The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Agenda

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L&C Committee
A. Kassakhian, Chair
G. Shepherd Romey, Vice Chair
M. Camacho
J. Crawford
D. De Jesus
C. Douglas
M. Katz
C. Kurtz
C. Miller
M. Ramos

Legal and Claims Committee - Final - Revised 3

Meeting with Board of Directors *

November 9, 2026

12:30 p.m.

Monday, November 9, 2026 Meeting Schedule
08:00 a.m. EOT
10:30 a.m. LEG
12:00 p.m. BREAK
12:30 p.m. LEGAL
02:00 p.m. FAAME
03:00 p.m. OWA

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11092026 Legal and Claims Committee Translated Agendas **21668**

Attachments: 11092026 LC Agenda - Armenian
11092026 LC Agenda - Chinese Mandarin
11092026 LC Agenda - Spanish

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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. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

a. General Counsel's report of monthly activities **21-6400**

Attachments: 11092026 LC 2A General Counsel's report of monthly activities

**** CONSENT CALENDAR ****

3. COMMITTEE ACTION (ONLY)

A. Approve the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee held on October 13, 2026 **21-6399**

Attachments: 11092026 LC 3A (10132026) Minutes

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

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

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

8-4 Conference with legal counsel—anticipated litigation—initiation of litigation: initiation of 1 potential case; intervening in 1 or more potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [SUBJECT ADDED on 10/30/2026] **21-6401**

8-5 Conference with legal counsel—anticipated litigation—initiation of litigation: initiation of 1 potential case; intervening in 1 or more potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [SUBJECT ADDED on 10/30/2026] **21-6402**

8-6 Report on litigation in Gina Chavez v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, San Bernardino County Superior Court Case No. CIVSB2521200 and consider authorizing settlement; 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)]. [SUBJECT ADDED on 11/3/2026] **21-6403**

8-7 Report on litigation in Heather Beatty v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 26STCV15010, and authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services with Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in the amount of $350,000 for a total amount not to exceed $600,000; 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)]. [SUBJECT ADDED on 11/3/2026] **21-6418**

8-8 Report on litigation in Katano Kasaine v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25STCV05250, and authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services with Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in the amount of $350,000 for a total amount not to exceed $1,100,000; 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)]. [SUBJECT REVISED on 11/5/2026] **21-6419**

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

NONE

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

NONE

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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Լիցենզավորման և

Ա. Քասախյան, նախագահ
Գ. Շեփերդ Ռոմի, փոխնախագահ
Մ. Կամաչո
Ջ. Քրոուֆորդ
Դ. Հիսուսի
Ք. Դուգլաս
Մ. Կաց
Ք. Կուրց
Ք. Միլլեր
Մ. Ռամոս

Իրավաբանական և պահանջատիրական կոմիտեի -վերջնական վերանայված տարբերակ

Հանդիպում տնօրենների խորհրդի հետ *

Նոյեմբերի 9-ին,

12:30-ին

Երկուշաբթի, նոյեմբերի 9-ին, Հանդիպման ժամանակացույց

08:00 EOT
10:30 a.m. LEG
12:00 ցերեկվա ընդմիջում
12:30 pm ԻՐԱՎԱԿԱՆ
14:00 ՖԱՄՏԵ
Ժամը 15:00-ին

Հանդիպումները ինտերնետում ուղիղ հեռարձակմամբ դիտելու համար սեղմեք այստեղ :

Հանրության անդամները կարող են իրենց իրավասությանը ենթակա հարցերի վերաբերյալ իրենց մեկնաբանությունները ներկայացնել խորհրդին և կոմիտեներին՝ -նիստի հանրային մեկնաբանությունների բաժնի ընթացքում՝ հեռախոսակապով և անձամբ: Հեռակա մասնակցելու կամ հանրային մեկնաբանություն տալու համար զանգահարեք 18778535257 հեռախոսահամարով և մուտքագրեք հանդիպման ID-ն՝ 862 4397 5848, կամ ինտերնետի միջոցով միանալու համար սեղմեք այստեղ :

BoardPublicComment@mwdh 2 o . com հասցեին ուղարկված և նիստից մեկ աշխատանքային օր առաջ՝ ժամը 15:00-ին ստացված գրավոր հանրային մեկնաբանությունները ուղարկվում են Խորհրդին և կտեղադրվեն «Ներկայացված նյութեր և պատասխաններ» բաժնում, որը հասանելի է այստեղ՝ https :// mwdh 2 o . legistar . com / Legislation . aspx : Ժամանակին չստացված գրավոր մեկնաբանությունները չեն ներառվի տվյալ նիստի արձանագրության մեջ: Թեմայի իրավասության շրջանակներում մեկնաբանությունները կուղարկվեն նիստից հետո՝ հաջորդ նիստի արձանագրության համար:

Հրաժարում պատասխանատվությունից. Գրավոր և բանավոր հանրային մեկնաբանությունները ստացվում են Ռալֆ Մ. Բրաունի օրենքի համաձայն: Խնդրում ենք նկատի ունենալ, որ Մետրոպոլիտենը չի հաստատում կամ չի ապահովում հանրային մեկնաբանությունների կամ երրորդ կողմերի կողմից տրամադրված տեղեկատվության ճշգրտությունը կամ հուսալիությունը:

* Այս կոմիտեի Մետրոպոլիտեն ջրային շրջանի նիստը համարվում է տնօրենների խորհրդի հետ համատեղ կոմիտեի նիստ՝ Բրաունի ակտի պահանջներին համապատասխանելու նպատակով: Այս կոմիտեին չնշանակված խորհրդի անդամները կարող են մասնակցել որպես խորհրդի անդամներ՝ անկախ նրանից, թե խորհրդի քվորումը ներկա է , թե ոչ : Կոմիտեի՝ որպես խորհրդի խորհրդատվական գործառույթը պահպանելու համար , այս կոմիտեին չնշանակված խորհրդի անդամները չեն քվեարկի այս կոմիտեի քննարկմանը ներկայացված հարցերի վերաբերյալ:

11092026 Իրավական և պահանջատիրական հանձնաժողովի **21668**

Կից Ֆայլեր՝ 11092026 LC օրակարգ -հայերեն
11092026 LC օրակարգ -Չինարեն Մանդարին
11092026 LC օրակարգ -իսպաներեն

Օրակարգերը թարգմանվում են թվային թարգմանչական ծառայության կողմից: Մետրոպոլիտենը չի երաշխավորում որևէ թարգմանության ճշգրտությունը:

1. Հանրության անդամների համար հանձնաժողովին դիմելու հնարավորություն հանձնաժողովի իրավասության ներքո գտնվող հարցերի վերաբերյալ (ինչպես պահանջվում է Կառավարական օրենսգրքի 54954.3(a) բաժնի համաձայն):

2. Ղեկավարության հայտարարություններ և կարևորագույն փաստեր

ա. Գլխավոր դատախազի ամսական գործունեության հաշվետվությունը **21 -6400**

****ՀԱՄԱՁԱՅՆՈՒԹՅԱՆ ՕՐԱԳՈՒՅՑ****

3. ՀԱՆՁՆԱԺՈՂՈՎԻ ԳՈՐԾՈՂՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ (ՄԻԱՅՆ)

Ա. Հաստատել 2026 թվականի հոկտեմբերի 13-ին կայացած Իրավական և պահանջատիրական հանձնաժողովի արձանագրությունը: **21 -6399**

4. ՀԱՆՁՆԱԺՈՂՈՎԻ ՀԱՐՑԵՐ (ԽՈՐՀՐԴԻ ՔՆՆԱՐԿՄԱՆ ՀԱՄԱՐ)

ՈՉԻՆՉ

**** ՀԱՄԱՁԱՅՆՈՒԹՅԱՆ ՕՐԱԳՈՒՅՑԻ ԱՎԱՐՏ ****

5. ՀԱՆՁՆԱԺՈՂՈՎԻ ԿԵՏԵՐ (ԳՈՐԾՈՂՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ ԽՈՐՀՐԴԻ

8 -4 Իրավաբանական խորհրդատուի հետ խորհրդակցություն՝ դատավարության կանխատեսում, դատավարության նախաձեռնում. 1 հնարավոր գործ. քննարկվելու է փակ նիստում՝ համաձայն Կառավարության օրենսգրքի 54956.9(դ)(4) բաժնի. գլխավոր տնօրենը որոշել է, որ առաջարկվող գործողությունը ազատված է կամ այլ կերպ չի ենթարկվում CEQA-ին: [ԹԵՄԱ ԱՎԵԼԱՑՎԵԼ Է 30.10.2026թ.] **21 -6401**

8 -5 Իրավաբանական խորհրդատուի հետ խորհրդակցություն՝ դատավարության կանխատեսում, դատավարության նախաձեռնում. 1 հնարավոր գործ. քննարկվելու է փակ նիստում՝ համաձայն Կառավարության օրենսգրքի 54956.9(դ)(4) բաժնի. գլխավոր տնօրենը որոշել է, որ առաջարկվող գործողությունը ազատված է կամ այլ կերպ չի ենթարկվում CEQA-ին: [ԹԵՄԱ ԱՎԵԼԱՑՎԵԼ Է 30.10.2026թ.] **21 -6402**

8 -6 Տեղապահ **21 -6403**

6. ՀԱՆՁՆԱԺՈՂՈՎԻ ԿԵՏԵՐ (ՏԵՂԵԿԱՏՎԱԿԱՆ՝ ԽՈՐՀՐԴԻ ՔՆՆԱՐԿՄԱՆ ՀԱՄԱՐ)

ՈՉԻՆՉ

7. ՀԱՆՁՆԱԺՈՂՈՎԻ ԿԵՏԵՐ (ՏԵՂԵԿԱՏՎԱԿԱՆ)

ՈՉԻՆՉ

8. Հետևողական -նյութեր

ՈՉԻՆՉ

9. Ապագա օրակարգի կետեր

10. ՀԵՏԱՁԳՈՒՄ

ՆՇՈՒՄ. Այս հանձնաժողովը քննարկում է հարցերը և վերջնական որոշում կայացնելու առաջարկություն է անում տնօրենների խորհրդին: Վերջնական որոշումը կկայացնի տնօրենների խորհուրդը: Հանձնաժողովի օրակարգերը կարելի է ստանալ Մետրոպոլիտենի կայքէջում՝ https://mwdh2o.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx: Այս հանձնաժողովը չի կայացնի որևէ վերջնական որոշում, որը պարտադիր է խորհրդի համար, նույնիսկ եթե խորհրդի անդամները ներկա են:

Բաց նիստի օրակարգի հարցերի վերաբերյալ գրավոր նյութերը, որոնք տնօրեններին տրամադրվել են հերթական նիստից 72 ժամ առաջ, հասանելի են հանրային ծանոթացման համար Մետրոպոլիտենի գլխավոր գրասենյակի շենքում և Մետրոպոլիտենի կայքում՝ https://mwdh2o.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx:

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Agenda

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L&C委员会

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M·卡茨
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法律和索赔委员会-最终修订版

与董事会会议*

11月9日

下午12:30

11月9日，星期一
会议日程

上午 8:00 EOT
上午 10:30 腿部
下午12:00 休息
下午12:30 法律
下午 2:00 FAAME
下午 3:00

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公众可通过电话会议或现场参会，在会议的公众评议环节实时向理事会和各委员会就其管辖范围内的事项发表意见。如需远程参会或发表公众意见，请拨打 18778535257 并输入会议 ID：862 4397 5848；或-点击此处通过网络加入会议。

公众提交的书面意见，请发送至BoardPublicComment@mwdh2o.com ，并在会议召开前一个工作日的下午 3:00 前收到。这些意见将提交给委员会，并发布在“已提交事项及回复”标签页下，该标签页可在此处查看： https：//mwdh2o.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx 。未按时收到的书面意见将不被纳入本次会议的记录。与会议主题相关的意见将在会后提交，以供下次会议记录。

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附件: 11092026 LC-亚美尼亚议程
11092026 LC 议程-中文 普通话
11092026 LC-西班牙语议程

议程由数字翻译服务翻译。大都会酒店集团不保证任何翻译的准确性。

1. 公众有机会就委员会管辖范围内的事项向委员会发言（根据政府法典第 54954.3(a)条的规定）

2. 管理层公告及亮点

一个。 总法律顾问月度活动报告 **21 -6400**

****同意书日历****

3. 委员会行动（仅限）

一个。 批准2026年10月13日举行的法律和索赔委员会会议纪要。 **21 -6399**

4. 委员会事项（供董事会审议）

没有任何

****同意书日历结束****

5. 委员会事项（供董事会审议）

8 -4 与法律顾问会面——预期诉讼——提起诉讼；1起潜在案件；将根据《加州政府法典》第54956.9(d)(4)条的规定进行闭门听证；总经理已确定拟议行动属于豁免范围或不受《加州环境质量法案》(CEQA)约束。[2026年10月30日新增] **21 -6401**

8 -5 与法律顾问会面——预期诉讼——提起诉讼；1起潜在案件；将根据《加州政府法典》第54956.9(d)(4)条的规定进行闭门听证；总经理已确定拟议行动属于豁免范围或不受《加州环境质量法案》(CEQA)约束。[2026年10月30日新增] **21 -6402**

8 -6 占位符 **21 -6403**

6. 委员会事项（供董事会参考）

没有任何

7. 委员会事项（信息性）

没有任何

8. 后续-事项

没有任何

9. 未来议程项目

10. 休会

注：本委员会负责审核各项议题，并向全体董事会提出最终行动建议。最终行动由董事会做出。委员会议程可在Metropolitan网站https://mwdh2o.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx上查阅。即使董事会达到法定人数，本委员会也不会做出任何对董事会具有约束力的最终决定。

与公开会议议程项目相关的书面材料，如果在例会召开前不到 72 小时分发给董事，则可在大都会总部大楼和大都会网站 https://mwdh2o.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx 上供公众查阅。

如需残疾-相关的调整或便利措施（包括辅助工具或服务）以便参加会议，应提前向董事会执行秘书提出申请，以确保所要求的服务或便利措施能够提供。

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Agenda

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Comité L&C

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C. Kurtz
C. Miller
M. Ramos

Comité Jurídico y de Reclamaciones - -Versión final revisada

Reunión con la Junta Directiva *

9 de noviembre,

12:30 p. m.

Lunes, 9 de noviembre, Calendario de reuniones

08:00 am EOT
10:30 am LEG
12:00 pm DESCANSO
12:30 pm LEGAL
14:00 FAAME
03:00 pm ESTO

Para ver las reuniones en directo por internet: haga clic aquí .

Los miembros del público pueden presentar sus comentarios a la Junta y a los Comités sobre asuntos de su competencia en -tiempo real durante la sección de comentarios públicos de la reunión, tanto por teleconferencia como en persona. Para asistir de forma remota o para presentar comentarios públicos, marque 18778535257 e ingrese el ID de la reunión: 862 4397 5848 o, para unirse por internet, haga clic aquí .

escrito enviados a BoardPublicComment@mwdh2o.com y recibidos antes de las 15:00 horas del día hábil anterior a la reunión programada se enviarán a la Junta y se publicarán en la pestaña "Elementos y respuestas presentados", disponible aquí: https://mwdh2o.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx . Los comentarios por escrito que no se reciban a tiempo no se incluirán en el acta de esa reunión. Los comentarios que se encuentren dentro de la jurisdicción temática se enviarán después de la reunión para el acta de la siguiente reunión .

Descargo de responsabilidad: Los comentarios públicos, tanto escritos como orales, se reciben de conformidad con la Ley Ralph M. Brown. Tenga en cuenta que Metropolitan no respalda ni garantiza la exactitud ni la fiabilidad de la información proporcionada en los comentarios públicos ni por terceros.

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* La reunión de este Comité del Distrito Metropolitano de Agua se convoca como una reunión conjunta con la Junta Directiva para el cumplimiento de la Ley Brown. Los miembros de la Junta que no estén asignados a este Comité podrán participar como miembros de la Junta, independientemente de si hay o no quórum. Para preservar la función consultiva del Comité ante la Junta, los miembros de la Junta que no estén asignados a este Comité no votarán en los asuntos que se presenten ante él.

11092026 Comité de Asuntos Jurídicos y Reclamaciones - Agendas **21668**

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Los programas se traducen mediante un servicio de traducción digital. Metropolitan no garantiza la exactitud de ninguna traducción.

1. Oportunidad para que los miembros del público se dirijan al comité sobre asuntos dentro de la jurisdicción del comité (Según lo exige la Sección 54954.3(a) del Código Gubernamental).

2. ANUNCIOS Y ASPECTOS DESTACADOS DE LA GERENCIA

a. Informe mensual de actividades del Asesor Jurídico **21 -6400**

**** CALENDARIO DE CONSENTIMIENTO ****

3. DECISIÓN DEL COMITÉ (SOLO)

A. Aprobar el acta de la reunión del Comité Jurídico y de Reclamaciones celebrada el 13 de octubre de 2026. **21 -6399**

4. ASUNTOS DEL COMITÉ (PARA CONSIDERACIÓN DE LA JUNTA

NINGUNO

**** FIN DEL CALENDARIO DE CONSENTIMIENTO ****

5. ASUNTOS DEL COMITÉ (PARA CONSIDERACIÓN DE LA JUNTA

8 -4 Reunión con asesores legales: litigio previsto; inicio del litigio; 1 caso potencial; se celebrará en sesión a puerta cerrada de conformidad con la Sección 54956.9(d)(4) del Código Gubernamental; el Gerente General ha determinado que la acción propuesta está exenta o no está sujeta a la CEQA. [ASUNTO AÑADIDO el 30/10/2026] **21 -6401**

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8 -6 MARCADOR DE POSICIÓN **21 -6403**

6. ASUNTOS DEL COMITÉ (INFORMACIÓN PARA LA CONSIDERACIÓN DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA)

NINGUNO

7. PUNTOS DEL COMITÉ (INFORMATIVOS)

NINGUNO

8. ELEMENTOS DE SEGUIMIENTO-

NINGUNO

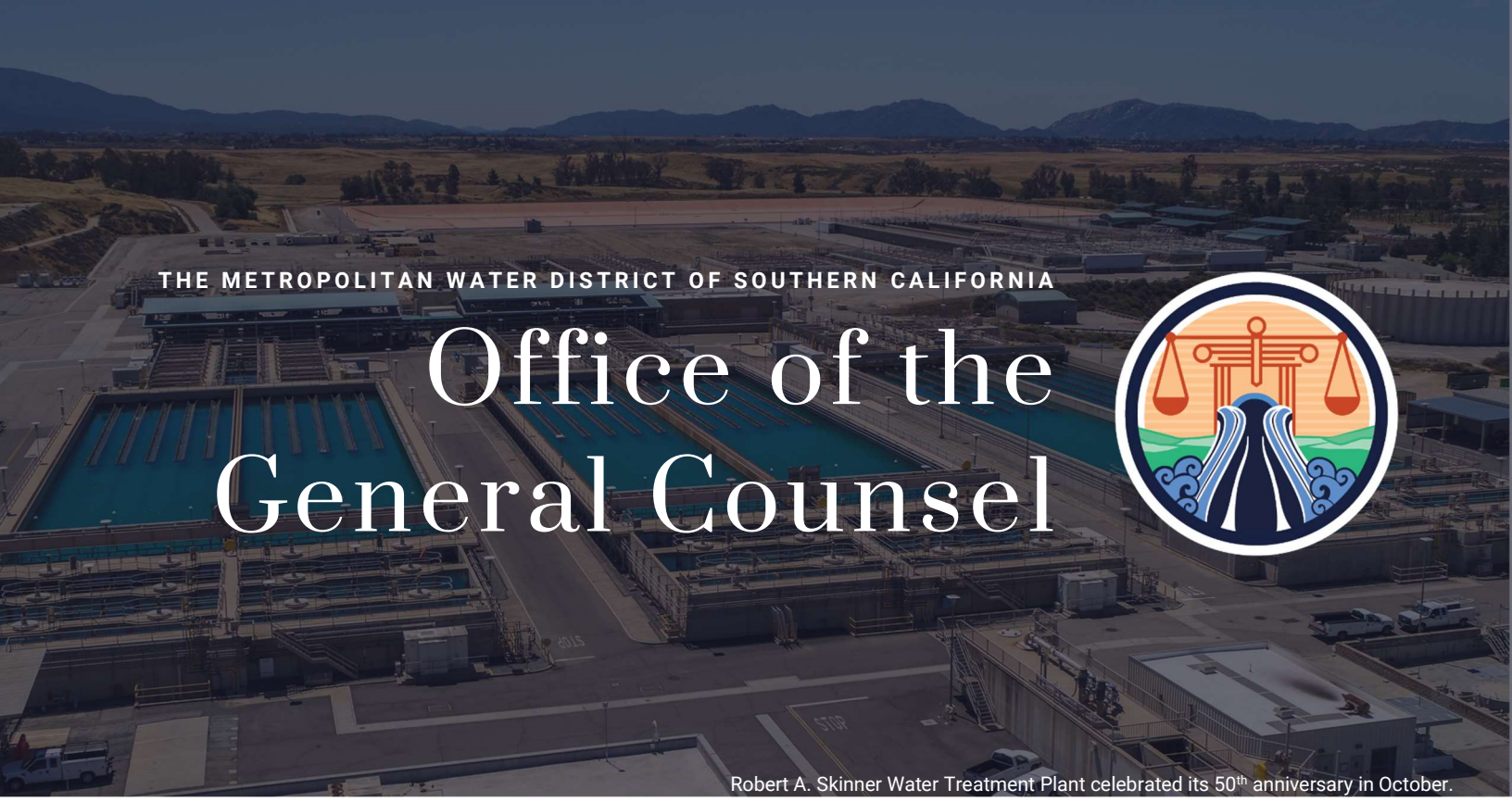
9. PUNTOS DEL ORDEN DEL DÍA FUTURO

10. APLAZAMIENTO

NOTA: Este comité revisa los asuntos y formula una recomendación para su aprobación final ante la Junta Directiva en pleno. La Junta Directiva tomará la decisión final. Las agendas de los comités pueden consultarse en el sitio web de Metropolitan: https://mwdh2o.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx. Este comité no tomará ninguna decisión final vinculante para la Junta Directiva, incluso cuando haya quórum.

Los documentos relacionados con los puntos del orden del día de las sesiones públicas que se distribuyen a los directores con menos de 72 horas de antelación a una reunión ordinaria están disponibles para su consulta pública en el edificio de la sede de Metropolitan y en el sitio web de Metropolitan: https://mwdh2o.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx.

Las solicitudes de modificaciones o adaptaciones relacionadas con la discapacidad -, incluidas las ayudas o servicios auxiliares, para asistir o participar en una reunión, deben dirigirse al Secretario Ejecutivo de la Junta con antelación a la reunión para garantizar la disponibilidad del servicio o la adaptación solicitada.



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Counsel

Robert A. Skinner Water Treatment Plant celebrated its 50th anniversary in October.

Monthly Activity Report

October 2026

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Matters Concluded and/or Terminated

AFSCME Local 1902 v. MWD
(Hearing Officer Appeal)

AFSCME filed a hearing officer appeal in which it alleged that its member was denied an opportunity to serve as an interim team manager. Metropolitan denied the allegation. The parties engaged in settlement efforts prior to hearing, and as a result of those efforts, Metropolitan agreed to pay the grievant $750. In exchange, AFSCME agreed to withdraw the appeal.

AFSCME Local 1902 v. MWD
(Hearing Officer Appeal)

AFSCME filed a hearing officer appeal in which it also alleged that its member was denied an opportunity to serve as an interim team manager. Metropolitan denied the allegation. The parties engaged in settlement efforts prior to hearing, and as a result of those efforts, Metropolitan also agreed to pay the grievant $750. In exchange, AFSCME agreed to withdraw the appeal.

Karen Markosyan v. Metropolitan
(Los Angeles County Superior Court)

On August 4, 2025, plaintiff Karen Markosyan filed an unlimited jurisdiction complaint against Metropolitan and its employee driver in Los Angeles County Superior Court for personal injury damages arising out of a motor vehicle collision that occurred on December 2, 2024, in the city of Torrance. Liability was not in dispute. After extensive litigation and discovery, Metropolitan entered into a settlement agreement and release for the amount of $75,000 and the lawsuit was dismissed.

Metropolitan held its second Workforce Development Summit to encourage careers in water.

Matters Received

CATEGORY	RECEIVED	DESCRIPTION	
Actions in which MWD is a party	3	Complaint for Damages for (1) Negligence, (2) Negligence Per Se – Unsafe Speed; and (3) Negligence Per Se – Reckless Driving, filed in San Bernardino County Superior Court, in the case Glen Edmund McClane and Lisa Rae McClane v. MWD, Case No. CIVRS2608807 Complaint for Damages for (1) Motor Vehicle; and (2) General Negligence, filed in San Bernardino County Superior Court, in the case Ana Lilia Vaquera and Julio Carlos Zelaya v. MWD, Case No. CIVRS2603810 Class Action Complaint for Damages and Injunctive Relief for (1) Negligence; (2) Negligence Per Se; (3) Strict Liability for Abnormally Dangerous Activity; (4) Private Nuisance; (5) Public Nuisance; (6) Trespass; (7) Premises Liability; (8) Strict Products Liability-Design Defect; (9) Strick Liability-Manufacturing; (10) Strict Products Liability-Failure to Warn; (11) Negligence Against Product Defendants; (12) Injunctive and Equitable Relief (Against MWD), filed in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, in the case Sari Finge and Zata Mediterranean Healthy Cuisine, Inc., on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, v. Siemens Industry, Inc.; Siemens AG; SE Energy LLC; Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Case No. 26STCV33275	
Government Code Claims	27	1) Twenty-four claims for loss of business income, loss of wages, and/or housing costs due to lithium-ion battery fire at MWD facility resulting in mandatory evacuation in La Verne; 2) two claims relating to motor vehicle accidents involving MWD vehicles; and 3) one claim related to an escalator accident	
Subpoenas	1	Deposition Subpoena for Production of Business Records that request employment and payroll records for a matter unrelated to MWD	
Requests Pursuant to the Public Records Act	37	<u>Requestor</u>	<u>Documents Requested</u>
		Action Base	Records relating to Employee LMS Contract (Current Cornerstone LMS)
		Constructive Consulting	Awarded contracts for alternative-delivery water treatment, potable reuse and similar water infrastructure projects
		FilterBridge Supply	Purchase orders, invoices, contract or award, including name of the vendor, open solicitation or planned procurement, from January 1, 2023 to October 8, 2026 for replacement water filtration consumables used by MWD

CATEGORY	RECEIVED	DESCRIPTION	
		Research Fellow, Stanford University	Historical photographs in Metropolitan's archives from before 1950 of: (1) the 230-kV transmission line that carried Hoover (Boulder) Dam power to the Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants, construction, towers, and right-of-way; (2) the switchyards and substations at the pumping plants; and (3) line construction crews
		Center for Contract Compliance (3 requests)	(1) Awarded contractor information, subcontractor list, bid advertisement, and DIR Project ID for Julian Hinds Pumping Plant Interim Employee Housing Rehab (2193); (2) Bid and contract information for Julian Hinds Pumping Plant Fuel Dispenser System Improvement (2116A); and (3) Awarded contractor information, subcontractor list, bid advertisement, and DIR Project ID for Julian Hinds Pumping Plant Fuel Dispenser System Improvement (2195)
		The Observer	PVVCIF Historical Formation, Governance, and Funding Records from January 1, 2002 through present
		GenSigma LLC (2 requests)	(1) Public procurement records relating to IT Software Asset Management (SAM) Solution Implementation Services (RFP-DH-1408); and (2) Documents relating to RFQ documents and awarded vendor information, contracts for Red Hat Enterprise Linux Software Technical Support procurement (RFB-DV-481328)
		SmartProcure	Purchase order data including purchase order number, purchase date, line item details, line item quantity, line item price, vendor information from July 13, 2026 to current
		Sherpa Marketing Solutions	Awarded contract and proposal documents related to On-Call Research Services to Support Public Outreach, Communications, and Engagement (RFQ-DS-1413)
		Eurofins Drinking Water and Wastewater West LLC	Individual proposal submitted and final executed contract with Weck Labs (RFB-DV-467798)
		Nation Analytics	Contracts and purchase orders including purchase order number, purchase date, end date of purchase order, detailed description of purchase, line item quantity, price, and vendor name, issued by MWD from November 27, 2025 to the present

CATEGORY	RECEIVED	DESCRIPTION	
		Civil Engineering Student, Cal Poly Pomona	Waterman Percolation Basins in San Bernardino utility as-builts
		kpff	Utility maps, record drawings, or other information showing the location of existing facilities within or adjacent to project at 1101 McKinley Avenue, in Pomona
		Civic IQ	Purchase orders and/or payment records for non-person/vendor such as companies, organizations, and contractors from January 1, 2022 to the present date
		Schnabel-Eng	Records relating to MWD Tunnel Design Engineering Consulting Services (RFQ-AM-1333)
		Sites Project Authority	Emails, letters, text messages, instant messages, and other electronic or written correspondence related to Sites Project Authority; Presentations, memoranda, notes, meeting invitations, and attendance records for meetings or calls
		Gupta of BuzzClan	Records related to past contract and incumbent vendors associated with On-Call IT Cyber Security Services Vendor Workshop (RFQ 1398)
		Private Citizens (17 requests)	(1) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for Delta Properties Infrastructure Phase 5B Improvements submitted on October 2, 2025; (2) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for New Bid Date: Subcontractor - Opportunities Colorado River Aqueduct Housing Fencing and Playground Shade Improvements; (3) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for Metropolitan Delta Properties Flow Meter, Datalogger and Telemetry Installation Phase 5 submitted on October 1, 2024 (2082); (4) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for Metropolitan Headquarters Courtyard Improvements submitted on August 31, 2023 (M-3064); (5) Bid tabulation including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for Colorado River Aqueduct Canal Liner Rehabilitation, Mile Marker 24.77 to 60.45 submitted on September 9, 2026 (2191); (6) Proposals related to Lake Mathews RFQ 1384;

CATEGORY	RECEIVED	DESCRIPTION	
			(7) Records relating to Palo Verde and Bard fallowing program payments, and federally funded conservation projects, 2005 to present; (8) Bid tabulation, including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for Disadvantaged Community Direct Install Turf Replacement Program submitted on May 29, 2026 (RFB-PR-461916); (9) Bid tabulation, including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for Foothill Feeder Pressure Control Structure Chemical Injection Stage 1 submitted on October 15, 2026 (2216); (10) Eforms templates in use by MWD since January 1, 2025 to present; (11) Records relating to Metropolitan right-of-way near Camino Real / Limonite Ave / Canyon Terrace Dr, Jurupa Valley (APNs 185-460-001, 185-470-001, 185-470-002); (12) Historical records relating to archaeological and Native American monitoring associated with the Metropolitan Water District Headquarters Facility project; (13) Records relating to payments, compensation, reimbursements, or consulting fees made to Ernest Salas Sr., including records under the names Ernest Salas, Ernest P. Salas, or Ernest Teutimez Salas, and payments made through archaeological consulting firms (MWD Report No. 1170); (14) Public financial records concerning Native American archaeological monitoring and consultation services associated with the Metropolitan Water District Headquarters Facility Project in Los Angeles; (15) Records relating to use of OpenAI, ChatGPT, or Microsoft Copilot, including Microsoft 365 Copilot and Copilot Chat, for MWD public business by 100 named individuals from January 1, 2026 through October 26, 2026; (16) Bid tabulation, including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder for Metropolitan Delta Properties Flow Meter, Datalogger and Telemetry Installation Phase 4 submitted on April 5, 2022 (M.3049); and (17) Reference report: Historical Archaeology at the Headquarters Facility Project Site, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, by Costello et al., Volume 1 (1998) and Volume 2 (1999)

Important Notice Regarding This Report:

Additions only in the following two tables will be shown in red.

Any change to the outside counsel agreements table will be shown in redline form (i.e., additions, revisions, deletions).

More than 1,200 people attended the annual MetWorks networking event.

Bay-Delta and State Water Project Litigation

The following cases are pending before various courts and administrative bodies and involve Metropolitan's interests in Delta operations, State Water Project allocations, and related environmental compliance.

SUBJECT	STATUS
Delta Conveyance Project CEQA Cases *Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District v. California Department of Water Resources (case name for the consolidated cases)* *City of Stockton v. California Department of Water Resources* *County of Butte v. California Department of Water Resources* *County of Sacramento v. California Department of Water Resources* *County of San Joaquin et al. v. California Department of Water Resources* *Sacramento Area Sewer District v. California Department of Water Resources* *San Francisco Baykeeper, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources* *Sierra Club, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources* *South Delta Water Agency and Rudy Mussi Investment L.P. v. California Department of Water Resources* *Sacramento County Superior Ct.* Lead Case No. 24WM000006 *(Judge Acquisto)* 3d District Court of Appeal Case No. C101878 Supreme Court Case No. S294127	• DWR is the only named respondent/defendant • All alleged CEQA violations • Most allege violations of the Delta Reform Act, Public Trust Doctrine and Delta and Watershed Protection Acts • Two allege violations of the fully protected bird statute • One alleges violations of Proposition 9 (1982) and the Central Valley Project Act • March 27, 2026 order denying DWR's motion to disqualify the Somach, Simmons & Dunn law firm • March 30, 2026 preliminary injunction halting preconstruction geotechnical soil testing vacated, clearing the way for the Design and Construction Authority to resume work • April 2, 2026 Metropolitan and other supporting SWP contractors granted leave to intervene • May 18, 2026 DWR certified the administrative record • Oct. 23, 2026 ~~Hearing on motion for privilege log and to augment administrative record~~Motion to augment administrative record and to strike a portion denied; motion for privilege log granted in part • Nov. 6, 2026 Hearing on DWR's motion for protective order re petitioners' joint discovery • Dec. 31, 2026 deadline to file discovery motions • January 22, 2027 next Case Management Conference

SUBJECT	STATUS
2024 CESA Incidental Take Permit Consolidated Cases *California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, et al.* (CEQA, CESA, Delta Reform Act, Public Trust Doctrine) Sacramento County Superior Ct. Case No. 24WM000181 (Judge Arguelles) (Designated lead case for the consolidated cases) *San Francisco Baykeeper, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources* (CEQA, Delta Reform Act, Public Trust Doctrine) *Central Delta Water Agency and South Delta Water Agency v. California Department of Water* Resources (CEQA, Delta Reform Act, Watershed Protection Acts, Public Trust Doctrine)	Cases challenge DWR's Final EIR and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit for the updated Long Term Operations plan for the State Water Project • Oct. 8, 2025 minute order consolidating cases under the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance case name • June 26, 2026 Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority voluntarily dismissed its case • July 24, 2026 State Water Contractors' motion to intervene granted • Dec. 11, 2026 case management conference
State Water Project Long-Term Operations Waste and Unreasonable Use & Public Trust Doctrine Case *California Water Impact Network et al. v. California Department of Water Resources* Alameda County Superior Ct. Case No. 26CV214931 (Judge Fong)	Alleges DWR's long-term operations of the State Water Project violate California Constitution Article X, section 2 (waste and unreasonable use of water) and the Public Trust Doctrine • Filed Oct. 8, 2026 • March 9, 2027, Initial Case Management Conference

OUTSIDE COUNSEL AGREEMENT

Firm Name	Matter Name	Agreement No.	Effective Date	Contract Maximum
Aleshire & Wynder	Oil, Mineral and Gas Leasing	174613	08/18	$50,000
Anzel Galvan LLP	Bond Issues	220411	07/24	N/A
Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud & Romo	Employee Relations	59302	04/04	$1,316,937
	Delta Conveyance Project Bond Validation-CEQA Litigation	185899	09/21	$250,000
	MWD Drone and Airspace Issues	193452	08/20	$50,000
	AFSCME Local 1902 in Grievance No. 1906G020 (CSU Meal Period)	201883	07/12/21	$30,000
	Ethics and EEO Investigation	222534	01/25	$50,000
	PRA Issues	222539	02/25	$110,000
	Job Audit Appeal	222551	03/25	$50,000
	Job Audit Appeal	222552	03/25	$100,000
	RFIs by AFSCME Local 1902	222554	03/25	$20,000
	EEO Investigation	226516	05/25	$25,000
	Advice and Counsel – AB399 Issues	226533	01/26	$50,000
	Employment Matter	226534	01/26	$50,000
	Team Manager Leave Premiums Denial HO Appeal	226539	01/26	$50,000
	Temporary Upgrade Assignment Denial HO Appeal	226540	01/26	$50,000
	Temporary Upgrade Assignment Standby Denial HO Appeal	231484	01/26	$50,000
	Desert Medical Credit HO Appeal	231487	01/26	$50,000
	Employment Matter	231488	03/26	$50,000
	Employment Matter	231491	04/26	$50,000
	Employment Matter	231496	05/26	$50,000

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	Employment Matter	231497	5/26	$50,000
	C&D Mechanics Out of Class HO Appeal	231503	05/26	$50,000
	Temporary Upgrade Assignment Standby Denial HO Appeal	231506	06/26	$50,000
	60 Hour NOIS HO Appeal	231492	04/26	$50,000
	Employment Matter	231493	04/26	$25,000
	HO Appeal	231502	04/26	$100,000
	Employment Matter	226532	07/26	$100,000
	Advice and Counsel – Public Contracting/Procurement	235184	08/26	$25,000
Ballard Rosenberg Golper & Savitt LLP	Employment Matter	231508	07/26	$100,000
BDG Law Group, APLC	Employment Matter	216054	03/24	$900,000
	Employment Matter	222547	03/25	$250,000
Best, Best & Krieger	Environmental Compliance Issues	185888	05/20	$100,000
	Grant Compliance Issues	211921	05/23	$250,000
	Pure Water Southern California	207966	11/22	$350,000
	Progressive Design Build	216053	04/24	$250,000
	Pure Water – SB 149 CEQA Record Preparation	222526	02/25	$150,000
	Rates and Taxes Advice	226517	05/25	$50,000
	PWSC Construction Contracting Issues	226524	07/25	$125,000
	Diamond Valley Lake Groundwater Basin Issues	231486	1/26	$100,000
	Technology – Contracts and Related Matters	231489	03/26	$35,000

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Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP	Labor and Employment Matters	180207	04/19	$75,000
	General Real Estate Matters	180209	08/19	$200,000
	Rancho Cucamonga Condemnation Actions (Grade Separation Project)	207970	05/22	$150,000
	Foothill Pump Station Condemnation	226522	06/25	$100,000
	Fakhoury, et al. v. City of Rancho Cucamonga, et al.	226528	12/25	$200,000 ~~$100,000~~
	Ethics Office Investigations	226537	01/26	$75,000
Law Office of Alexis S.M. Chiu*	Bond Counsel	220409	07/24	N/A
Cislo & Thomas LLP	Intellectual Property	170703	08/17	$100,000
Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP	Advice and Representation re Potential Litigation	220424	10/24	$600,000 ~~$250,000~~
	Employment Matter	222543	03/25	$750,000
	Advice and Representation re Employment -Related Claims	226526	08/25	$250,000
	Government Code Claim Investigation	226538	02/26	$250,000
Erin Joyce Law, PC	Ethics Advice	216058	05/24	$100,000
Haden Law Office	Real Property Matters re Agricultural Land	180194	01/19	$50,000
Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer & Jensen, LLP	Workers' Compensation	211926	06/23	$500,000
Hanson Bridgett LLP	Finance Advice	158024	12/16	$100,000
	Deferred Compensation/HR	170706	10/17	$700,000 ~~$600,000~~
	Alternative Project Delivery (ADP)	207961	10/22	$250,000

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	Lake Mathews Mining Issues	231485	01/26	$250,000
Hausman & Sosa, LLP	Employment Matter	220426	10/24	$100,000
	Jensen Operator Standby Removal	222522	10/24	$100,000
	NOIS Appeal	222553	03/25	$50,000
	Employment Matter	231513	07/26	$100,000
	Employment Matter	235177	07/26	$100,000
	~~NOID Appeal~~	~~226523~~	~~06/25~~	~~$150,000~~
Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP*	Bond Counsel	220405	07/24	N/A
Horvitz & Levy	General Appellate Advice	146616	12/15	$200,000
	Colorado River	203464	04/22	$100,000
	Delta Conveyance Bond Validation Appeal	216047	03/24	$25,000
	~~PFAS Multi-District Litigation – Appeal~~	~~216050~~	~~03/24~~	~~$200,000~~
Internet Law Center	Cybersecurity and Privacy Advice and Representation	200478	04/13/21	$100,000
	Systems Integrated, LLC v. MWD	201875	05/17/21	$500,000
	General Advice and Counsel	222544	02/25	$25,000
Jackson Lewis P.C.	Employment: Department of Labor Office of Contract Compliance	137992	02/14	$45,000
Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP	Bond Counsel	220412	07/24	N/A
Kessel & Megrabyan	Employment Litigation	235191	09/26	$100,000
	Employment Litigation	235192	09/26	$100,000
	Employment Litigation	235193	09/26	$100,000
	Employment Litigation	235194	09/26	$100,000

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Kronenberger Rosenfeld, LLP	Systems Integrated, LLC v. MWD	211920	04/23	$500,000
Kutak Rock LLP	Delta Islands Land Management	207959	10/22	$160,000
Lesnick Prince Pappas & Alverson LLP	Kidde-Fenwal Bankruptcy	216061	06/24	$50,000
Liebert Cassidy Whitmore	Labor and Employment	158032	02/17	$244,741
	EEO Advice	216041	12/23	$450,000
Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP	PFAS Multi-District Litigation	216048	03/24	$200,000
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP	MWD Tap Campaign	231505	06/26	$35,000
Marten Law LLP	PFAS Multi-District Litigation	216034	09/23	$550,000
	PFAS-Related Issues (PWSC)	220414	08/24	$150,000
	Perris Valley Pipeline Project	220415	07/24	$100,000
	PFAS-Related Issues (General)	220413	10/24	$50,000
Milbank LLP	Colorado River	231490	04/26	$1,250.000
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius	Project Labor Agreements	200476	04/21	$100,000
Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP	Arvin-Edison v. Dow Chemical	203452	01/22	$150,000
	Semitropic TCP Litigation	207954	09/22	$75,000
	Employment Matter	220417	08/24	$150,000
	Employment Matter	226535	01/26	$75,000
	Employment Matter	231507	06/26	$100,000
	Employment Matter	235178	07/26	$100,000
	Employment Matter	235179	07/26	$100,000
	Witness Representation	231509	09/26	$100,000

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	Employment Matter	235195	10/26	$50,000
Nixon Peabody LLP*	Bond Counsel	220404	07/24	N/A
Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP*	Bond Counsel	220407	7/24	N/A
	Pure Water Special Project Finance	226513	05/25	$200,000
Olson Remcho LLP	Government Law	131968	07/14	$800,000
	Advice/Assistance re Proposition 26/Election Issues	211922	05/23	$100,000
Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP	2015 Series A Bond Examination	235182	09/26	$50,000
Pearlman, Brown & Wax, L.L.P.	Workers' Compensation	216037	10/23	$100,000
Redwood Public Law, LLP	PRA and Conflicts Issues	222540	02/25	$150,000
	ZEV Charger Installation Permitting	231504	06/26	$100,000
Renne Public Law Group, LLP	Employee Relations and Personnel Matters	216045	01/24	$50,000
	ACE v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA CE 1729 M)	220421	09/24	$70,000
	AFSCME v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1733-M)	220422	09/24	$70,000
	AFSCME v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1746-M)	222528	11/24	$35,000
	AFSCME v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1774-M)	226515	05/25	$35,000
	AFSCME v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1772-M)	226518	05/25	$35,000
	AFSCME v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1775-M)	226519	05/25	$35,000
	AFSCME v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1776-M)	226520	05/25	$35,000

Firm Name	Matter Name	Agreement No.	Effective Date	Contract Maximum
	AFSCME v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1785-M)	226527	10/25	$50,000
	Supervisors Association of MWD v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1854-M)	226536	01/26	$50,000
	Gutierrez v MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1890-M)	231512	07/26	$35,000
	SAMWD v. MWD (PERB Case No. LA-CE-1902-M)	235185	08/26	$40,000
Ryan & Associates	Leasing Issues	43714	06/01	$200,000
	Unlawful Encroachment on Metropolitan Rights-of-Way	216065	06/24	$100,000
Seyfarth Shaw LLP	Employment Matter	201897	11/04/21	$700,000
	Claim (Contract #203436)	203436	11/15/21	$1,000,000
	General Labor/Employment Advice	211917	3/23	$250,000
	Employment Matter	216035	09/23	$1,200,000
Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP	Employment Matter	222532	12/24	$500,000
Snell & Wilmer LLP	Public Records Act Requests	226531	12/25	$150,000
Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth*	Bond Counsel	220408	7/24	N/A
Theodora Oringher PC	Construction Contracts - General Conditions Update	185896	07/20	$100,000
	Santa Monica Feeder Incident	226526	08/25	$150,000
	Weymouth BESS Incident 09/22/26	235187	09/26	$250,000
The Zappia Law Firm, APC	Standby Denial HO Appeal	231499	05/26	$100,000
	Standby Denial HO Appeal	231500	05/26	$100,000

Firm Name	Matter Name	Agreement No.	Effective Date	Contract Maximum
	Standby Denial HO Appeal	231501	05/26	$100,000
	WRM TUA ReOrg Transfer 2025 HO Appeal	231510	06/26	$50,000
	Lake Skinner Operators Out of Class HO Appeal	231511	06/26	$50,000
Thompson Coburn LLP	NERC Energy Reliability Standards	193451	08/20	$1,000,000 ~~$600,000~~
Van Ness Feldman, LLP	General Litigation	170704	07/18	$50,000
	Colorado River MSHCP	180191	01/19	$200,000
	Bay-Delta and State Water Project Environmental Compliance	193457	10/15/20	$50,000
	Colorado River Issues	211924	05/23	$1,000,000
	Cajalco Road Widening Project	226509	04/25	$50,000
	Eight-Vehicle Pile-Up Claims, Rancho Cucamonga	226529	12/25	$150,000
Wesierski & Zurek LLP	General Tort Claims and Litigation Defense Advice	226530	12/25	$150,000

*Expenditures paid by Bond Proceeds/Finance
**Expenditures paid by another group

Waterwise landscape at CalTech benefits from rebates offered through Metropolitan's Local Resources Program.

Attorney Spotlight Alondra Espinosa

Each month, we highlight a member of the Office of the General Counsel whose contributions, expertise, and dedication exemplify our commitment to excellence in public service.

Alondra Espinosa

About

Alondra has been a practicing attorney for 10 years. She is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, where she majored in Political Science and minored in Environmental Systems and Society and Chicana/o Studies. She earned her Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. While in law school, Alondra was a law clerk here at Metropolitan where she assisted the legal department on a wide range of legal matters. Alondra has dedicated her entire legal career to representing public agencies. Prior to rejoining Metropolitan in 2023, Alondra was an associate at a law firm where she served as assistant general counsel and assistant city attorney for several special districts and municipalities throughout Southern California.

MWD Practice Area

Alondra provides legal counsel and support to Metropolitan's Professional Contracting Services team regarding a wide range of contracting and procurement matters related to the procurement of goods and services. She performs legal research; reviews solicitations, bid protests, proposals and recommendations of award, contracts, and amendments; negotiates contracts and amendments; advises on legal risks related to contracting terms; reviews Board letters and presentations related to professional service agreements; and advises on contract compliance and enforcement.

As part of her practice, Alondra also advises and supports Metropolitan's conservation programs, including the Local Resources Program, Future Supplies Actions program, Innovative Conservation program, Pilot Stormwater Funding program, and Metropolitan's member agency conservation programs, by drafting and negotiating contracts or transactional documents related to those programs. Moreover, Alondra also advices, reviews and drafts funding contracts, grant agreements, cost-share agreements, nondisclosure agreements, reimbursement agreements, and waivers and releases, as needed.

In addition to contracting matters, Alondra also provides legal support to Metropolitan's External Affairs, Document Services, Ethics and Audit Offices on various matters related to copyright and intellectual property, record management, conflicts of interest, and the California Public Records Act.

Fun Facts

Alondra was born and raised in Wilmington, CA to immigrant parents. She is passionate about community engagement and increasing diversity in higher education. In her spare time, she loves spending time with her husband and son rooting for their favorite soccer teams, the LA Galaxy and Angel City.

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

LEGAL AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

October 13, 2026

Vice Chair Shepherd Romey called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Members present: Directors Camacho, Crawford, De Jesus (teleconference posted location), Douglas, Katz, Kurtz, Miller, and Shepherd Romey.

Members absent: Directors Kassakhian and Ramos.

Other Board Members present: Directors Alvarez, Barrera, Bryant, Denham, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Jay, Lewitt, Ortega, Pakala, Paule, Pressman, Seckel, and Sutley.

Committee Staff present: Beatty, Deshmukh, Gaxiola, Hudson, Rubin, and Scully.

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

None

2. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

A. Subject: General Counsel's report of monthly activities

General Counsel Scully announced the hiring of three attorneys in the Legal Department.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

3. COMMITTEE ACTION ONLY

A. Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee for September 15, 2026.

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS (FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

7-4 Subject: Authorize an increase of $100,000, to an amount not to exceed $700,000, for a contract for legal services with Hanson Bridgett LLP to provide legal advice on deferred compensation plans, other employee benefits, taxes, and CalPERS matters; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Motion: Authorize an increase of $100,000, to an amount not to exceed $700,000, for a contract for legal services with Hanson Bridgett LLP to provide legal advice on deferred compensation plans, other employee benefits, taxes, and CalPERS matters.

No presentations were given, Director Katz made a motion, seconded by Director Douglas, to approve the consent calendar items 3A and 7-4.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Camacho, Crawford, De Jesus, Douglas, Katz, Kurtz, Miller, and Shepherd Romey
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Directors Kassakhian and Ramos

The motion for Items 3A and 7-4 passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Vice Chair Shepherd Romey announced that we will now have an open session presentation and then go into closed session to discuss Item 8-8.

5. COMMITTEE ITEMS (ACTION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

8-8	Subject:	Report on lithium-ion battery energy storage system (BESS) fire at the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant in La Verne, CA and authorize increase of maximum amount payable under contract with Energy Services Agency, Inc. for consulting services by $200,000 to an amount not-to-exceed $450,000; the General Manager has determined that this action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation, based on facts and circumstances relating to the lithium-ion BESS fire at Weymouth Plant there is significant exposure to litigation against Metropolitan – 1 or more cases; and deciding whether to initiate litigation - 1 potential case; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(d)(4)]
	Presented by:	Betty Kuo Brinton, Sr. Deputy General Counsel and Mai Hattar, Group Manager-Engineering Services
	Motion	Authorize an increase of maximum amount payable under contract with Energy Security Agency, Inc. for consulting services by $200,000 for an amount not-to-exceed $450,000.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Douglas
2. Miller
3. Pressman

Staff responded to the Director's questions and comments.

Vice Chair Shepherd Romey called the meeting into closed session.

Vice Chair Shepherd Romey reported there was no action taken in closed session on Item 8-8.

In open session, Director Camacho made a motion, seconded by Director Miller to approve the contract increase in Item 8-8.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Camacho, Crawford, De Jesus, Douglas, Katz, Kurtz, Miller, and Shepherd Romey.
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Directors Kassakhian and Ramos

The motion for Item 8-8 passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION)

None

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS (INFORMATIONAL)

None

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Gretchen Shepherd Romey
Vice Chair