



**REVISION 2**

**Board Meeting**

**March 13, 2018**

**12:00 p.m. – Boardroom**

March 13, 2018 Meeting Schedule		
8:30 a.m.	Rm. 2-145	L&C
9:30 a.m.	Rm. 2-456	C&LR
10:30 a.m.	Rm. 2-145	OP&T
12:00 p.m.	Boardroom	Board Meeting

MWD Headquarters Building

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700 N. Alameda Street

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

**1. Call to Order**

- (a) Invocation: Raha Shirkhani, Assistant Chemist, Water System Operations Group
- (b) Pledge of Allegiance: Keith Lewinger, San Diego County Water Authority

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Determination of a Quorum**

- 4. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board’s jurisdiction. (As required by Gov. Code § 54954.3(a))

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 1. Public hearing to consider whether to continue suspending the tax rate limitations in Section 124.5 of the Metropolitan Water District Act to maintain the ad valorem tax rate for fiscal years 2018/19 and 2019/20
- 2. Public hearing on proposed water rates and charges for calendar years 2019 and 2020 to meet revenue requirements

## 5. OTHER MATTERS

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting for February 13, 2018  
(A copy has been mailed to each Director)  
Any additions, corrections, or omissions
- B. Report on Directors' events attended at Metropolitan expense for month of February 2018

**Added**

- C. Induction of new Director Harold C. Williams, from West Basin Municipal Water District
  - (a) Receive credentials
  - (b) Report on credentials by General Counsel
  - (c) File credentials
  - (d) Administer Oath of Office
  - (e) File Oath

**Added**

- D. Approve Commendatory Resolutions for Director Donald Dear, representing West Basin Municipal Water District
- E. Approve committee assignments
- F. Chairman's Monthly Activity Report

## 6. DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS

- A. General Manager's summary of activities for the month of February 2018
- B. General Counsel's summary of activities for the month of February 2018
- C. General Auditor's summary of activities for the month of February 2018
- D. Interim Ethics Officer's summary of activities for the month of February 2018

## 7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION

- 7-1** Adopt CEQA determination and authorize agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in an amount not to exceed \$1,121,000 for implementation of conservation actions and long-term management on mitigation lands in Soledad Canyon, Los Angeles County. (E&O)

**Recommendation:**

**Option #1:**

**Adopt CEQA determination as follows: Certify the Final Supplemental EIR for planned shutdown and inspection of the Foothill Feeder; adopt the FOF, the SOC, and the MMRP; and**

- a. Approve the Project for the purposes of CEQA; and**
- b. Authorize an agreement with Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority for implementation of mitigation required by regulatory agency permits.**

- 7-2** Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$1.7 million; and authorize: (1) preliminary design of upgrades to the San Gabriel Tower on the Upper Feeder; and (2) agreement with Aspen Environmental Group in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to provide environmental support (Appropriation No. 15441). (E&O)

**Recommendation:**

**Option #1:**

**Adopt CEQA determination that the proposed action is categorically exempt, and**

- a. Appropriate \$1.7 million;**
- b. Authorize preliminary design of upgrades to the San Gabriel Tower on the Upper Feeder; and**
- c. Authorize agreement with Aspen Environmental Group in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for environmental support.**

**7-3** This item was changed to 8-4 (C&L)

**7-4** Adopt CEQA determination and authorize: (1) agreement with the State Water Contractors, Inc. to pursue 2018 Sacramento Valley water transfer supplies; and (2) \$5 per acre-foot initial administrative deposit not to exceed \$500,000. (WP&S)

**Recommendation:**

**Option #1:**

**Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and**

- a. Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the State Water Contractors, Inc. to pursue 2018 Sacramento Valley water transfer supplies, in a form approved by the General Counsel; and**
- b. Authorize making a \$5 per acre-foot initial administrative deposit and disbursements from that deposit consistent with the agreement not to exceed \$500,000.**

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

## 8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS — ACTION

- 8-1** Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate \$12.4 million; award \$9,257,483 contract to R.I.C. Construction Company, Inc. to construct an operations and maintenance service center for the Orange County operating region; and authorize increase of \$170,000 to an agreement with La Cañada Design Group, for a new not-to-exceed total of \$517,000 (Appropriation No. 15480). (E&O)

**Recommendation:**

**Option #1:**

**Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action has been previously addressed in the certified 2016 Final Environmental Impact Report and related documentation, and that no further environmental analysis or documentation is required, and**

- a. Appropriate \$12.4 million;**
- b. Award \$9,257,483 contract to R.I.C. Construction Company, Inc. for construction of an operations and maintenance service center for the Orange County operating region; and**
- c. Authorize increase of \$170,000 to an agreement with La Cañada Design Group, for a new not-to-exceed total of \$517,000, for technical support during construction.**

- 8-2** Adopt CEQA determination and authorize entering into a three-year contract with Quigley-Simpson & Heppelwhite, Inc. for advertising and community outreach services related to water conservation not to exceed \$14.7 million. (C&L)

**Added**

**Recommendation:**

**Option #1:**

**Adopt CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and**

**Authorize the General Manager to enter into a three-year agreement with Quigley-Simpson & Heppelwhite, Inc. for advertising and community outreach services related to water awareness and conservation, not to exceed \$14.7 million.**

- 8-3** Adopt CEQA determination and report on existing litigation: Brian May v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC657802; and authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo for legal services by \$445,000 to an amount not to exceed \$545,000. (L&C)  
**[Conference with legal counsel--existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]**

**Added**

**Recommendation:**

**Option #1:**

**Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as project,**

**Authorize amendment of the contract for legal services with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo for legal services by \$445,000 for an amount not to exceed \$545,000.**

**Changed from 8-4  
7-3 and  
Revised**

- Adopt CEQA determination and ~~ratify~~ express support for Proposition 68 the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018. (C&L)

**Recommendation:**

**Option #1:**

**Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA, and**

**Authorize the General Manager to ratify Metropolitan's support for Proposition 68.**

**Added**

- 8-5** Adopt CEQA determination and express support for AB 2050 (Caballero, D-Salinas): Small System Water Authority Act of 2018 as proposed to be amended (C&L)

**Recommendation:**

**Option #1:**

**Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA, and**

**Authorize the General Manager to express support for AB 2050.**

## **9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9-1** Update on Conservation Program
- 9-2** Review of potential modifications and additions to Metropolitan's Conservation Program. (WP&S)

## **10. OTHER MATTERS (Continued)**

- 10-1** Review of the Policies, Procedures, and Governance of Metropolitan's Ethics Office  
[Evaluation of the performance of Ethics Office employees may be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code §54957(b)]

## **11. FOLLOW UP ITEMS**

## **12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

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