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**Legal and Claims Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors\*

**April 14, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**

Tuesday, April 14, 2020	
Meeting Schedule	
10:30 AM	L&C
12:00 PM	Board Mtg

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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 March 10, 2020**
  
3. **MANAGEMENT REPORT**
  - a. General Counsel’s report of monthly activities
  
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION**

None

**5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS — ACTION**

- 8-3** Authorize initiation of litigation to challenge the Final Environmental Impact Report, the new California Endangered Species Act incidental take permit for long-term operations of the State Water Project, and potential other claims against the State; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. **[Posting Separately]**

**[Conference with legal counsel--initiation of litigation (two or more cases) to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)].**

- 8-4** Report on existing litigation Food and Water Watch and Center for Food Safety v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC720692; Court of Appeal for the Second District Case No. B297553; and authorize increase of maximum amount payable under contract with Hanson Bridgett LLP for legal services by \$100,000 to an amount not to exceed \$200,000; 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)]**

**6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**7. COMMITTEE ITEMS**



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