

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Agenda

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Special Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors - Final - Revised 1

Tuesday, August 27, 2024
Meeting Schedule

09:30 a.m. Sp Exec and BOD

August 27, 2024

9:30 AM

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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 the agenda. (As required by Gov. Code §54954.3(a))**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS

5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

- a. Chair's Report
- b. Interim 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

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of July 23, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-3788](#)

Attachments: [08272024 Sp Exec and BOD 6A \(EXEC 07232024\) Minutes](#)

- B. Approve draft Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for September 2024 [21-3789](#)

Attachments: [08272024 Sp Exec and BOD 6B Draft Packet](#)

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

7. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Report on the Colorado River Board Meeting [21-3790](#)
- b. Colorado River Activities [21-3791](#)

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Report, discuss, and provide direction to Audit Subcommittee of the Executive Committee [21-3798](#)

SPECIAL BOARD ITEMS

9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-1** Labor Negotiations Update [Conference with labor negotiators; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6. Metropolitan representative(s): Katano Kasaine, Chief Financial Officer; Gifty Beets, Human Resources Section Manager; Mark Brower, Human Resources Group Manager; Adam Benson, Finance Group Manager; Employee Organization(s): The Employees Association of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California/AFSCME Local 1902; the Management and Professional Employees Associations MAPA/AFSCME Chapter 1001; the Supervisors Association; and the Association of Confidential Employees]. [ADDED ITEM 8/23/2024] **21-3804**

Attachments: [08272024 Sp Exec and BOD 9-1 Non-Interest Disclosure Notice](#)

10. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- a.** Status of investigations and provide direction on potential interim measures; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel—anticipated litigation; based on existing facts and circumstances, including receipt of correspondences containing allegations of serious Equal Employment Opportunity, retaliation, and other violations; there is significant exposure to litigation against Metropolitan; two potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)] **21-3793**
- b.** Review of Department Head Performance Evaluation [Public employee performance evaluation: General Manager, to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957] **21-3799**
- c.** Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release [to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957] **21-3800**

11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. ADJOURNMENT

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 23, 2024

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Chair Ortega called on Director Armstrong, who stated he was participating via teleconference using AB 2449 “just cause” due to contagious illness.

Members present: Directors Abdo, Armstrong (AB2449 Just Cause), Camacho, De Jesus, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Goldberg, Gray (teleconference posted location), Jung (teleconference posted location - entered after roll call), Luna, McCoy, Ortega, Quinn, and Sutley.

Director Armstrong stated that he was alone in the room and appeared on camera.

Members absent: Directors Cordero, Erdman, Pressman, and Smith.

Other Board members present: Directors Ackerman, Dennstedt, Fellow, Lefevre, Lewitt, McMillan, Miller, and Seckel.

Committee staff present: Atkins, Bednarski, Chapman, Salinas, Suzuki, Torres, Upadhyay, Wheeler, and Zinke.

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

	Name	Affiliation	Comment
1.	Caty Wagner	Sierra Club California	Employee Investigation
2.	Margit Chiriaco Rusche	Neighbor of Hinds Plant	Employee Investigation

Director Jung entered the meeting.

2. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

- a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Chair Ortega

Chair Ortega stated that the report on International Travel – Second Quarter 2024, April - June 2024 was posted; a reminded the Board to complete and submit the department head evaluations before July 29, 2024. The department head evaluations will be discussed at the regular board meeting on August 20, 2024.

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

Presented by: Interim General Manager Deven Upadhyay

Interim General Manager Upadhyay reported on the following:

- Impact of the wildfires near Metropolitan facilities
- Security improvements at the Metropolitan headquarters
- Employee appreciation picnic
- General Business Plan for the fiscal year 2024-2025

Senior Board Specialist Atkins announced that during roll call, Director Erdman was marked as present; he is absent for today's meeting.

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

Presented by: Assistant General Counsel Henry Torres

Assistant General Counsel Torres stated he had nothing to add to the report.

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

Presented by: General Auditor 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.

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

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting for June 25, 2024.

Chair Ortega asked the Directors if there were any additions, corrections, or omissions on the minutes of the June 25, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting. None were made.

B. Approve the draft of the Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for August 2024.

Chair Ortega asked if there were any additions or deletions to the August 2024 draft packet.

Chair Ortega reported that at the Ethics, Organization & Personnel Committee, the following items subject has been revised:

- Refresher of Equal Employment Opportunity Investigative procedures for the Board and its direct reports.

Committee Chair Quinn reported that at the One Water and Stewardship Committee, the following items subject has been revised:

- Update on Chino Basin Program Development with Metropolitan and Inland Empire Utilities Agency.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

NONE

Chair Ortega called for the vote on Items 3A and 3B.

Director Camacho made a motion, seconded by Director Sutley, to approve the consent calendar Items 3A and 3B as listed and revised.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Armstrong, Camacho, De Jesus, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Goldberg, Gray, Jung, Luna, McCoy, Ortega, Quinn, and Sutley.

Abstention: None

Recusal: None

Absent: Cordero, Erdman, Pressman, and Smith.

The motion for Item 3A and 3B passed by a vote of 14 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 4 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

5. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Subject: Spotlight on Metropolitan Employee(s) Retiring with over Twenty Years of Service.

NONE

- b. Subject: Report on the Colorado River Board Meeting.

Presented by: Director Cordero

NONE

- c. Subject: Colorado River Activities

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp

Mr. Hasencamp reported on Colorado River activities.

The following Director provided comments or asked questions:

Director(s)

1. Sutley

Staff responded to the Directors' comments and questions.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Committee Vice Chair Fong-Sakai announced the committee discussed the following:

- Global internal audit standard 7.1: Organizational Independence
- General Auditor's Quarterly report
- Discussion on ransomware readiness assessment
- Advisory services: introduction to fraud

The next Audit Subcommittee of the Executive Committee will be in November.

7. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Adán Ortega, Jr.
Chair of the Board

Draft

September 9-10, 2024

Committee and Board

Meeting

Agenda Packet



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

BOARD UPDATES

Schedule of Meetings – September 2024

Monday, September 9

- 9:00 a.m. Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee
- 11:15 a.m. Break
- 11:45 a.m. Legislation and Communications Committee
- 1:15 p.m. Legal and Claims Committee
- 2:15 p.m. One Water and Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, September 10

- 8:30 a.m. Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, September 24

- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m. Executive Committee
- 1:00 p.m. Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee

Wednesday, September 25

- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes (CAMP4W Task Force)

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EOT Committee

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

Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

September 9, 2024

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Monday, September 9, 2024 Meeting Schedule

**09:00 a.m. EOT
11:15 a.m. Break
11:45 a.m. LEG
01:15 p.m. LEGAL
02:15 p.m. OWS**

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

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for August 19, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-3727**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-1 Authorize an agreement with IDS Group Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, for design services to rehabilitate the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system at Metropolitan Headquarters Building; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3721](#)
- 7-2 Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the West Valley Feeder No. 1 Stage 3 Improvements Project and take related CEQA actions [21-3724](#)
- 7-3 Award a \$1,285,000 contract to Resource Environmental Incorporated for abatement and roof replacement of houses at four Colorado River Aqueduct Pumping Plant villages; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3725](#)

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- 8-1 Authorize a \$40 million increase to an existing agreement with J.F. Shea Construction Inc. to purchase long-lead equipment for the Sepulveda Feeder Pump Stations Project, for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$50.4 million; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (This action is part of a series of projects that are being undertaken to improve the supply reliability for State Water Project dependent areas.) [21-3722](#)
- 8-2 Authorize an amended and restated agreement with the Los Angeles County Sanitation District for shared implementation of the advanced water purification facility for Pure Water Southern California; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3723](#)

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Capital Investment Plan quarterly report for period ending June 2024 **21-3730**
- b. Quarterly Cybersecurity Update **21-3731**
[Conference with Metropolitan Director of Info Tech Services, Information Technology, Jacob Margolis, or designated agents on threats to public services or facilities; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957(a)]

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Engineering Services activities **21-3728**
Information Technology activities
Water System Operations activities

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance **21-3729**

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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LEG Committee

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

Legislation and Communications Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

September 9, 2024

11:45 a.m.

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2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Legislation and Communications Committee for August 19, 2024 (copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-3761**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-6 Express support for Proposition 4, The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3760](#)

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

NONE

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Update on Water Conservation Advertising **21-3785**
- b. Report on Activities from Sacramento **21-3763**

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. External Affairs activities **21-3762**

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

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

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L&C Committee

M. Luna, Chair
J. Garza, Vice Chair
M. Camacho
G. Cordero
L. Dick
C. Douglas
A. Fellow
C. Kurtz
T. McCoy
C. Miller
M. Ramos
K. Seckel

Legal and Claims Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

September 9, 2024

1:15 p.m.

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- 2. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- A. General Counsel's report of monthly activities 21-3782

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

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee for August 19, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) 21-3783

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

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

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- 8-3 Report on litigation in Darren A. Reese v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2204312; and authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$TBD for a total amount not to exceed \$TBD; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] [21-3787](#)
- 8-4 Report on Baker Electric, Inc. v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., (Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV15612) regarding Metropolitan's CRA 6.9 kV Power Cables Replacement Project, Contract No. 1915; authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with [CONSULTANT/LAW FIRM], for legal services by \$TBD to an amount not-to-exceed \$TBD; and authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with [CONSULTANT], for consulting services by \$TBD to an amount not-to-exceed \$TBD; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel - existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] [21-3805](#)

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Report on litigation in San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510830, CPF-12-512466, CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, CPF-16-515391, CGC-17-563350, and CPF-18-516389; the appeals of the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case Nos. A146901, A148266, A161144, and A162168, and California Supreme Court Case No. S243500; the petition for extraordinary writ in the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A155310; the petition for extraordinary writ in the second 2016 action, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A154325 and California Supreme Court Case No. S251025; the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California v. San Diego County Water Authority cross-complaints in the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions; and the appeals of the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A170156; including report on discussions regarding potential settlement of the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions, including the cross-complaints and appeals, San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, and CPF-18-516389 and Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A170156; [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] **21-3784**

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OW&S Committee

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S. Faessel, Vice Chair
L. Ackerman
D. Alvarez
J. Armstrong
G. Cordero
D. De Jesus
D. Erdman
L. Fong-Sakai
M. Gold
S. Goldberg
C. Kurtz
R. Lefevre
J. Lewitt
C. Miller
B. Pressman
N. Sutley

One Water and Stewardship Committee - Hidden

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

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Stewardship Committee for August 19, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-3736**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-4 Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the Plumas Community Protection I Forest Resilience Bond LLC, North Feather I Forest Resilience Bond LLC, and Upper Butte Creek I Forest Resilience Bond LLC to establish watershed partnerships and forest health pilot investigations in the Northern Sierra Nevada; each agreement is not to exceed \$200,000 per year for a maximum of two years; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3732](#)

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-2 Proposed Modifications to the Reverse Cyclic Program [21-3734](#)
- 9-3 Information on Approaches for Securing Dry-Year Water Transfers [21-3780](#)

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Update on Webb Tract Rice Development and Wetland Restoration Projects **21-3742**
- b. Update on Conservation as a California Way of Life **21-3743**
- c. Update on Conservation **21-3744**
- d. Update On State Water Project Overview **21-3781**

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Bay-Delta Resources activities **21-3737**
Colorado River Resources activities
Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation activities
Water Resource Management activities

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Meeting 21-3738
- b. Report on Delta Conveyance Finance Authority Meeting 21-3739
- c. Report on the Bay-Delta Ad Hoc Meeting 21-3740

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities 21-3741

10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12. 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.

EO&P Committee

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

Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

September 10, 2024

8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, September 10,
2024**

**08:30 a.m. EOP
11:30 a.m. Break
12:00 p.m. BOD**

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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 August 20, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-3745**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-5 Approve Employee Salary Schedule Pursuant to CalPERS Regulations [CEQA] [21-3748](#)

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

NONE

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. PLACEHOLDER: Response to Public Comment **21-3803**

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Ethics Officer's report on monthly activities **21-3746**
- b. Equal Employment Opportunity activities **21-3747**
Human Resources activities
Safety, Security, and Protection activities

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

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

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Board of Directors - Hidden

September 10, 2024

12:00 PM

Tuesday, September 10, 2024
Meeting Schedule

08:30 a.m. EOP
11:30 a.m. Break
12:00 p.m. BOD

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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. 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))

5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

- A. Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense 21-3713

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| B. | Chair's Monthly Activity Report | 21-3714 |
| C. | Interim General Manager's summary of activities | 21-3715 |
| D. | General Counsel's summary of activities | 21-3716 |
| E. | General Auditor's summary of activities | 21-3717 |
| F. | Ethics Officer's summary of activities | 21-3718 |
| G. | Presentation of 5-year Service Pin to Director Tracy Quinn, City of Los Angeles | 21-3771 |
| H. | Presentation of Commendatory Resolution for Director Judy Abdo representing City of Santa Monica | 21-3786 |

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

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| A. | Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for August 20, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) | 21-3719 |
| B. | Approve Committee Assignments | |

7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

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| 7-1 | Authorize an agreement with IDS Group Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, for design services to rehabilitate the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system at Metropolitan Headquarters Building; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) | <u>21-3721</u> |
| 7-2 | Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the West Valley Feeder No. 1 Stage 3 Improvements Project and take related CEQA actions (EOT) | <u>21-3724</u> |
| 7-3 | Award a \$1,285,000 contract to Resource Environmental Incorporated for abatement and roof replacement of houses at four Colorado River Aqueduct Pumping Plant villages; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) | <u>21-3725</u> |

- 7-4** Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the Plumas Community Protection I Forest Resilience Bond LLC, North Feather I Forest Resilience Bond LLC, and Upper Butte Creek I Forest Resilience Bond LLC to establish watershed partnerships and forest health pilot investigations in the Northern Sierra Nevada; each agreement is not to exceed \$200,000 per year for a maximum of two years; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) [21-3732](#)
- 7-5** Approve Employee Salary Schedule Pursuant to CalPERS Regulations [CEQA] (EOP) [21-3748](#)
- 7-6** Express support for Proposition 4, The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (Leg) [21-3760](#)

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

8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- 8-1** Authorize a \$40 million increase to an existing agreement with J.F. Shea Construction Inc. to purchase long-lead equipment for the Sepulveda Feeder Pump Stations Project, for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$50.4 million; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (This action is part of a series of projects that are being undertaken to improve the supply reliability for State Water Project dependent areas.) (EOT) [21-3722](#)
- 8-2** Authorize an amended and restated agreement with the Los Angeles County Sanitation District for shared implementation of the advanced water purification facility for Pure Water Southern California; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-3723](#)
- 8-3** Report on litigation in Darren A. Reese v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2204312; and authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$TBD for a total amount not to exceed \$TBD; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] (LC) [21-3787](#)

- 8-4** Report on Baker Electric, Inc. v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., (Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV15612) regarding Metropolitan's CRA 6.9 kV Power Cables Replacement Project, Contract No. 1915; authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with [CONSULTANT/LAW FIRM], for legal services by \$TBD to an amount not-to-exceed \$TBD; and authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with [CONSULTANT], for consulting services by \$TBD to an amount not-to-exceed \$TBD; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel - existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] (LC) [21-3805](#)

9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-1** Conservation Report [21-3720](#)
- 9-2** Proposed Modifications to the Reverse Cyclic Program (OWS) [21-3734](#)
- 9-3** Information on Approaches for Securing Dry-Year Water Transfers (OWS) [21-3780](#)

10. OTHER MATTERS

NONE

11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. ADJOURNMENT

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SPECIAL JOINT EXECUTIVE AND BOARD MEETING

August 27, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

MWD Headquarters Building/Teleconference Meeting

**NON-INTEREST DISCLOSURE NOTICE
BOARD ITEM 9-1**

SPECIAL BOARD ITEM Item 9-1 – Labor Negotiations Update [Conference with labor negotiators; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6. Metropolitan representative(s): Katano Kasaine, Chief Financial Officer; Gifty Beets, Human Resources Section Manager; Mark Brower, Human Resources Group Manager; Adam Benson, Finance Group Manager; Employee Organization(s): The Employees Association of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California/AFSCME Local 1902; the Management and Professional Employees Associations MAPA/AFSCME Chapter 1001; the Supervisors Association; and the Association of Confidential Employees.))]

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