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#### **REVISED AGENDA** Tuesday, July 13, 2010 Legal and Claims Committee L&C Committee **Meeting Schedule** J. Quiñonez, Chair L. Dick, V. Chair Meeting with Board of Directors\* 7:00-8:00 a.m. Rm. 2-413 J. Abdo L. Ackerman Y. Arceneaux July 13, 2010 8:30 a.m. Rm. 2-145 S. Ballin D. De Jesus 10:00 a.m. Rm. 2-456 8:30 a.m. -- Room 2-145 J. Edwards J. Foley **Board Room** 12:00 p.m. J. Murray Jr.

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

1:30 p.m.

Rm. 2-145

\* 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 guorum 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 June 8, 2010

#### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION

None

#### 4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS — ACTION

8-11 Authorization to initiate litigation against responsible parties, including RNL Design and Simon Wong & Associates, for claims arising out of the Diemer Plant Maintenance Facility and Vehicle Maintenance Center projects. (L&C) [Conference with legal counsel—initiation of litigation (one matter); to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(c)]

8-12 Report on San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BS126888. (L&C)
 [Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(a)]

Added 8-13 Report on existing litigation and authorize increase in maximum amount payable under contracts with Manatt, Phelps and Phillips LLP for legal services by \$100,000 to a maximum of \$330,000; Latham and Watkins for legal services by \$550,000 to a maximum of \$1,300,000; and Shaw Environmental for technical advice by \$60,000 to a maximum of \$160,000 relating to *In re Tronox Incorporated, et al.,* Chapter 11, Case No. 09-10156 (ALG). (L&C) [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. General Counsel's 2009/10 Business Plan Annual Report
- c. 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. (L&C)
  [Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(a)]
- d. Report on dispute regarding property rights near Lake Mathews [Conference with legal counsel—significant exposure to litigation (one matter); to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(b)]

### 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.

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