

L&HR Committee

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**Legal and Human Resources
Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors*

January 8, 2008

8:00 a.m. -- Room 2-145

Tuesday, January 8, 2008 Meeting Schedule		
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Rm. 2-413	Dir's. Computer Training
8:00 a.m.	Rm. 2-145	L&HR
9:30 a.m.	Rm. 2-456	C&L
12:00 p.m.	Board Room	Board Meeting

MWD Headquarters Building • 700 N. Alameda Street • Los Angeles, CA 90012

* The Metropolitan Water District's Legal and Human Resources 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 Human Resources 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 Human Resources Committee will not vote on matters before the Legal and Human Resources 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 Human Resources Committee held December 11, 2007**

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION**
 - 7-5** Report on Bay-Delta Conservation Plan; and authorize increase of \$350,000 for a total of \$650,000 in maximum amount payable under contract with Resources Law Group to assist in preparation of the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan. (L&HR)

 - 7-6** Authorize amending contract for consulting/legal services from \$100,000 to a maximum of \$300,000 with Akerman Senterfitt to assist with implementation of an electronic discovery litigation readiness program. (L&HR)

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS — ACTION

- 8-3 Report on *Victor Alan Gordon v. Metropolitan, et al.*, LASC Case No. BC353932; and authorize increase of \$200,000 for a total of \$550,000 in maximum amount payable under the contract with Weston, Benshoof, Rochefort, Rubalcava & MacCuish, LLP for legal services to defend Metropolitan. (L&HR)
[Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(a)]
- 8-4 Report on *Cadiz, Inc., etc. v. Metropolitan*, LASC Case No. BC343232; and authorize increase of \$1.3 million for a total of \$1.4 million in maximum amount payable under contract with Fulbright & Jaworski to defend Metropolitan. (L&HR)
[Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(a)]

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. General Counsel's report of monthly activities
- b. Human Resources' report of monthly activities
- c. Report on *Watershed Enforcers a project of California Sportsfishing Protection Alliance v. L. Ryan Broddrick and California Department of Fish and Game; California Department of Water Resources and Lester A. Snow real parties in interest*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG07326290; *Watershed Enforcers v. California Department of Water Resources*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG06292124; *Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Assoc., et al. v. Carlos M. Gutierrez, et al.*, USDC Case No. 1:06-CV-00245 OWW LJO; and *Natural Resources Defense Council v. Kempthorne*, USDC Case No. 1:05-CV-01207 OWW LJO. (L&HR)
[Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Sections 54956.9(a) and (c)]
- d. Report on San Manuel Band of Mission Indians request for compensation related to the construction of the Arrowhead Tunnels portion of the Inland Feeder project
[Conference with legal counsel—significant exposure to litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(b)]

- e. **Report on Negotiations**
[Conference with labor negotiators; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6. Agency representatives: Fidencio Mares and Karen Tachiki. Employee organizations: The Employees Association of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California/AFSCME Local 1902; the Management and Professional Employees Association MAPA/AFSCME Chapter 1001, the Association of Confidential Employees, and the Supervisors Association.]

7. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. 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 Board Executive Secretary. This committee will not take any final action that is binding on the Board, even when a quorum of the Board is present.

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