

August is traditionally a quiet month in Washington. The House is in recess for the entire month, and with many federal employees on vacation, some federal agencies operate on a reduced schedule. One exception this year is the Senate's August session as discussed below.

Senate Meets in Rare August Session

The Senate is missing its traditional August recess to debate its latest spending "minibus," meaning a bill that includes only a few appropriations measures, as compared to a larger omnibus bill. This package, pairing the FY2019 Defense (S. 3159) and Labor-HHS-Education (S. 3158) appropriations bills, would provide the bulk of the federal discretionary budget (combined, these two represent \$1.1 trillion in spending). If passed, the Senate will have cleared nine of the 13 annual spending bills. The House has passed six.

The federal fiscal year begins on October 1 and a Continuing Resolution is expected to fund all or most programs into the new fiscal year. The outcome of mid-term elections is expected to determine whether Congress finishes all of the bills this year or postpones them until a new Congress is seated in January.

Latest WIFIA Round Garners Strong Interest

The Environmental Protection Agency received 62 letters of interest seeking a total of \$9.1 billion in financing assistance through the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program. Congress provided \$55 million in FY2018 to support \$5.5 billion worth of loans through WIFIA. EPA will evaluate these letters and select a final group to submit formal applications later this year.

Poseidon Resources submitted a letter of interest requesting a \$30.6 million loan for intake modifications at the Carlsbad Desalination Plant. The Water Authority, Stonepeak Infrastructure Partners, and IDE Americas are partners with Poseidon on this application.

EPA is currently in the process of closing loans solicited during the FY2017 round of funding, when \$2.3 billion was offered to 12 projects. This includes the Pure Water San Diego project which has a pending application for \$492 million.

Congressional Agenda

With the congressional calendar growing short for this session, Congress will attempt to finish the following priorities:

- Finish FY2019 appropriations or at least have a Continuing Resolution in place to maintain federal funding when the new fiscal year begins on October 1.
- Confirm Brett Kavanaugh before the Supreme Court begins its session on October 1.
- Extend or pass a new "Farm Bill" (current law expires September 30)
- Extend or pass a new FAA authorization (current extension expires September 30)
- Pass comprehensive legislation to address the opioid crisis
- Extend or pass new programs for pandemic preparedness, Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) program, and the Animal Drug User Fee Act of 2003.
- Extend or pass a new authorization for the nation's intelligence programs
- Pass a new Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)

August 22, 2018

Attention: Imported Water Committee

Metropolitan Water District Delegates' Report. (Discussion)

Purpose

This report summarizes key discussions held and actions taken at the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) committee and Board meetings, as reported by the Water Authority Delegates. This report includes MWD Board activities for August 2018. The MWD committees and Board met on August 20 and 21, 2018, and meet next on September 10 and 11.

Discussion

The Water Authority Delegates (Delegates) supported 10 of the 14 action items approved by the MWD Board at its August 2018 meetings. Actions of interest to the Water Authority taken by the MWD Board were:

- Setting the ad valorem property tax rate (tax rate) for fiscal year 2019 at 0.0035 percent – the same rate it has been since fiscal year 2013;
- Authorizing an \$150,000 increase in the maximum amount payable for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$450,000 to Horvitz & Levy, LLP, for legal services related to the rate litigation;
- Receiving the tabulation of member agencies' assessed valuation and vote entitlement as of August 20, 2018 (the Water Authority's vote entitlement declined by 0.06 percent to 17.42 percent);
- Taking a "watch" position on Section 437 of H.R.6147, the Interior, Environment, Financial Services and General Government, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act of 2019 (the Calvert Rider); and
- Authoring the General Manager to enter into a water services agreement with the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, Water Authority, and Padre Dam Municipal Water District. (The Delegates abstained on this item.)

In a letter to the MWD Board, the Delegates opposed setting the fiscal year 2019 tax rate at the same level it has been held at since fiscal year 2013.¹ The MWD Act limits the ad valorem tax that MWD can levy in its service area to the amount required to fund its debt from its general obligation and portion of the state general obligation bonds used to finance the construction of the existing State Water Project² unless the Board finds it "essential" to MWD's "fiscal integrity" to suspend this limitation. Attachment 1 is a summary of the Board's discussion of the tax rate.

The Delegates, along with the Los Angeles and Santa Monica delegations, opposed the Board's action to "take a watch position" on the Calvert Rider. A summary of the Board's discussion of the

¹ The Delegates August 19, 2018 letter regarding the tax rate found here: <https://mwdprograms.sdcwa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018-08-19-WA-ltr-to-MWD-re-5A-2.pdf>.

² The state obligation bonds are also called Burns Porter bonds.

rider is found in Attachment 2. During the Conservation and Local Resources Committee (C&LR Committee), the Board received a presentation on potentially adjusting the “target” of MWD’s Local Resources Program. Attachment 3 summarizes the Board’s discussion of the presentation. Although the C&LR Committee received a presentation on “increasing conservation in disadvantaged communities,” the Board did not discuss the presentation due to time constraints. C&LR Committee Chair Gold directed MWD to place the item on the top of next month’s committee agenda to allow time for discussion.

In closed session, the Legal & Claims Committee, without the Delegates in attendance, heard a report on the rate litigation. The Delegates recused themselves on an item authorizing an increase in the maximum amount payable to Horvitz & Levy, LLP, for legal services related to the rate litigation. To-date, the contracts the Board has authorized related to the rate litigation have a combined maximum amount payable of \$29.1 million. Although Directors Jerry Butkiewicz and Tim Smith were sworn in as MWD directors in July, this month they were inducted onto the Board and received their respective committee assignments (see Attachment 4 for MWD’s press release). Smith will serve on the Finance and Insurance Committee and Engineering and Operations Committee, while Butkiewicz will serve on the Communications and Legislation Committee and Water Planning and Stewardship Committee. Director Barbre (Municipal Water District of Orange County) opposed these committee assignments. The Board authorized the General Manager, with the approval of the General Counsel, to settle one litigation case related to MWD’s purchase of the Delta Islands. Director Pressman (Beverly Hills) opposed the settlement action. Attachment 4 is a copy of MWD’s August 2018 committee and Board meeting agendas.

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Reviewed by: *Communications and Legislation Committee* by Delegates
Conservation and Local Resources Committee by Fern Steiner and Michael Hogan
Engineering and Operations Committee by Fern Steiner
Finance and Insurance Committee by the Delegates
Legal and Claims Committee by Fern Steiner
Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee by the Michael Hogan
Water Planning and Stewardship Committee by Fern Steiner

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Discussion Summary of MWD Action to Levy the Ad Valorem Tax Rate

Attachment 2 – Discussion Summary of the Discussion Summary of the Calvert Rider

Attachment 3 – Discussion Summary of Local Resources Program Refinements

Attachment 4 – MWD press release dated August 22, 2018

Attachment 5 – MWD’s committee and Board meeting agendas dated August 20 and 21, 2018.

Discussion Summary of MWD Action to Levy the Ad Valorem Tax Rate

During MWD's August 2018 Finance and Insurance Committee (F&I Committee) meeting, the Board adopted a resolution to maintain the ad valorem property tax rate (tax rate) for fiscal year 2019 at the same level (0.0035 percent) it has been held at since fiscal year 2013.¹ The Board made the finding that suspending the tax rate limitation is "essential" to MWD's "fiscal integrity" for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 as part of its April 2018 biennial budget and rates adoption action; this month the Board adopted a resolution setting the tax rate for fiscal year 2019.

Following staff's presentation on this item, staff responded to Director Steiner that if MWD were to allow the tax rate to decline in accordance with its Act, the rate would be about 0.0007 percent. Steiner noted that in the Quarterly Financial Update presentation, MWD reports it ended fiscal year 2018 with revenues exceeding expenditures and added \$80 million to its unrestricted reserves; she questioned why the tax rate limit suspension is necessary for MWD to be financially "sustainable." Although MWD contends that its 10-year rate forecast serves as a long range financial plan, Steiner pointed out that the forecast fails to prepare MWD to address scenarios such as the one the Board currently faces where it considers suspending the tax rate limitation while adding to its unrestricted reserves. She renewed the Delegates' request for MWD to restart its efforts to update its Long Range Finance Plan (LRFP), which was last updated in 2004. Later, Director Hogan echoed Steiner's request and called for the Board to "rethink" its use of the property tax, and to consider its long-term strategy instead of suspending the tax rate limitation every two years. Turning to the Delegates' letter, which articulated their opposition to setting the tax rate at the suspended level,² Steiner made clear that the Delegates do not oppose MWD's use of fixed charges per se, but rather, they are concerned with MWD's lack of sufficient facts and analysis to support that the tax rate suspension is necessary for MWD's "fiscal integrity." Agreeing that MWD's reserves improved, Interim Chief Financial Officer Skillman noted they remain below the "target"³ and that MWD does not have "surplus reserves." Responding to Steiner's comments on MWD's lack of an updated LRFP, Skillman said presenting the Board with an updated 10-year rate forecast at each budget cycle is more "helpful." Skillman said that fixed revenues are "essential to our fiscal integrity" and the tax is "a very important fixed revenue source for us," characterizing the tax rate suspension as "available and practical, and can be efficiently and effectively implemented."

Switching gears Director Paskett (Los Angeles) asked if the tax could be used to fund MWD's share of WaterFix costs. Skillman responded that MWD's State Water Contract costs exceed the amount MWD would collect from the tax, so the tax "offsets" these costs. Clarifying her

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³ The unrestricted reserve's "target," which in the past MWD referred to as the maximum reserve target, equals "the portion of the fixed costs of the District estimated to be recovered by water sales revenues during" three-and-a-half years. For fiscal year 2018, the estimated minimum level and "target" for MWD's unrestricted reserves are \$257.3 million and \$626.9 million, respectively. In the August 2018 Quarterly Financial Update, MWD reported that it expects fiscal year 2018 to close with \$480 million in unrestricted reserves.

question Paskett asked if MWD could use revenue generated from the tax to pay the debt service associated with WaterFix. MWD legal staff responded that Paskett's question merits further investigation and said that there has been some "debate" about the use of taxes to fund WaterFix costs. Skillman followed and said MWD does not plan to use tax revenue to fund its WaterFix costs in the current biennial budget since existing State Water Project costs exceed the tax revenues projected to be collected but noted that the Board could do "something different in the future." Paskett asked again if MWD could legally use the tax to pay for WaterFix. General Counsel Scully reiterated Skillman's comments but added that whether ad valorem tax revenues could be used to fund WaterFix is one of the many issues being raised in the Department of Water Resources validation lawsuit. Steiner asked if MWD can raise the tax rate, rather than holding the rate flat, which MWD legal staff answered yes. The F&I Committee voted to approve setting the tax rate at 0.0035 percent with Paskett opposing the action. (Due to the transition of two new Water Authority Delegates onto the MWD Board, at the time of the August F&I Committee meeting, a Water Authority Delegate had yet to be assigned to the committee.)

Immediately following the F&I Committee meeting, MWD held a Special Board meeting to adopt a resolution setting the tax rate. The Board approved the F&I Committee's action with the Delegates opposing it.

Discussion Summary of the Calvert Rider

During MWD's August 2018 Communications and Legislation Committee (C&L Committee) meeting, the Board considered staff's recommendation to "take a watch" position on Section 437 of H.R.6147, the Interior, Environment, Financial Services and General Government, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act of 2019 introduced by Congressman Calvert (R-CA, 42nd District), also being referenced as the Calvert Rider.¹ This item was discussed at last month's C&L Committee meeting and was added to this month's C&L Committee agenda as an action item at the request of Director Gold (Los Angeles) at the July Executive Committee.

Following staff's presentation, Gold expressed his concerns on the Calvert Rider and pointed out the growing opposition to the rider, specifically that expressed by Senators Feinstein and Harris, California Natural Resources Secretary Laird, and Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti. He also noted California Attorney General Becerra's letter questioning the legality of, and opposing the rider. Referencing the presentation's suggestion that there was precedent for the rider, Gold said that "whether or not there has been bad precedent that occurred on more narrow projects elsewhere" is beside the point and highlighted the "hypocrisy" for MWD to be concerned that the federal government's management of the Central Valley Project may impact the State Water Project (referring to an internal memo from Department of Interior Secretary Zinke) while lacking the same concern with federal legislation that would bypass all state laws. Assistant General Manager and Chief External Affairs Officer Zinke stated that it's not "uniform where Congress is coming from and where the [Trump] Administration is coming from." Disagreeing that "the exemption afforded to the All-American Canal (AACLP)" was "poor precedent," Zinke noted that Feinstein, Calvert, MWD, and some of MWD member agencies supported the exemption. Zinke said "although we appreciate the [rider's] intent," MWD had identified some challenges related to "the breadth" of the rider's "language."

Returning to the AACLP, Peterson (Las Virgenes) asked if the federal exemption bypassed the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). General Counsel Scully clarified that the federal legislation mandated that the All-American Canal be completed, which stopped and prevented further litigation on the project, but that she was unsure if CEQA was included in the "exemption." Offering his perspective that those parties suing over the AACLP had the intention "to stop" the Quantification Settlement Agreement rather than the lining project, Peterson said "it's the same thing" with WaterFix. Gold countered and stated that the rider is "way bigger" than seeking exemption from complying with a single law to bypassing *all* state and federal law. C&L Committee Chair (Kurtz) while agreeing with Gold that the rider was "bigger," she said that there are many questions surrounding it, which she surmised is why staff is recommending a "watch" position. Opposing the Calvert Rider, Director Abdo (Santa Monica) said it is a "terrible precedent" that needs to be gotten "rid of." Chairman Record (Eastern) concluded the discussion, agreeing that the rider is complicated and stating that he has no "desire to disrespect Feinstein or Harris or Laird" and even "less desire to offend Calvert because Ken has been there for the last decade when it came to CalFed funding, all sorts of things." Record expressed support for staff's

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recommendation to “watch” the rider since it’s unclear if the Senate will take up the rider. The committee approved staff’s recommendation with Directors Abdo, Gold, Murray (Los Angeles), and Vasquez-Wilson (Central Basin) opposing the action.

At the following day’s Board meeting prior to the Board’s consideration of the Calvert Rider, Scully reported that there were two “forms of litigation” filed against the AACLP – one in federal court and the other in state court. In response to the federal litigation, Scully said the federal government passed legislation ordering the project to proceed without any delay and that the AACLP was not subject to four federal laws. The CEQA case was dismissed on appeal because the Bureau of Reclamation, a defendant in the CEQA case, “has sovereign immunity [and] it could not be brought into the case.”

Later in the meeting, following Kurtz’s motion to take a watch position on the Calvert Rider, Vice Chair Murray made a substitute motion to express opposition to the Calvert Rider, which was seconded by Director Steiner. Murray echoed Gold’s comments from the previous day on the wide-range of opposition to the rider, adding that MWD should be “known as a protector and supporter of the environment.” Dismissing the idea that MWD should take a watch position to avoid offending some of its “friends,” Murray said friends can “disagree.” Record reiterated his perspective and expressed opposition to Murray’s substitute motion. Agreeing with Record, Director Dick (Municipal Water District of Orange County) said that the Board should consider the people it represents. Dick stated that WaterFix benefits the environment, along with the state and economy, and that the project has been studied so while he “personally” would express support for the Calvert Rider, taking a watch position is a “compromise.” Murray noted that his motion is not to oppose WaterFix, but focused on allowing an “open, transparent process.” Echoing Murray, Gold pointed out that Laird’s, who is WaterFix’s “biggest cheerleader,” position on the rider is “proof” that taking an oppose position is about process.

Director Lefevre (Torrance) stated there are only two people – Feinstein and Harris – that can impact the rider at this point and that MWD’s position “will not have any impact whatsoever.” Later, Director Barbre (Municipal Water District of Orange County) noted that the Senate and House appropriation bills will go to conference and that Calvert will be a conferee. Agreeing that MWD should not support an issue just because of who it’s friends are, Barbre said his agency took a support position on the rider because “we are all in on the WaterFix” but noted that he’s “comfortable” with a watch position.

Abdo reiterated her comments from the previous day and added that MWD’s position should be based on issues rather than who “has been friendly to us.” Director Butkiewicz agreed with Dick that the Board should consider its customers, including its future customers, and expressed support for Murray’s motion. Stating that WaterFix’s environmental review is complete and that the Board expressed the opinion that the project’s environmental impacts are “acceptable,” Director McKenney (Municipal Water District of Orange County) said the issue is not about protecting the environment. Instead he said the future issue will be obtaining “federal financial support” for the project thus taking a “watch” position is “fine,” but said it would be “short-sighted” for MWD to “actively” oppose the rider that is being “carried by somebody whose support we need on much larger appropriation issues in the future.” Agreeing with McKenney that the lawsuits have little to do with environmental issues, Peterson said the lawsuits are an

attempt for some parties to “take another bite at the apple.” Peterson argued that the rider is not precedent since the ACCLP related legislation had similar language and expressed support for taking a “watch” position to avoid “hidden agendas.”

Murray’s motion failed to pass, gaining 44.37 percent of the Board’s support with the Burbank, Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Diego, and Santa Monica delegations and one of Central Basin’s two representatives (Vasquez-Wilson) voting in favor of it. Ultimately, the Board approved taking a watch position on the Calvert Rider with 56.93 percent of Board support – the Los Angeles, San Diego, and Santa Monica delegations opposed the action.

Discussion Summary of Local Resources Program Refinements

The MWD Board received a presentation on refinements to the Local Resources Program (LRP) during its August 2018 Conservation and Local Resources Committee (C&LR Committee). Staff provided an overview of the LRP, the current condition of local supplies compared to the local supply “target” for 2040 established in 2015 Integrated Water Resources Plan (IRP), and the process to make refinements to the LRP. The presentation included a suggestion to increase its LRP target from the current 68,000 acre-feet per year to 150,000 acre-feet per year in the interim until the LRP target is revisited during the 2020 IRP process.¹

Following staff’s presentation, Director Steiner asked how MWD determined the IRP’s 2040 target. Water Resources Management Group Manager Coffey replied that the target is derived through MWD including only those local supply projects reported by member agencies that MWD determines have met “the trigger level.”² Assistant General Manager and Chief Operating Officer Upadhyay added “the target is what it is” and once the amount is established, MWD must “take actions to meet the target as a region.” He confirmed that MWD will reevaluate the target during the IRP’s 2020 update. Noting that MWD stated it will “protect” groundwater, Steiner assumed that local agencies who manage and rely on the groundwater and surface storage are also responsible for this protection. Coffey agreed with her assumption. In response to Director Morris (San Marino), Coffey said that MWD’s budget assumes LRP-funded projects will produce 70 percent of the contracted maximum production.

Director Dick (Municipal Water District of Orange County) asked how MWD will “approach LRP projects” moving forward; for example, whether funding for the projects will be selected based on their location and other considerations or will projects be funded based on first come, first served. Refencing the Board-adopted LRP policy principles,³ Coffey said as part of the LRP refinement process’ next steps and after the Board sets an interim LRP target, the C&LR Committee and member agency managers will discuss LRP selection criteria, which may include the projects’ potential impacts on MWD’s system. Agreeing that MWD should consider refining the LRP’s selection criteria, C&LR Committee Chair Gold (Los Angeles) expressed interest in discussing “the concept of subsidizing more expensive water when” it “might be best for the system to subsidize some projects with cheaper water.”

Switching gears, Director Blois (Calleguas) noted that there are a variety of factors influencing groundwater basins, highlighting the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), and sought to understand the amount of the region’s groundwater supplies that are in adjudicated basins, or are in “critical over-draft” that will be impacted by SGMA. Adding to Blois’ question, Gold asked which basins have the “greatest degree of over-draft and what the obstacles to groundwater replenishment” were during the recent wet period. Upadhyay noted that the data staff presented is the “amalgamation of all the basins together” and not every basin in the region

¹ For more background information on this presentation see the “Metropolitan Water District Program Report” in the Water Authority’s August 2018 supplemental materials found here: <https://www.sdcwa.org/meetings-and-documents>

² MWD only includes local supply projects that are existing or under construction at the time of its IRP updates in the plan’s forecasts.

³ MWD’s LRP policy principles, which the Delegates opposed, are found here: <http://edmsidm.mwdh2o.com/idmweb/cache/MWD%20EDMS/003737687-1.pdf>

is in the same condition, specifically pointing out efforts to bring the Raymond Basin into “better balance” by reducing production levels, while the Main San Gabriel Basin is seeking additional replenishment water to address the basin “draw-down.” Morris suggested there are other influences that may have impacted these two basins, including the expansion of sewer systems and the diversion of wastewater to other basins. In response to Gold, Upadhyay said that Los Angeles County of Public Works recently reported that while rainfall was “relatively average” in 2017, the inflow to basins was below average by about 30 percent. Upadhyay offered to provide reports on individual basins later. Blois clarified that his point: there will be actions taken independently of MWD, which MWD should consider. For example, he said to comply with SGMA, a basin in Ventura County plans to be adjudicated and reduce its production. Director Pressman (Beverly Hills) also sought to better understand groundwater basins’ conditions and the potential impacts to their storage levels; he requested MWD provide information by agency on basins’ conditions and the factors that influence over-draft. Coffey agreed to accommodate Pressman’s request, which Director Hogan later echoed.

Asking about timeline, Director Ackerman (Municipal Water District of Orange County) urged MWD to address LRP selection criteria. Coffey replied that MWD will bring information items on this criteria to the committee over the next few months. Hogan asked how updating the criteria would impact applications that have already been submitted. Stating that MWD plans to move forward with criteria refinements expeditiously, Coffey said the current application process and refinement process will move in parallel and when a project is ready to be considered by the Board it will be brought forward.

Gold wrapped up the Board’s discussion due to time constraints but allowed Director Gray (West Basin) to express her appreciation for MWD’s focus on the LRP. Gray noted that some member agencies had met with staff and Chairman Record (Eastern) to discuss the importance of refining the LRP.



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METROPOLITAN BOARD WELCOMES TWO NEW DIRECTORS REPRESENTING SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Two new directors representing the San Diego County Water Authority have joined Metropolitan Water District's Board of Directors.

Longtime labor union leader Jerry Butkiewicz and Tim Smith, an engineer in the water industry for 28 years, succeed directors Keith Lewinger and Elsa Saxod, who served on the Metropolitan 38-member board for nine years and nearly two years, respectively.

Butkiewicz will serve on the Communications and Legislation Committee and the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee. Smith was named to the Engineering and Operations Committee and the Finance and Insurance Committee.

Butkiewicz, who was formally introduced at Tuesday's (Aug. 21) board meeting, was appointed to the Water Authority's Board of Directors in 2016 to represent the city of San Diego. The Chicago native began his career as a U.S. postal clerk and member of the American Postal Workers Union in Phoenix. In 1980, Butkiewicz and his family moved to California, where he was elected president of the local APWU and worked at an Oceanside post office. From 1982 to 1995, he worked as the labor liaison at the San Diego United Way.

In 1996, Butkiewicz was elected secretary-treasurer of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, a post he held until 2008. Butkiewicz then accepted a position as workforce readiness manager for Sempra Energy, from which he retired in 2016.

Smith is president of the Otay Water District Board of Directors and was seated on the Water Authority's board in 2017. As an adjunct professor at San Diego State University, Smith teaches water courses in the civil, construction and environmental engineering department. He began his career as an engineer for Black & Veatch and Parsons Corp., before shifting to the public sector as senior civil engineer for the Water Authority. He then worked as a principal engineer for Helix Water District.

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Born in Columbus, Ohio, he earned his bachelor's degree and master's degree in civil engineering from San Diego State University and is an active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and American Water Works Association.

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving nearly 19 million people in six counties. The district imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, and helps its members to develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource-management programs.



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MWD MEETING AGENDA

REVISION NO. 2

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Adjourned Finance and Insurance Committee

Meeting with Board of Directors*

and

Special Board Meeting

August 20, 2018

9:30 a.m. – Boardroom

August 20, 2018 Adjourned Meeting Schedule **Revised**		
9:30 a.m.	Adj. F&I and Spec BOD Mtg	Boardroom
10:30 a.m.	Joint Adj E&O and F&I and Adj E&O	Boardroom
12:30 p.m.	Adj WP&S	Rm. 2-145
1:30 p.m.	Adj. C&L	Rm. 2-456
2:30 p.m.	A&E	Rm. 2-145

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* The Metropolitan Water District's Finance and Insurance Committee meeting is noticed as a joint committee meeting with the Board of Directors for the purpose of compliance with the Brown Act. Members of the Board who are not assigned to the Finance and Insurance Committee may attend and participate as members of the Board, whether or not a quorum of the Board is present. In order to preserve the function of the committee as advisory to the Board, members of the Board who are not assigned to the Finance and Insurance Committee will not vote on matters before the Finance and Insurance Committee.

ADJOURNED FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

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. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Insurance Committee held June 11, 2018**
3. **MANAGEMENT REPORT**
 - a. Interim Chief Financial Officer's report

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION

- 7-5** Adopt CEQA determination and authorize the General Manager to enter into an Agreement for Water Services with the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, San Diego County Water Authority, and Padre Dam Municipal Water District

Recommendation:

Option #1:

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project, is not subject to CEQA, and is exempt, and

Authorize the General Manager to enter into the Water Service Agreement with Sycuan, SDCWA, and Padre Dam.

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS — ACTION

- 5.** Tax levy for fiscal year 2018/19
- 5A-1** Report on list of certified assessed valuations for fiscal year 2018/19 and tabulation of assessed valuations, percentage participation, and vote entitlement of member agencies as of August 20, 2018
- 5A-2** Adopt CEQA determination and resolution establishing the tax rate for fiscal year 2018/19

Added

Recommendation:

Option #1

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and

- a. Adopt the Resolution Levying Ad Valorem Property Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 for the Purposes of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Attachment 1) maintaining the tax rate at .0035% of assessed valuation (exclusive of annexation levies), the same rate levied in FY 2017/18; and**
- b. Direct staff to transmit that resolution to the county auditors for the levy and collection of the ad valorem property tax.**

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Quarterly Financial Review
- b. Investment Activities for July 2018

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**10. ADJOURN TO SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

NOTE: This committee reviews items and makes a recommendation for final action to the full Board of Directors. Final action will be taken by the Board of Directors. Agendas for the meeting of the Board of Directors may be obtained from the Board Executive Secretary. This committee will not take any final action that is binding on the Board, even when a quorum of the Board is present.

Writings relating to open session agenda items distributed to Directors less than 72 hours prior to a regular meeting are available for public inspection at Metropolitan's Headquarters Building and on Metropolitan's Web site <http://www.mwdh2o.com>.

Requests for a disability related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to attend or participate in a meeting should be made to the Board Executive Secretary in advance of the meeting to ensure availability of the requested service or accommodation.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Determination of a Quorum**
4. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on the subject matter of the special meeting (As required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))**

5. **OTHER BOARD ITEMS**

5. Tax levy for fiscal year 2018/19

5A-1 Report on list of certified assessed valuations for fiscal year 2018/19 and tabulation of assessed valuations, percentage participation, and vote entitlement of member agencies as of August 20, 2018. (F&I)

5A-2 Adopt CEQA determination and resolution establishing the tax rate for fiscal year 2018/19. (F&I)

Added

Recommendation:

Option #1

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and

- a. **Adopt the Resolution Levying Ad Valorem Property Taxes for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 for the Purposes of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Attachment 1) maintaining the tax rate at .0035% of assessed valuation (exclusive of annexation levies), the same rate levied in FY 2017/18; and**
- b. **Direct staff to transmit that resolution to the county auditors for the levy and collection of the ad valorem property tax.**

6. ADJOURNMENT

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Joint Adjourned Engineering and Operations Committee and Adjourned Finance and Insurance Committee; and

Adjourned Engineering and Operations Committee

Meeting with Board of Directors*

August 20, 2018

August 20, 2018 Adjourned Meeting Schedule **REVISED**		
9:30 a.m.	Adj F&I and Spec BOD Mtg	Boardroom
10:30 a.m.	Joint Adj E&O and F&I and Adj E&O	Boardroom
12:30 p.m.	Adj WP&S	Rm. 2-145
1:30 p.m.	Adj C&L	Rm. 2-456
2:30 p.m.	A&E	Rm. 2-145

F&I Committee

G. Dake, Chair
S. Faessel, V. Chair
B. Barbre
S. Blois
D. De Jesus
C. Kurtz
L. McKenney
L. Paskett
M. Ramos
Z. Sinanyan

10:30 a.m. – Boardroom

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JOINT ADJOURNED ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS AND ADJOURNED FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEES

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

2. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Opportunities to Improve the Management of Metropolitan's Capital Improvement Programs

3. ADJOURNMENT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE ADJOURNED ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS AND FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEES

ADJOURNED ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Engineering and Operations Committee held July 9, 2018**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION

- 7-1 Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$650,000; and authorize final design of Stage 3 improvements for West Valley Feeder No. 1 (Appropriation No. 15377)

Recommendation:

Option #1:

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is categorically exempt from CEQA, and

- a. Appropriate \$650,000; and
- b. Authorize final design of Stage 3 improvements for West Valley Feeder No. 1.

- 7-2** Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$560,000; and authorize relocation of equipment for Service Connections WB-2A and WB-2B on the West Basin Feeder (Appropriation No. 15503)

Recommendation:

Option #1:

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is categorically exempt, and

- a. **Appropriate \$560,000; and**
- b. **Authorize relocation of equipment for Service Connections WB-2A & WB-2B on the West Basin Feeder.**

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS — ACTION

- 8-2** Adopt CEQA determination and authorize: (1) agreements with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., in amounts not to exceed \$2 million per year each, for a maximum of five years; and (2) agreements with Lee & Ro, Inc., and Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, in amounts not to exceed \$1 million per year each, for a maximum of five years, for engineering services to support board-authorized Capital Investment Plan projects

Recommendation:

Option #1:

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and

- a. **Authorize agreements with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2 million per year each, for a maximum period of five years; and**
- b. **Authorize agreements with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants and Lee & Ro, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1 million per year each, for a maximum period of five years.**

- 8-3** Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$7 million; and award \$5,416,000 contract to Kiewit Infrastructure West Company to repair the internal lining within yard piping at Hiram W. Wadsworth Pumping Plant (Appropriation No. 15480)

Recommendation:**Option #1:**

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is exempt, and

- a. Appropriate \$7 million; and**
- b. Award \$5,416,000 contract to Kiewit Infrastructure West Company to repair the lining within the yard piping at Wadsworth Pumping Plant.**

- 8-4** Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$2.81 million; award \$2,169,716.24 procurement contract to Gosiger West to furnish a vertical machining center; and authorize increase of \$200,000 to agreement with Richard Brady & Associates, Inc., for a new not-to-exceed total of \$646,000, to provide design services (Appropriation No. 15395)

Recommendation:**Option #1:**

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action has been previously addressed in the certified Final EIR, Findings, SOC, and MMRP, and that no further environmental analysis or documentation is required, and

- a. Appropriate \$2.81 million;**
- b. Award \$2,169,716.24 procurement contract to Gosiger West to furnish a vertical machining center for the La Verne Shops; and**
- c. Authorize increase of \$200,000 to an agreement with Richard Brady & Associates, Inc., for a new not-to-exceed total of \$646,000, to provide design services.**

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Update on Desert Housing Renovation Program
- b. Capital Investment Plan Quarterly Report for period ending June 30, 2018

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Water System Operations Manager's report
- b. Engineering Services Manager's report

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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G. Peterson
B. Pressman
J. Quiñonez
F. Steiner

Adjourned Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

Meeting with Board of Directors*

August 20, 2018

12:30 p.m. – Room 2-145

August 20, 2018 Adjourned Meeting Schedule **REVISED**		
9:30 a.m.	Adj F&I and Spec BOD Mtg	Boardroom
10:30 a.m.	Joint Adj E&O and F&I and Adj E&O	Boardroom
12:30 p.m.	Adj WP&S	Rm. 2-145
1:30 p.m.	Adj C&L	Rm. 2-456
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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. **Approval of the Minutes of the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee held July 9, 2018**

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION**
None

4. **OTHER BOARD ITEMS — ACTION**
None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Update on Cyclic Storage Program Deliveries in FY 2017/18
- b. Update on State Water Project groundwater banking programs
- c. Update on Los Angeles County's Proposed Safe, Clean Water Program Funding Measure

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Bay-Delta Matters
- b. Colorado River Matters
- c. Water Resource Management Manager's report

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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MWD MEETING AGENDA

REVISION NO. 1

C&L Committee

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D. Galleano
M. Gold
R. Lefevre
J. Morris
J. Murray, Jr.
G. Peterson
L. Vasquez Wilson

Adjourned Communications and Legislation Committee

Meeting with Board of Directors*

August 20, 2018

1:30 p.m. -- Room 2-456

August 20, 2018 Adjourned Meeting Schedule

****REVISED****

9:30 a.m.	Adj. F&I and Spec BOD Mtg	Boardroom
10:30 a.m.	Joint Adj E&O and F&I and Adj E&O	Boardroom
12:30 p.m.	Adj WP&S	Rm. 2-145
1:30 p.m.	Adj. C&L	Rm. 2-456
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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. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Communications and Legislation Committee held July 9, 2018**
3. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION**

None

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS — ACTION

- 8-5** Adopt CEQA determination and express a watch position on Section 437 of H.R. 6147, the Interior, Environment, Financial Services and General Government, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act of 2019, as proposed by U.S. Representative Ken Calvert (R-CA), related to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta California WaterFix

Added

Recommendation:

Option #1:

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA, and

Take a watch position on Section 437 of H.R.6147.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Report on activities from Washington, D.C.
- b. Report on activities from Sacramento
- c. Update on Metropolitan's Water Education Program

7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

- a. External Affairs Management report

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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MWD MEETING AGENDA

REVISION NO. 2

L&C Committee

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L. McKenney, V. Chair
R. Atwater
M. Camacho
G. Cordero
L. Dick
J. Murray, Jr.
L. Paskett
Z. Sinanyan
F. Steiner

**Adjourned Legal and Claims
Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors*

August 21, 2018

9:00 a.m. -- Room 2-145

August 21, 2018 Adjourned Meeting Schedule		
9:00 a.m.	Adj L&C	Rm. 2-145
10:00 a.m.	C&LR	Rm. 2-456
11:00 a.m.	Adj OP&T	Rm. 2-145
12:00 p.m.	Adj Board Meeting	Boardroom

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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. **Approval of the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee meeting held July 10, 2018**

3. **MANAGEMENT REPORT**
 - a. General Counsel's report of monthly activities

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION**
 - 7-4 Adopt CEQA determination and authorize increase of \$100,000, to a maximum amount payable of \$200,000, for existing General Counsel contract with Olson Hagel Fishburn LLP to provide general government law advice related to the Political Reform Act (PRA), the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) regulations, conflict of interest law and other legislative and ethics matters

August 21, 2018

Recommendation:

Option #1:

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA and is not subject to CEQA, and

Authorize the General Counsel to increase the amount payable under its agreement with Olson Hagel & Fishburn LLP by \$100,000 to a maximum amount payable of \$200,000.

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS — ACTION

- 8-7** Adopt CEQA determination and authorize the General Manager, with the approval of the General Counsel, to settle the appeals pending in *Central Delta Water Agency, et al. v. Delta Wetlands Properties, et al.*, Contra Costa County Superior Court Case No. MSC16-01022, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case Nos. A152690 and A154060; and report on existing litigation challenging the purchase of property from Delta Wetlands Properties in Contra Costa, San Joaquin, and Solano Counties in the Central Delta Water Agency case and in *County of San Joaquin, et al. v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al.*, San Joaquin County Superior Court Case No. STK-CV-UWM-2016-3597 and the appeal of that action pending in the Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District Case No. C087640.

[Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

Recommendation:

Option #1:

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA, and

Authorize the General Manager, with the approval of the General Counsel, to settle the Contract Case on the terms described.

August 21, 2018

- 8-8** Report on *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 and CGC-17-563350; the appeal of the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case Nos. A146901 and A148266 and California Supreme Court Case No. S243500; the petition for extraordinary writ in the second 2016 action, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A154325; and Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BS173868; and adopt CEQA determination and authorize increase in maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Horvitz & Levy, LLP in the amount of \$150,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$450,000.

[Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

Added

Recommendation:

Option #1

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and

Authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Horvitz & Levy, LLP in the *SDCWA v. Metropolitan, et al.* rate litigation in the amount of \$150,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$450,000.

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

None

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

August 21, 2018

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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Conservation and Local Resources Committee

Meeting with Board of Directors*

August 21, 2018

10:00 a.m. – Room 2-456

August 21, 2018 Adjourned Meeting Schedule		
9:00 a.m.	Adj L&C	Rm. 2-145
10:00 a.m.	C&LR	Rm. 2-456
11:00 a.m.	Adj OP&T	Rm. 2-145
12:00 p.m.	Adj Board	Boardroom

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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 54954.3(a))
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Conservation and Local Resources Committee held July 9, 2018**
3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
4. **COMMITTEE ITEMS**
 - a. Conservation Update
 - b. Discussion on Refinements to Local Resources Program
 - c. Conservation in Disadvantaged Communities

5. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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OP&T Committee

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H. Williams
L. Vasquez Wilson
J. Zurita

Adjourned Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee

Meeting with Board of Directors*

August 21, 2018

11:00 a.m. -- Room 2-145

August 21, 2018 Adjourned Meeting Schedule		
9:00 a.m.	Adj L&C	Rm. 2-145
10:00 a.m.	C&LR	Rm. 2-456
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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. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee held June 12, 2018**
3. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**
 - 7-3 Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$680,000; and authorize \$385,500 agreement with Esri for the purchase and implementation of an infrastructure upgrade for Metropolitan's Geographic Information System (GIS) software and hardware environment (Appropriation No. 15501)

Recommendation:

Option #1:

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and

- a. Appropriate \$680,000;**
- b. Authorize the purchase and implementation of an infrastructure upgrade for Metropolitan’s Geographic Information System (GIS) software and hardware environment; and**
- c. Authorize a \$385,500 agreement with Esri for the purchase and implementation of an infrastructure upgrade for Metropolitan’s GIS software and hardware environment.**

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

None

7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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MWD MEETING AGENDA

REVISION NO. 2

Adjourned Board Meeting

August 21, 2018

12:00 p.m. – Boardroom

August 21, 2018 Adjourned Meeting Schedule		
9:00 a.m.	Adj L&C	Rm. 2-145
10:00 a.m.	C&LR	Rm. 2-456
11:00 a.m.	Adj OP&T	Rm. 2-145
12:00 p.m.	Adj Board Mtg	Boardroom

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1. Call to Order

- (a) Invocation: David Sumi, Resource Specialist, Water Resource Management Group
- (b) Pledge of Allegiance: Director Jesús E. Quiñonez, City of Los Angeles

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting for July 10, 2018
(A copy has been mailed to each Director)
Any additions, corrections, or omissions
- B. Report on Directors' events attended at Metropolitan expense for month of July 2018
- C. Approve committee assignments
- D. Chairman's Monthly Activity Report

- E. Induction of new Director Jerry Butkiewicz from San Diego County Water Authority
 - (a) Receive credentials
 - (b) Report on credentials by General Counsel
 - (c) File credentials
 - (d) Administer Oath of Office
 - (e) File Oath
- F. Induction of new Director Tim Smith from San Diego County Water Authority
 - (a) Receive credentials
 - (b) Report on credentials by General Counsel
 - (c) File credentials
 - (d) Administer Oath of Office
 - (e) File Oath
- G. Approve Commendatory Resolutions for Directors Keith Lewinger and Elsa Saxod both representing San Diego County Water Authority
- H. Presentation of 5-year Service Pin to Director Michael T. Hogan
- I. Presentation of 15-year Service Pin to Director Larry D. Dick

6. DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS

- A. General Manager's summary of activities for the month of July 2018
- B. General Counsel's summary of activities for the month of July 2018
- C. General Auditor's summary of activities for the month of July 2018
- D. Interim Ethics Officer's summary of activities for the month of July 2018

7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION

- 7-1** Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$650,000; and authorize final design of Stage 3 improvements for West Valley Feeder No. 1 (Appropriation No. 15377). (E&O)

Recommendation:**Option #1:**

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is categorically exempt from CEQA, and

- a. Appropriate \$650,000; and**
- b. Authorize final design of Stage 3 improvements for West Valley Feeder No. 1.**

- 7-2** Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$560,000; and authorize relocation of equipment for Service Connections WB-2A and WB-2B on the West Basin Feeder (Appropriation No. 15503). (E&O)

Recommendation:**Option #1:**

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is categorically exempt, and

- a. Appropriate \$560,000; and**
- b. Authorize relocation of equipment for Service Connections WB-2A & WB-2B on the West Basin Feeder.**

- 7-3** Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$680,000; and authorize \$385,500 agreement with Esri for the purchase and implementation of an infrastructure upgrade for Metropolitan's Geographic Information System (GIS) software and hardware environment (Appropriation No. 15501). (OP&T)

Recommendation:**Option #1:**

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and

- a. Appropriate \$680,000;**
- b. Authorize the purchase and implementation of an infrastructure upgrade for Metropolitan's Geographic Information System (GIS) software and hardware environment; and**
- c. Authorize a \$385,500 agreement with Esri for the purchase and implementation of an infrastructure upgrade for Metropolitan's GIS software and hardware environment.**

- 7-4** Adopt CEQA determination and authorize increase of \$100,000, to a maximum amount payable of \$200,000, for existing General Counsel contract with Olson Hagel Fishburn LLP to provide general government law advice related to the Political Reform Act (PRA), the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) regulations, conflict of interest law and other legislative and ethics matters. (L&C)

Recommendation:**Option #1:**

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA and is not subject to CEQA, and

Authorize the General Counsel to increase the amount payable under its agreement with Olson Hagel & Fishburn LLP by \$100,000 to a maximum amount payable of \$200,000.

- 7-5** Adopt CEQA determination and authorize the General Manager to enter into an Agreement for Water Services with the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, San Diego County Water Authority, and Padre Dam Municipal Water District. (F&I)

Recommendation:**Option #1:**

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project, is not subject to CEQA, and is exempt, and

Authorize the General Manager to enter into the Water Service Agreement with Sycuan, SDCWA, and Padre Dam.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS — ACTION

- 8-2** Adopt CEQA determination and authorize: (1) agreements with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., in amounts not to exceed \$2 million per year each, for a maximum of five years; and (2) agreements with Lee & Ro, Inc., and Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, in amounts not to exceed \$1 million per year each, for a maximum of five years, for engineering services to support board-authorized Capital Investment Plan projects. (E&O)

Recommendation:**Option #1:**

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and

- a. Authorize agreements with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2 million per year each, for a maximum period of five years; and**
- b. Authorize agreements with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants and Lee & Ro, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1 million per year each, for a maximum period of five years.**

- 8-3** Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$7 million; and award \$5,416,000 contract to Kiewit Infrastructure West Company to repair the internal lining within yard piping at Hiram W. Wadsworth Pumping Plant (Appropriation No. 15480). (E&O)

Recommendation:**Option #1:**

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is exempt, and

- a. Appropriate \$7 million; and**
- b. Award \$5,416,000 contract to Kiewit Infrastructure West Company to repair the lining within the yard piping at Wadsworth Pumping Plant.**

- 8-4** Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$2.81 million; award \$2,169,716.24 procurement contract to Gosiger West to furnish a vertical machining center; and authorize increase of \$200,000 to agreement with Richard Brady & Associates, Inc., for a new not-to-exceed total of \$646,000, to provide design services (Appropriation No. 15395). (E&O)

Recommendation:

Option #1:

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action has been previously addressed in the certified Final EIR, Findings, SOC, and MMRP, and that no further environmental analysis or documentation is required, and

- a. **Appropriate \$2.81 million;**
- b. **Award \$2,169,716.24 procurement contract to Gosiger West to furnish a vertical machining center for the La Verne Shops; and**
- c. **Authorize increase of \$200,000 to an agreement with Richard Brady & Associates, Inc., for a new not-to-exceed total of \$646,000, to provide design services.**

- 8-5** Adopt CEQA determination and express a watch position on Section 437 of H.R. 6147, the Interior, Environment, Financial Services and General Government, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act of 2019, as proposed by U.S. Representative Ken Calvert (R-CA), related to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta California WaterFix. (C&L)

Recommendation:

Option #1:

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA, and

Take a watch position on Section 437 of H.R.6147.

- 8-7** Adopt CEQA determination and authorize the General Manager, with the approval of the General Counsel, to settle the appeals pending in *Central Delta Water Agency, et al. v. Delta Wetlands Properties, et al.*, Contra Costa County Superior Court Case No. MSC16-01022, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case Nos. A152690 and A154060; and report on existing litigation challenging the purchase of property from Delta Wetlands Properties in Contra Costa, San Joaquin, and Solano Counties in the Central Delta Water Agency case and in *County of San Joaquin, et al. v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al.*, San Joaquin County Superior Court Case No. STK-CV-UWM-2016-3597 and the appeal of that action pending in the Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District Case No. C087640. (L&C)

[Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

Recommendation:

Option #1:

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA, and

Authorize the General Manager, with the approval of the General Counsel, to settle the Contract Case on the terms described.

- 8-8** Report on *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 and CGC-17-563350; the appeal of the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case Nos. A146901 and A148266 and California Supreme Court Case No. S243500; the petition for extraordinary writ in the second 2016 action, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A154325; and Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BS173868; and adopt CEQA determination and authorize increase in maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Horvitz & Levy, LLP in the amount of \$150,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$450,000. (L&C) **(To be mailed separately)**
[Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

Added**Recommendation:****Option #1**

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and

Authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Horvitz & Levy, LLP in the *SDCWA v. Metropolitan, et al.* rate litigation in the amount of \$150,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$450,000.

9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

9-1 Update on Conservation Program

10. OTHER MATTERS

10-1 Discussion of Department Head Evaluation Process Guidelines and Department Head Evaluation Presentations [Public employee's performance evaluations; General Manager, General Counsel, and General Auditor, to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code 54957(b)]

11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****13. ADJOURNMENT**

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August 22, 2018

Attention: Imported Water Committee

Colorado River Board Representative's report. (Discussion)

Purpose

The Colorado River Board (CRB) Representative's report summarizes monthly activities of the Colorado River Board of California.

Discussion

This report covers activities from the August 15, 2018 CRB meeting in Ontario, California.

Agency Updates

The following CRB agencies provided updates:

- *Department of Water Resources (DWR)* – DWR reported most reservoirs are above 50 percent and planning for the next water year has begun.
- *Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)* – MWD's total reservoir storage is at 84 percent of capacity and total deliveries for the year are 778 thousand acre-feet.

Colorado River Basin Water Report

The second consultation meeting of the 2019 Colorado River Annual Operating Plan (AOP) was held July 25. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation reported that snowpack accumulation for Water Year 2018 was well below average and snowmelt occurred about one week earlier than average. The final AOP consultation is scheduled for September 13 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Water supply and storage conditions as of the August 13, 2018¹ Reclamation Weekly Water Supply Report are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Colorado River Reservoir Conditions

Conditions as of August 13	Volume (million acre-feet)	Percent of Capacity	Elevation (feet)
Lake Powell	11.86	49%	3,601.18
Lake Mead	9.86	38%	1,078.18
Total System Storage	29.33	49%	---
Water Year 2018 Precipitation		68% of average	
Forecasted Inflows to Lake Powell in Water Year 2018		46% of average	

Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) Status

Representatives of the seven Basin States met in Midway, Utah on July 30-31 to continue discussions on the status of DCP efforts in both the upper and lower basins. Arizona intrastate issues remain to be resolved including the mitigation of possible DCP impacts to the central Arizona agricultural community, the utilization of conserved water supplies from Central

¹ These hydrologic conditions are updated from those reviewed at the CRB meeting.

Arizona Project Native American Tribes, the development of an “Arizona Conservation Plan,” and how to maximize the utilization of the Central Arizona Project “excess pool.”

California representatives reported on the status of various intrastate agreements between MWD, Palo Verde Irrigation District, Imperial Irrigation District, and Coachella Valley Water District. The California agencies have initiated a process to evaluate environmental documentation requirements for both CEQA and NEPA along the Lower Colorado River and service areas in southern California.

The Basin States coordinating workgroup reported on preparation of the package of documents and agreements required among the states and the Secretary of the Department of the Interior for implementation of the DCP through the interim period concluding with calendar year 2026. A webinar is scheduled for August 29 to review the proposed package. The states and Interior aim to reach consensus on the DCP by late fall 2018, with execution of the final agreements in early 2019.

Status of Minute 323 Implementation

The Environmental workgroup for Minute 323 met July 25 to review the Minute 319 monitoring report and lessons learned. This workgroup oversees the use of water and funding secured under Minute 323 for habitat creation and maintenance in the Colorado River Delta. In 2019, the workgroup plans to restore approximately 250 acres of new habitat, in addition to maintaining approximately 1,000 acres of existing habitat.

Update on Proposed Lake Powell Pipeline Project

The Lake Powell Pipeline project, proposed by the Utah Division of Water Resources, would divert water from the Upper Colorado River Basin to the Lower Colorado River Basin within the state of Utah. The project would use a portion of Utah’s Upper Basin Compact entitlement to pump water approximately 140 miles from Lake Powell westward to urban areas in the southwestern corner of the state. The pipeline could divert approximately 86,000 acre-feet of water annually and is estimated to cost between \$1.1 and \$1.8 billion. Although the Federal Energy and Regulatory Commission (FERC) has issued approval of the licensing application, jurisdictional issues remain, and the project is currently awaiting a final jurisdictional determination by FERC.

Administrative

Nicole Neeman Brady nominated Peter Nelson, CRB representative for Coachella Valley Water District, as Chairman of the CRB. His chairmanship was approved unanimously by the Board. David Pettijohn, of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, will remain Vice Chairman of the Board.

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August 22, 2018

Attention: Imported Water Committee

Metropolitan Water District Program Report (Information)

Purpose

This report summarizes activities of interest associated with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and MWD Member Agencies.

Discussion

This section provides a summary of key issues at the August 20 and 21, 2018 meetings of the MWD Board of Directors. The MWD Board will meet next on September 10 and 11.

Adopted Resolution Establishing Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2019

The MWD Board adopted a resolution establishing the tax rate for fiscal year 2019 at 0.0035 percent. In April 2018, as part of its budget and rate setting action, the Board adopted a resolution finding that continuing the suspension of the ad valorem tax rate limit in Section 124.5 of its Act for both fiscal years 2019 and 2020 is “essential” to its “fiscal integrity.”¹ MWD has suspended the tax rate limitation imposed since fiscal year 2014, maintaining the rate at the same level (0.0035 percent) since fiscal year 2013. MWD staff projects total tax revenues of approximately \$125.3 million for fiscal year 2019 and reported that allowing the rate to decline in accordance with its Act would require a seven percent rate increase in both of fiscal year 2019 and 2020.

MWD staff also reported on the assessed valuations for fiscal year 2019 and the tabulation of assessed valuations, percentage participation, and vote entitlement of its member agencies. The Water Authority’s updated vote entitlement is 17.42 percent as of August 20, 2018, 0.06 percent less than last year’s 17.48 percent.

Calvert Rider

Last month, MWD staff provided an oral report on Section 437, California Water Infrastructure, of the Fiscal Year 2019 Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill (Calvert Rider) introduced by Representative Ken Calvert of Riverside County (R-CA 42nd District). The Calvert Rider was introduced on May 17, 2018, approved by the House Appropriations Committee on June 6, and approved by the House of Representatives on July 19. The rider seeks to expediate development of WaterFix by exempting the project from judicial review under state or federal law. However, the Senate Appropriations Bill S. 3073 does not contain the Calvert Rider’s provision. The provision will now move to the conference committee between the House and Senate for review. This month, MWD staff recommended a “watch” position on the rider, which the Board approved.

¹ Section 124.5 of MWD Act limits property tax collections to the amount necessary to fund its debt from its general obligation bonds and portion of its State Water Project contract payments (Burns-Porter bonds). MWD may suspend the tax rate limitation if the Board determines that tax revenues in excess of the limit are “essential to the fiscal integrity” of MWD.

Refinements to Local Resources Program

MWD Staff provided an oral report on refinements to Local Resources Program (LRP). Staff reported that the difference between the average local supply forecasted in MWD's 2015 Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) for 2040 and the average local supply production over the past 11 years is 456,000 acre-feet. In 2007, the Board set an LRP target of 174,000 acre-feet per year (AFY). To date, the Board has authorized LRP agreements totaling 106,000 AFY (including adjustments for projects with rescinded/reduced capacity), leaving 68,000 AFY remaining from the target. Staff reported that MWD anticipates about 170,000 AFY of local supply projects may be considered for LRP funding in the immediate future.² Staff proposed an interim LRP target of 150,000 AFY and revisit and update this target during the 2020 IRP update. Staff estimated that the interim target may increase MWD's projected annual LRP budget from \$45 million to \$71 million. Staff reported the next steps would include incorporating Conservation and Local Resource Committee's feedback, continuing discussions with member agencies, and returning to Water Planning & Stewardship committee in the fall for action.

The MWD Committees and Board also:

- Inducted Water Authority Delegates Jerry Butkiewicz and Tim Smith (replacing Delegates Keith Lewinger and Elsa Saxod);
- Authorized an increase of \$100,000 for existing legal contract with Olson Hagel Fishburn, LLP, to provide general government law advice related to the Political Reform Act, the Fair Political Practices Commission regulations, conflict of interest law and other legislative and ethics matters (new contract maximum amount of \$200,000); and
- Authorized General Manager to enter into agreement for water services with the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, San Diego County Water Authority, and Padre Dam Municipal Water District.
- Heard oral reports on:
 - Improvements to management of MWD's Capital Improvement Programs;
 - Desert Housing Renovation Program;
 - Cyclic Storage Program deliveries in fiscal year 2018;
 - State Water Project groundwater banking programs;
 - Los Angeles County's proposed Safe, Clean Water Program Funding measure;
 - MWD's Water Education Program update;
 - Conservation Programs update; and
 - Conservation in disadvantaged communities update.
- Received report and voted in closed session on:
 - Existing litigation challenging the purchase of property from Delta Wetlands Properties in Contra Costa, San Joaquin, and Solano Counties in the Central Delta Water Agency case and in County of San Joaquin, et al. v. MWD, et al.; and authorized the General Manager, with approval of the General Counsel, to settle the appeals pending in Central Delta Water Agency, et al. v. Delta Wetlands Properties, et al., (Contra Costa County Superior Court Case No. MSC16-01022, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case Nos. A152690 and A154060).

² MWD staff reported that agencies have submitted applications for 105,000 AFY (excludes 56,000 AFY for the Carlsbad Desalination Project, which the Water Authority submitted an application for following the court's ruling that MWD's imposition of Rate Structure Integrity clause was illegal), are preparing to submit application for 30,000 AFY, and have identified future projects totaling 35,000 AFY.

- Received report in closed session and voted in open session on:
 - Water Authority v. MWD rate litigation; and increased maximum amount payable under contract for legal services related to rate litigation with Horvitz & Levy, LLP in the amount of \$150,000 for a new total amount not to exceed \$450,000 (from which the Water Authority's Delegates recused themselves).

California WaterFix – Joint Powers Authorities.

To assist with the implementation of the WaterFix, two new joint powers authorities (JPAs) have been formed consisting of public water agencies participating in the project– the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) and Delta Conveyance Finance Authority (Finance Authority). The DCA was formed on May 14, 2018 and is responsible for implementing WaterFix's final planning, design, and construction. The work of the DCA will be overseen by the Delta Conveyance Office, a newly created division of the Department of Water Resources. The Finance Authority was formed on July 3, 2018 and its sole role is to secure financing for the project. The term of the Finance Authority is 50 years or until all bonds are paid.

Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA)

On August 16, the DCA held its third meeting since its formation. The Board authorized legal counsel to participate on behalf of DCA in regulatory proceeding and heard oral reports and adopted the: bylaws; ethics policy; investment policy; and the protest policy.

Delta Conveyance Finance Authority (Finance Authority)

The Finance Authority also met on August 16, but the meeting was not webcasted to the public. The following items were on the agenda: appointment of treasurer/controller; Brown Act and Board representation discussion; approval of operating budget for fiscal year 2019 and equal assessments to each member agency to fund the fiscal year 2019 budget; and adoption of debt management policy and investment policy.

The two JPAs are scheduled to meet next on September 20, 2018.

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