

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
January 22, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Hilliker called the Special Board of Directors' meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

2. **ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Clerk of the Board Walker called the roll. Directors present were Vice Chair Hilliker, and Directors Abdullahi, Acosta, Arant, Ayala, Butkiewicz, Castaneda, Coates-Hedberg, Flesse, Fong-Sakai, Heidemann, Katz, Kerschbaum, Madaffer, Meyers, Miller, Morrison, Norman, Paul, Qualin, Reeh, Rivera, Robak, Sanchez, Scalzitti, and Williams. Absent were Chair Serrano, Secretary Lyndes, and Directors Douglass, Frieauf, Macedo, Molina, Wahl, Whitburn, and Supervisor Aguirre.

Staff present included General Manager Denham, General Counsel Edwards, Deputy General Manager/Chief Operating Officer Berge, Assistant General Manager Bradford, Acting Director of Administrative Services Bartolome, Director of Engineering Kuzmich, Director of Finance Harris, Director of Imported Water Westford, Director of Public Affairs Lee, Financial Planning Manager Rossum, Principal Water Resource Specialist Heide, and Clerk of the Board Walker.

2-A **Report on proxies received.**

There were no proxies.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no requests to speak.

General Counsel Edwards announced the recusal of Chair Serrano, and Directors Douglass, Frieauf, Macedo, Molina, and Whitburn, all of whom were absent from the meeting.

4. **CLOSED SESSION(S)**

Mr. Edwards took the Board into Closed Session at 4:35 p.m.

- 4.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Government Code §54956.9(d)(2)
One Case: Claim available for review upon request

Mr. Edwards brought the Board out of Closed Session at 4:44 p.m. and announced the formation of a Lake Hodges Litigation Work Group which would be Chaired by Director Arant, and include Vice Chair Hilliker, Secretary Acosta, and Directors Coates-Hedberg, Flesse, Heidemann, Meyers, Qualin, and Rivera.



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5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Hilliker adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Hilliker".

Frank Hilliker, Vice Chair (Chair Serrano Recused)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teresa Acosta".

Teresa Acosta, Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Cole-Walker".

Kelly Cole-Walker, Clerk of the Board