

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
November 10, 2020

52156 The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

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

52157 The Meeting was opened with an invocation by Sue Jackinsky, Eastern Capital Technologies.

52158 The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given by Director Camacho.

52159 Board Secretary Abdo administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Ballin, Blois, Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Galleano, Goldberg, Gray, Hawkins, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McCoy, McKenney, Morris, Murray, Ortega, Petersen, Peterson, Quinn, Quiñonez, Ramos, Record, Repenning, Smith, Solorio, Tamaribuchi, Treviño, and Williams.

Directors Apodaca and Kassakhian entered the Meeting after roll call.

Director Pressman responded after roll call.

Those not responding were: Butkiewicz.

Board Secretary Abdo declared a quorum present.

Director Kassakhian entered the Meeting.

52160 Chairwoman Gray invited members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

Public Comment			
Name	Affiliation	Item	
1	Caty Wagner	Sierra Club	Employee issues; Delta Conveyance Project; and Integrated Resources Project
2	Anne Marie Odie [sic] on behalf of Ron Miller	LA/OC Building & Construction Trades Council	Regional Recycled Water Program
3	Edgar Ties [sic]	Resident of city of Pico Rivera	Regional Recycled Water Program
4	Ellen Mackey	AFSCME Women's Caucus, Chair	Employee issues; Desert Housing issues; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council; Apprenticeship Program; and Teleworking
5	Lauren Ahkiam	LAANE	Regional Recycled Water Program
6	Sarah Wiltfong	LA County Business Federation (BIZFED)	Regional Recycled Water Program
7	Conner Everts	Southern California Water Alliance	Regional Recycled Water Program
8	Brittney Leavitts	Resident city of Brea	Regional Recycled Water Program
9	Martha Camacho-Rodriguez	Affiliation not stated	Regional Recycled Water Program
10	Nicole [did not state last name]	Resident of Los Angeles Co.	Regional Recycled Water Program
11	Bruce Reznik	Los Angeles Waterkeeper	Regional Recycled Water Program
12	Ana Luisa Moran	Heal the Bay	Regional Recycled Water Program
13	Bobbie McDonald	Black Chamber, President & CEO	Delta Conveyance Project
14	Tracy Stanhoff	American Indian Chamber of Commerce	Support of the American Indian Chamber
15	Luis Portillo	Inland Empire Economic Partnership	Delta Conveyance Project
16	Marci Stange	Rebuild SoCal Partnership, Director of Water and Environmental Relations	Delta Conveyance Project
17	Ken Coate	Inland Action, Environmental Chair	
18	Charming Evelyn	Environmental Justice	Regional Recycled Water Program; and (Item 8-2) EEO matters
19	Madelyn Muntenyez [sic]	Resident of Los Angeles	Regional Recycled Water Program
20	Jo Coffey	Sierra Club	Delta Conveyance Project
21	Jennifer Word	Orange Co Business Council	Delta Conveyance Project
22	Jenn Lowe	Association of California Cities - Orange County	Delta Conveyance Project
23	Ormondo Flores	Valley Industry Commerce Association (VICA)	Delta Conveyance Project

The following Director provided comments:

1. Director McKenney

Director Apodaca entered the Meeting.

Chairwoman Gray addressed the following: Other Matters and Reports for October.

52161 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any changes to the report of events attended by Directors at Metropolitan's expense during the month of October as previously posted and distributed to the Board.

No amendments were made.

52162 Chairwoman Gray referred to her monthly report, which was previously posted and distributed to the Board.

Chairwoman Gray addressed the Board regarding the recent concerns raised by employees. She expressed her support for hiring additional outside counsel to eliminate any question of bias or objectivity. In addition, regarding the Diversity, Equity,

and Inclusion Council, Chairwoman Gray stated her support for this council and has asked Director Repenning to draft a statement of commitment to the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion for the Board's consideration in order for the Board to provide support in promoting, practicing, and reinforcing the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion at Metropolitan. A recurring report from the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council will be presented at future Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee meetings.

52163 Chairwoman Gray reported that the Executive Committee received nominations for one Director for Board Secretary for the two-year term commencing January 1, 2021; and the candidate was current Board Secretary Abdo. (Agenda Item 5C)

52164 Chairwoman opened the elections for Board Secretary for the two-year term commencing January 1, 2021 and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. No other nominations were made. Director Morris moved for a vote by acclamation; seconded by Director De Jesus. (Agenda Item 5D)

The motion passed unanimously.

Director Abdo addressed the Board.

52165 Regarding matters relating to Metropolitan's operations and activities, General Manager Kightlinger announced the following:

1. Recommended that the Board review the Issue Paper on Delta Conveyance, prepared by Director Lefevre, posted to Metropolitan's website on the Delta Conveyance page.
2. Roger Patterson announced his retirement, at the end of this year, at yesterday's Water Planning and Stewardship Committee meeting after 14 years of service to Metropolitan.

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

The following Directors asked questions or made comments:

	Directors	Comments/Questions
1	Lefevre	Commented
2	Gray	Commented
3	Peterson	Commented
4	Blois	Commented

52166 General Counsel Scully stated she had nothing to add to her report.

52167 General Auditor Riss stated that his report this month, which was previously posted and distributed to the Board, identifies the activities in October his office had accomplished; such as reporting on: Talent Development; and Construction In-process.

52168 Ethics Officer Salinas stated he had nothing to add to his report.

52169 Chairwoman Gray addressed the Consent Calendar Items for November 2020 and asked the Board if anyone had any comments regarding any of the items.

The following Directors asked questions or made comments:

	Directors	Comments/Questions
1	Williams	Recused himself from Agenda Item 7-3
2	Hogan	Requested Agenda Item 7-4 be voted on separately

Chairwoman stated that due to Director McKenney's announcement of his resignation from the Board, she appointed Director Larry Dick as his replacement as Chair of the Legal and Claims Committee. (Item 6B)

Chairwoman Gray called on the Committee Chairs to give a report of the Consent Calendar Action Items as discussed at their Committees.

Chairwoman Gray called for a vote to approve the Consent Calendar Items. 6A, 6B, 7-1,7-2, 7-3, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8, 7-9, & 7-10 **(M.I. 52170 through M.I. 52180)**

Director Peterson moved, seconded by Director McKenney, that the Board approve the Consent Calendar Other Items for Action 6A, 6B, 7-1,7-2, 7-3, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8, 7-9, & 7-10 as follows:

Director Hogan, spoke on behalf of the San Diego County Water Authority Delegation, referencing their letter dated November 8, 2020, addressed to Chairwoman Gray, regarding Agenda Items 7-3 and 7-4. (Letter received November 8, 2020 at 5:36 p.m.)

52170 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting for October 13, 2020 (Agenda Item 6A).

52171 Approval of Committee Assignments (Agenda Item 6B).

52172 Authorize an increase of \$150,000 in change order authority for Contract No. 1867 with Crispin Valve, LLC to furnish rubber-lined butterfly valves, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-1 board letter.

52173 Award \$2,435,000 contract to J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. for PCCP relining of approximately 1,200 feet of the Allen-McColloch Pipeline; authorize a \$2.1 million increase to an agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$6.5 million; authorize a \$150,000 increase to an agreement with Helix Environmental Planning Inc., for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$2.25 million; and adopt CEQA determination that the Sepulveda Feeder rehabilitation project was previously addressed in the Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe Rehabilitation Program Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report certified in 2017, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-2 board letter.

52174 Authorize preparation of environmental documentation and technical studies, and public outreach activities for the Regional Recycled Water Program; and authorize an increase of \$200,000 to an existing agreement with National Water Research Institute, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$445,000 for specialized services, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-3 board letter.

52175 Authorize increase of \$600,000 in change order authority for rehabilitation of the Greg Avenue Pump Station, up to an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$1,648,750, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-5 board letter.

52176 Authorize entering into an agreement with Securitas to provide security services for a five-year contract for a maximum payable total of \$55 million, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-6 board letter.

52177 Review and consider the city of Hemet's adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration and take related CEQA actions and authorize the General Manager to grant a permanent easement for public road and utility purposes to the city of Hemet, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-7 board letter.

52178 Authorize the General Manager to grant a permanent easement for public road purposes to the city of Fontana, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-8 board letter.

52179 Authorize an increase of \$500,000 to the agreement with Roesling, Nakamura, Terada Architects for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$2,000,000; and authorize the consolidation of identified projects into the District Housing and Property Improvement program, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-9 board letter.

52180 Approve The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's salary schedules pursuant to CalPERS regulations, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-10 board letter.

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Consent Items: 6A, 6B, 7-1,7-2, 7-3, and 7-5 through 7-10									
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	5083	Faessel	x	x	5083				
Beverly Hills	3896	Pressman	x	x	3896				
Burbank	2614	Ramos	x	x	2614				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	11162	Blois	x	x	11162				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	16384	Apodaca	x	x	8192				
		Hawkins	x	x	8192				
			Subtotal:		16384				
Compton	532	McCoy	x	x	532				
Eastern Municipal Water District	8936	Record	x	x	8936				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2052	Atwater	x	x	2052				
Fullerton	2238	Ortega	x	x	2238				
Glendale	3517	Kassakhian	x	x	3517				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	12645	Camacho	x	x	12645				
Las Virgenes	2649	Peterson	x	x	2649				
Long Beach	5598	Cordero	x	x	5598				
Los Angeles	67972	Murray	x	x	13594				
		Petersen	x	x	13594				
		Quinn	x	x	13594				
		Quiñonez	x	x	13594				
		Repenning	x*	x	13594				
			Subtotal:		67972				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	55013	Ackerman	x	x	13753				
		Tamaribuchi	x	x	13753				
		Dick	x	x	13753				
		McKenney	x	x	13753				
			Subtotal:		55013				
Pasadena	3395	Kurtz	x	x	3395				
San Diego County Water Authority	56310	Butkiewicz							
		Goldberg	x	x	18770				
		Hogan	x	x	18770				
		Smith	x	x	18770				
			Subtotal:		56310				
San Fernando	216	Ballin	x	x	216				
San Marino	711	Morris	x	x	711				
Santa Ana	2889	Solorio	x	x	2889				
Santa Monica	4199	Abdo	x	x	4199				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	7535	De Jesus	x	x	7535				
Torrance	3136	Lefevre	x	x	3136				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat.	11544	Treviño	x	x	11544				
West Basin Municipal Water District	22776	Williams	x*	x	11388				
		Gray	x	x	11388				
			Subtotal:		22776				
Western Municipal Water District	11824	Galleano	x	x	11824				
Total	324826				324826				
Present and not voting									
Absent	0								

*Director Williams recused himself from Item 7-3 and stated the following reason: Item 7-3 involves a contract with the National Water Research Institute, and I serve on their board. For this reason, I am recusing myself from any participation in this matter.

*Director Repenning recused herself from Item 7-2 and stated the following reason: Item 7-2 involves authorizing an increase to a contract in which CDM Smith is listed as a subcontractor. I performed services under a consulting contract with CDM Smith within the past 12 months. For this reason, I have recused myself from any participation in this decision.

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items 6A, 6B, 7-1,7-2, 7-3, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8, 7-9, & 7-10 **(M.I. 52169 through M.I. 52179)** passed by a vote of 324,826 ayes.

52181 Engineering and Operations Committee Chair Smith reported on Item 7-4 as follows: The committee voted to authorize an amendment to an existing agreement with County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County and a new agreement with Southern Nevada Water Authority to support continued evaluation and development of the Regional Recycled Water Program.

The following Staff and/or Directors asked questions or made comments:

	Directors/Staff	Comments/Questions
1	Hogan	Made a motion to bifurcate the vote and to consider agreements separately and vote accordingly
2	Record	Commented
3	Ballin	Seconded Hogan's motion
4	Gray	Called for vote
5	Quinn	Commented; supports bringing back proposal to committee for additional discussion
6	Kurtz	Commented
7	Repenning	Commented; asking for more time to consider
8	Atwater	Commented
9	McKenney	Commented
10	Record	Commented
11	Pressman	Commented
12	Peterson	Commented
13	Smith	Asked a question
14	Gray	Commented
15	Hogan	Commented
16	McKenney	Asked to clarify vote
17	Gray	Asked for clarification
18	Hogan	Clarified his motion is to vote on both agreements, Los Angeles County Sanitation District and Southern Nevada Water Authority Agreements separately
19	Abdo	Commented
20	Gray	Commented
21	Hogan	Amended motion to approve the Los Angeles County Sanitation District Agreement separately
22	Pressman	Seconded Hogan's amended motion
23	Hogan	Commented
24	Ackerman	Commented
25	Ortega	Commented
26	Gray	Commented
27	De Jesus	Asked for legal opinion on bifurcation of agenda item
28	General Counsel Scully	Responded to De Jesus stating since there are two separate contracts it is not impermissible to vote on the agreements separately

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| 29 | Dick | Asked a question |
| 30 | Camacho | Made a substitute motion to approve 7-4 Los Angeles County Sanitation District Amendment only; and vote on Southern Nevada Water Authority separately |
| 31 | General
Manager
Kightlinger | Responded to Camacho that his substitute motion had already been made by Director Hogan (Camacho's substitute motion is not needed) |
| 32 | Gray | Called for vote for amended motion on the floor |

52182 Director Hogan made an amended motion, seconded by Director Pressman, that the Board authorize an amendment to agreement with County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County. (Amended Agenda Item 7-4A)

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item 7-4 A									
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	5083	Faessel	x	x	5083				
Beverly Hills	3896	Pressman	x	x	3896				
Burbank	2614	Ramos	x	x	2614				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	11162	Blois	x	x	11162				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	16384	Apodaca	x	x	8192				
		Hawkins	x	x	8192				
			Subtotal:		16384				
Compton	532	McCoy	x	x	532				
Eastern Municipal Water District	8936	Record	x	x	8936				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2052	Atwater	x	x	2052				
Fullerton	2238	Ortega	x	x	2238				
Glendale	3517	Kassakhian	x	x	3517				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	12645	Camacho	x	x	12645				
Las Virgenes	2649	Peterson	x	x	2649				
Long Beach	5598	Cordero	x	x	5598				
Los Angeles	67972	Murray	x	x	13594				
		Petersen	x	x	13594				
		Quinn	x	x	13594				
		Quiñonez	x	x	13594				
		Repenning	x	x	13594				
			Subtotal:		67972				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	55013	Ackerman	x	x	13753				
		Tamaribuchi	x	x	13753				
		Dick	x	x	13753				
		McKenney	x	x	13753				
			Subtotal:		55013				
Pasadena	3395	Kurtz	x	x	3395				
San Diego County Water Authority	56310	Butkiewicz							
		Goldberg	x	x	18770				
		Hogan	x	x	18770				
		Smith	x	x	18770				
			Subtotal:		56310				
San Fernando	216	Ballin	x	x	216				
San Marino	711	Morris	x	x	711				
Santa Ana	2889	Solorio	x	x	2889				
Santa Monica	4199	Abdo	x	x	4199				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	7535	De Jesus	x	x	7535				
Torrance	3136	Lefevre	x	x	3136				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat.	11544	Treviño	x	x	11544				
West Basin Municipal Water District	22776	Williams	x	x	11388				
		Gray	x	x	11388				
			Subtotal:		22776				
Western Municipal Water District	11824	Galleano	x	x	11824				
Total	324826				324826				
Present and not voting									
Absent	0								

The motion to approve amended Item 7-4A passed by a vote of 324,826 ayes.

The following Directors asked questions or made comments:

	Directors	Comments/Questions
1	McKenney	Moved Southern Nevada Water Authority Agreement as described in 7-4
2	Pressman	Seconded McKenzie's Motion
3	Ortega	Substitute motion to Table item until next meeting for future consideration
4	Ballin	Seconded Ortega's Substitute Motion
5	Quinn	Commented
6	Kurtz	Asked a question
7	Quinn	Commented
8	Ortega	Commented
9	Kurtz	Commented
10	Dick	Commented
11	Record	Commented
12	Peterson	Commented
13	Ortega	Commented
14	Pressman	Commented

52183 Director Ortega moved by substitute motion, seconded by Director Ballin, that the Board table authorizing an agreement with Southern Nevada Water Authority to support the development of the Regional Recycled Water Program until December. (Agenda Item 7-4B)

The following is a record of the vote:

Record of Vote on Item 7-4 B									
Member Agency	Total Votes	Director	Present	Yes	Yes Vote	No	No Vote	Abstain	Abstain Vote
Anaheim	5083	Faessel	x			x	5083		
Beverly Hills	3896	Pressman	x			x	3896		
Burbank	2614	Ramos	x			x	2614		
Calleguas Municipal Water District	11162	Blois	x			x	11162		
Central Basin Municipal Water District	16384	Apodaca	x	x	8192				
		Hawkins	x			x	8192		
				Subtotal:	8192		8192		
Compton	532	McCoy	x	x	532				
Eastern Municipal Water District	8936	Record	x			x	8936		
Foothill Municipal Water District	2052	Atwater	x			x	2052		
Fullerton	2238	Ortega	x	x	2238				
Glendale	3517	Kassakhian	x	x	3517				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	12645	Camacho	x	x	12645				
Las Virgenes	2649	Peterson	x			x	2649		
Long Beach	5598	Cordero	x	x	5598				
Los Angeles	67972	Murray	x	x	13594				
		Petersen	x	x	13594				
		Quinn	x	x	13594				
		Quiñonez	x	x	13594				
		Repenning	x	x	13594				
				Subtotal:	67972				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	55013	Ackerman	x			x	13753		
		Tamaribuchi	x			x	13753		
		Dick	x			x	13753		
		McKenney	x			x	13753		
				Subtotal:			55013		
Pasadena	3395	Kurtz	x			x	3395		
San Diego County Water Authority	56310	Butkiewicz							
		Goldberg	x	x	18770				
		Hogan	x	x	18770				
		Smith	x	x	18770				
				Subtotal:	56310				
San Fernando	216	Ballin	x	x	216				
San Marino	711	Morris	x			x	711		
Santa Ana	2889	Solorio	x	x	2889				
Santa Monica	4199	Abdo	x	x	4199				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	7535	De Jesus	x			x	7535		
Torrance	3136	Lefevre	x			x	3136		
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat.	11544	Treviño	x	x	11544				
West Basin Municipal Water District	22776	Williams	x			x	11388		
		Gray	x	x	11388				
				Subtotal:	11388		11388		
Western Municipal Water District	11824	Galleano	x			x	11824		
Total	324826				187240		137586		
Present and not voting									
Absent	0								

The substitute motion to approve Item 7-4B passed by a vote of 187,240 ayes; and 137,586 noes.

Directors Ballin and Petersen left the Meeting.

52184 Legal and Claims Committee Chair McKenney moved, seconded by Director Quiñonez, that the Board approve Resolution to hire retired Annuitant and waive 180-day waiting period, as set forth in Agenda Item 8-1 board letter.

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	5083	Faessel	x	x	5083				
Beverly Hills	3896	Pressman	x	x	3896				
Burbank	2614	Ramos	x	x	2614				
Calleguas Municipal Water District	11162	Blois	x	x	11162				
Central Basin Municipal Water District	16384	Apodaca	x	x	8192				
		Hawkins	x	x	8192				
			Subtotal:		16384				
Compton	532	McCoy	x	x	532				
Eastern Municipal Water District	8936	Record	x	x	8936				
Foothill Municipal Water District	2052	Atwater	x	x	2052				
Fullerton	2238	Ortega	x	x	2238				
Glendale	3517	Kassakhian	x	x	3517				
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	12645	Camacho	x	x	12645				
Las Virgenes	2649	Peterson	x	x	2649				
Long Beach	5598	Cordero	x	x	5598				
Los Angeles	67972	Murray	x	x	16993				
		Petersen							
		Quinn	x	x	16993				
		Quiñonez	x	x	16993				
		Repenning	x	x	16993				
			Subtotal:		67972				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange County	55013	Ackerman	x	x	13753				
		Tamaribuchi	x	x	13753				
		Dick	x	x	13753				
		McKenney	x	x	13753				
			Subtotal:		55013				
Pasadena	3395	Kurtz	x	x	3395				
San Diego County Water Authority	56310	Butkiewicz							
		Goldberg	x	x	18770				
		Hogan	x	x	18770				
		Smith	x	x	18770				
			Subtotal:		56310				
San Fernando	216	Ballin							
San Marino	711	Morris	x	x	711				
Santa Ana	2889	Solorio	x	x	2889				
Santa Monica	4199	Abdo	x	x	4199				
Three Valleys Municipal Water District	7535	De Jesus	x	x	7535				
Torrance	3136	Lefevre	x	x	3136				
Upper San Gabriel Valley Mun. Wat.	11544	Treviño	x	x	11544				
West Basin Municipal Water District	22776	Williams	x	x	11388				
		Gray	x	x	11388				
			Subtotal:		22776				
Western Municipal Water District	11824	Galleano	x	x	11824				
Total	324826				324610				
Present and not voting									
Absent	216								

The motion to approve Agenda Item 8-1, passed by a vote of 324,610 ayes, and 216 absent.

The motion to approve Agenda Item 8-2 passed by a vote of 324,610 ayes, and 216 absent.

52186 Board Chairwoman Gray asked if there were questions or need for discussion for Board Information Items 9-1 and 9-2. No requests were made.

52187 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any future agenda items. No requests were made.

52188 Chairwoman adjourned the Meeting in honor of Veterans Day and Native American Heritage Month. She expressed her gratitude to Metropolitan's veterans and Native Americans both on our Board and in our workforce.

There being no objection, at 2:23 p.m., Chairwoman Gray adjourned the Meeting.


JUDY ABDO
SECRETARY


GLORIA D. GRAY
CHAIRWOMAN