

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Agenda

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Exec Committee

A. Ortega, Chair
 M. Camacho, Board Vice Chair
 J. Garza, Board Vice Chair
 S. Goldberg, Board Vice Chair
 N. Sutley, Board Vice Chair
 L. Fong-Sakai, Board Secretary
 J. Armstrong
 C. Douglas
 D. Erdman
 G. Gray, Emeritus
 C. Kurtz
 J. Lewitt
 M. Luna
 T. McCoy
 C. Miller
 B. Pressman
 T. Quinn
 K. Seckel
 D. Alvarez, Alt
 G. Bryant, Alt
 G. Cordero, Alt
 S. Faessel, Alt
 A. Fellow, Alt
 A. Kassakhian, Alt
 M. Katz, Alt
 J. McMillan, Alt
 M. Ramos, Alt

Executive Committee

Meeting with Board of Directors *

March 25, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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Tuesday, March 25, 2025 Meeting Schedule

09:00 a.m. AUDIT 10:30 a.m. EXEC

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

Teleconference Locations:

525 Via La Selva • Redondo Beach, CA 90277

3008 W. 82nd Place • Inglewood, CA 90305

3024 Fairview Drive • Vista, CA 92084

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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
- 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

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

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee of February 25, 2025 [21-4289](#)

Attachments: [03252025 3A \(02252025\) Minutes](#)

- B. Approve draft committee and board meeting agendas and schedule for April 2025 [21-4392](#)

Attachments: [03252025 EXEC 3B April Draft Packet](#)

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

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

5. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 25, 2025

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Members present: Directors Armstrong (teleconference posted location), Camacho, Erdman, Garza, Goldberg, Gray (teleconference posted location), Lewitt (teleconference posted location – entered after roll call), McCoy, McMillan (alternate), Miller (teleconference posted location), Ortega, Pressman, Quinn (entered after roll call), and Sutley.

Members absent: Directors Fong-Sakai and Luna.

Other Board members present: Directors Alvarez, Bryant, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Faessel, Fellow, Kassakhian (entered after roll call), and Kurtz.

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

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

NONE

2. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

a. Subject: Chair's Report

Presented by: Chair Ortega

Chair Ortega reported that the fourth quarter international travel report for 2024 covering October through December has been posted online. In addition, the deadline for committee preferences is approaching.

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

General Manager Upadhyay reported on the 2025 Operating Plan and the GM Business Plan. In addition, the naming of the Michael McGuire Water Quality Lab, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure agency's two-day summit, the SWP allocation, an update on the grant program, and the shutdowns in Metropolitan service areas.

Directors Quinn and Lewitt entered the meeting.

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

Director(s)

1. Dennstedt
2. Sutley
3. Faessel
4. Goldberg
5. Ortega
6. Erdman

General Manager responded to the Directors' comments and questions.

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

General Counsel Scully stated she had nothing to add to the report.

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

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

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

Ethics Officer Salinas stated that the Ethic's Office has a new outside confidential reporting hotline as an alternative to the existing ethics and EEO hotline.

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

Director(s)

1. Ortega

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

- A. Chair Ortega announced the minutes for the Special Executive Committee of July 11, 2023, and the Executive Committee of November 20, 2024 (Agenda Item 3A). No comments.
- B. Approve the draft of the Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for March 2025.

Chair Ortega asked if there were any additions or deletions to the March 2025 draft packet.

Committee Chair Miller reported that at the Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency Committee the following subjects are revised:

- Review and consider the County of Riverside negative declaration and Authorize the General Manager to execute a new ground license agreement with Verizon Wireless for up to 25 years for a new telecommunication site on Metropolitan's fee-owned property in the unincorporated community of Winchester, identified as County of Riverside Assessor Parcel Number 964-030-005; and
- Review and consider the County of Riverside Final Environmental Impact Report, adopt the Lead Agency's findings and authorize the General Manager to execute a thirty-year license agreement with Intersect Power, LLC for renewable energy infrastructure purposes on Metropolitan fee-owned property in the County of Riverside and identified as Assessor Parcel Numbers 808-023-022 and 808-023-030.

The following items have been deferred to May:

- Approve Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency High Desert Groundwater Banking Program Agreement Amendment; and
- Authorize Fleet Financing Program.

Committee Chair Quinn reported that at the One Water and Adaptation Committee the following subjects are revised:

- Authorize the General Manager to terminate six inactive Conjunctive Use Program agreements; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA; and
- Authorize the General Manager to forbear water conserved by two Coachella Valley Water District projects, thus allowing the conserved water to be added to Lake Mead under U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA.

Committee Vice Chair McMillan reported that at the Legal and Claims Committee the following subjects are revised:

- Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to modify the structure and duties of various committees and the roles of specified board and committee officers; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA; and
- Report on litigation in Ryan Tiegs v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2306176; 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)].

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

NONE

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

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

The vote was:

- Ayes: Directors Armstrong, Camacho, Erdman, Garza, Goldberg, Gray, Lewitt, McCoy, McMillan, Miller, Ortega, Pressman, Quinn, and Sutley
- Abstention: None
- Recusal: None
- Absent: Directors Fong-Sakai

The motion for Items 3A and 3B passed by a vote of 14 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstention; and 1 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

5. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Adán Ortega, Jr.
Chair of the Board

Draft

April 7-8, 2025

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 – April 2025

Monday, April 7

- 9:00 a.m. Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee
- 11:00 a.m. Legislation and Communications Committee
- 12:30 p.m. Break
- 1:00 p.m. Organization, Personnel, and Effectiveness Committee
- 2:30 p.m. One Water and Adaptation Committee

Tuesday, April 8

- 8:30 a.m. Finance, Affordability, Asset Management and Efficiency Committee
- 10:15 a.m. Legal and Claims Committee
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. Community and Workplace Culture Committee

Tuesday, April 22

- 9:00 a.m. Audit Committee
- 10:30 a.m. Executive Committee

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EOT Committee

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G. Bryant
J. Crawford
B. Dennstedt
L. Fong-Sakai
J. Lewitt
M. Luna
J. McMillan
C. Miller
M. Petersen
K. Seckel

Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

April 7, 2025

9:00 a.m.

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Meeting Schedule**

**09:00 a.m. EOT
11:00 a.m. LEG
12:30 p.m. Break
01:00 p.m. OPE
02:30 p.m. OWA**

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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 March 10, 2025 **21-4407**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-1 Authorize an increase to a professional services agreement with Grid Subject Matter Experts, LLC for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$1.245 million for electric transmission planning and National Electric Reliability Corporation-related electric reliability compliance services; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4403](#)
- 7-2 Authorize an agreement with Red8 in an amount not to exceed \$850,000 for the implementation of the Data Storage Infrastructure Refresh project; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4197](#)
- 7-3 Authorize an agreement with Metal Toad Media, Inc. for a new fixed cost of \$299,000 per year with a not-to-exceed amount of \$996,200 for the duration of the three-year agreement to host, manage, and maintain Metropolitan's external websites; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4405](#)
- 7-4 Authorize an increase of \$3.3 million to an existing agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$4.99 million for final design of a mechanical dewatering facility at the Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plant; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4406](#)
- 7-5 Authorize an amendment to a reimbursable agreement with BH Luxury Residences LLC for the relocation of the Santa Monica Feeder within the city of Beverly Hills; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4421](#)

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- 8-1 Authorize an increase of \$12.4 million to an agreement with La Cañada Design Group Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$16.8 million for final design to upgrade Metropolitan's Water Quality Laboratory; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4404](#)

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-2 Annual Infrastructure Resilience Update [21-4412](#)

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Pure Water Southern California Quarterly Update **21-4410**
- b. 2025 Quarterly Desert Housing Update **21-4411**
- c. Quarterly Cybersecurity Update [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)] **21-4409**

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Engineering Services activities **21-4408**
Information Technology activities
Water System Operations activities

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

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

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LEG Committee

J. Lewitt, Chair
A. Fellow, VC
Communication
A. Kassakhian, VC
Legislation
L. Ackerman
M. Camacho
B. Dennstedt
G. Gray
F. Jung
M. Katz
M. Luna
M. Ramos

Legislation and Communications Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

April 7, 2025

11:00 a.m.

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12:30 p.m. Break
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**** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION ****

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Legislation and Communications Committee for March 10, 2025 **21-4433**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-9 Express support for AB 523 (Irwin-D) Metropolitan water districts: alternate representative; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4432](#)

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Report on Activities from Washington, D.C. **21-4434**
- b. Report on Activities from Sacramento **21-4435**

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. External Affairs activities **21-4436**

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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Organization, Personnel, and Effectiveness Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

April 7, 2025

1:00 p.m.

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2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

7-10 Approve Employee Salary Schedule Pursuant to CALPERS Regulations [CEQA] [21-4437](#)

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Health and Safety Program Quarterly Update **21-4331**
- b. Employee Inspection Trips **21-4439**
- c. Tuition Reimbursement **21-4440**
- d. Organization, Personnel and Effectiveness Update on Vacancies AB2651 **21-4441**
- e. Labor Negotiations Update [Closed Session] **21-4438**

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Human Resources activities **21-4363**
Safety, Security, and Protection activities

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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C. Kurtz
J. Lewitt
J. McMillan
C. Miller
B. Pressman

One Water and Adaptation Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

April 7, 2025

2:30 p.m.

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2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting One Water and Adaptation Committee for March 10, 2025 **21-4449**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-11 Authorize the General Manager to extend California Contractor Forbearance for Intentionally Created Surplus; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4442](#)
- 7-12 Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Foothill Area Conjunctive Use Program agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4443](#)
- 7-13 Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Live Oak Conjunctive Use Program agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4444](#)
- 7-14 Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Long Beach Conjunctive Use Program agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4445](#)
- 7-15 Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Long Beach Extension into Lakewood Conjunctive Use Program agreement the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4446](#)
- 7-16 Authorize the General Manager to terminate Orange County Conjunctive Use Program agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4447](#)
- 7-17 Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Compton Conjunctive Use Program agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4448](#)

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

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Conservation Quarterly Update **21-4453**
- b. Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management **21-4454**
- c. Sites Reservoir Project Benefits and Risks Part 1 **21-4450**
- d. Update on Basin States Discussions Regarding Post-2026 Operational Guidelines **21-4451**
- e. Carbon Sequestration and Capture Opportunities **21-4452**

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Bay-Delta Resources activities **21-4455**
 Colorado River Resources activities
 Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation activities
 Water Resources Management activities

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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FAAME Committee

C. Miller, Chair
D. Alvarez, VC Budget
J. Armstrong
G. Bryant
B. Dennstedt
L. Fong-Sakai
J. McMillan
M. Petersen
B. Pressman
T. Quinn
K. Seckel

Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

April 8, 2025

8:30 a.m.

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08:30 a.m. FAAME
10:15 a.m. LEGAL
11:30 a.m. Break
12:00 p.m. BOD
01:30 p.m. CWC

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

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency Committee Meeting for March 11, 2025 **21-4418**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-6 Approve Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water Five-Year Implementation Strategy; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4419](#)
- 7-7 Adopt resolutions fixing and adopting a Readiness-to-Serve Charge and a Capacity Charge for calendar year 2026; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4420](#)

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

NONE

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-3 Real Property Quarterly Report (Q3 January 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025) [21-4422](#)

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Overview of Potential Business Model Financial Refinements **21-4423**

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and Efficiency activities **21-4424**

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Report from Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling **21-4425**
- b. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling **21-4426**

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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L&C Committee

M. Luna, Chair
J. McMillan, Vice Chair
M. Camacho
J. Crawford
D. De Jesus
L. Dick
C. Douglas
M. Katz
C. Kurtz
C. Miller
M. Ramos

Legal and Claims Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

April 8, 2025

10:15 a.m.

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2. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- A. General Counsel's report of monthly activities 21-4430

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

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee for March 11, 2025 21-4431

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-8 Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to conform oversight of the General Auditor and Audit Department duties and responsibilities to the current committee structure, to streamline reporting on professional services agreements, and make a minor non-substantive change; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4429](#)

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

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- 8-2 Report on litigation in Maria Carmen Zarate v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 23STCV15786; and authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under 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)] [21-4428](#)

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; may be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1)] **21-4427**

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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Board of Directors - Hidden

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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. 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

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| A. | Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense | 21-4393 |
| B. | Chair's Monthly Activity Report | 21-4394 |
| C. | General Manager's summary of activities | 21-4395 |
| | Spotlight on Metropolitan Employee(s) Retiring with over Twenty Years of Service | 21-4401 |
| D. | General Counsel's summary of activities | 21-4396 |
| E. | General Auditor's summary of activities | 21-4397 |
| F. | Ethics Officer's summary of activities | 21-4398 |
| G. | Induction of new Director Gretchen Shepherd Romey from City of San Marino | 21-4400 |
| | (a) Receive credentials | |
| | (b) Report on credentials by General Counsel | |
| | (c) File credentials | |
| | (d) Administer Oath of Office | |
| | (e) File Oath | |

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

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| A. | Approval of the Minutes of the Audit Subcommittee of the Executive Committee for November 20, 2024; Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee for February 10, 2025 and Board of Directors Meeting for February 11, 2025 and March 11, 2025 | <u>21-4386</u> |
| B. | Nomination and Election of nonofficer members of the Executive Committee for remaining two-year term effective March 11, 2025 | 21-4399 |
| C. | Approve Committee Assignments | |

7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

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| 7-1 | Authorize an increase to a professional services agreement with Grid Subject Matter Experts, LLC for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$1.245 million for electric transmission planning and National Electric Reliability Corporation-related electric reliability compliance services; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) | <u>21-4403</u> |
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- 7-2** Authorize an agreement with Red8 in an amount not to exceed \$850,000 for the implementation of the Data Storage Infrastructure Refresh project; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-4197](#)
- 7-3** Authorize an agreement with Metal Toad Media, Inc. for a new fixed cost of \$299,000 per year with a not-to-exceed amount of \$996,200 for the duration of the three-year agreement to host, manage, and maintain Metropolitan's external websites; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-4405](#)
- 7-4** Authorize an increase of \$3.3 million to an existing agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$4.99 million for final design of a mechanical dewatering facility at the Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plant; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-4406](#)
- 7-5** Authorize an amendment to a reimbursable agreement with BH Luxury Residences LLC for the relocation of the Santa Monica Feeder within the city of Beverly Hills; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-4421](#)
- 7-6** Approve Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water Five-Year Implementation Strategy; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAAME) [21-4419](#)
- 7-7** Adopt resolutions fixing and adopting a Readiness-to-Serve Charge and a Capacity Charge for calendar year 2026; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FAAME) [21-4420](#)
- 7-8** Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to conform oversight of the General Auditor and Audit Department duties and responsibilities to the current committee structure, to streamline reporting on professional services agreements, and make a minor non-substantive change; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LEGAL) [21-4429](#)
- 7-9** Express support for AB 523 (Irwin-D) Metropolitan water districts: alternate representative; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LEG) [21-4432](#)

- 7-10** Approve Employee Salary Schedule Pursuant to CALPERS Regulations [CEQA] (OPE) [21-4437](#)
- 7-11** Authorize the General Manager to extend California Contractor Forbearance for Intentionally Created Surplus; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWA) [21-4442](#)
- 7-12** Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Foothill Area Conjunctive Use Program agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWA) [21-4443](#)
- 7-13** Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Live Oak Conjunctive Use Program agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWA) [21-4444](#)
- 7-14** Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Long Beach Conjunctive Use Program agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWA) [21-4445](#)
- 7-15** Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Long Beach Extension into Lakewood Conjunctive Use Program agreement the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWA) [21-4446](#)
- 7-16** Authorize the General Manager to terminate Orange County Conjunctive Use Program agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWA) [21-4447](#)
- 7-17** Authorize the General Manager to terminate the Compton Conjunctive Use Program agreement; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4448](#)

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

8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

- 8-1** Authorize an increase of \$12.4 million to an agreement with La Cañada Design Group Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$16.8 million for final design to upgrade Metropolitan's Water Quality Laboratory; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-4404](#)

- 8-2** Report on litigation in Maria Carmen Zarate v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 23STCV15786; and authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under 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)] (LEGAL) [21-4428](#)

9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-1** Report on Conservation Program [21-4402](#)
- 9-2** Annual Infrastructure Resilience Update (EOT) [21-4412](#)
- 9-3** Real Property Quarterly Report (Q3 January 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025) [21-4422](#)

11. OTHER MATTERS

NONE

12. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

14. ADJOURNMENT

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CWC Committee

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B. Dennstedt
S. Faessel
L. Fong-Sakai
G. Gray
M. Luna
J. McMillan
T. Phan
M. Ramos
K. Seckel

Community and Workplace Culture Committee - Hidden

Meeting with Board of Directors *

April 7, 2025

11:30 a.m.

Monday, April 7, 2025 Meeting Schedule

09:00 a.m. EOT
10:30 a.m. LEG
11:30 a.m. CWC
12:30 p.m. Break
01:00 p.m. OPE
02:30 p.m. OWA

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

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Ethics, EEO, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee for March 10, 2025 **21-4413**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

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

NONE

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Ethics Education **21-4417**
- b. Equal Employment Opportunity Quarterly Statistical Report **21-4416**

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Ethics Officer's report on monthly activities **21-4414**
- b. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion activities **21-4415**
Equal Employment Opportunity activities

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

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

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