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Legal and Claims Committee

Meeting with Board of Directors*

December 12, 2005

10:00 a.m. -- Board Room

Monday, December 12, 2005 Meeting Schedule		
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Rm. 2-413	Dirs. Computer Training
8:00 a.m.*	Rm. 2-145	Audit
9:00 a.m.*	Rm. 2-456	C&L
10:00 a.m.*	Board Room	L&C
11:00 a.m.*	Board Room	BFI&I
1:00 p.m.*	Board Room	E&O
2:00 p.m.*	Board Room	WPQ&R
3:00 p.m.*	Board Room	Ethics
3:30 p.m.*	Board Room	Emergency Preparedness
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Rm. 2-413	Dirs. Computer Training

*Meetings will begin at the posted time, or upon the conclusion of the preceding meeting if the preceding meeting exceeds its scheduled time period.

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

1. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee on matters within the committee's jurisdiction (As required by Gov. Code § 54954.3(a).)**
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Legal and Claims Committee held November 7, 2005**
3. **REPORTS**
 - a. Oral report on Colorado River matters. (L&C)
 - b. Oral report on Bay-Delta and State Water Project matters. (L&C, WPQ&R)

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION

- 7-2 Authorize increase of \$300,000 in maximum amount payable under professional services contract with the law firm of Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke, P.C. for electric utility legal services. (L&C)

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS — ACTION

- 8-9 Report on *Carlita Villanueva v. Metropolitan*, LASC Case No. BC 296912; and authorize increase of \$200,000 in maximum amount payable under contract with Hill, Farrer & Burrill LLP for legal services to defend Metropolitan. (L&C)
[Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(a)]
- 8-10 Report on *Felicia Clayton-Gordon v. Metropolitan*, LASC Case No. BC 333064; and authorize increase of \$250,000 in maximum amount payable under contract with Albright, Yee & Schmit for legal services to defend Metropolitan. (L&C)
[Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(a)]
- 8-11 Report on *Dewayne Cargill, et al. v. Metropolitan*, LASC Case No. BC 191881 (consolidated with LASC Case Nos. BC 194444 and BS 052318); and authorize increase of \$590,000 in maximum amount payable under contract with Bergman & Dacey to defend Metropolitan in related lawsuits challenging the employment status of temporary workers. (L&C)
[Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(a)]
- 8-12 Report on *Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Zone 7, et al. v. California Department of Water Resources*, Sac. Sup. Ct. Case No. 05AS01775; and authorize increase of \$1,000,000 in maximum amount payable under contract with Bingham McCutchen LLP for legal services to represent Metropolitan. (L&C)
[Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(a)]

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. General Counsel's report of monthly activities

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: At the discretion of the committee, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated and may be subject to action by the committee.

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

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