

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
July 14, 2020

52030 The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

Chairwoman Gray called the Teleconference Meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

52031 The Meeting was opened with an invocation by Tania Asef, Associate Environmental Specialist, Environmental Planning Section, Chief Administrative Office.

52032 The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given by Director Atwater

52033 Board Secretary Abdo administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Ballin, Blois, Butkiewicz, Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Galleano, Goldberg, Gray, Hawkins, Hogan, Kassakhian, Kurtz, Lefevre, McCoy, McKenney, Morris, Murray, Ortega, Peterson, Pressman, Quinn, Quiñonez, Ramos, Record, Repenning, Smith, Solorio, Treviño, and Williams.

Those not responding were: Director Apodaca.

Board Secretary Abdo declared a quorum present.

52034 Chairwoman Gray introduced Roberto F. Salmón Castelo, Commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission, Mexico to the Board and commended him for his 11 years of service as Mexican Commissioner for the International Boundary and Water Commission.

Commissioner Salmón Castelo addressed the Board.

Director Peterson addressed Commissioner Salmón Castelo.

Director Solorio made a recommendation that Metropolitan share the commendation presentation made to the Commissioner via social media.

52035 Chairwoman Gray then invited members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

The following members of the public responded:

	Name	Affiliation	Item
1	Caty Wagner	Sierra Club	GM Recruitment
2	Charming Evelyn	Sierra Club	LRP Projects
3	Did not state name or affiliation	unknown	Environment
4	Lauren Ahkiam	Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy	GM Recruitment
5	Dr. Suzanne De Benedittis	Los Angeles County Resident	GM Recruitment
6	Melanie Cohen	Sierra Club Member	GM Recruitment
7	Craig W. Cadwallader	Surf Rider Foundation South Bay Chapter	GM Recruitment and LRP Projects
8	Karen Talley	Sierra Club	GM Recruitment
9	Conner Everets	Southern California Water Alliance	General Comment
10	Christina Montalvo	Los Angeles Democratic Party for District 53	GM Recruitment and SB 625
11	Martha Camacho-Rodriguez	Sierra Club and Central Basin Board Member	GM Recruitment and SB 625
12	Cindy	Did not state affiliation	GM Recruitment
13	Lisa Marie Harris	San Diego County Water Authority CFO	LRP Projects
14	Chris McKenney	Director of Utilities North San Diego	LRP Projects
15	Allen Carlisle	East County JPA	LRP Projects
16	Susan Zephyr	Resident of San Diego County	GM Recruitment / Delta Tunnel Project
17	Bridgette Prince	San Gabriel Valley Resident/Sierra Club	GM Recruitment
18	Tiden Wyatt	Resident of Chula Vista	GM Recruitment
19	Eleanor Boen	Private Citizen, San Diego County	GM Recruitment / Delta Tunnel Project
20	Katie Lyons	Sierra Club Member	GM Recruitment
21	Jessica Jarrad	LADWP Rate Payer, Woodland Hills Resident	GM Recruitment
22	Mickey Hearing	Irvine Resident	GM Recruitment
23	Gerry Toeb	Los Angeles Resident	GM Recruitment
24	Art Chacon	Central Basin Board Member	GM Recruitment
25	Did not state name or affiliation	unknown	GM Recruitment

Chairwoman Gray called for Other Matters and Reports for July 2020.

52036 A written report of events attended by Directors at Metropolitan's expense during the month of June was distributed.

One amendment was made by Director Peterson.

52037 Chairwoman Gray referred to her written monthly report, which was distributed to the Board.

Chairwoman had nothing to add to her report at this time.

52038 Regarding matters relating to Metropolitan's operations and activities, General Manager Kightlinger announced that he had nothing to add to his report at this time.

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

52039 General Counsel Scully announced that she had nothing to add to her report at this time.

52040 General Auditor Riss announced that he had nothing to add to his report at this time.

52041 Ethics Officer Salinas reported that on June 18, 2020 he presented the first of a three-part online Outreach and Training webinar in response to the Ethics Office 2019 employee survey.

52042 Presentation of Commendatory Resolution for Director Vartan Gharpetian representing the City of Glendale was deferred.

Chairwoman Gray announced that there would be a reordering of the meeting agenda. Item 8-1 would be heard first with the Consent Calendar Items following.

52043 Water Planning and Stewardship Committee Chair Atwater moved, seconded by Director Kurtz, that the Board Table Agenda Item 8-1, and recommend that the issues be considered at the September meeting of the Finance and Insurance Committee, subject to approval by the Executive Committee in the next two weeks.

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	4857	Faessel	x	x	4857				
Beverly Hills	3655	Pressman	x	x	3655				
Burbank	2491	Ramos	x	x	2491				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	10754	Blois	x	x	10754				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	15556	Apodaca							
		Hawkins	x	x	15556				
				Subtotal:	15556				
Compton	488	McCoy	x	x	488				
Eastern Municipal Water District	8369	Record	x	x	8369				
Foothill Municipal Water District	1951	Atwater	x	x	1951				
Fullerton	2093	Ortega	x	x	2093				
Glendale	3358	Kassakhian	x	x	3358				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	11948	Camacho	x	x	11948				
Las Virgenes	2615	Peterson	x	x	2615				
Long Beach	5304	Cordero	x	x	5304				
Los Angeles	63788	Murray	x	x	15947				
		Vacant							
		Quinn	x	x	15947				
		Quiñonez	x	x	15947				
		Repenning	x	x	15947				
				Subtotal:	63788				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	52516	Ackerman	x	x	17505				
		Vacant							
		Dick	x	x	17505				
		McKenney	x	x	17505				
				Subtotal:	52516				
Pasadena	3229	Kurtz	x	x	3229				
San Diego County Water Authority	53442	Butkiewicz	x	x	13361				
		Goldberg	x	x	13361				
		Hogan	x	x	13361				
		Smith	x	x	13361				
				Subtotal:	53442				
San Fernando	203	Ballin	x	x	203				
San Marino	683	Morris	x	x	683				
Santa Ana	2775	Solorio	x	x	2775				
Santa Monica	3925	Abdo	x	x	3925				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	7205	De Jesus	x	x	7205				
Torrance	3053	Lefevre	x	x	3053				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat.	11016	Treviño	x	x	11016				
West Basin Municipal Water District	21322	Williams	x	x	10661				
		Gray	x	x	10661				
				Subtotal:	21322				
Western Municipal Water District	11109	Galleano	x	x	11109				
Total	307705				307705				
Absent	0								

The motion to Table Agenda Item 8-1, passed by a vote of 307,705 ayes; and 0 absent.

Chairwoman Gray announced that the meeting would now return to its originally scheduled order as listed on the agenda.

Director Hogan announced pursuant to MWD Act Section 56, Directors who are also members of the governing body of their member agency are disqualified from voting (including abstaining) on a contract between Metropolitan and their member agency. Therefore, Directors Butkiewicz, Hogan, and Smith will not vote on Item 7-8, to authorize an agreement with the San Diego County Water Authority and the East County Advanced Water Purification Program Joint Powers Authority, and Item 7-9, to authorize an agreement with the San Diego County Water Authority and the City of Escondido.

Director Murray made a comment.

Director Ortega requested to be recorded as abstaining from the approval of the June 9, 2020 Board Minutes.

Director Ortega also made a request to summarize the guidance to staff on specific matters requiring follow up and include summaries in the written minutes.

Director McKenney commented.

Director Quinoñez requested Agenda Items 7-8 and 7-9 be pulled from the Consent Calendar and be voted separately.

Director Trevino requested to be recorded as abstaining from the approval of the June 9, 2020 Board Minutes.

52044 Chairwoman Gray called for a vote to approve the Consent Calendar Items. **6A*, 6B, 6C, 6D, 7-1*, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6, and 7-7** (M.I. **52045** through **52055**)

Director McKenney moved, seconded by Director Camacho that the Board approve the Consent Calendar Other Items, which are as follows:

52045 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting for June 9, 2020.

52046 There were no changes to the Committee Assignments.

52047 Approval of a Commendatory Resolution for Director Barbre.

52048 Approval of adjourning the August Board Meeting to August 18, 2020, to establish tax rate, committees to meet on August 17 and 18, 2020.

52049 Authorize an agreement with AVI-SPL, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$3.75 million to upgrade the audiovisual systems in the board and committee rooms at Metropolitan's Headquarters Building, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-1 board letter.

52050 Approve process for the General Manager recruitment described as set forth in Agenda Item 7-2 board letter with the amendment to replace "oversee" to "conduct" in the last sentence on bullet number 4.

52051 Review and consider Addendum No. 1 to the 2015 Mitigated Negative Declaration, and award a \$3,270,000 contract to Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. to reline pipe and replace pipefittings at the Lake Perris Control Facility and on the Lakeview Pipeline, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-3 board letter.

52052 Award a \$5,410,000 contract to J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. to reline a portion of the Lake Perris Bypass Pipeline, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-4 board letter.

52053 Authorize an amendment to a professional services agreement with Systems Integrated, LLC, for up to six years in an amount not-to-exceed \$362,000 annually, to provide support and maintenance of Metropolitan's existing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-5 board letter.

52054 Review and consider the Lead Agency's adopted 2004 Negative Declaration and 2019 Addendum, and take related CEQA actions, and adopt resolution for the 111th Fringe Area Annexation concurrently to Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-6 board letter.

52055 By a two-thirds vote, authorize the General Manager to make payments of up to \$3.97 million to the State Water Contractors for FY 2020/21, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-7 board letter.

The following is a record of the vote:

Corrected Table: Table header corrected to add asterisks to item numbers with individual vote tallies

Record of Vote on Item Consent: 6A*, 6B, 7-1*, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6, and 7-7									
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	4857	Faessel	x	x	4857				
Beverly Hills	3655	Pressman	x	x	3655				
Burbank	2491	Ramos	x	x	2491				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	10754	Blois	x	x	10754				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	15556	Apodaca							
		Hawkins	x	x	15556				
			Subtotal:		15556				
Compton	488	McCoy	x	x	488				
Eastern Municipal Water District	8369	Record	x	x	8369				
Foothill Municipal Water District	1951	Atwater	x	x	1951				
Fullerton	2093	Ortega	x	x	2093				
Glendale	3358	Kassakhian	x	x	3358				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	11948	Camacho	x	x	11948				
Las Virgenes	2615	Peterson	x	x	2615				
Long Beach	5304	Cordero	x	x	5304				
Los Angeles	63788	Murray	x	x	15947				
		Vacant							
		Quinn	x	x	15947				
		Quiñonez	x	x	15947				
		Repenning	x	x	15947				
			Subtotal:		63788				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	52516	Ackerman	x	x	17505				
		Vacant							
		Dick	x	x	17505				
		McKenney	x	x	17505				
			Subtotal:		52516				
Pasadena	3229	Kurtz	x	x	3229				
San Diego County Water Authority	53442	Butkiewicz	x	x	13361				
		Goldberg	x	x	13361				
		Hogan	x	x	13361				
		Smith	x	x	13361				
			Subtotal:		53442				
San Fernando	203	Ballin	x	x	203				
San Marino	683	Morris	x	x	683				
Santa Ana	2775	Solorio	x	x	2775				
Santa Monica	3925	Abdo	x	x	3925				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	7205	De Jesus	x	x	7205				
Torrance	3053	Lefevre	x	x	3053				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Dist.	11016	Treviño	x	x	11016				
West Basin Municipal Water District	21322	Williams	x	x	10661				
		Gray	x	x	10661				
			Subtotal:		21322				
Western Municipal Water District	11109	Galleano	x	x	11109				
Total	307705				307705				
Absent	0								

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 6A*, 6B, 6C, 6D, 7-1*, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6, and 7-7 (**M.I. 52045 through 52055**) passed by a vote of 307,705 ayes, and 0 absent.

*Note individual vote tallies for 6A and 7-1:

- Corrected** 1. Directors Ortega and Treviño voted to abstain on Agenda Item 6A; passed by a vote of ~~294,569~~ 294,596 ayes, 13,109 abstain, and 0 absent.

2. Director Ramos voted NO on Agenda Item 7-1; passed by a vote of 305,214 ayes, 2,491 noes, and 0 absent.

52056 Director McKenney moved, seconded by Director Dick, to approve Items 7-8 and 7-9, with the addition of a provision that conditions the contract upon the Board of Directors adopting a rate by January 1, 2023, that is sufficient to cover Metropolitan's financial commitments under the contract. (The original motion was made by Director Camacho and seconded by Director McKenney. Director Camacho subsequently withdrew his motion.)

Agenda Items 7-8 and 7-9 are as follows:

- 7-8 Review and consider the Lead Agency's Mitigated Negative Declaration and take related CEQA actions, and authorize the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program Agreement with SDCWA and the East County Advanced Water Purification Program Joint Powers Authority for the East County Advanced Water Purification Project for up to 12,882 AFY of recycled water under the terms included in this letter.
- 7-9 Review and consider the approved/certified CEQA documents and take related CEQA actions; and authorize the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program Agreement with the San Diego County Water Authority and the City of Escondido for the Escondido Membrane Filtration Reverse Osmosis Facility Project for up to 3,280 AFY of advanced treated recycled water under the terms included in this letter.

Director Quiñonez offered a substitute motion, seconded by Director Lefevre, that the Board approve the two LRP applications, under the current LRP program and existing contracts as recommended by staff in the board letters without the new contract language added.

The following Directors made comments:

1. Director Quiñonez
2. Director Lefevre
3. Director Goldberg
4. Director Peterson
5. Director McKenney
6. Director Repenning
7. Director Ortega
8. Director Dick
9. Director Camacho
10. Director Record
11. Director Kurtz
12. Director Quinn
13. Director Cordero
14. Chairwoman Gray

The following is a record of the vote:

Corrected table: Subtotals corrected.

Record of Vote on Item 7-8 & 7-9 substitute:									
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	4857	Faessel	x			x	4857		
Beverly Hills	3655	Pressman	x			x	3655		
Burbank	2491	Ramos	x	x	2491				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	10754	Blois	x			x	10754		
Central Basin Municipal Water District	15556	Apodaca							
		Hawkins	x			x	15556		
			Subtotal:				15556		
Compton	488	McCoy	x			x	488		
Eastern Municipal Water District	8369	Record	x			x	8369		
Foothill Municipal Water District	1951	Atwater	x			x	1951		
Fullerton	2093	Ortega	x	x	2093				
Glendale	3358	Kassakhian	x	x	3358				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	11948	Camacho	x	x	11948				
Las Virgenes	2615	Peterson	x			x	2615		
Long Beach	5304	Cordero	x	x	5304				
Los Angeles	63788	Murray	x	x	15947				
		Vacant							
		Quinn	x	x	15947				
		Quiñonez	x	x	15947				
		Repenning	x	x	15947				
			Subtotal:		63788				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange Count	52516	Ackerman	x			x	17505		
		Vacant							
		Dick	x			x	17505		
		McKenney	x			x	17505		
			Subtotal:				52516		
Pasadena	3229	Kurtz	x			x	3229		
San Diego County Water Authority	53442	Butkiewicz	x*						
		Goldberg	x	x	53442				
		Hogan	x*						
		Smith	x*						
			Subtotal:		53442				
San Fernando	203	Ballin							
San Marino	683	Morris	x			x	683		
Santa Ana	2775	Solorio	x	x	2775				
Santa Monica	3925	Abdo	x	x	3925				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	7205	De Jesus	x			x	7205		
Torrance	3053	Lefevre	x	x	3053				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat. Di	11016	Treviño	x	x	11016				
West Basin Municipal Water District	21322	Williams	x			x	10661		
		Gray	x			x	10661		
			Subtotal:				21322		
Western Municipal Water District	11109	Galleano	x			x	11109		
Total	307705				163193		144309		
Absent	203								

The substitute motion to approve Agenda Items 7-8 and 7-9, passed by a vote of 163,193 ayes; 144,309 noes; and 203 absent.

52057 Board Chairwoman Gray asked if there were questions or need for discussion for Board Information Items 9-1 or 9-2. No requests were made.

Director Peterson made a comment.

52058 Human Resources Group Manager Pitman provided a PowerPoint presentation update on the upcoming Department Head Performance Evaluations Process.

52059 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any future agenda items. No requests were made.

52060 There being no objection, at 2:18 p.m., Chairwoman Gray adjourned the Meeting.



GLORIA D. GRAY
CHAIRWOMAN



JUDY ABDO
SECRETARY