### **Tuesday, August 15**

- 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
- 2:15 p.m. Subcommittee on Audits

#### **Tuesday, August 22**

- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m. Executive Committee
- 2:15 p.m. Special Board of Directors Meeting

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## **EOT Committee**

D. Erdman, Chair  
M. Camacho, Vice Chair  
D. Alvarez  
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 \*

**August 14, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

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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 July 10, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions)** **21-2388**



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

- |            |   |                |
|------------|---|----------------|
| <b>7-1</b> | Award a \$TBD contract to TBD for urgent relining of three pipe segments on the Sepulveda Feeder; and authorize an increase of: 1) \$280,000 to an agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$TBD and 2) \$240,000 to an agreement with Los Angeles Community College District for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$TBD; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA   | <b>21-2546</b> |
| <b>7-2</b> | Authorize an agreement with Nth Generation Computing, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$367,448 for the Datacenter Backup Infrastructure Upgrade; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA  | <b>21-2549</b> |
| <b>7-3</b> | Authorize an agreement with Computer Aid Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000 to provide staff augmentation support services for the operation and maintenance of the Metropolitan Cybersecurity Operations Center for a period of up to one year; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Consultation with Metropolitan Director of Info Tech Services, Information Technology, Jacob Margolis, or designated agents on threats to public services or facilities; may be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957(a)] | <b>21-2550</b> |
| <b>7-4</b> | Authorize an agreement with General Networks Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$6.6 million for implementation of a cloud-based Enterprise Content Management (ECM) System (ECM Phase II); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA   | <b>21-2551</b> |

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

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

NONE

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

NONE

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

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|-----------|---|----------------|
| <b>a.</b> | Update on use of Alternative Project Delivery for Metropolitan Projects | <b>21-2547</b> |
| <b>b.</b> | Update on Colorado River Aqueduct Electrical Upgrades                   | <b>21-2548</b> |

- c. Reservoir Management Update 21-2553
- d. Emergency Management Program Update 21-2552

## 8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Water System Operations Manager's Report 21-2389
- b. Engineering Services Manager's Report 21-2390
- c. Information Technology Manager's Report 21-2391

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

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

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

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

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee Meeting for July 25, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2372**

### **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**

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|----|--|----------------|
| a. | Panel discussion on Affordability  | <b>21-2561</b> |
| b. | A Survey of Member Agency Programs offered to Disadvantaged Communities as defined in Water Code 79505.5 | <b>21-2562</b> |

### **7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

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|----|---|----------------|
| a. | Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager's Report | <b>21-2373</b> |
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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 \*

**August 14, 2023**

**11:30 a.m.**

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## **Monday, August 14, 2023 Meeting Schedule**

**09:30 a.m. EOT  
09:30 A.m. EIA  
11:30 a.m. LRAC  
01:30 p.m. Break  
02:00 p.m. OWS**

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

2. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

- a. Report from Subcommittee on Public Affairs Engagement **21-2575**

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

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee for July 10, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2377**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

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

NONE

**6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**7. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Update on Water Conservation Outreach, Advertising and Messaging **21-2571**
- b. Report on Activities from Washington, D.C. **21-2380**
- c. Report on activities from Sacramento **21-2379**

**8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a. External Affairs Management Report **21-2381**

**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  
B. Pressman  
N. Sutley

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

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**August 14, 2023**

**2:00 p.m.**

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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 One Water and Stewardship Committee for July 10, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2383**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

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| <b>7-5</b> | Authorize amendments to the Cyclic Cost-Offset Program terms; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA                      | <b>21-2555</b> |
| <b>7-6</b> | Authorize implementation of a tree rebate modification to the Turf Replacement Program; the General Manager has determined that these actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA | <b>21-2557</b> |

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

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| <b>8-2</b> | Review and consider the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's approved amended Mitigated Negative Declaration, authorize up to \$80 million for additional project costs and authorize the General Manager to amend the term of the High Desert Water Bank Program agreement with the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency [MISSING CEQA] | <b>21-2558</b> |
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**6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**7. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

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|-----------|--|----------------|
| <b>a.</b> | Introduction of new Delta Stewardship Council member: Maria Mehranian            | <b>21-2554</b> |
| <b>b.</b> | State Water Contractors: Purpose and Benefits (Jennifer Pierre, General Manager) | <b>21-2574</b> |
| <b>c.</b> | Update on Conservation   | <b>21-2559</b> |

**8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

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| <b>a.</b> | Colorado River Manager's Report                                  | <b>21-2384</b> |
| <b>b.</b> | Bay-Delta Manager's Report                                       | <b>21-2385</b> |
| <b>c.</b> | Water Resource Management Manager's Report                       | <b>21-2386</b> |
| <b>d.</b> | Chief Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation Officer's Report | <b>21-2560</b> |

**9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE



## **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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## **FAIRP Committee**

T. Smith, Chair  
L. Dick, Vice Chair  
D. Alvarez  
J. Armstrong  
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 \*

**August 15, 2023**

**8:30 a.m.**

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## **2. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

NONE

## **3. OTHER MATTERS**

**6G** Report on list of certified assessed valuations for fiscal year **21-2566**  
2023/24 and tabulation of assessed valuations, percentage  
participation, and vote entitlement of member agencies as of  
August 15, 2023

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

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

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance, Audit, Insurance, and Real Property Committee Meeting for July 11, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2367**

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**\*\* END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS \*\*****6. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1 Adopt Resolution establishing the Ad Valorem tax rate for fiscal year 2023/24; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is either exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-2565**

**7. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9-2 Phase 1 Draft Long-Range Finance Plan **21-2567**

**8. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Quarterly Financial Report **21-2568**
- b. Quarterly Investment Activities Report **21-2570**
- c. Staff Analysis of Reserves **21-2569**
- d. Discussion of Department Head Performance and Goal Setting [Public employees' performance evaluations - General Auditor; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957] **21-2576**

**9. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a. Chief Financial Officer's Report **21-2368**
- b. General Auditor's Report **21-2369**
- c. Real Property Group Manager's Report **21-2370**

**10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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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 \*

**August 15, 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 Meeting for July 11, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2393**

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

- 7-7 Approve proposed amendment to Administrative Code section 6471 to increase the amount of the Ethics Officer's authority to obtain professional services for external investigations from \$100,000 to \$250,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA 21-2563

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Monthly Ethics Education 21-2564

**7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a. Ethics Officer's Report 21-2395  
b. Human Resources Manager's Report 21-2396  
c. Equal Employment Opportunity Officer's Report 21-2397

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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## Board of Directors - Hidden

**August 15, 2023**

**1:00 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 21-2353

## 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 21-2354
- B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report 21-2355

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| <b>C.</b> | General Manager's summary of activities  | <b>21-2356</b> |
| <b>D.</b> | General Auditor's summary of activities  | <b>21-2357</b> |
| <b>E.</b> | General Auditor's summary of activities  | <b>21-2358</b> |
| <b>F.</b> | Ethics Officer's summary of activities   | <b>21-2359</b> |
| <b>G.</b> | Report on list of certified assessed valuations for fiscal year 2023/24 and tabulation of assessed valuations, percentage participation, and vote entitlement of member agencies as of August 15, 2023 (FAIRP) | <b>21-2566</b> |
| <b>H.</b> | Presentation of Commendatory Resolution for Director Richard Atwater representing Foothill Municipal Water District  | <b>21-2545</b> |
| <b>I.</b> | Presentation of 20-year Service Pin to Director Larry D. Dick, Municipal Water District of Orange County   | <b>21-2573</b> |

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

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

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| <b>A.</b> | Approval of the Minutes of the Board of the Directors Meeting for July 11, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) | <b>21-2360</b> |
| <b>B.</b> | Approve Commendatory Resolution for Director Heather Repenning representing the City of Los Angeles   | <b>21-2544</b> |
| <b>C.</b> | Approve Committee Assignments   |                |

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

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| <b>7-1</b> | Award a \$TBD contract to TBD for urgent relining of three pipe segments on the Sepulveda Feeder; and authorize an increase of: 1) \$280,000 to an agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$TBD and 2) \$240,000 to an agreement with Los Angeles Community College District for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$TBD; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) | <b>21-2546</b> |
|------------|---|----------------|



- 7-2** Authorize an agreement with Nth Generation Computing, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$367,448 for the Datacenter Backup Infrastructure Upgrade; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) **21-2549**
- 7-3** Authorize an agreement with Computer Aid Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000 to provide staff augmentation support services for the operation and maintenance of the Metropolitan Cybersecurity Operations Center for a period of up to one year; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Consultation with Metropolitan Director of Info Tech Services, Information Technology, Jacob Margolis, or designated agents on threats to public services or facilities; may be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957(a)] (EOT) **21-2550**
- 7-4** Authorize an agreement with General Networks Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$6.6 million for implementation of a cloud-based Enterprise Content Management (ECM) System (ECM Phase II); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) **21-2551**
- 7-5** Authorize amendments to the Cyclic Cost-Offset Program terms; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) **21-2555**
- 7-6** Authorize implementation of a tree rebate modification to the Turf Replacement Program; the General Manager has determined that these actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) **21-2557**
- 7-7** Approve proposed amendment to Administrative Code section 6471 to increase the amount of the Ethics Officer's authority to obtain professional services for external investigations from \$100,000 to \$250,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOP) **21-2563**
- 7-8** Approve the nomination and renaming of Metropolitan's Pure Water Southern California Demonstration Plant as the Representative Grace F. Napolitano Pure Water Southern California Innovation Center; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-2572**

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

**9. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1** Adopt Resolution establishing the Ad Valorem tax rate for fiscal year 2023/24; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is either exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAIRP) **21-2565**
- 8-2** Review and consider the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency's approved amended Mitigated Negative Declaration, authorize up to \$80 million for additional project costs and authorize the General Manager to amend the term of the High Desert Water Bank Program agreement with the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency [MISSING CEQA] (OWS) **21-2558**

**10. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9-1** Conservation Program Board Report **21-2361**
- 9-2** Phase 1 Draft Long-Range Finance Plan (FAIRP) **21-2567**

**11. OTHER MATTERS**

NONE **21-2362**

**12. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE **21-2363**

**13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****14. ADJOURNMENT**

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## Audits Committee

D. De Jesus, Chair  
J. D. Armstrong, Vice  
Chair  
F. Jung  
C. M. Miller  
K. Seckel

## **Subcommittee on Audits - Hidden**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

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**2:15 p.m.**

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

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

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Subcommittee on Audits for June 27, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-2582**

## **3. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a.** Discussion on Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP External Auditor Fiscal Year 2022/23 Audit Plan **21-2580**

- b. General Auditor's Strategic Plan

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#### **4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

#### **5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

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