



REVISION NO. 1

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**Legal and Claims Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors\*

**March 10, 2020**

**9:00 a.m. -- Room 2-145**

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

**MWD Headquarters Building**

**700 N. Alameda Street**

**Los Angeles, CA 90012**

\* 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 Legal and Claims Committee meeting held February 11, 2020**
  
3. **MANAGEMENT REPORT**
  - a. General Counsel's report of monthly activities
  
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION**

None

## 5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS — ACTION

- 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
- 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
- 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.
- 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 Oringher 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.  
[Conference with legal counsel-existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

Subject updated

## 6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

## 7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- Added**
- a.** Report on San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510830, CPF-12-512466, CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, CPF-16-515391, CGC-17-563350, and CPF-18-516389; the appeal of the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case Nos. A146901 and A148266 and California Supreme Court Case No. S243500; the petition for extraordinary writ in the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A155310; and the petition for extraordinary writ in the second 2016 action, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A154325 and California Supreme Court Case No. S251025
- [Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]**

## 8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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