

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
March 12, 2019

51503 The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in Regular Meeting in the Board Room located in the building at 700 North Alameda Street in the City of Los Angeles, State of California, on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Vice Chair Kurtz called the Meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

51504 The Meeting was opened with an invocation by Michelle Morrison, Environmental Specialist with Environmental Planning Section.

51505 The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given by the group “Girls Today Women Tomorrow.”

51506 Director Blois administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Barbre, Blois, Butkiewicz, Cordero, Dake, De Jesus, Dick, Emrani, Faessel, Galleano, Gold, Goldberg, Hall, Heldman, Hogan, Kurtz, McKenney, Morris, Murray, Ortega, Peterson, Pressman, Quiñonez, Ramos, Record, Smith, Solorio, Treviño, and Williams.

Those not responding were: Directors Apodaca, Gray, Lefevre, Paskett, Sinanyan, and Zurita.

Director Blois declared a quorum present.

51507 Vice Chair Kurtz invited members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board’s jurisdiction.

No members of the public requested to speak.

The motion to approve the Minutes of February 12, 2019, passed by a vote of 269,003 ayes, 14,613 abstention, and 6,498 absent.

51509 Formal introduction of new Director Robert Apodaca from Central Basin Municipal Water District was deferred

51510 Vice Chair Kurtz announced the induction of new Director Frank Heldman from Central 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

Director Larry Dick provided an introduction for Director Heldman.

51511 Vice Chair Kurtz announced the induction of new Director S. Gail Goldberg from San Diego County Water Authority

- (a) Receive credentials
- (b) Report on credentials by General Counsel
- (c) File credentials
- (d) Administer Oath of Office
- (e) File Oath

Director Jerry Butkiewicz provided an introduction for Director Heldman.

51512 Vice Chair Kurtz called for a motion to approve the preparation of commendatory resolutions for Directors Phillip D. Hawkins and Leticia Vasquez Wilson representing Central Basin Municipal Water District; and Fern Steiner representing San Diego County Water Authority

Director Murray moved, seconded by Director Smith that the Board approve the preparation of the Commendatory Resolutions for Directors Hawkins, Vasquez-Wilson, and Steiner.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item 5E:									
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	4545	Faessel	x	x	4545				
Beverly Hills	3426	Pressman	x	x	3426				
Burbank	2385	Ramos	x	x	2385				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	10296	Blois	x	x	10296				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	14613	Heldman	x	x	14613				
		Apodaca							
			Subtotal:		14613				
Compton	455	Zurita							
Eastern Municipal Water District	7834	Record	x	x	7834				
Foothill Municipal Water District	1853	Atwater	x	x	1853				
Fullerton	1987	Ortega	x	x	1987				
Glendale	3149	Sinanyan							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	11227	Hall	x	x	11227				
Las Virgenes	2511	Peterson	x	x	2511				
Long Beach	5034	Cordero	x	x	5034				
Los Angeles	59735	Dake	x	x	14934				
		Gold	x	x	14934				
		Murray	x	x	14934				
		Paskett							
		Quiñonez	x	x	14934				
			Subtotal:		59735				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	49696	Ackerman	x	x	12424				
		Barbre	x	x	12424				
		Dick	x	x	12424				
		McKenney	x	x	12424				
			Subtotal:		49696				
Pasadena	3053	Kurtz	x	x	3053				
San Diego County Water Authority	50533	Butkiewicz	x	x	12633				
		Hogan	x	x	12633				
		Smith	x	x	12633				
		Goldberg	x	x	12633				
			Subtotal:		50533				
San Fernando	193	Emrani	x	x	193				
San Marino	652	Morris	x	x	652				
Santa Ana	2632	Solorio	x	x	2632				
Santa Monica	3722	Abdo	x	x	3722				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	6881	De Jesus	x	x	6881				
Torrance	2894	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District	10430	Treviño	x	x	10430				
West Basin Municipal Water District	19892	Williams	x	x	19892				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		19892				
Western Municipal Water District	10486	Galleano	x	x	10486				
Total	290114				283616				
Absent	6498								

The motion to approve the preparation of the Commendatory Resolutions for Directors Hawkins, Vasquez-Wilson, and Steiner, passed by a vote of 283,616 ayes and 6,498 absent.

51513 Presentation of Commendatory Resolution for Director Michele Martinez representing the City of Santa Ana was deferred.

51514 Vice Chair Kurtz acknowledged Director Blois 5-years of service to Metropolitan's board of directors by presenting him with his 5-year pin.

51515 A written report of events attended by Directors at Metropolitan's expense during the month of February was distributed.

No amendments were made.

51516 Vice Chair Kurtz announced there were no changes to the committee assignments at this time.

51517 Vice Chair Kurtz referred to Chairwoman Gray's written monthly report, which was distributed to the Board.

51518 Regarding matters relating to Metropolitan's operations and activities, General Manager Kightlinger added to his report that there are two remaining spots for the San Jacinto Tunnel inspection trips during this Colorado River Aqueduct shutdown, March 20 and 21, if Director's are interested, contact Brent Yamasaki or Deven Upadhyay. Kightlinger also referred to the Super Bloom at Diamond Valley Lake, and announced that the Dennis Underwood Conservation Area dedication ceremony is scheduled for April 16, 2019. Letters received regarding Item 8-1 will be addressed during that item.

Additional information on the General Manager's activities may be found in his written monthly report.

51519 General Counsel Scully had nothing to add to her monthly report.

51520 General Auditor Riss had nothing to add to his monthly report.

51521 Interim Ethics Officer reminded the Board there are still Form 700's outstanding and the deadline is April 2.

There were No Consent Calendar Items.

Vice Chair Kurtz called on General Manager Kightlinger to provide comments to the Board on Board Letter 8-1.

General Manager Kightlinger reported that several letters were received and distributed to the Board from interested parties concerning the following item regarding Metropolitan's participation in the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan. Kightlinger indicated that the previous CEQA determination that the project is categorically exempt remains the same from the December Board action and read an excerpt from a previous letter from Imperial Irrigation District (IID) expressing IID's determination that the project is categorically exempt.

51522 Water Planning and Stewardship Committee Chair Atwater moved, seconded by Director Morris, that the Board approve option 1, as amended, to authorize participation in the lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan, as set forth in board letter 8-1, and support the State of California seeking Congressional approval of the Colorado River DCP.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item 8-1:									
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	4545	Faessel	x	x	4545				
Beverly Hills	3426	Pressman	x	x	3426				
Burbank	2385	Ramos	x	x	2385				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	10296	Blois	x	x	10296				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	14613	Heldman	x	x	14613				
		Apodaca							
			Subtotal:		14613				
Compton	455	Zurita							
Eastern Municipal Water District	7834	Record	x	x	7834				
Foothill Municipal Water District	1853	Atwater	x	x	1853				
Fullerton	1987	Ortega	x	x	1987				
Glendale	3149	Sinanyan							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	11227	Hall	x	x	11227				
Las Virgenes	2511	Peterson	x	x	2511				
Long Beach	5034	Cordero	x	x	5034				
Los Angeles	59735	Dake	x	x	14934				
		Gold	x	x	14934				
		Murray	x	x	14934				
		Paskett							
		Quiñonez	x	x	14934				
			Subtotal:		59735				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange Coun	49696	Ackerman	x	x	12424				
		Barbre	x	x	12424				
		Dick	x	x	12424				
		McKenney	x	x	12424				
			Subtotal:		49696				
Pasadena	3053	Kurtz	x	x	3053				
San Diego County Water Authority	50533	Butkiewicz	x	x	12633				
		Hogan	x	x	12633				
		Smith	x	x	12633				
		Goldberg	x	x	12633				
			Subtotal:		50533				
San Fernando	193	Emrani	x	x	193				
San Marino	652	Morris	x	x	652				
Santa Ana	2632	Solorio	x	x	2632				
Santa Monica	3722	Abdo	x	x	3722				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	6881	De Jesus	x	x	6881				
Torrance	2894	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. D	10430	Treviño	x	x	10430				
West Basin Municipal Water District	19892	Williams	x	x	19892				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		19892				
Western Municipal Water District	10486	Galleano	x	x	10486				
Total	290114				283616				
Absent	6498								

The motion to approve Agenda Item 8-1, as amended, passed by a vote of 283,616 ayes; and 6,498 absent.

The motion to approve Agenda Item 8-4 passed by a vote of 281,231 ayes; 2,385 abstentions; and 6,498 absent.

51526 Communications and Legislation Committee Chair Cordero moved, seconded by Director Ortega, that the Board express support, if amended, to AB 1220 (C. Garcia, D-Bell Gardens): Metropolitan Water Districts, as set forth in Agenda Item 8-5 board letter.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item 8-5:									
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	4545	Faessel	x	x	4545				
Beverly Hills	3426	Pressman	x	x	3426				
Burbank	2385	Ramos	x	x	2385				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	10296	Blois	x	x	10296				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	14613	Heldman	x	x	14613				
		Apodaca							
			Subtotal:		14613				
Compton	455	Zurita							
Eastern Municipal Water District	7834	Record	x	x	7834				
Foothill Municipal Water District	1853	Atwater	x	x	1853				
Fullerton	1987	Ortega	x	x	1987				
Glendale	3149	Sinanyan							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	11227	Hall	x	x	11227				
Las Virgenes	2511	Peterson	x			x	2511		
Long Beach	5034	Cordero	x	x	5034				
Los Angeles	59735	Dake	x	x	14934				
		Gold	x	x	14934				
		Murray	x	x	14934				
		Paskett							
		Quiñonez	x	x	14934				
			Subtotal:		59735				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange Coun	49696	Ackerman	x	x	12424				
		Barbre	x	x	12424				
		Dick	x	x	12424				
		McKenney	x	x	12424				
			Subtotal:		49696				
Pasadena	3053	Kurtz	x	x	3053				
San Diego County Water Authority	50533	Butkiewicz	x	x	12633				
		Hogan	x	x	12633				
		Smith	x	x	12633				
		Goldberg	x	x	12633				
			Subtotal:		50533				
San Fernando	193	Emrani	x	x	193				
San Marino	652	Morris	x	x	652				
Santa Ana	2632	Solorio	x	x	2632				
Santa Monica	3722	Abdo	x	x	3722				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	6881	De Jesus	x	x	6881				
Torrance	2894	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. D	10430	Treviño	x	x	10430				
West Basin Municipal Water District	19892	Williams	x	x	19892				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		19892				
Western Municipal Water District	10486	Galleano	x	x	10486				
Total	290114				281105		2511		
Absent	6498								

The motion to approve Agenda Item 8-5 passed by a vote of 281,105 ayes, 2,511 noes, and 6,498 absent.

51527 Communications and Legislation Committee Chair Cordero moved, seconded by Director Dake, that the Board express support, if amended, to SB 62, Endangered Species: accidental take associated with routine and ongoing agricultural activities, as set forth in Agenda Item 8-6 board letter.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item 8-6:									
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	4545	Faessel	x	x	4545				
Beverly Hills	3426	Pressman	x	x	3426				
Burbank	2385	Ramos	x	x	2385				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	10296	Blois	x	x	10296				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	14613	Heldman	x	x	14613				
		Apodaca							
			Subtotal:		14613				
Compton	455	Zurita							
Eastern Municipal Water District	7834	Record	x	x	7834				
Foothill Municipal Water District	1853	Atwater	x	x	1853				
Fullerton	1987	Ortega	x	x	1987				
Glendale	3149	Sinanyan							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	11227	Hall	x	x	11227				
Las Virgenes	2511	Peterson	x	x	2511				
Long Beach	5034	Cordero	x	x	5034				
Los Angeles	59735	Dake	x	x	14934				
		Gold	x					x	14934
		Murray	x	x	14934				
		Paskett							
		Quiñonez	x	x	14934				
			Subtotal:		44801				14934
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange Coun	49696	Ackerman	x	x	12424				
		Barbre	x	x	12424				
		Dick	x	x	12424				
		McKenney	x	x	12424				
			Subtotal:		49696				
Pasadena	3053	Kurtz	x	x	3053				
San Diego County Water Authority	50533	Butkiewicz	x	x	12633				
		Hogan	x	x	12633				
		Smith	x	x	12633				
		Goldberg	x	x	12633				
			Subtotal:		50533				
San Fernando	193	Emrani	x	x	193				
San Marino	652	Morris	x	x	652				
Santa Ana	2632	Solorio	x	x	2632				
Santa Monica	3722	Abdo	x	x	3722				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	6881	De Jesus	x	x	6881				
Torrance	2894	Lefevre	x						
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. D	10430	Treviño	x	x	10430				
West Basin Municipal Water District	19892	Williams	x	x	19892				
		Gray							
			Subtotal:		19892				
Western Municipal Water District	10486	Galleano	x	x	10486				
Total	290114				268682				14934
Absent	6498								

The motion to approve Agenda Item 8-6 passed by a vote of 268,682 ayes, 14,934 abstention, and 6498 absent.

51528 Communications and Legislation Committee Chair Cordero moved, seconded by Director Morris, that the Board express support to SB 669 (Caballero), as set forth in Agenda Item 8-7 board letter.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item 8-7:									
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	4545	Faessel	x	x	4545				
Beverly Hills	3426	Pressman	x	x	3426				
Burbank	2385	Ramos	x	x	2385				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	10296	Blois	x	x	10296				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	14613	Heldman	x	x	14613				
		Apodaca							
				Subtotal:	14613				
Compton	455	Zurita							
Eastern Municipal Water District	7834	Record	x	x	7834				
Foothill Municipal Water District	1853	Atwater	x	x	1853				
Fullerton	1987	Ortega	x	x	1987				
Glendale	3149	Sinanyan							
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	11227	Hall	x	x	11227				
Las Virgenes	2511	Peterson	x	x	2511				
Long Beach	5034	Cordero	x	x	5034				
Los Angeles	59735	Dake	x	x	14934				
		Gold	x					x	14934
		Murray	x					x	14934
		Paskett							
		Quiñonez	x	x	14934				
				Subtotal:	29868				29868
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange Coun	49696	Ackerman	x	x	12424				
		Barbre	x	x	12424				
		Dick	x	x	12424				
		McKenney	x	x	12424				
				Subtotal:	49696				
Pasadena	3053	Kurtz	x	x	3053				
San Diego County Water Authority	50533	Butkiewicz	x	x	12633				
		Hogan	x	x	12633				
		Smith	x	x	12633				
		Goldberg	x	x	12633				
				Subtotal:	50533				
San Fernando	193	Emrani	x	x	193				
San Marino	652	Morris	x	x	652				
Santa Ana	2632	Solorio	x	x	2632				
Santa Monica	3722	Abdo	x	x	3722				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	6881	De Jesus	x			x	6881		
Torrance	2894	Lefevre							
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. D	10430	Treviño	x	x	10430				
West Basin Municipal Water District	19892	Williams	x	x	19892				
		Gray							
				Subtotal:	19892		6881		
Western Municipal Water District	10486	Galleano	x	x	10486				
Total	290114				246868		6881		29868
Absent	6498								

The motion to approve Agenda Item 8-7 passed by a vote of 246,868 ayes, 6,881 noes, 29,868 abstention, and 6498 absent.

51529 Board Vice Chair Kurtz asked if there were questions or need for discussion for Board Information Item 9-1. No requests were made.

51530 Board Vice Chair Kurtz asked if there were questions or need for discussion for Board Information Item 9-2. No requests were made.

51531 Board Vice Chair Kurtz asked if there were questions or need for discussion for Board Information Item 9-3. No requests were made.

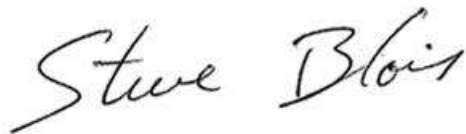
51532 Board Vice Chair Kurtz asked if there were questions or need for discussion for Board Information Item 9-4. No requests were made.

51533 Vice Chair Kurtz asked if there were any future agenda items.

51534 There being no objection, at 12:43 p.m., Vice Chair Kurtz adjourned the Meeting.



CYNTHIA J. KURTZ
VICE CHAIR



ACTING BOARD SECRETARY