



REVISION NO. 2

Regular Board Meeting
March 10, 2020
12:00 p.m. – Boardroom

Tuesday, March 10, 2020		
Meeting Schedule		
9:00 AM	L&C	Rm. 2-145
10:30 AM	C&LR	Rm. 2-456
11:00 AM	RPAM	Rm. 2-145
12:00 PM	Board Mtg	Boardroom

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1. Call to Order

- (a) Invocation: Kevin McLaughlin, Principal Public Affairs Representative, External Affairs
- (b) Pledge of Allegiance: Annette Eckhardt, Vice President of Women at Metropolitan

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 Government Code Section 54954.3(a))

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Public hearing regarding: (1) the proposed water rates and charges for calendar years 2021 and 2022 necessary to meet the revenue requirements for fiscal years 2020/21 and 2021/22; and (2) the applicability of the Metropolitan Water District Act Section 124.5 ad valorem property tax limitation for fiscal years 2020/21 and 2021/22.

For more information related to the public hearing items, see Information Item 9-2 below and visit:

<http://www.mwdh2o.com/WhoWeAre/Management/Financial-Information>, which provides links to the proposed budget, rates, and charges at

<http://www.mwdh2o.com/WhoWeAre/Pages/FY-2020-21-and-2021-22-CY-2021-22.aspx>

and to the proposed recommendation regarding the applicability of Section 124.5

<http://www.mwdh2o.com/WhoWeAre/Mission/Pages/review-applicability-of-property-tax-limit.aspx>

5. OTHER MATTERS

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting for February 11, 2020
(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 2020
- C. Presentation of 30-year Service Pin to Director John T. Morris, representing the city of San Marino
- D. Approve committee assignments
- E. Approve Commendatory Resolution for Director Lorraine A. Paskett representing the City of Los Angeles
- F. Chairwoman's Monthly Activity Report

6. DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS

- A. General Manager's summary of activities for the month of February 2020
- B. General Counsel's summary of activities for the month of February 2020
- C. General Auditor's summary of activities for the month of February 2020
- D. Ethics Officer's summary of activities for the month of February 2020

7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION

- 7-1** Authorize an agreement with Questica Ltd. not-to-exceed \$700,000 for the design, development, and deployment of a new cloud-based Budget Planning and Analysis Application; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. (OP&T)

- 7-2** Adopt CEQA determination that the proposed project was previously addressed in the approved 2014 Mitigated Negative Declaration and related CEQA actions, and authorize the General Manager to execute an 18-month extension to Metropolitan's existing lease at 2750 Bristol Street in Costa Mesa, CA (Assessor's Parcel No. 418-182-05) in an amount not-to-exceed \$160,000, for use as a construction staging and storage site. (E&O)

- 7-3** Review and consider the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy's adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration and take related CEQA actions, and authorize the General Manager to grant a year-to-year license agreement for access purposes to the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy on Metropolitan-owned property located northeast of Desert Hot Springs, in an unincorporated portion of Riverside County. (RP&AM)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS — ACTION

- 8-1** Support and seek amendments to the Governor's Proposed Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, and Natural Resources Protection Bond Act of 2020; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. (C&L)

- 8-2** Affirm the General Manager's determination that 12 Parcels, totaling 223 acres, just north of Diamond Valley Lake, in the County of Riverside, California (APNs 465-200-020; 465-180-037; 454-030-056; 454-030-070, -071, -072; 454-020-045, -047, -019; 465-140-042, -043; 465-130-018) are surplus to Metropolitan's needs and authorize staff to dispose of the properties; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. (RP&AM)

- 8-3** Award five-year contract to Richardson & Company, LLP in an amount not-to-exceed \$5.125 million for annual audit of State Water Project charges; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. (WP&S)
- 8-4** Authorize an increase of \$100,000, to an amount not to exceed \$300,000, for a contract for legal services with Hanson Bridgett LLP to provide legal advice on deferred compensation plans, other employee benefits, taxes, and CalPERS matters; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. (L&C)
- 8-5** Authorize increase of \$50,000, to an amount not-to-exceed \$350,000, for existing General Counsel contract with Olson Remcho LLP to review and make recommendations to modify the Ethics Office policies, procedures, guidelines and applicable provisions of Metropolitan's Administrative Code; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. (L&C)
- 8-6** Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to conform its public contracting provisions to current law and practices; the General Manager has determined that this action is exempt from or otherwise not subject to CEQA. (L&C)
- 8-7** Report on existing litigation OHL USA, Inc. v. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV27689; and authorize increase of maximum amount payable under contract with (1) Theodora Oringer PC for legal services by \$600,000 to an amount not to exceed \$700,000; and (2) Pacific Consultants Construction, Inc. for consulting services by \$50,000 to an amount not to exceed \$150,000 (Approp. 154170); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. (L&C)
- [Conference with legal counsel-existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]**

9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-1 Update on Conservation Program
- 9-2 Review of the Metropolitan Water District Act Section 124.5 ad valorem property tax limitation for fiscal years 2020/21 and 2021/22. (F&I)

Added 9-3 Update on Coronavirus and Metropolitan Response (OP&T)

10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12. BOARD TRAINING

Deferred

13. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: Each agenda item with a committee designation will be considered and a recommendation may be made by one or more committees prior to consideration and final action by the full Board of Directors. The committee designation appears in parentheses at the end of the description of the agenda item e.g., (E&O, F&I). Committee agendas may be obtained from the Board Executive Secretary.

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