

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

• March 31, 2020 Quarterly Report

Summary

This is the quarterly report to the Legal and Claims Committee on the exercise of powers delegated to the General Manager and the General Counsel by Administrative Code Sections 6433 and 6434. In addition, the General Counsel reports to the Legal and Claims Committee on the exercise of power delegated to her by Administrative Code Section 6431.

Attachments

ATTACHMENT A:	Workers' Compensation Matters Resolved During the Period January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020.
ATTACHMENT B:	Claims Against Metropolitan Resolved by Risk Management During the Period January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020.
ATTACHMENT C:	Costs Collected During the Period January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020.
ATTACHMENT D:	Property Damage Written Off as Uncollectible During the Period January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020– None.
ATTACHMENT E:	Accounts Receivables Written Off as Uncollectible During the Period January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020.

Detailed Report

Contracts

Within this past quarter, the General Counsel entered into or amended the following contracts pursuant to her authority under Administrative Code Section 6431:

Cislo & Thomas LLP

This agreement was amended this quarter to reflect a modification to the fee schedule.

GeoPentech, Inc.

Metropolitan retained the services of Consultant to provide technical support regarding Coachella Valley Water District's application to the Bureau of Land Management for a permit to use lands for Colorado River water recharge.

Internet Law Center

This agreement was amended this quarter to reflect an increase in the maximum amount payable and a modification to the billing section.

Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP (Prior Disclosure Counsel)

This agreement was amended this quarter to reflect an update to the Fee Schedule, Key Personnel and the Time and Term of the agreement.

Seyfarth Shaw LLP

Metropolitan retained the services of Special Counsel to provide legal representation, advice and consultation in the litigation entitled, *Greg Staar v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,* Los Angeles Superior Court Case No.19STCV41726.

Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, PC (Disclosure Counsel)

Metropolitan retained the services of Disclosure Counsel to assist in the preparation and review of Metropolitan's preliminary and official statements, remarketing agreements, and other disclosure documents, including Appendix A to such documents and any disclosure undertakings in connection with the issuance and sale of its revenue bonds and other securities. This includes rendering an opinion to Metropolitan and the underwriter(s) of bonds or other securities and assisting in the preparation, evaluation and review of any disclosure related documents and compliance issues, disclosure related presentations, filing of annual reports and notices of events. Disclosure Counsel will also provide periodic training and updates to disclosure procedures and requirements and provide legal advice and opinions regarding proposed federal and state legislation or regulatory rules actions or policies which have a bearing on disclosure related issues.

Van Ness Feldman

Metropolitan & State Water Contractors retained the services of Special Counsel to provide joint legal representation, advice and consultation on an as-needed basis with respect to legal actions, claims, potential regulatory proceedings and related matters pertaining to the 2019 Biological Opinions issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service for the Re-initiation of Consultation on the Coordinated Operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project, including anticipated litigation challenging the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed operations by the Biological Opinions.

Susan Woolley, Esq.

Metropolitan retained the services of Consultant to perform a confidential investigation and provide analysis and recommendations as directed, regarding anonymous allegations of sexual harassment.

Susan Woolley, Esq.

Metropolitan retained the services of Consultant to investigate and provide analysis and recommendations as directed, on allegations of employee misconduct and EEO-based complaints.

Claims and Other Matters

- 1. Between January 1, 2020 March 31, 2020, Metropolitan initiated, compromised, settled, or otherwise disposed of the following claims and entered into the following separation agreements:
 - a. <u>Litigated, Compromised and Settled Claims By and Against Third Parties</u> Metropolitan did not enter into any settlement agreements within this past quarter.
 - b. <u>Workers' Compensation Matters</u> Workers' compensation claims settled by the General Manager and the General Counsel within this past quarter are reported in Attachment A.
 - c. <u>Other Claims By and Against Third Parties Resolved by Risk Management</u> Non-litigated third-party claims resolved by Risk Management (under authority delegated by the General Manager) and approved by the General Counsel within this past quarter are reported in Attachment B.

- d. <u>SB 90 Claims</u> No SB 90 claims for reimbursement for state-mandated costs collected were reported within this past quarter.
- e. <u>Separation Agreements</u> Metropolitan did not enter into any separation agreements within this past quarter.
- 2. Costs collected for claims within this past quarter are reported in Attachment C.
- 3. No Property Damage Claims were declared as uncollectible by the General Manager within this past quarter.
- 4. Accounts Receivables were written off as uncollectible by the General Manager within this past quarter are reported in Attachment E.

ATTACHMENT A Workers' Compensation Matters Resolved During the Period January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020

Classification	Control No.	Date of Injury	Amount of Settlement	Nature of Injury	Basis for Settlement
Pr. Legal Analyst	2017-0719-0030	07/19/2017	\$13,412.00	Neck	Stipulated settlement based on Agreed Medical Evaluation and Panel Qualified Medical Evaluation reports

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ATTACHMENT B Claims Against Metropolitan Resolved by Risk Management During the Period January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020

Claimant	Control No. TPA No.	Amount of Settlement	Incident Description	Basis for Resolution
Marina Flores	2019-0821-0097 027-000093	\$3,974.00	On 8/20/19, an MWD vehicle backed into the third party vehicle causing damage	The third property claim was settled based upon an evaluation of the accident, vehicle damage and repair costs
Akitsugu Yamaguchi	2019-0410-0497 027-000076	\$4,580.39	On 4/9/19, strong winds knocked down a tree on MWD property onto a Southern California Edison power line resulting in a power outage which caused electrical damage to a third party residence and their major appliances	The third party property claim was settled based upon an evaluation of the property damage and repair costs to the residence and the appliances
Christopher Uthoff	2019-0710-0016 027-000086	\$2,339.26	On 7/8/19, an MWD vehicle backed into a third party vehicle causing damage	The third property claim was settled based upon an evaluation of the accident, vehicle damage and repair costs
Mark Whitegon	2019-0819-0090 027-000092	\$790.38	On 8/19/19, a third party (employee operating their own automobile) struck a speedbump under construction on MWD property which caused damage to the vehicle	The third property claim was settled based upon an evaluation of the accident, vehicle damage and repair costs

ATTACHMENT C

Costs Collected During the Period of January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020

Third Party or Cause	Control No. TPA No.	Costs Collected	Incident Description	Basis for Costs Collected
David Andrew Gallup	2019-1106-0247 026-000246	\$4,211.19	On 11/6/19, a third party vehicle rear- ended an MWD vehicle causing damage	The property damage claim was paid in full by the third party's insurance carrier
Melissa Burnette	2019-1023-0220 026-000242	\$8,390.00	On 10/21/19, a third party vehicle struck the security card reader at an MWD gate	The property damage claim was paid in full by the third party's insurance carrier

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ATTACHMENT E

Accounts Receivable Written Off as Uncollectible During the Period January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020

Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Customer Name	Amount Written-Off	Brief Description	Basis for Write-Off	Date Written-Off
N/A	N/A	Project 701644	\$72,636.98	Relocation of East Orange County Feeder No.2	Uncollectible	2/28/2020
N/A	N/A	Dianne Lee	\$70.00 Tuition Recovery after Termination		Uncollectible	3/12/2020
		Total	\$72,706.98			