



January 22, 2025

**Attention: Imported Water Committee**

**Metropolitan Water District Delegates' Report. (Information)<sup>1</sup>**

**Purpose**

This report summarizes key activities at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) committee and board meetings on November 18 and 19, 2024; December 9 and 10, 2024; and January 11, 13 and 14, 2025.<sup>2</sup> MWD also met on November 20 and will meet next on January 21, 22, and 29, and February 10 and 11.

**Discussion**

MWD key issues of interest to the Water Authority include:<sup>3</sup>

- Regarding MWD-Water Authority rate litigation settlement, discussed and conferred with legal counsel in closed session, provided direction to staff and approved staff recommendation (January 2025);<sup>4</sup>
- Hosted Chair Serrano, Chair Emeritus Katz, and General Manager Denham at the MWD board meeting (November 2024);
- Elected Director Fong-Sakai to a second two-year term as board secretary through 2026 (November 2024);
- Inducted Katz as a Water Authority Delegate, filling Director Smith's vacated seat (January 2025);
- Accepted a \$125 million federal grant for Pure Water Southern California (PWSC) (December 2024);
- Received financial presentations on how fiscal year (FY) 2025 is tracking and identified challenges facing FYs 2027 and 2028 (November 2024 and December 2024, respectively); and
- Approved funding an additional \$141.6 million for Bay-Delta Single-Tunnel Project (Tunnel) pre-construction work for 2026 and 2027 (December 2024).

***Water Authority Leadership Addresses MWD Board Again***

During its November 2024 meeting, Serrano and Katz addressed the MWD board. Serrano emphasized the importance of collaboration and partnership between the Water Authority and MWD and the need to focus on shared solutions and regionalism. Serrano committed to fostering a constructive partnership with MWD to address the challenges of providing water reliability,

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<sup>1</sup> This document provides a summary of certain discussions as summarized and understood by the Water Authority and is not intended to be any form of official transcript.

<sup>2</sup> MWD held a special board meeting on January 11, 2025, authorizing remote meetings until February 25, 2025, due to the State of Emergency declared because wildfires in Los Angeles County.

<sup>3</sup> The Water Authority's MWD Delegates (Delegates) supported all 13, 16, 1, and 14, action items the MWD board took at its November 19, 2024, December 20, 2024, January 11, 2025, and January 14, 2025, meetings.

<sup>4</sup> The action passed with 80.4% support. Foothill opposed, Las Virgenes was absent, and the Delegates recused. Excluding the Water Authority's vote entitlement, the settlement action passed with 97.23% support.

addressing climate change impacts, and ensuring water affordability for ratepayers. Katz highlighted Serrano's focus on cooperation and regional thinking in his new role as the Water Authority Board Chair. He announced he will replace soon-to-be retired Director Smith on the MWD board and expressed gratitude for Smith's contributions. Chair Ortega (San Fernando) also appreciated Smith's work and welcomed Denham, acknowledging his capabilities and collaboration.

### ***Financial and Resources Management***

During the November 2024 Finance and Asset Management (FAM) Committee, staff provided FY 2025 projections showing water sales tracking more than 100,000 acre-feet (AF) below budget at less than 1 million AF, which are the primary driver for MWD projecting it will withdraw nearly \$46 million from reserves. MWD projected reserves will drop to \$277 million, less than \$50 million above the estimated minimum.

In response to a prior request from Fong-Sakai, MWD reported on historical Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGo) expenditures, which showed its practice of using PAYGo as a financial management tool, like a quasi-reserve fund, to cover Operations and Maintenance (O&M) costs. MWD reported that in three of the last 10 fiscal years (2015-2024), it shifted PAYGo to fund O&M expenditures and issued a like amount of unplanned debt. Combined, this practice led MWD to issue \$385 million in unplanned debt, which has a roughly 1.3% annual rate impact.

A year earlier, in November 2023, MWD provided a similar financial report: a significant revenue shortfall primarily due to lower-than-budgeted water sales. At that time, Fong-Sakai suggested MWD hire an independent consultant to review its financial policies and practices and provide additional financial management suggestions. She renewed her request after the November 2024 presentation, and Director Armstrong (Eastern) agreed it would be helpful. Director McMillan (Calleguas) requested a working spreadsheet to support MWD's upcoming budget and rate setting process, and Director Alvarez (West Basin) requested staff provide budget forecasts sooner overall. Directors De Jesus (Three Valleys) and Seckel (Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)) disagreed with hiring an independent consultant, and Seckel urged the board to wait for the business model update (now being undertaken by the business model review and refinement ad hoc working group comprised of MWD's 26 member agency managers and its interim general manager). Ortega noted that a majority of the committee agreed that MWD should take a second look at its overall budgeting and that staff agreed to provide information about the big picture of upcoming rate increases.

During its November 2024 meeting, the board authorized entering into Reverse-Cyclic Program agreements in 2024 and 2025. Under these agreements MWD will pre-sell water to member agencies and deliver the supplies within five years. MWD reported the program was a way to generate revenue as part of its FYs 2025 and 2026 budget assumptions to generate \$120 in new miscellaneous revenues. (At the March 12, 2024, budget workshop, MWD described the \$120 million in new revenues as associated with the federal Inflation Reduction Act funding structure that supports near- and long-term water conservation efforts in the Lower Colorado River Basin.)

During the December 2024 FAM Committee meeting, staff presented high-level potential FY 2027 and 2028 budget impacts, including water demands trending lower; unrestricted reserve balance near the estimated minimum; higher costs to maintain aging infrastructure; and potentially funding several large supply projects such as PWSC, the Tunnel, and Sites Reservoir. FAM Chair Smith urged board members to keep potential rate pressures in mind as MWD adopts its next two-year budget, adding that MWD cannot do everything. Directors Alvarez, Pressman (Beverly Hills), and Seckel agreed. Alvarez added that MWD needs to prioritize maintenance of its existing system and new supply projects. Seckel highlighted the potential that MWD may not need a lot of new supplies and that he anticipated further analysis through MWD's Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water (CAMP4W), including a full accounting of local supply projects. Armstrong observed that MWD provides an essential service, and it should be efficient. He suggested MWD take an approach like zero-based budgeting. Staff agreed that MWD may need to consider core versus discretionary services.

During the January 2025 OWS meeting, MWD presented further information on its proposal to sell up to 400,000 AF of SWP supplies in 2025 and 2026 under certain conditions and buy up to \$50 million dry-year water transfers, depending on hydrology. (With the current 15% SWP Table A allocation, MWD is showing a supply gap of about 180,000 AF for calendar year 2025). Under staff's proposal, MWD would sell SWP supplies outside its service area at some price above its supply rate for member agencies, about \$300 per AF. Directors Erdman (MWDOC), Fong-Sakai, Gold (Santa Monica), Kurtz (Pasadena), Lewitt (Las Virgenes), Miller, Pressman, and Sutley (Los Angeles) expressed concerns with selling SWP water outside of MWD's service area, and some asked for further analysis. Their concerns included not having financial and resource analysis and legal analysis of how MWD's Act would apply to the sale of water to parties outside MWD's service area. Staff said these sales are intended to generate short-term revenue to achieve the biennial budget assumption for \$120 million in new revenues. Staff said MWD would provide the requested financial, resources, and legal analysis when it returns in February for board approval of the sales. Anything longer term is planned to be part of the ongoing business model discussion.

### ***Pure Water Southern California***

During the November 2024 Engineering, Operations, and Technology (EOT) Committee meeting, MWD presented the terms it was negotiating for a \$125 million federal grant for PWSC planning. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) originally awarded MWD \$99 million but increased the grant funding to the full funding request of \$125 million in mid-November. The grant requires three-to-one matching funds, about \$375 million for the full grant. MWD's budget does not include this match.

During the December 2024 EOT Committee meeting, staff returned to the board for grant acceptance based on the following terms as described in November:

- Three-year performance period from when the agreement is signed;
- Reimbursement of qualified expenditures starting from April 2020;
- MWD may draw on grant funding as it demonstrates it expends matching funds;
- Reclamation will not require MWD to authorize matching funds now, and the board preserves its discretion to authorize, or not, future matching funds.

MWD reported that the board requested waiver of any requirement for MWD to repay grant funds if PWSC is not implemented could not be written into the agreement. It said, however, that Reclamation's standard practice is to waive repayment and issue extensions, and Reclamation staff assured MWD it would continue the practice. Based on what MWD and its partner, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD), already spent since 2020, MWD anticipates receiving \$55 million in reimbursement, of which \$22 million would go to LACSD. To receive the remaining grant funds, MWD would need to provide or secure about \$210 million more in cost-share funds. However, staff said MWD is not obligated to accept the entire grant. Director Goldberg noted the grant terms maintain the board's discretion to decide if, and how, to implement PWSC. The board unanimously supported accepting the grant.

Staff also provided a presentation on potential PWSC partnerships and the term sheets it is developing with member agencies that would directly take product water. MWD is negotiating that member agencies would pay a melded rate for PWSC, so PWSC costs would be rolled into MWD's rates. Staff showed that agencies receiving PWSC water directly would benefit from having a lower cutback if MWD allocated supplies during a drought. Smith pointed out that this benefit is greater than what member agencies not directly taking PWSC supplies receive; he requested MWD reflect that added benefit in the price terms.

### ***Bay-Delta Single-Tunnel Project***

To support the board's consideration to fund additional Tunnel planning, the November 2024 One Water and Stewardship (OWS) Committee held a board workshop with panel presentations and a round-table discussion on the funding request. The panel representing Bay-Delta and tribal interests included:

- Max Gomberg, Water Policy Advisor, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
- Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, Executive Director, Restore the Delta
- Patrick Hume, Sacramento County Supervisor, Chair of Delta Counties Coalition.

The panel representing business interests included:

- Adrian Covert, Senior Vice President, Public Policy for the Bay Area Council
- Tracy Hernandez, Chief Executive Officer, Los Angeles County Business Federation
- Jon Switalski, Executive Director, Rebuild SoCal Partnership
- Charley Wilson, Executive Director, Southern California Water Coalition.

Before the meeting, 21 speakers addressed the committee with 15 expressing support for MWD providing the funding and six expressing concerns.

The additional planning funds are expected provide a more accurate Tunnel cost estimate, more information on how it would operate, and its benefits. Although the nearly \$142 million is not in MWD's adopted budget, there would be no rate impact in 2025 and 2026 since DWR agreed to refund MWD \$75 million for disputed SWP contract charges. However, staff said there would be an annual rate impact of about 3% in 2027. MWD also has more than \$100 million in remaining disputed SWP contract charges.

During the December 2024 OWS Committee meeting, staff reported that the Tunnel planning funding agreement would include a provision that MWD would cease providing funding if certain conditions arise that materially and adversely affect the Tunnel's benefits or costs, including:

- Failure for DWR to secure appropriate water rights (expected in 2026);
- Failure for DWR to obtain consistency with the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan (expected in 2026);
- An adopted update to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan that is substantially different from the Voluntary Agreements (otherwise known as Healthy Rivers and Landscapes) (expected in 2025); or
- Failure for DWR to have a favorable ruling in its bond validation cases (ongoing).

During the committee meeting, 41 speakers addressed the committee with 22 expressing support for the Tunnel funding and 18 expressing concerns. During its December 2024 meeting, Natural Resources Secretary Crowfoot addressed the board. In urging support for the final phase of funding planning and permitting, he noted the potential loss of SWP supplies from climate change. He stressed that the project is a component of a broader strategy to ensure water reliability and affordability. Crowfoot said Governor Newsom is strongly committed to completing the Tunnel planning within the next two years, and the governor will not request further funding during this final planning phase and will refund any unspent pre-construction funds if the project does not move forward. He also said MWD would not be asked to pay more than its current share of the project (about 47.2%) and that he anticipated agricultural parties will participate in the Tunnel. (Currently, most SWP agriculture agencies are not participating and the predominately agricultural Central Valley Project is not participating).

#### ***Other Items of Interest***

- Approved unbudgeted funding of \$35 million over FY 2025 and 2026 to support MWD's Zero-Emission Vehicle transition program. In response to Smith, MWD reported charging infrastructure is an additional \$90 million (December 2024);
- Went into closed session on three Equal Employment Opportunity litigation cases and approved a total increase for contracts of \$650,000 to a combined not to exceed amount of \$1.9 million (January 2025);
- Went into closed session on labor negotiations with four bargaining units (November 2024 and January 2025);
- Received updated report on the list of certified assessed valuations for FY 2025; the Water Authority's vote entitlement decreased 0.17% to 17.27% (November 2024);
- Received a presentation on a draft CAMP4W policy framework. Fong-Sakai asked about reconciling the desire to build large supply projects with MWD's lower demands, and Smith asked about an exchange program between member agencies. MWD said the business model task force was working on both issues (November 2024); and
- Adopted MWD's 2025 legislative principles and priorities (December 2024).

Attachments 1-3 include copies of the November and December 2024 and January 2025 committee and board meetings' agendas and board summary.

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Legislation and Communications Committee by the Delegates

Legal and Claims Committee by Marty Miller

Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee by Lois Fong-Sakai

One Water and Stewardship Committee by Lois Fong-Sakai, Gail Goldberg and Marty Miller

Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee by Lois Fong-Sakai

Finance and Asset Management Committee by Lois Fong-Sakai and Marty Miller

Attachment:

Attachment 1 – MWD’s committee and board meetings agendas and summary dated November 18 and 19, 2024

Attachment 2 – MWD’s committee and board meetings agendas and summary dated December 9 and 10, 2024

Attachment 3 – MWD’s committee and board meetings agendas and summary dated January 13 and 14, 2025

# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

## EOT Committee

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

## **Special Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**November 18, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

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## **Monday, November 18, 2024 Meeting Schedule**

- 09:00 a.m. EOT**
- 11:00 a.m. Break**
- 11:30 a.m. Legal**
- 01:00 p.m. Sp Jt OWS and BOD**

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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))**

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for October 7, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-3931](#)

**Attachments:** [11182024 EOT 2A \(10072024\) Minutes](#)

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-1 Amend an agreement with Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects to provide design and architectural services for Stage 1 improvements of the District Housing and Property Improvements Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3954](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 EOT 7-1 B-L](#)  
[11182024 EOT 7-1 Presentation](#)

- 7-2 Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project and take related CEQA actions [21-3956](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 EOT 7-2 B-L](#)  
[11182024 EOT 7-2 Presentation](#)

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1 Authorize the General Manager to amend the Project Labor Agreement to add four new projects and approve the amended Project Labor Agreement's use as a bid condition for the newly added projects; and report on Project Labor Agreement activities over the past year; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3953](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 EOT 8-1 B-L](#)  
[11182024 EOT 8-1 Presentation](#)



- 8-2** Adopt a resolution in support of the application for funding under the WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Program for planning of the Pure Water Southern California Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **[21-3955](#)**

**Attachments:** [11192024 EOT 8-2 B-L](#)  
[11182024 EOT 8-2 Presentation](#)

## 5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

## 6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Pure Water Southern California - Partnership Development Update **[21-3981](#)**

**Attachments:** [11182024 EOT 6a C-L](#)  
[11182024 EOT 6a Presentation](#)

- b. Asset Management Update **[21-3983](#)**

**Attachments:** [11182024 EOT 6b Presentation](#)

- c. Risk Management in Capital Project Planning and Delivery **[21-3982](#)**

**Attachments:** [11182024 EOT 6c Presentation](#)

- d. Update on Fluoridation **[21-4003](#)**

**Attachments:** [11182024 EOT 6d Presentation](#)

## 7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Engineering Services activities **[21-3933](#)**  
Information Technology activities  
Water System Operations activities

**Attachments:** [11182024 EOT 7a Engineering Services Activities](#)  
[11182024 EOT 7a Information Technology Activities](#)  
[11192024 EOT 7a Water System Operations Activities](#)  
[11182024 EOT 7a Presentation](#)

## 8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance [21-3932](#)

## 9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

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## L&C Committee

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

## **Special Legal and Claims Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**November 18, 2024**

**11:30 a.m.**

**Monday, November 18, 2024  
Meeting Schedule**

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**2. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

A. General Counsel's report of monthly activities

[21-3934](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 LC 2A Report](#)

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

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

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee for October 7, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions)

[21-3935](#)

**Attachments:** [11182024 LC 3A \(10072024\) Minutes](#)

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

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

**5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

**8-7** Report on litigation in Ryan Tiegs v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2306176; Dane Crawford v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2304015; and Alicia Lorentzen v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 23STCV19214; authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services in Ryan Tiegs v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$275,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$525,000, increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services in Dane Crawford v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$275,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$525,000, and increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services in Alicia Lorentzen v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California with Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP in the amount of \$175,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$425,000; and report on two legal claims alleging equal employment opportunity and other violations; the General Manager

[21-4071](#)

has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel – (1) as to the three cases: existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1); and (2) as to the two legal claims: anticipated litigation; based on existing facts and circumstances of receipt of legal claim communications on behalf of two individuals threatening litigation, there is significant exposure to litigation against Metropolitan: two potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]. [ADDED ITEM 11/13/2024]

## 6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

## 7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Report on environmental litigation challenging the Department of Water Resources' Delta Conveyance Project approval, certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report and other actions taken under the California Environmental Quality Act, ten consolidated cases pending in Sacramento County Superior Court under the lead case, Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District v. California Department of Water Resources, Case No. 24WM000006 and appeals in same, Cal. Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District Case No. C101878 [21-3980](#)

**Attachments:** [11182024 LC 7a Presentation](#)

- b. Report on Sierra Club et al. v. California Department of Water Resources, Cal. Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District Case No. C100552 (consolidated with California Department of Water Resources v. All Persons Interested in the Matter, etc., Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2020-00283112) [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] [21-3979](#)

## 8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

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## Special Jt Mtg One Water Stewardship Comm and Board of Directors Wksp - Final - Revised 3

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**1:00 PM**

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Determination of a Quorum**

4. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board limited to the items listed on the agenda. (As required by Gov. Code §54954.3(a))**

**One Water and Stewardship Committee**

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Stewardship Committee for October 7, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-3936](#)

**Attachments:** [11182024 Jt. OWS & BOD 5A \(10072024\) Minutes](#)

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-3 Authorize the General Manager to enter into Reverse-Cyclic Program agreements with participating agencies to defer deliveries of up to 50,000 acre-feet in calendar year 2024 and up to 50,000 acre-feet in calendar year 2025; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3957](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 OWS 7-3 B-Lpdf](#)  
[11182024 OWS 7-3 Presentation](#)

- 7-4 Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to implement phase two of the Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program; and adopt CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the Antelope Valley-East Kern High Desert Water Bank and the Turf Replacement Programs were previously addressed in various CEQA documents and related actions. [ACTION ITEM DEFERRED REPORT AT OWS ITEM 9e 11/15/2024] [21-3958](#)

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

**7. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**8. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**



- 9-2** Update on the funding request from the Department of Water Resources for Metropolitan's share of the Delta Conveyance Project planning and pre-construction costs for 2026 and 2027 and proposed amendment to existing funding agreement [21-3959](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 OWS 9-2 B-L](#)  
[11182024 OWS 9-2 Presentation](#)

## 9. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Update on Conservation as a California Way of Life [21-3974](#)

**Attachments:** [11182024 OWS 9a Report](#)

- b. Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management [21-3975](#)

**Attachments:** [11202024 OWS 9b Report](#)

- c. Update on Basin States Discussions Regarding Post-2026 Operational Guidelines [21-3976](#)

**Attachments:** [11182024 OWS 9c Presentation](#)

- d. Draft Climate Adaptation Master Plan for Water Policy Framework [21-3977](#)

**Attachments:** [11182024 OWS 9d C-L](#)  
[11182024 OWS 9d Presentation](#)

- e. Report on agreements with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to implement phase two of the Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program. [ADDED ITEM 11/15/2024] [21-4078](#)

**Attachments:** [11182024 OWS 9e Presentation](#)

## 10. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Bay-Delta Resources activities [21-3937](#)  
Colorado River Resources activities  
Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation activities  
Water Resource Management activities

**Attachments:** [11192024 OWS 10a Bay-Delta Resources Activities](#)  
[11192024 OWS 10a Colorado River Resources Activities](#)  
[11182024 OWS 10a Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation Activities](#)

## 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Meeting [21-3938](#)
- b. Report on Delta Conveyance Finance Authority Meeting [21-3939](#)
- c. Report on the Bay-Delta Ad Hoc Meeting [21-4017](#)

## 12. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities [21-3941](#)

## 13. ADJOURN TO BOARD WORKSHOP

### SPECIAL BOARD ITEMS

- a. Reconvene - Workshop on Department of Water Resources Request for Delta Conveyance Project Planning Funds [21-4006](#)
- b. Panel One – Delta and Tribal Interests [UPDATED SUBJECT 11/14/2024] [21-4008](#)

Panelist:

Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, Executive Director, Restore the Delta

Max Gomberg, Water Policy Advisor

Supervisor Patrick Hume, Chair, Delta Counties Coalition

Malissa Tayaba, Vice-Chairperson of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians

- c. Panel Two - Business and Labor. [UPDATED SUBJECT 11/14/2024] [21-4007](#)

Panelist:

Adrian Covert, Senior Vice President, Public Policy for the Bay Area Council

Tracy Hernandez, Chief Executive Officer, Los Angeles County Business Federation "BizFed"

Jon Switalski, Executive Director, Rebuild SoCal Partnership

Charley Wilson, Executive Director, Southern California Water Coalition

- d. Roundtable discussion with representatives from environmental and community organizations, tribal leadership, business and labor sectors. [ADDED SUBJECT 11/14/2024] [21-4074](#)

#### 14. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

#### 15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

#### 16. ADJOURNMENT

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# Agenda

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## **EO&P Committee**

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

## **Special Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**November 19, 2024**

**8:30 a.m.**

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**Tuesday, November 19, 2024**

**Meeting Schedule**

**08:30 a.m. EOP**

**10:00 a.m. FAM**

**12:00 p.m. LEG**

**01:30 p.m. Break**

**02:00 p.m. BOD**

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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))**

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee for October 8, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-3942](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 EOP 2A \(10082024\) Minutes](#)

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Summary of 2024 Workplace Assessment [21-4019](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 EOP 6a Presentation](#)

- b. Update on labor negotiations. [Conference with Labor Negotiators; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code 54957.6. Metropolitan representatives: Katano Kasaine, Assistant General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Mark Brower, Human Resources Group Manager, and Gifty J. Beets, Human Resources Section Manager of Labor Relations. Employee Organization(s): The Employees Association of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California/AFSCME Local 1902; the Management and Professional Employees Associations MAPA/AFSCME Chapter 1001; the Supervisors Association; and the Association of Confidential Employees.]] [21-3961](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 EOP 6b Non-Interest Disclosure Notice](#)

## 7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Ethics Officer's report on monthly activities [21-3943](#)
- b. Equal Employment Opportunity activities [21-3944](#)  
Human Resources activities  
Safety, Security, and Protection activities

**Attachments:** [11192024 EOP 7b Equal Employment Opportunity Activities](#)  
[11192024 EOP 7b Human Resources Activities](#)  
[11192024 EOP 7b Safety, Security, and Protection Activities](#)

## 8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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# Agenda

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## **FAM Committee**

T. Smith, Chair  
L. Dick, Vice Chair  
D. Alvarez  
J. Armstrong  
G. Bryant  
D. De Jesus  
B. Dennstedt  
L. Fong-Sakai  
M. Gold  
J. McMillan  
C. Miller  
M. Petersen  
B. Pressman  
T. Quinn  
K. Seckel

## **Special Finance and Asset Management Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**November 19, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

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**Meeting Schedule**

**08:30 a.m. EOP**

**10:00 a.m. FAM**

**12:00 p.m. LEG**

**01:30 p.m. Break**

**02:00 p.m. BOD**

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

## 2. OTHER MATTERS

- 5H. Updated report on the list of certified assessed valuations for the fiscal year 2024/25 and tabulation of assessed valuations, percentage participation, and vote entitlement of member agencies as of November 19, 2024 [21-4018](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 FAM 5H B-L](#)

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

## 3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Asset Management Committee Meeting for October 8, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-3945](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 FAM 3A \(10082024\) Minutes](#)

## 4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-5 Adopt resolution for 116th Fringe Area Annexation to Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3963](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 FAM 7-5 B-L](#)  
[11192024 FAM 7-5 Presentation](#)

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

## 5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION



- 8-3** Authorize a new lease with the Certified Federal Credit Union for up to a combined total of 1,667 square feet of office space at the Metropolitan Headquarters Building, located at 700 North Alameda Street in Los Angeles, California, and the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant, located at 700 Moreno Avenue in La Verne, California (Los Angeles County Assessor Parcel Nos. 5409-023-930 and 8381-006-906, respectively); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with real property negotiators; agency negotiators: Kevin Webb and Steve Cotton; negotiating party: Hugo Sanchez for Certified Federal Credit Union; under negotiation: price and terms; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.] [21-3962](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 FAM 8-3 Presentation Open Session](#)

## 6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

## 7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Quarterly Financial Report [21-3971](#)  
**Attachments:** [11192024 FAM 7a Presentation](#)

- b. Quarterly Investment Activities Report [21-3972](#)  
**Attachments:** [11192024 FAM 7b Presentation](#)

## 8. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Finance and Asset Management activities [21-3946](#)  
**Attachments:** [11192024 FAM 8a Finance and Asset Management Activities](#)

## 9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Report from Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling [21-3947](#)
- b. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling [21-3948](#)

## 10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## **11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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## LEG Committee

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

## **Special Legislation and Communications Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**November 19, 2024**

**12:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, November 19, 2024  
Meeting Schedule**

**08:30 a.m. EOP  
10:00 a.m. FAM  
12:00 p.m. LEG  
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**2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Legislation and Communications Committee for October 7, 2024 (copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-3949](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 LEG 2A \(10072024\) Minutes](#)

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-6 Authorize the General Manager to seek legislation for Metropolitan to increase the local agency dollar threshold for public works construction contracts from \$25,000 to \$75,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3964](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 LC 7-6 B-L](#)  
[11192024 LEG 7-6 Presentation](#)

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9-3 Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2025 [21-3965](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 LEG 9-3 B-L](#)  
[11192024 LEG 9-3 Presentation](#)

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Report on Inspection Trip Program [21-4004](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 LEG 6a Presentation](#)

- b. Report on Solar Cup Program [21-3969](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 LEG 6b Presentation](#)

- c. Report on Activities from Washington, D.C. [21-4015](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 LEG 6c Federal Legislative Matrix](#)

- d. Report on Activities from Sacramento [21-4016](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 LEG 6d State Legislative Matrix](#)

## 7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. External Affairs activities [21-3950](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 LEG 7a External Affairs Activities](#)  
[11192024 LEG 7a Presentation](#)

## 8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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## Special Board of Directors - Final - Revised 2

**November 19, 2024**

**2:00 PM**

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## 1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: Director Cynthia Kurtz, City of Pasadena
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Jeffrey D. Armstrong, Eastern Municipal Water District

## 2. Roll Call

3. **Determination of a Quorum**
4. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction. (As required by Gov. Code §54954.3(a))**
5. **OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS**
  - A. Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense [21-3922](#)  
**Attachments:** [11192024 BOD 5A Report](#)
  - B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report [21-3923](#)  
**Attachments:** [11192024 BOD 5B Report](#)
  - C. Interim General Manager's summary of activities [21-3924](#)  
**Attachments:** [11192024 BOD 5C Report](#)
  - D. General Counsel's summary of activities [21-3925](#)  
**Attachments:** [11192024 BOD 5D Report](#)
  - E. General Auditor's summary of activities [21-3926](#)  
**Attachments:** [11192024 BOD 5E Report](#)
  - F. Ethics Officer's summary of activities [21-3927](#)  
**Attachments:** [11192024 BOD 5F Report](#)
  - G. Report from Executive Committee on nominations for Board Secretary [21-3998](#)
  - H. Updated report on the list of certified assessed valuations for the fiscal year 2024/25 and tabulation of assessed valuations, percentage participation, and vote entitlement of member agencies as of November 19, 2024 (FAM) [21-4018](#)  
**Attachments:** [11192024 FAM 5H B-L](#)

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for October 8, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions). [DEFERRED 11/14/2024] [21-3928](#)
- B. Approve Committee Assignments [21-4005](#)
- C. Nomination and Election for Board Secretary for two-year term effective January 1, 2025 [21-3929](#)

## 7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-1 Amend an agreement with Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects to provide design and architectural services for Stage 1 improvements of the District Housing and Property Improvements Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-3954](#)  
  
**Attachments:** [11192024 EOT 7-1 B-L](#)  
[11182024 EOT 7-1 Presentation](#)
- 7-2 Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project and take related CEQA actions (EOT) [21-3956](#)  
  
**Attachments:** [11192024 EOT 7-2 B-L](#)  
[11182024 EOT 7-2 Presentation](#)
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**Attachments:** [11192024 LC 7-6 B-L](#)  
[11192024 LEG 7-6 Presentation](#)

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

**8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1** Authorize the General Manager to amend the Project Labor Agreement to add four new projects and approve the amended Project Labor Agreement's use as a bid condition for the newly added projects; and report on Project Labor Agreement activities over the past year; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-3953](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 EOT 8-1 B-L](#)  
[11182024 EOT 8-1 Presentation](#)

- 8-2** Adopt a resolution in support of the application for funding under the WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Program for planning of the Pure Water Southern California Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-3955](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 EOT 8-2 B-L](#)  
[11182024 EOT 8-2 Presentation](#)

- 8-3** Authorize a new lease with the Certified Federal Credit Union for up to a combined total of 1,667 square feet of office space at the Metropolitan Headquarters Building, located at 700 North Alameda Street in Los Angeles, California, and the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant, located at 700 Moreno Avenue in La Verne, California (Los Angeles County Assessor Parcel Nos. 5409-023-930 and 8381-006-906, respectively); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [Conference with real property negotiators; agency negotiators: Kevin Webb and Steve Cotton; negotiating party: Hugo Sanchez for Certified Federal Credit Union; under negotiation: price and terms; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.] (FAM) [21-3962](#)
- Attachments:** [11192024 FAM 8-3 Presentation Open Session](#)
- 8-4** Approve the nomination and naming of the San Jacinto Tunnel in honor of former Metropolitan Chairman of the Board and Director Randy Record; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FNA) [21-4002](#)
- Attachments:** [11192024 FNA 8-4 B-L](#)
- 8-5** Approve the nomination and naming of the Inlet/Outlet Tower at Diamond Valley Lake in honor of former Metropolitan General Counsel N. Gregory Taylor; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (FNA) [21-4001](#)
- Attachments:** [11182024 FNA 8-5 B-L](#)
- 8-6** Authorize a three percent cost of living salary adjustment for the General Counsel, General Auditor, and Ethics Officer; and in addition, determine and authorize a merit-based salary increase for the General Auditor; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [UPDATED SUBJECT 11/13/2024] [21-4014](#)
- Attachments:** [11192024 BOD 8-6 B-L](#)

- 8-7** Report on litigation in Ryan Tiegs v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2306176; Dane Crawford v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2304015; and Alicia Lorentzen v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 23STCV19214; authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services in Ryan Tiegs v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$275,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$525,000, increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services in Dane Crawford v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$275,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$525,000, and increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services in Alicia Lorentzen v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California with Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP in the amount of \$175,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$425,000; and report on two legal claims alleging equal employment opportunity and other violations; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [Conference with legal counsel – (1) as to the three cases: existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1); and (2) as to the two legal claims: anticipated litigation; based on existing facts and circumstances of receipt of legal claim communications on behalf of two individuals threatening litigation, there is significant exposure to litigation against Metropolitan: two potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]. [ADDED ITEM 11/13/2024] (LC) [21-4071](#)

## 9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-1** Report on Conservation Program [21-3967](#)
- Attachments:** [11192024 OWS 9-1 Report](#)
- 9-2** Update on the funding request from the Department of Water Resources for Metropolitan's share of the Delta Conveyance Project planning and pre-construction costs for 2026 and 2027 and proposed amendment to existing funding agreement (OWS) [21-3959](#)
- Attachments:** [11192024 OWS 9-2 B-L](#)  
[11182024 OWS 9-2 Presentation](#)

**9-3** Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2025 (Leg)

[21-3965](#)

**Attachments:** [11192024 LEG 9-3 B-L](#)  
[11192024 LEG 9-3 Presentation](#)

## **10. OTHER MATTERS**

**10-1** AB 1234 Ethics Biennial Training

[21-3999](#)

## **11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

## **12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Summary Report for  
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
Special Board Meeting  
November 19, 2024**

**CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

Nominated and elected for Board Secretary Fong-Sakai for a two-year term effective January 1, 2025. **(Agenda Item 6C)**

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

Authorized an Amendment to an agreement with Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects to provide design and architectural services for Stage 1 improvements of the District Housing and Property Improvements Program. **(Agenda Item 7-1)**

Certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project has been completed in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, certified that the Board has reviewed and considered the information presented in the Final EIR, certified that the final EIR reflects Metropolitan’s independent judgment and analysis, and adopted the Findings and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. **(Agenda Item 7-2)**

Authorized the General Manager to enter into Reverse-Cyclic Program agreements with participating agencies to defer deliveries of up to 100,000 acre-feet total over calendar years 2024 and 2025. **(Agenda Item 7-3)**

Adopted resolution for 116th Fringe Area Annexation to Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan and updated the location of the annexation within Moreno Valley. **(Agenda Item 7-5)**

Authorized the General Manager to sponsor legislation for Metropolitan to increase the minimum threshold for competitive bidding on public works construction contracts from \$25,000 to \$150,000, and to seek the inclusion of an inflation escalator. **(Agenda Item 7-6)**

**OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

Authorized the General Manager to amend the Project Labor Agreement to add four new projects and approved the amended Project Labor Agreement’s use as a bid condition for the newly added projects. **(Agenda Item 8-1)**

Adopted the proposed resolution, verified that the Board reviewed and supported the grant application, that subject to board approval of a grant agreement, the General Manager or his/her designee will have the legal authority to enter into that agreement, and that the General Manager or his/her designee will work with the United States Bureau of Reclamation to meet established deadlines for entering into a grant agreement and that the Board adopts another similarly worded resolution to accept the additional grant amount of \$26.3 million. **(Agenda Item 8-2)**

Authorized a new lease with the Certified Federal Credit Union for up to a combined total of 1,667 square feet of office space at the Metropolitan Headquarters Building, located at 700 North Alameda Street in Los Angeles, California, and the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant, located at 700 Moreno Avenue in La Verne, California, subject to the price and terms directed in closed session. **(Agenda Item 8-3)**

Approved the nomination and naming of the San Jacinto Tunnel in honor of former Metropolitan Chairman of the Board and Director Randy Record in recognition of his legacy of service to Metropolitan. **(Agenda Item 8-4)**

Approved the nomination and naming of the Inlet/Outlet Tower at Diamond Valley Lake in honor of former Metropolitan General Counsel N. Gregory Taylor in recognition of his legacy of service to Metropolitan. **(Agenda Item 8-5)**

Authorized an increase to the General Auditor's base salary from \$288,413 to \$313,350. This will make the General Auditor's base salary 9.58 percent above the 75th percentile of the comparator agencies; authorized a three percent cost-of-living adjustment for the General Counsel, General Auditor, and Ethics Officer; and authorized the above actions to be effective June 23, 2024. **(Agenda Item 8-6)**

Authorized increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services in Ryan Tieg v. Metropolitan with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$275,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$525,000, increased in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services in Dane Crawford v. Metropolitan with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$275,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$525,000, and increased in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services in Alicia Lorentzen v. Metropolitan with Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP in the amount of \$175,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$425,000. **(Agenda Item 8-7)**

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# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

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## EOT Committee

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

## **Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**December 9, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

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**Monday, December 9, 2024  
Meeting Schedule**

**09:00 a.m. EOT  
11:00 a.m. LEGAL  
01:30 p.m. Break  
02:00 p.m. OWS**

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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))**

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for November 18, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-4020](#)

**Attachments:** [12092024 EOT 2A \(11182024\) Minutes](#)

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-2 Award a \$588,000 contract to Heed Engineering for construction of new drainage control improvements at the Lake Skinner dam; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4021](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 EOT 7-2 B-L](#)  
[12092024 EOT 7-2 Presentation](#)

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1 Approve additional funding, in an amount not to exceed \$35 million over the next two years (Fiscal Years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026), to support the Zero-Emission Vehicle Transition Program at Metropolitan and partially mitigate high operational risk; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4023](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 EOT 8-1 B-L](#)  
[12092024 EOT 8-1 Presentation](#)



- 8-2** Authorize entering into one or more agreements to accept up to \$125,472,855 in grant funding from the United States Bureau of Reclamation through the WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Program for Pure Water Southern California; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4072](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 EOT 8-2 B-L](#)  
[12092024 EOT 8-2 Presentation](#)

## 5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

## 6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Capital Investment Plan Quarterly Report for period ending September 2024 [21-4022](#)

**Attachments:** [12092024 EOT 6a Report](#)  
[12092024 EOT 6a Presentation](#)

## 7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Engineering Services activities [21-4024](#)  
Information Technology activities  
Water System Operations activities

**Attachments:** [12092024 EOT 7a Engineering Services Activities](#)  
[12102024 EOT 7a Information Technology Activities](#)  
[12092024 EOT 7a Water System Operations Activities](#)  
[12092024 EOT 7a Presentation](#)

## 8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance [21-4025](#)

## 9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

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## L&C Committee

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

## **Legal and Claims Committee - Final - Revised 1**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**December 9, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

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**2. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- A. General Counsel's report of monthly activities [21-4026](#)  
**Attachments:** [12092024 LC 2A Report](#)

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Legal and Claims Committee for November 18, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-4027](#)  
**Attachments:** [12092024 Sp LC 3A \(11182024\) Minutes](#)

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-3 Authorize an increase of \$250,000, to a maximum amount not to exceed \$500,000, for workers' compensation legal services contract with the law firm Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer & Jensen, LLP; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4028](#)  
**Attachments:** [12102024 LC 7-3 B-L](#)  
[12102024 LC 7-3 Presentation](#)

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

**5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-5 Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to conform surplus water provisions to current law and practice, update the list of active District funds, and clarify employee benefits for unrepresented employees; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [DEFERRED on 11/27/2024] [21-4029](#)

**6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**7. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Report on litigation in San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510830, CPF-12-512466, CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, CPF-16-515391, CGC-17-563350, and CPF-18-516389; the appeals of the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case Nos. A146901, A148266, A161144, and A162168, and California Supreme Court Case No. S243500; the petition for extraordinary writ in the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A155310; the petition for extraordinary writ in the second 2016 action, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A154325 and California Supreme Court Case No. S251025; the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California v. San Diego County Water Authority cross-complaints in the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions; and the appeals of the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A170156; including report on discussions regarding potential settlement of the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions, including the cross-complaints and appeals, San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, and CPF-18-516389 and Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A170156 [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; may be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1)] [21-4030](#)

## 8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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## OW&S Committee

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

## **One Water and Stewardship Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**December 9, 2024**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Monday, December 9, 2024  
Meeting Schedule**

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11:00 a.m. LEGAL  
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**\*\* CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION \*\***

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting One Water Stewardship Committee and Board of Directors Workshop for November 18, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-4031**

**Attachments:** [12092024 OWS 2A \(11182024\) Minutes](#)

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-3** Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to implement phase two of the Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program; and adopt CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the Antelope Valley-East Kern High Desert Water Bank and the Turf Replacement Programs were previously addressed in various CEQA documents and related actions **21-4082**

**Attachments:** [12102024 OWS 8-3 B-L](#)  
[12092024 OWS 8-3 Presentation](#)

- 8-4** Review and consider the Lead Agency's certified 2023 Final Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Conveyance Project and take related CEQA actions and authorize the General Manager to enter into an amended agreement for preconstruction work planned for 2026-2027 **21-4032**

**Attachments:** [12102024 OWS 8-4 B-L](#)  
[12092024 OWS 8-4 Presentation](#)

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9-2** Update on developing State Water Project water management actions to meet multiple objectives of managing dry year and wet year water supplies and generating new revenues **[21-4070](#)**

**Attachments:** [12102024 OWS 9-2 B-L](#)  
[12092024 OWS 9-2 Presentation](#)

## **6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management **[21-4033](#)**

**Attachments:** [12102024 OWS 6a Report](#)  
[12092024 OWS 6a Presentation](#)

## **7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. Bay-Delta Resources activities **[21-4034](#)**  
 Colorado River Resources activities  
 Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation activities  
 Water Resources Management activities

**Attachments:** [12092024 OWS 7a Bay-Delta Resources Activities](#)  
[12092024 OWS 7a Colorado River Resources](#)  
[12092024 OWS 7a Water Resources Management activities](#)  
[12092024 OWS 7a Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation activities](#)

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Meeting **[21-4035](#)**
- b. Report on Delta Conveyance Finance Authority Meeting **[21-4036](#)**
- c. Report on the Bay-Delta Ad Hoc Meeting **[21-4037](#)**

## **9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities **[21-4038](#)**

## **10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

## **11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**



## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

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## **FAM Committee**

T. Smith, Chair  
L. Dick, Vice Chair  
D. Alvarez  
J. Armstrong  
G. Bryant  
D. De Jesus  
B. Dennstedt  
L. Fong-Sakai  
M. Gold  
J. McMillan  
C. Miller  
M. Petersen  
B. Pressman  
T. Quinn  
K. Seckel

## **Finance and Asset Management Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**December 10, 2024**

**8:30 a.m.**

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**Tuesday, December 10, 2024  
Meeting Schedule**

**08:30 a.m. FAM  
10:30 a.m. LEG  
11:30 a.m. Break  
12:00 p.m. Sp Jt Exec  
and BOD**

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Finance and Asset Management Committee Meeting for November 19, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-4039](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 FAM 2A \(11192024\) Minutes](#)

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-4 Authorize a professional services agreement with Public Financial Management Asset Management, LLC, a subsidiary of US Bancorp Asset Management, Inc., to provide investment management services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4040](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 FAM 7-4 B-L](#)

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for fiscal year 2023/24 [21-4041](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 FAM 6a Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for FY 23-24](#)  
[12102024 FAM 6a Presentation](#)

- b. Fiscal Years 2026/27 and 2027/28 Biennial Budget Impacts [21-4086](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 FAM 6b Presentation](#)

## 7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Finance and Asset Management activities [21-4042](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 FAM 7a Finance and Asset Management activities](#)

## 8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Report from Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling [21-4043](#)
- b. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling [21-4044](#)

## 9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

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# Agenda

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## LEG Committee

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

## Legislation and Communications Committee

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**December 10, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

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

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Special Legislation and Communications Committee for November 19, 2024 (copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) **21-4045**

**Attachments:** [12102024 Sp LEG 2A \(11192024\) Minutes](#)

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-6 Adopt Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2025; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **21-4046**

**Attachments:** [12102024 LEG 8-6 B-L](#)  
[12102024 LEG 8-6 Presentation](#)

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Report on Activities from Washington, D.C. **21-4047**

**Attachments:** [12102024 LEG 6a Federal Legislative Matrix](#)  
[12102024 LEG 6a Presentation](#)

- b. Report on Activities from Sacramento **21-4048**

**Attachments:** [12102024 LEG 6b State Legislative Matrix](#)  
[12102024 LEG 6b Presentation](#)

**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. External Affairs activities

[21-4049](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 LEG 7a External Affairs Activities](#)  
[12102024 LEG 7a Presentation](#)

## 8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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# Agenda

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## Special Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors

**December 10, 2024**

**12:00 PM**

<b>Tuesday, December 10, 2024 Meeting Schedule</b>
<b>08:30 a.m. FAM</b> <b>10:30 a.m. LEG</b> <b>11:30 a.m. Break</b> <b>12:00 p.m. Sp Jt Exec and BOD</b>

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### 1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: Director Miguel Angel Luna, City of Los Angeles
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Garry E. Bryant, Foothill Municipal Water District

### 2. Roll Call

### 3. Determination of a Quorum



4. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board limited to the items listed on the agenda. (As required by Gov. Code §54954.3(a))**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS**

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

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Executive Committee of July 11, 2023 and the Special Executive Committee of November 20, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-4054](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 5A \(07112023\) Minutes](#)  
[12102024 BOD 5A \(11202024\) Minutes](#)

- B. Approve draft Committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for January 2025 [21-4055](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 5B Draft Packet](#)

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

**6. OTHER COMMITTEE ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**7. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Report on the Colorado River Board Meeting [21-4060](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 Exec 7a Presentation](#)

- b. Colorado River Activities [21-4061](#)

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR ITEMS**

**8. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS**

- A. Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense [21-4066](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 8A Report](#)

- B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report [21-4065](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 8B Report](#)

- C. Interim General Manager's summary of activities [21-4050](#)  
**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 8C Report](#)
- D. General Counsel's summary of activities [21-4051](#)  
**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 8D Report](#)
- E. General Auditor's summary of activities [21-4052](#)  
**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 8E Report](#)
- F. Ethics Officer's summary of activities [21-4053](#)  
**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 8F Report](#)
- G. Update on Delta Conveyance Project: Wade Crowfoot, California Secretary for Natural Resources. [ADDED SUBJECT 12/3/2024] [21-4092](#)

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for October 8, 2024, the Special Joint Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting for October 21, 2024, and the Special Board of Directors Meeting for November 19, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-4067](#)  
**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 9A \(10082024\) Minutes](#)  
[12102024 BOD 9A \(10212024\) Minutes](#)  
[12102024 BOD 9A \(11192024\) Minutes](#)
- B. Approve Committee Assignments [21-4068](#)
- C. Chair and Vice Chair of standing committee appointments for the term commencing on January 1, 2025. [DEFERRED on 12/6/2024] [21-4073](#)
- D. Approve waiver of Administrative Code to extend the term of Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs through the end of February 2025. [ADDED SUBJECT 12/6/2024] [21-4097](#)

**10. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-1** Approve proposed amendments to Administrative Code Section 6451 regarding the General Auditor Charter; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-3966](#)
- Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 7-1 B-L](#)  
[12102024 BOD 7-1 Presentation](#)
- 7-2** Award a \$588,000 contract to Heed Engineering for construction of new drainage control improvements at the Lake Skinner dam; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4021](#)
- Attachments:** [12102024 EOT 7-2 B-L](#)  
[12092024 EOT 7-2 Presentation](#)
- 7-3** Authorize an increase of \$250,000, to a maximum amount not to exceed \$500,000, for workers' compensation legal services contract with the law firm Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer & Jensen, LLP; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4028](#)
- Attachments:** [12102024 LC 7-3 B-L](#)  
[12102024 LC 7-3 Presentation](#)
- 7-4** Authorize a professional services agreement with Public Financial Management Asset Management, LLC, a subsidiary of US Bancorp Asset Management, Inc., to provide investment management services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4040](#)
- Attachments:** [12102024 FAM 7-4 B-L](#)

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

**11. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1** Approve additional funding, in an amount not to exceed \$35 million over the next two years (Fiscal Years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026), to support the Zero-Emission Vehicle Transition Program at Metropolitan and partially mitigate high operational risk; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4023](#)
- Attachments:** [12102024 EOT 8-1 B-L](#)  
[12092024 EOT 8-1 Presentation](#)

- 8-2** Authorize entering into one or more agreements to accept up to \$125,472,855 in grant funding from the United States Bureau of Reclamation through the WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Program for Pure Water Southern California; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **[21-4072](#)**
- Attachments:** [12102024 EOT 8-2 B-L](#)  
[12092024 EOT 8-2 Presentation](#)
- 8-3** Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to implement phase two of the Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program; and adopt CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the Antelope Valley-East Kern High Desert Water Bank and the Turf Replacement Programs were previously addressed in various CEQA documents and related actions **[21-4082](#)**
- Attachments:** [12102024 OWS 8-3 B-L](#)  
[12092024 OWS 8-3 Presentation](#)
- 8-4** Review and consider the Lead Agency's certified 2023 Final Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Conveyance Project and take related CEQA actions and authorize the General Manager to enter into an amended agreement for preconstruction work planned for 2026-2027 **[21-4032](#)**
- Attachments:** [12102024 OWS 8-4 B-L](#)  
[12092024 OWS 8-4 Presentation](#)
- 8-5** Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to conform surplus water provisions to current law and practice, update the list of active District funds, and clarify employee benefits for unrepresented employees; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. [DEFERRED on 11/27/2024] **[21-4029](#)**
- 8-6** Adopt Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2025; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA **[21-4046](#)**
- Attachments:** [12102024 LEG 8-6 B-L](#)  
[12102024 LEG 8-6 Presentation](#)

**JOINT EXECUTIVE AND BOARD ITEM**

- 8-7** Review and consider action for an equal employment opportunity violation by a Director; the General Manager has determined that this proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4081](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 8-7 Presentation](#)

## **12. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9-1** Report on Conservation Program [21-4069](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 9-1 Report](#)

- 9-2** Update on developing State Water Project water management actions to meet multiple objectives of managing dry year and wet year water supplies and generating new revenues [21-4070](#)

**Attachments:** [12102024 OWS 9-2 B-L](#)  
[12092024 OWS 9-2 Presentation](#)

## **13. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

## **14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Summary Report for  
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Special Joint Executive and Board Meeting  
December 10, 2024**

**CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

Approved waiver of Administrative Code to extend the term of Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs through the end of February 2025. **(Agenda Item 9D)**

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

Approved amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 6451 regarding the Audit Department Charter. **(Agenda Item 7-1)**

Awarded a \$588,000 contract to Heed Engineering for construction of drainage control improvements at the Lake Skinner dam. **(Agenda Item 7-2)**

Authorized an increase of \$250,000, to a maximum amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the workers' compensation legal services contract with the law firm Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer, Jensen, LLP. **(Agenda Item 7-3)**

Authorized a professional services agreement with Public Financial Management Asset Management LLC, a subsidiary of US Bancorp Asset Management Inc., to provide investment management services. **(Agenda Item 7-4)**

**OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

Approved additional funding, in an amount not to exceed \$35 million over the next two years (Fiscal Years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026), to support the Zero-Emission Vehicle Transition Program at Metropolitan and partially mitigate high operational risk. **(Agenda Item 8-1)**

Authorized entering into one or more agreements with the United States Bureau of Reclamation to accept up to \$125,472,855 in grant funding through the WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Program. **(Agenda Item 8-2)**

Adopted CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the Antelope Valley-East Kern High Desert Water Bank and the Turf Replacement Programs were previously addressed in various CEQA documents and related actions and authorized the General Manager to enter into agreements with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to implement phase two of the LC Conservation Program. **(Agenda Item 8-3)**

Reviewed and considered the Lead Agency's certified 2023 Final Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP), take related CEQA actions, and authorized the General

Manager to enter into an amended agreement for preconstruction work on the DCP planned for 2026-2027. By approving Option 1, the Board is not approving the DCP, as reflected in the statement of overriding considerations, which is limited to the preconstruction funding only. **(Agenda Item 8-4)**

Adopted the Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2025. **(Agenda Item 8-6)**

Approved censuring Director Morris by issuing a written public rebuke of his conduct and notifying his member agency; imposing restrictions on his travel on behalf of Metropolitan, including ceasing funding and prohibiting him from representing Metropolitan at any events; counseling by a professional and evaluation by the ad hoc committee to consider the rehabilitation and lifting those travel restrictions after the end of 12 months; and voluntarily not participating in closed session items regarding the General Manager. **(Agenda Item 8-7)**

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J. Crawford  
B. Dennstedt  
S. Faessel  
L. Fong-Sakai  
R. Lefevre  
J. McMillan  
C. Miller  
J. Morris  
M. Petersen  
K. Seckel

## **Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**January 13, 2025**

**9:00 a.m.**

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**Monday, January 13, 2025  
Meeting Schedule**

**09:00 a.m. EOT  
10:30 a.m. EOP  
01:30 p.m. Break  
02:00 p.m. OWS**

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



## 2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee for December 9, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-4100](#)

**Attachments:** [01132025 EOT 2A \(12092024\) Minutes](#)

## 3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- 7-1 Authorize an increase of \$5.55 million to an agreement with Arcadis U.S. Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$7.55 million for final design to rehabilitate the finished water reservoirs at the Henry J. Mills and Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4119](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 EOT 7-1 B-L](#)  
[01132025 EOT 7-1 Presentation](#)

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

## 4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

NONE

## 5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-2 Update on the Colorado River Aqueduct High-Voltage Transformers Replacement Project [21-4120](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 EOT 9-2 B-L](#)  
[01132025 EOT 9-2 Presentation](#)

## 6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Update on Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe Program [21-4122](#)

**Attachments:** [01132025 EOT 6a Presentation](#)

- b. Update on Invasive Mussels in the State Water Project [21-4124](#)

**Attachments:** [01132025 EOT 6b Presentation](#)

- c. Quarterly Cybersecurity Update [Conference with Metropolitan Director of Info Tech Services, Information Technology, Jacob Margolis, or designated agents on threats to public services or facilities; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957(a)] [21-4123](#)

## 7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Engineering Services activities [21-4098](#)  
Information Technology activities  
Water System Operations activities

**Attachments:** [01132025 EOT 7a Engineering Services Activities](#)  
[01132025 EOT 7a Information Technology Activities](#)  
[01132025 EOT 7a Water System Operations Activities](#)  
[01132025 EOT 7a Presentation](#)

## 8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance [21-4099](#)

## 9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

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# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

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## EO&P Committee

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

## **Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee - Final - Revised 1**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**January 13, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**

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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))**

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Ethics, Organization, and Personnel Committee for November 19, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-4103](#)

**Attachments:** [01132025 EOP 2A \(11192024\) Minutes](#)

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Equal Employment Opportunity Statistical Report [21-4170](#)

**Attachments:** [01132025 EOP 6a Presentation](#)

- b. Non Discrimination Plan Results for fiscal year 2024 [21-4171](#)

**Attachments:** [01132025 EOP 6b Presentation Revised](#)

- c. Update on the Ad Hoc Committee for the Department Heads Evaluation Process, Next Steps for 2024-2025 [21-4183](#)

**Attachments:** [01132025 EOP 6c Presentation](#)

- d. 2024 Ethics Survey Results [21-4140](#)

**Attachments:** [01132025 EOP 6d Presentation](#)

- e. Update on labor negotiations. [Conference with Labor Negotiators; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code 54957.6. Metropolitan representatives: Katano Kasaine, Assistant General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Mark Brower, Human Resources Group Manager, and Gifty J. Beets, Human Resources Section Manager of Labor Relations. Employee Organization(s): The Employees Association of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California/AFSCME Local 1902; the Management and Professional Employees Associations MAPA/AFSCME Chapter 1001; the Supervisors Association; and the Association of Confidential Employees.]] [21-4157](#)

**Attachments:** [01132025 EOP 6e Non-Interest Disclosure Notice](#)

## 7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Ethics Officer's report on monthly activities [21-4104](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 EOP 7a Ethics Offices Activities](#)

- b. Equal Employment Opportunity activities [21-4105](#)  
Human Resources activities  
Safety, Security, and Protection activities

**Attachments:** [01132025 EOP 7b Equal Employment Opportunity Activities](#)  
[01132025 EOP 7b Human Resources Activities](#)  
[01142025 EOP 7b Office of Safety, Security, and Protection Activities](#)

## 8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

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## **OW&S Committee**

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

## **One Water and Stewardship Committee - Final - Revised 1**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**January 13, 2025**

**2:00 p.m.**

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**Monday, January 13, 2025  
Meeting Schedule**

**09:00 a.m. EOT  
10:30 a.m. EOP  
01:30 p.m. Break  
02:00 p.m. OWS**

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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))**

- A. Public Hearing on Metropolitan's Achievements in Conservation, Recycling, and Groundwater Recharge [21-4132](#)  
(To participate via teleconference 1-833-548-0276 and enter meeting ID: 815 2066 4276)

**Attachments:** [01132025 OWS 1A Metropolitan's Achievements in Conservation, Recycling, and Groundwater Recharge Report](#)  
[01132025 OWS 1a Presentation](#)

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting One Water Stewardship Committee for December 9, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-4106](#)

**Attachments:** [01132025 OWS 2A \(12092024\) Minutes](#)

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-2 Authorize the General Manager to enter into a funding agreement for the Disadvantaged Communities Leak Detection and Repair Program with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to implement phase two of the Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4126](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 OWS 7-2 B-L](#)  
[01132025 OWS 7-2 Presentation](#)

- 7-3 Authorize: (1) renewal of the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Agreement between the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Contractors and participating urban State Water Project Contractors; and (2) renewal of the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Program Specific Project Agreement between the State Water Contractors and participating urban State Water Project Contractors; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4127](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 OWS 7-3 B-L](#)  
[01132025 OWS 7-3 Presentation](#)

- 7-4** Authorize extension of Metropolitan's existing Colorado River System Conservation Agreement with U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to fund Metropolitan's Palo Verde Irrigation District Fallowing Program; and adopt CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the conservation efforts in Palo Verde Irrigation District are the subject of a proposed action that was previously addressed in various CEQA documents and related actions. [UPDATED SUBJECT 1/7/2025] [21-4165](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 OWS 7-4 B-L](#)  
[01132025 OWS 7-4 Presentation](#)

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1** Adopt a resolution to support a grant application selected to receive United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART: Applied Sciences Program funding for fiscal year 2023 for an amount totaling \$390,000; authorize Metropolitan's non-federal cost share of \$130,000; and authorize the General Manager to enter a contract with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, subject to General Counsel approval; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4125](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 OWS 8-1 B-L](#)  
[01132025 OWS 8-1 Presentation](#)

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9-3** Information on developing State Water Project water management actions [21-4129](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 OWS 9-3 B-L](#)  
[01132025 OWS 9-3 Presentation](#)

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a.** Report on Bay-Delta Regulatory Processes [21-4131](#)

**Attachments:** [01132025 OWS 6a Presentation](#)

- b.** Update on Bay-Delta Agricultural Leases [21-4135](#)

**Attachments:** [01132025 OWS 6b Presentation](#)



- c. Update on Basin States Discussions Regarding Post-2026 Operational Guidelines [21-4130](#)  
**Attachments:** [01132025 OWS 6c Presentation](#)
- d. Report on Process to Fund Community Enhancement Projects in the Palo Verde Valley [21-4169](#)  
**Attachments:** [01132025 OWS 6d Presentation](#)
- e. Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management [21-4134](#)  
**Attachments:** [01132025 OWS 6e Report](#)  
[01132025 OWS 6e Presentation](#)
- f. Quarterly Update on Conservation [21-4133](#)  
**Attachments:** [01132025 OWS 6f Presentation](#)

## 7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Bay-Delta Resources activities [21-4107](#)  
Colorado River Resources activities  
Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation activities  
Water Resources Management activities  
**Attachments:** [01142025 OWS 7a Bay-Delta Resources Activities](#)  
[01142025 OWS 7a Colorado River Resources Activities](#)  
[01132025 OWS 7a Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation Activities](#)  
[01132025 OWS 7a Water Resources Management Activities](#)

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Meeting [21-4136](#)
- b. Report on Delta Conveyance Finance Authority Meeting [21-4137](#)
- c. Report on the Bay-Delta Ad Hoc Meeting [21-4138](#)

## 9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities [21-4139](#)

## 10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

## **11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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## L&C Committee

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

## **Legal and Claims Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**January 14, 2025**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025  
Meeting Schedule**

**08:30 a.m. LEGAL  
11:30 a.m. Break  
12:00 p.m. BOD  
01:15 p.m. LEG**

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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 [21-4101](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 LC 2A Report](#)

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

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee for December 9, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-4102](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 LC 3A \(12092024\) Minutes](#)

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

- 7-5 Report on Nevada Environmental Response Trust Site (former Tronox Site) in Henderson, Nevada and authorize an increase of \$150,000 to an amount not to exceed \$450,000 for an existing contract with GeoPentech, Inc. for consulting services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4143](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 LC 7-5 B-L](#)  
[01142025 LC 7-5 Presentation](#)

- 7-6 Report on litigation in Darren A. Reese v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2204312, and authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$150,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$900,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4166](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 LC 7-6 B-L](#)  
[01142025 LC 7-6 Presentation](#)

- 7-7 Authorize increase of \$200,000, to a maximum amount payable of \$600,000, for existing General Counsel contract with Olson Remcho 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; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [21-4167](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 LC 7-7 B-L](#)  
[01142025 LC 7-7 Presentation](#)

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

- 8-2** Report on litigation in Maria Carmen Zarate v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 23STCV15786; and authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Seyfarth Shaw LLP, in the amount of \$250,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000; 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)] [21-4155](#)
- 8-3** Report on litigation in Encarnacion Gutierrez v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 23STCV11052; and authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with BDG Law Group, APLC, in the amount of \$250,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000; 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)] [21-4156](#)
- 8-4** Conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation based on existing facts and circumstances, including receipt of a government claim threatening litigation, there is significant exposure to litigation against Metropolitan: one potential case; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA [+621-4168](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 LC 8-4 Claim](#)

**8-5** Report on litigation in San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510830, CPF-12-512466, CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, CPF-16-515391, CGC-17-563350, and CPF-18-516389; the appeals of the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case Nos. A146901, A148266, A161144, and A162168, and California Supreme Court Case No. S243500; the petition for extraordinary writ in the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A155310; the petition for extraordinary writ in the second 2016 action, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A154325 and California Supreme Court Case No. S251025; the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California v. San Diego County Water Authority cross-complaints in the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions; and the appeals of the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A170156; and provide direction to staff on potential settlement of the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions, including the cross-complaints and appeals, San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, and CPF-18-516389 and Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A170156; 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 Sections 54956.9(d)(1)]

[21-4144](#)

## **6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

## **7. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

NONE

## **8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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## Board of Directors - Final - Revised 1

January 14, 2025

12:00 PM

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 Meeting Schedule
08:30 a.m. LEGAL 11:30 a.m. Break 12:00 p.m. BOD 01:15 p.m. LEG

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## 1. Call to Order

- a. Invocation: Tuannee Holmes, Admin Analyst External Affairs and President, Black Employees Association
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Jeffrey D. Armstrong, Eastern Municipal Water District

## 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))

## 5.1 Chair's Second Term Priorities



**5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS**

- A. Report on Directors' Events Attended at Metropolitan's Expense [21-4112](#)  
**Attachments:** [01142024 BOD 5A Report](#)
- B. Chair's Monthly Activity Report [21-4113](#)  
**Attachments:** [01142025 BOD 5B Report](#)
- C. Interim General Manager's summary of activities [21-4114](#)  
**Attachments:** [01142025 BOD 5C Report](#)
- D. General Counsel's summary of activities [21-4115](#)  
**Attachments:** [01142025 BOD 5D Report](#)
- E. General Auditor's summary of activities [21-4116](#)  
**Attachments:** [01142025 BOD 5E Report](#)
- F. Ethics Officer's summary of activities [21-4117](#)  
**Attachments:** [01142025 BOD 5F Report](#)
- G. Presentation of 10-year Service Pin to Director Marsha Ramos, City of Burbank [21-4146](#)
- H. Induction of new Director Mel Katz from San Diego County Water Authority [21-4148](#)  
(a) Receive credentials  
(b) Report on credentials by General Counsel  
(c) File credentials  
(d) Administer Oath of Office  
(e) File Oath  
**Attachments:** [01142025 BOD 5H Report](#)

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

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

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Special Joint Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting for December 10, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-4118](#)
- Attachments:** [12102024 BOD 9A \(11192024\) Minutes](#)
- B.** Approve Commendatory Resolution for Director Timothy Smith representing San Diego County Water Authority [21-4147](#)
- C.** Approve waiver of Administrative Code to extend the term of Nonofficer members of the Executive Committee through the end of March 2025 [21-4162](#)

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

- 7-1** Authorize an increase of \$5.55 million to an agreement with Arcadis U.S. Inc. for a new not-to-exceed total amount of \$7.55 million for final design to rehabilitate the finished water reservoirs at the Henry J. Mills and Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plants; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (EOT) [21-4119](#)
- Attachments:** [01142025 EOT 7-1 B-L](#)  
[01132025 EOT 7-1 Presentation](#)
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[01132025 OWS 7-2 Presentation](#)

- 7-3** Authorize: (1) renewal of the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Agreement between the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Contractors and participating urban State Water Project Contractors; and (2) renewal of the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Program Specific Project Agreement between the State Water Contractors and participating urban State Water Project Contractors; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) [21-4127](#)
- Attachments:** [01142025 OWS 7-3 B-L](#)  
[01132025 OWS 7-3 Presentation](#)
- 7-4** Authorize extension of Metropolitan's existing Colorado River System Conservation Agreement with U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to fund Metropolitan's Palo Verde Irrigation District Fallowing Program; and adopt CEQA determination that the environmental effects of the conservation efforts in Palo Verde Irrigation District are the subject of a proposed action that was previously addressed in various CEQA documents and related actions. [UPDATED SUBJECT 1/7/2025] (OWS) [21-4165](#)
- Attachments:** [01142025 OWS 7-4 B-L](#)  
[01132025 OWS 7-4 Presentation](#)
- 7-5** Report on Nevada Environmental Response Trust Site (former Tronox Site) in Henderson, Nevada and authorize an increase of \$150,000 to an amount not to exceed \$450,000 for an existing contract with GeoPentech, Inc. for consulting services; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LC) [21-4143](#)
- Attachments:** [01142025 LC 7-5 B-L](#)  
[01142025 LC 7-5 Presentation](#)
- 7-6** Report on litigation in Darren A. Reese v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVPS2204312, and authorize increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$150,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$900,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LC) [21-4166](#)
- Attachments:** [01142025 LC 7-6 B-L](#)  
[01142025 LC 7-6 Presentation](#)

- 7-7** Authorize increase of \$200,000, to a maximum amount payable of [21-4167](#)  
\$600,000, for existing General Counsel contract with Olson Remcho 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; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LC)

**Attachments:** [01142025 LC 7-7 B-L](#)  
[01142025 LC 7-7 Presentation](#)

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

**8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

- 8-1** Adopt a resolution to support a grant application selected to receive United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART: Applied Sciences Program funding for fiscal year 2023 for an amount totaling \$390,000; authorize Metropolitan's non-federal cost share of \$130,000; and authorize the General Manager to enter a contract with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, subject to General Counsel approval; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (OWS) [21-4125](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 OWS 8-1 B-L](#)  
[01132025 OWS 8-1 Presentation](#)

- 8-2** Report on litigation in Maria Carmen Zarate v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 23STCV15786; and authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Seyfarth Shaw LLP, in the amount of \$250,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000; 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)] (LC) [21-4155](#)

- 8-3** Report on litigation in Encarnacion Gutierrez v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 23STCV11052; and authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with BDG Law Group, APLC, in the amount of \$250,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000; 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)] (LC) [21-4156](#)
- 8-4** Conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation based on existing facts and circumstances, including receipt of a government claim threatening litigation, there is significant exposure to litigation against Metropolitan: one potential case; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA (LC) [+621-4168](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 LC 8-4 Claim](#)

- 8-5** Report on litigation in San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510830, CPF-12-512466, CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, CPF-16-515391, CGC-17-563350, and CPF-18-516389; the appeals of the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case Nos. A146901, A148266, A161144, and A162168, and California Supreme Court Case No. S243500; the petition for extraordinary writ in the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A155310; the petition for extraordinary writ in the second 2016 action, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A154325 and California Supreme Court Case No. S251025; the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California v. San Diego County Water Authority cross-complaints in the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions; and the appeals of the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A170156; and provide direction to staff on potential settlement of the 2014, 2016, and 2018 actions, including the cross-complaints and appeals, San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, and CPF-18-516389 and Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A170156; 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 Sections 54956.9(d)(1)] (LC) [21-4144](#)

## 9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-1** Report on Conservation Program [21-4145](#)  
**Attachments:** [01142025 OWS 9-1 B-L](#)
- 9-2** Update on the Colorado River Aqueduct High-Voltage Transformers Replacement Project (EOT) [21-4120](#)  
**Attachments:** [01142025 EOT 9-2 B-L](#)  
[01132025 EOT 9-2 Presentation](#)
- 9-3** Information on developing State Water Project water management actions (OWS) [21-4129](#)  
**Attachments:** [01142025 OWS 9-3 B-L](#)  
[01132025 OWS 9-3 Presentation](#)

**10. OTHER MATTERS**

NONE

**11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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# The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

# Agenda

The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

## LEG Committee

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## **Legislation and Communications Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors \*

**January 14, 2025**

**1:15 p.m.**

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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))**

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



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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Special Legislation and Communications Committee for November 19, 2024 (copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions) [21-4158](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 LEG 2A \(12102024\) Minutes](#)

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

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

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

NONE

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

NONE

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Report on Activities from Washington, D.C. [21-4160](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 LEG 6a Federal Regulatory Matrix](#)  
[01142025 LEG 6a Presentation](#)

- b. Report on Activities from Sacramento [21-4161](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 LEG 6b State Regulatory Matrix](#)  
[01142025 LEG 6b Presentation](#)

**7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- a. External Affairs activities [21-4159](#)

**Attachments:** [01142025 LEG 7a External Affairs Activities](#)  
[01142025 LEG 7a Presentation](#)

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

NONE

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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**Summary Report for  
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
Board Meeting  
January 14, 2025**

**CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

Approved Commendatory Resolution for Director Timothy Smith representing San Diego County Water Authority. **(Agenda Item 6B)**

Approved waiver of Administrative Code to extend the term of Nonofficer members of the Executive Committee through the end of March 2025. **(Agenda Item 6C)**

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

Authorized an increase of \$5.55 million to an agreement with Arcadis U.S. Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$7.55 million for final design to rehabilitate the finished water reservoirs at the Henry J. Mills and Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plants. **(Agenda Item 7-1)**

Authorized the General Manager to enter into a funding agreement for the Disadvantaged Communities Leak Detection and Repair Program with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to implement phase two of the Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program. **(Agenda Item 7-2)**

Authorized: (a) renewal of the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Agreement between the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Contractors, and participating urban State Water Project Contractors; and (b) renewal of the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Program Specific Project Agreement between the State Water Contractors and participating urban State Water Project Contractors. **(Agenda Item 7-3)**

Adopt CEQA determination that the proposed action related to the following program was previously addressed in various CEQA documents and related actions, and authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement for Reclamation to fund the generation of up to 36,066 AF of conserved Colorado River system water between August 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026. **(Agenda Item 7-4)**

Authorized an increase of \$150,000, to an amount not to exceed \$450,000 for an existing contract with GeoPentech, Inc. for consulting services. **(Agenda Item 7-5)**

Authorized increase in the maximum amount payable under a contract for legal services with Seyfarth Shaw LLP for Darren A. Reese v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in the amount of \$150,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$900,000. **(Agenda Item 7-6)**

Authorized the General Counsel to increase the amount payable under its agreement with Olson Remcho LLP by \$200,000 to a maximum amount payable of \$600,000. **(Agenda Item 7-7)**

**OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

Adopt a resolution to support a grant application selected to receive United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART: Applied Sciences Program funding for fiscal year 2023 for an amount totaling \$390,000; authorized Metropolitan's non-federal cost share of \$130,000; and authorized the General Manager to enter a contract with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, subject to General Counsel approval.

**(Agenda Item 8-1)**

Authorized increase in the maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$250,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000.

**(Agenda Item 8-2)**

Authorized an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with BDG Law Group, APLC, in the amount of \$250,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000.

**(Agenda Item 8-3)**

Discussed and conferred with legal counsel in closed session and provided direction to staff and approved staff recommendation provided in closed session. **(Agenda Item 8-5)**

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January 22, 2025

**Attention: Imported Water Committee**

## **Colorado River Basin Issues Update (Presentation)**

### **Purpose**

This report provides an update on the development of the post-2026 Colorado River operating guidelines and outlines the alternatives released by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) under consideration in Reclamation's preparation of a draft environmental impact statement (draft EIS).

### **Executive Summary**

- Key management guidelines and agreements that govern Colorado River operations, including the reservoirs that California depends on, are set to expire at the end of 2026.
- That includes the 2007 Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead (2007 Interim Guidelines), the 2019 Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) and binational agreements.
- In June 2023, Reclamation initiated the development of the post-2026 guidelines to manage river operations by launching the federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.
- A set of five alternatives under review toward the development of a draft EIS was released by Reclamation in November 2024. Additional information on the alternatives was recently released in Reclamation's *Alternatives Report* (January 17, 2025) and is under review by Staff.
- Upcoming informational presentations to the Board on the development of the post-2026 guidelines will include information on the history of river operations as context for how the river is managed today and provide a framework for the Basin-wide discussions and decisions that will occur over the next two years.

### **Background**

Since 2008, operations of the Colorado River and its two primary reservoirs, Lakes Mead and Powell, have been governed by the 2007 Interim Guidelines, 2019 DCP, and binational agreements. All will expire at the end of 2026 and will be replaced by a new set of guidelines referred to as the post-2026 guidelines. Reclamation formally initiated the NEPA process (environmental review) for the development of the post-2026 guidelines in June 2023. In December 2023, Reclamation called upon the Basin states and other parties to work on a consensus-based proposal for the new guidelines, setting a March 2024 deadline for submissions.

By the March 2024 timeline, efforts to reach a consensus had not succeeded, leading the Upper Basin states (Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, and New Mexico) and the Lower Basin states (California, Nevada, and Arizona) to submit separate proposals. Other parties, including tribes

and environmental groups, also provided proposals. There were two primary differences between the Upper Basin and Lower Basin proposals: (1) the Lower Basin proposed reductions in both basins at certain elevation triggers, while the Upper Basin sought reductions just in the Lower Basin; (2) the Lower Basin called for shortages to be based on a holistic approach that evaluated the health of seven major reservoirs systemwide, while the Upper Basin called for shortages to be based on elevations solely in Lakes Mead and Powell.

In November 2024, Reclamation released five alternatives, including a no-action alternative, that would be evaluated in its pending draft EIS for the new guidelines. Additional information on the alternatives was recently released in Reclamation’s *Alternatives Report* (January 17, 2025) and is under review by Staff. While the alternatives contain elements of the separate proposals submitted from the Upper Basin and Lower Basin, and incorporate varying levels of system flexibility through water transactions, none fully incorporates all elements of either proposal. Reclamation has stated it plans to release its draft EIS in 2025.

**Discussion**

Reclamation has stated that the post-2026 guidelines will address Lower Basin shortages and surpluses, coordinated operations of Lakes Mead and Powell, and storage and delivery of conserved water with the goal of increased flexibility to meet water use needs. Within that framework, Reclamation released its five proposed alternatives for consideration in its pending draft EIS. They are identified as *No Action*, *Federal Authorities*, *Federal Authorities Hybrid*, *Cooperative Conservation*, and *Basin Hybrid* (Table 1). Based on the information available to date, a preliminary level analysis of each alternative is provided below.

**Table 1. Post-2026 Colorado River Operations EIS Alternatives**

<b>Alternatives</b>	<b>Release Volume to Mead (MAF*)</b>	<b>Maximum Shortage to Lower Basin (MAF*)</b>	<b>New Storage/Delivery Flexibilities</b>
<b>No Action**</b>	8.23	0.6	N/A
<b>Federal Authorities**</b>	5 to 9.5	3.5	N/A
<b>Federal Authorities Hybrid</b>	4.7 to 12	3.5	Interstate transactions within each basin
<b>Cooperative Conservation</b>	5 to 11	4	Interstate and Inter-basin transactions
<b>Basin Hybrid</b>	5 to 12	2.1	Interstate transactions within each basin

\* *Million acre-feet.*

\*\**Includes releasing a volume of water to be determined from Glen Canyon Dam to equalize storage between Lake Powell and Lake Mead.*

### **No-Action Alternative**

This alternative does not address the impacts of drought and a changing climate that could force future needs for reductions or voluntary conservation. It relies on river operating guidelines that were in place prior to the adoption of the 2007 Interim Guidelines. Releases at Lake Powell would be 8.23 MAF per year, unless higher or lower releases would be required for operational needs. Reductions to the Lower Basin would be based on the priority system and would not exceed 600,000 acre-feet per year, which might not fully address the shortage issues on the river. Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) water stored in Lake Mead would be delivered per existing agreements, but there would be no new mechanisms for delivery and storage, which would limit system flexibility.

### **Federal Authorities Alternative**

Reclamation states this method is meant to protect critical infrastructure. Lake Powell releases would be based on elevations in Lake Powell, with releases as high as 9.5 MAF to as low as 5 MAF per year. However, releases could also decrease further to protect Glen Canyon Dam infrastructure. Lower Basin reductions, based on the priority system, could be up to 3.5 MAF per year and triggered based on combined elevations solely in Lakes Mead and Powell. There is no reference to Upper Basin reductions. ICS programs would continue, but without new mechanisms for delivery or storage, and there is no consideration of water transfers or exchanges. There is little to no flexibility built into this alternative.

### **Federal Authorities Hybrid Alternative**

Reclamation states this alternative comes from proposals from tribal nations, federal agencies, and other stakeholders, to protect critical infrastructure while supporting resources, such as hydropower and recreation. Lake Powell releases would be determined based on the combined elevations in Lakes Powell and Mead, 10-year running-average hydrology, and Lower Basin deliveries. This alternative would include Basin-wide shared contributions. However, for the Upper Basin, that would mean up to 0.2 MAF per year of conservation stored in Lake Powell, while for the Lower Basin, that would mean reductions of 1.5 MAF up to 3.5 MAF per year. Shortages would be triggered based on combined storage in Lakes Powell and Mead and distributed pro-rata, which bypasses the priority system established under the Law of the River. This alternative does consider a new mechanism for deliveries and storage, including interstate transactions within each Basin, to provide enhanced system flexibility.

### **Cooperative Conservation Alternative**

This alternative takes into consideration the Lower Basin proposal of considering hydrology on a systemwide approach, as well as proposals by a consortium of conservation groups. Lake Powell releases would range from 11 MAF down to 5 MAF per year and would be determined by total Upper Basin system storage and recent hydrology. Releases may be lower when Lake Powell's elevation is at elevation 3,510 feet or lower. Operations would incorporate Basin-wide contributions. However, the alternative only references shortages to the Lower Basin, of up to 4 MAF, the highest volume of the five alternatives, triggered by combined seven-reservoir storage and recent hydrology. Reductions would be based on the priority system. This alternative does reference voluntary water conservation from both Basins, and would maintain opportunities for binational cooperative measures, incentivize water conservation, and include the largest degree

of system flexibility, allowing for transactions within and across basins.

**Basin Hybrid Alternative**

Reclamation states that this alternative is designed to reflect components from the proposals submitted by the Upper Basin states, Lower Basin states, and tribes. Releases would be based primarily on elevations in Lake Powell and would range from 12 MAF down to 5 MAF per year. This alternative includes Basin-wide contributions, but only references conservation in the Upper Basin. The Lower Basin would face reductions of up to 2.1 MAF, which would be triggered by combined seven-reservoir storage. This alternative would analyze reductions using two approaches, priority and pro-rata (pro-rata is inconsistent with the Law of the River), and includes a level of system flexibility, allowing transactions within each basin.

On December 24, 2024, the Lower Basin states submitted a request to Reclamation to include an analysis of compliance with the 1922 Colorado River Compact (Compact), the foundation of the Law of the River, as part of the NEPA process to develop and analyze the post-2026 operational alternatives. The request stated that unless an alternative includes a waiver or forbearance of Compact compliance by the Lower Basin states, it is foreseeable that failure to maintain Compact-compliant flows would trigger the Lower Basin to make a Compact call for any delivery deficit. A Compact call could trigger Upper Basin curtailment and actions by the United States in management of federal reservoirs.

Concurrent to Reclamation's ongoing preparation of the draft EIS, efforts continue toward the goal of the Basin states, Mexico, and tribes all working toward a Basin-wide consensus alternative. The Water Authority will continue to support a seven-state consensus alternative for the post-2026 operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead and will advocate for system flexibility that allows for interstate transfers and storage of conserved water.

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Reviewed by: Meena Westford, Director of Imported Water

Approved by: Dan Denham, General Manager





January 22, 2025

## **Attention: Imported Water Committee**

### **Colorado River Board Representative's report. (Presentation)**

#### **Purpose**

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

#### **Discussion**

This report covers activities from the December 4, 2024, and January 15, 2025, CRB meetings held in Las Vegas and Chino Hills, respectively. The meetings included the following reports, program updates, and announcements:

##### *Reclamation's 24th Commissioner Camille Touton Commemorated*

Commissioner Touton joined CRB member agencies at the December CRB meeting held during the Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) conference, where she was recognized for her contributions to the Colorado River Basin and California. Commissioner Touton was praised for helping to allocate federal funding to projects that address drought impacts on the Colorado River. Her efforts included providing federal funding for the Salton Sea. CRB board members recognized her leadership and focus on consensus building and partnerships, which, they stated, will serve as a framework for the Basin going forward. Commissioner Touton noted that California has been an incredible partner and has conserved an unprecedented volume of water to support the river. She added that California's collaboration and focus on conservation are a model for the entire Basin.

##### *December 2024 Special Presentation*

Acting CRB Executive Director Jessica Neuwerth presented an overview of California's water conservation efforts in 2023 and 2024 that left 1.2 million acre-feet (MAF) of conserved water in Lake Mead as part of California's commitment to leave 1.6 MAF in the river. She then called on CRB members to provide details about their agency's contributions and any other local conservation programs and projects.

CRB members shared the following:

- The Water Authority reported that it had contributed 100,000 acre-feet (AF) of its Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) supplies over the past two years in partnership with the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). The Carlsbad Desalination Plant was highlighted as an example of the San Diego region's investment in water resiliency and was identified as a tool that could benefit the river under mutually beneficial water exchanges. Other investments highlighted included the Water Authority's water-use efficiency programs and initiatives developed with partners like MWD.
- MWD reported that it had contributed more than 500,000 AF to Lake Mead in the past two years through multiple efforts, including conservation programs with Palo Verde

Irrigation District (PVID), Bard Water District (BWD), and the Quechan Indian Tribe. These programs, which MWD turned over to the federal government as part of a system conservation implementation agreement (SCIA), will continue to produce water savings for the river through 2025. In 2025, MWD expects to release its environmental document for its Pure Water Southern California program, which, if implemented, would create a new local water supply and reduce demand on the river.

- IID shared that in 2024, it conserved approximately 660,000 AF through its existing system efficiency conservation and on-farm efficiency conservation programs and through a new deficit irrigation program implemented in August 2024 as part of an SCIA with Reclamation. Since implementing the QSA in 2003, IID has conserved over 8.4 MAF. Separately, IID noted that through its recent conservation efforts in support of the river, it was able to secure \$250 million in federal funding for expansion of the state's Species Conservation Habitat Project at the Salton Sea.
- Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) reported that its conservation efforts started in 2022 with the 500+ Plan, where it curtailed aquifer replenishment to leave over 9,000 AF in the river. That effort was later expanded into its Recharge Curtailment Program that will generate over 100,000 AF of conservation through 2026. CVWD also expects to generate up to 30,000 AF through 2026 through agricultural conservation under an SCIA with Reclamation.
- Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) reported on the status of its major water reliability investment and innovations, including its direct potable reuse pilot, the Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Project, that will provide approximately 28,000 AF per year, as well as free recycled water fill stations placed throughout Los Angeles.
- PVID reported that through the MWD/PVID fallowing program, over 241,000 AF was left in Lake Mead over the past three years. Approximately 197,000 AF of additional water will be left in the river through 2026. PVID has also proposed long-term conservation projects for federal funding, including a regulating reservoir to capture water and on-farm conservation.
- BWD and the Quechan Indian Tribe shared a video highlighting their collaboration on water resiliency projects, such as the concrete lining of BWD's Mohave Canal, to meet current and future agricultural demands.

#### *January 2025 Member Agency Water Supply Reports*

- California Department of Water Resources (DWR) reported that statewide precipitation was 115% of average as of January 4, and statewide reservoir storage was generally above average; however, Southern California has been exceptionally dry. As of January 5, statewide snowpack is tracking at 103% of average.
- LADWP reported that as of January 7, the Eastern Sierra snowpack was 61% of average.

- MWD reported that as of January 1, its combined reservoir storage was 94% of capacity. The Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) is at a five-pump flow, meaning that five of the nine pumps are running at MWD’s Whitsett Intake Pumping Plant, the CRA starting point. A CRA shutdown is planned in March for maintenance and repairs.

*January 2025 Member Agency Monthly Reports*

- The Water Authority reported on the progress at the East County Advanced Water Purification Program’s treatment facility, which CRB member agencies and staff visited in 2023. The approximately \$950 million project will produce up to 11.5 million gallons per day, or 30% of East San Diego County’s drinking water supply, and reduce dependence on imported water from the Colorado River.
- MWD reported that its board approved MWD’s share of the Delta Conveyance Project. In December 2024, the MWD Board also authorized agreements to receive up to \$125 million in federal grant funding to advance Pure Water Southern California planning.
- The California Department of Fish and Wildlife shared that it replaced a wildlife drinker north of the McCoy Mountains with a new 2,500-gallon water tank.
- DWR reported that construction on the Lake Perris Emergency Release Facility Project started in December 2024 to build new infrastructure that would safely redirect water should Lake Perris be lowered during an emergency.
- IID reported that it will roll out the 2025 solicitation for its deficit irrigation program in February. Separately, work is underway to remove sediment from IID’s Galleano and Singh reservoirs to return approximately 300 AF of storage capacity.

*Colorado River Basin Water Supply Conditions Report*

Water supply and storage conditions from Reclamation’s Weekly Water Supply Report are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1. Colorado River Reservoir Conditions**

<b>Conditions as of January 13, 2025</b>	<b>Volume (MAF)</b>	<b>% of Capacity</b>	<b>Elevation (feet)</b>
Lake Powell	8.54	37%	3,570
Lake Mead	8.78	34%	1,065
Total System Storage*	24.5**	42%	---
WY 2025 Precipitation		95% of normal	
Current Basin Snowpack		94% of normal	
Unregulated Inflow to Lake Powell (WY 2025 Forecast)		82% of normal	

\*As of January 12, 2025.

\*\*Approximately 0.4 MAF less than total system storage this time last year.

### *Post-2026 Operating Guidelines*

In 2024, after reviewing several proposed alternatives for the post-2026 guidelines draft environmental impact statement (EIS), Reclamation developed four action alternatives and one no-action alternative that could be analyzed in the draft EIS. In January 2025, Reclamation released an Alternatives Report, further describing the alternatives and the process used in developing them. Among the alternatives analyzed were separate proposals from the Upper and Lower Basin states; however, Reclamation did not carry these proposals forward. Instead, elements of these proposals were incorporated, most notably in Reclamation's Basin Hybrid alternative (one of the five alternatives developed). The Basin Hybrid alternative would require a Lower Basin shortage of up to 2.1 MAF per year. The Upper Basin would have no mandated contributions and could volunteer to conserve up to 100,000 AF. This volume could be converted into system water when Lower Basin reductions exceed 1.5 MAF per year, subject to hydrology.

In December 2024, the Lower Basin requested that Reclamation analyze the effects of compliance with the 1922 Colorado River Compact (the foundation of the Law of the River) for each alternative in the draft EIS. Per the Compact, if water deliveries to the Lower Basin fall short of levels required, the Lower Basin would pursue a Compact call for any delivery deficit. In the event of a Compact call, the Upper Basin would have to take the necessary steps to make up for the deficit, which could include curtailment to Upper Basin water users.

### *Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program*

The Technical Work Group of the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program (LCR MSCP) met on December 5, 2024, with the contractor tasked with assisting both Reclamation and California with post-2026 environmental compliance. Discussion focused on the contractor's roles, responsibilities, deliverables, timelines, and communication processes.

### *Washington, D.C. Report*

President Biden signed the Colorado River Salinity Control Fix Act in December 2024. This law will raise the federal cost-share for Basin salinity control efforts to tackle the existing funding deficit for the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program, which the San Diego region relies heavily on to reduce the salinity levels in its Colorado River supplies.

### *Announcements*

Lower Colorado Basin Regional Director Jaci Gould will retire effective February 28. Reclamation appointed Genevieve Johnson as Deputy Region Director for the Lower Colorado Region. She will oversee the Boulder Canyon Operations Area Office, among others.

### *Six Agency Committee*

Following CRB, the Six Agency Committee met and authorized up to \$20,000 for strategic planning and facilitation services to support the CRB board's strategic planning process.