



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# MWD MEETING AGENDA

**L&C Committee**

- J. Quiñonez, Chair
- L. Dick, V. Chair
- J. Abdo
- L. Ackerman
- Y. Arceneaux
- S. Ballin
- D. De Jesus
- J. Edwards
- J. Foley
- J. Murray Jr.
- B. Robinson
- F. Steiner

**Legal and Claims Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors\*

**January 12, 2010**

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

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 Meeting Schedule		
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Rm. 2-413	Dirs. Computer Training
8:00 a.m.	Rm. 2-145	L&C
10:00 a.m.	Rm. 2-456	C&L
12:00 p.m.	Board Room	Board Meeting

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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 Section 54954.3(a))
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Legal and Claims Committee held December 8, 2009**

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION**

None

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS — ACTION**

- 8-6 Report on Metropolitan Water District v. Bonnie Prouty Castrey; AFSCME Local 1902.  
Report on Metropolitan Water District v. Bonnie Prouty Castrey; AFSCME Local 1902, Real Party in Interest, LASC Case No. BS122746. (L&C) [Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(a)]  
**(To be mailed separately)**

- 8-7 Authorize increase in contract with Richard B. Deriso for pending litigation in *Metropolitan Water District v. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, et al.*  
Authorize increase in maximum amount payable under contract with Richard B. Deriso for expert consultant services and litigation support by \$200,000 to a maximum of \$300,000; and report on pending litigation in *Metropolitan Water District v. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, et al.*, U.S.D.C. No. 09-631-OWW-DLB (E.D. Cal.) and other litigation relating to restrictions imposed on California's Central Valley and State Water Project operations relating to endangered species. (L&C)  
**[Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(a)]**  
**(To be mailed separately)**
- 8-8 Authorize increase in contract with Latham & Watkins for *In re Tronox Incorporated, et al.*  
Authorize increase in maximum amount payable under contract with Latham and Watkins for legal services by \$650,000 to a maximum of \$750,000; and report on *In re Tronox Incorporated, et al.*, Chapter 11, Case No. 09-10156 (ALG) and related matter *Orange County Water District v. Northrop Corporation, et al.*, Superior Court of Orange County Case No. 04CC00715. (L&C)  
**[Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(a)]**  
**(To be mailed separately)**

## 5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

## 6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. General Counsel's report of monthly activities
- b. Report on *San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, et al. v. Salazar, et al.*, USDC Case No. 1:09-CV-407 OWW GSA, and consolidated cases; *San Luis & Delta-Mendota Authority et al., v. Locke, et al*, USDC Case No. 1:09-CV-1053 OWW DLB and consolidated cases; *Watershed Enforcers v. California Dept. of Water Resources, et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court No. RG06292124; *State Water Contractors v. California Dept. of Fish & Game, et al.*, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2009-80000203; *Central Delta Water Agency v. California Dept. of Water Resources, et al.*, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2009-80000269.  
**[Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(a)]**

- c. Report on QSA Coordinated Civil Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court, Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4353.  
**[Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(a)]**

## 7. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

## 8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

**NOTE:** Underscored summary language at the beginning of each action item is provided for ease of reference only. Please refer to the entire description of each agenda item to obtain information on the subject matter under consideration.

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.

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