

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
February 9, 2021

52252 The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 09, 2021.

Chairwoman Gray called the Teleconference Meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

52253 The Meeting was opened with an invocation by Kevin Webb, Team Manager with Real Property Group; followed by guest poet, Mr. Jonathan Johnson also known as Jay'O Speaks.

52254 The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given by Director Kassakhian.

Chairwoman Gray addressed the Board recognizing Black History Month.

Director McCoy made a comment.

52255 Board Secretary Abdo administered the roll call. Those responding present were: Abdo, Ackerman, Apodaca, Atwater, Ballin, Blois, Butkeiwicz, Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Fellow, Galleano, Goldberg, Gray, Hawkins, Hogan, Jung, Kassakhian, Kurtz, Lefevre, McCoy, Morris, Murray, M. Petersen, G. Peterson, Phan, Pressman, Quinn, Quiñonez, Ramos, Record, Repenning, Smith, Tamaribuchi, and Williams.

Those not responding were: None.

Board Secretary Abdo declared a quorum present.

52256 Chairwoman Gray invited members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

No members of the public responded.

Chairwoman Gray addressed the Board with remarks regarding the independent review of workplace complaints; and Other Matters and Reports for January 2021.

52257 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any changes to the report of events attended by Directors at Metropolitan's expense during the month of January as previously posted and distributed to the Board.

No amendments were made.

52258 Chairwoman Gray referred to her monthly report, which was previously posted and distributed to the Board. Chairwoman Gray stated she had nothing to add to her report.

52259 Chairwoman Gray announced the induction of new Director Thai Phan from the City of Santa Ana.

- (a) Received credentials
- (b) Report on credentials by General Counsel
- (c) Filed credentials
- (d) Administered Oath of Office
- (e) Filed Oath

General Counsel Scully reported the credentials were received and are in order. Director Phan introduced herself with brief remarks for the Board.

52260 Chairwoman Gray announced the induction of new Director Anthony R. Fellow from Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District.

- (a) Received credentials
- (b) Report on credentials by General Counsel
- (c) Filed credentials
- (d) Administered Oath of Office
- (e) Filed Oath

General Counsel Scully reported the credentials were received and are in order.

Mr. Tom Love from Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District provided an introduction for Director Fellow. Director Fellow introduced himself with brief remarks for the Board.

52261 Chairwoman Gray welcomed and announced that Director Fred Jung from the City of Fullerton was sworn in previously. (Director Jung took his Oath of Office February, 8 2021.)

No formal introduction was made.

52262 Regarding matters relating to Metropolitan's operations and activities, General Manager Kightlinger announced the General Manager's Report, distributed to the Board monthly, should address information requested at committees. Due to COVID and to reduce the length of virtual meetings more detail has been added to the monthly report, doubled in length, and is now more comprehensive. Also, any items requested for presentation will be added to the schedule and brought to the Board's attention.

General Manager Kightlinger also acknowledged Heather Collins, Water System Operations Section Manager, was elected as Vice President of the American Water Works Association California/Nevada Section.

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

52263 General Counsel Scully thanked Board Members who participated in the Brown Act training and announced a supplemental memo with tips and responses to questions will be distributed to the Board. Board Members wanting a Certificate of Completion, should contact General Counsel or the Ethics Officer.

52264 General Auditor Riss referred to his monthly report, which was previously posted and distributed to the Board. General Auditor Riss welcomed new Board members and stated he had nothing to add to his report.

52265 Ethics Officer Salinas announced that the Work-Place Climate Survey is now open for employees. On February 23, 2021, the Audit and Ethics Committee will have a presentation on proposed changes in workplace climate and he anticipates this will be brought before the full Board.

Chairwoman Gray addressed the Consent Calendar Items for February 2021.

52266 Chairwoman Gray asked Directors if there were any comments or discussion on the approval of the Minutes of the Meeting for January 12, 2021 and the corrected minutes of December 8, 2020 (Agenda Item 6A). No requests were made.

52267 Approval of Commendatory Resolution for Director Jose Solorio representing the City of Santa Ana. Chairwoman Gray asked Directors if there were any comments or discussion (Agenda Item 6B). No requests were made.

52268 Approval of Commendatory Resolution for Director Charles Treviño representing Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Agenda Item 6C). Chairwoman Gray asked Directors if there were any comments or discussion. No requests were made.

52269 Approval of Committee Assignments (Agenda Item 6D).

Chairwoman Gray announced that she will not be making any changes to the committee chair appointments at this time.

Chairwoman Gray also announced that at the March Board meeting there will be an election to fill the vacancy of one nonofficer member seat on the Executive Committee created by the departure of Director Treviño. Any Directors interested in running for the vacant nonofficer seat should email their interest to the Board Executive Secretary for distribution.

Chairwoman Gray announced the following committee assignments for the three new Directors:

- Director Phan as a member to Legal and Claims Committee.
- Director Fellow as a member to the Conservation and Local Resources, Legal and Claims, and the Organization, Personnel and Technology Committees.
- Director Jung as a member to the Audit and Ethics, Finance and Insurance, and Organization, Personnel and Technology Committees.

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

52270 Award \$2,418,149 contract to Metro Builders & Engineering Group, Ltd. to upgrade the sodium hypochlorite feed system at the Garvey Reservoir, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-1 Board letter.

52271 Review and consider the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County's approved and adopted Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum and take related CEQA actions, and authorize the General Manager to enter into a Stormwater for Recharge Pilot Agreement with Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County for the Enhanced Monitoring of the Victoria Recharge Basin Project, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-2.

52272 Review and consider the City of Bell Gardens' approved and adopted Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum and take related CEQA actions, and authorize the General Manager to enter into a Stormwater for Recharge Pilot Agreement with Central Basin Municipal Water District and the City of Bell Gardens, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-3.

52273 Review and consider the Department of Water Resources' certified Final Environmental Impact Report and take related CEQA actions and approve the State Water Project Contract Amendment for Water Management, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-4.

52274 Authorize: (1) agreement with the State Water Contractors, Inc. to pursue 2021 Sacramento Valley water transfer supplies; and (2) \$5 per acre-foot initial administrative deposit not to exceed \$500,000, as set forth in Agenda Item 7-5.

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. **(M.I. 52266 through 52274).**

The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items Action 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 7-1, 7-4, and 7-5 (**M.I. 52266 through 52270, 52273, and 52274**) passed by a vote of 324,826 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 0 not voting; and 0 absent.

Note: Individual vote tallies for Items 7-2 and 7-3.

*Director Galleano was disqualified from voting on Item 7-2 (**M.I. 52271**). The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 7-2 passed by a vote of 313,002 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 11,824 not voting; and 0 absent.

Directors Apodaca and Hawkins were disqualified from on Item 7-3 (M.I. 52272**). The motion to approve the Consent Calendar Item 7-3 passed by a vote of 308,442 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 16,384 not voting; and 0 absent.

Director Quiñonez left the meeting at 12:35 pm.

52275 The Board did not request to discuss or vote in closed session. Legal and Claims Chair Dick moved Item 8-1, seconded by Director Atwater to authorize the General Counsel to amend the existing agreement for legal services with Horvitz & Levy LLP in the *SDCWA v. Metropolitan* rate litigation to increase the maximum amount payable by \$300,000 to a total amount not-to-exceed \$900,000, as set forth in Agenda Item 8-1.

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	Jung	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	x	x	16993				
		Quinn	x	x	16993				
		Quiñonez							
		Repenning	x	x	16993				
			Subtotal:		67972				
Municipal Water Dist. of Orange Count	55013	Ackerman	x	x	18338				
		Tamaribuchi	x	x	18338				
		Dick	x	x	18338				
		Vacant							
			Subtotal:		55013				
Pasadena	3395	Kurtz	x	x	3395				
San Diego County Water Authority	56310	Butkiewicz	x						
		Goldberg	x						
		Hogan	x						
		Smith	x						
			Subtotal:						
San Fernando	216	Ballin	x	x	216				
San Marino	711	Morris	x	x	711				
Santa Ana	2889	Phan	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. Di	11544	Fellow	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				268516				
Present and not voting	56310								
Absent	0								

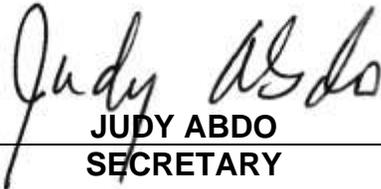
The motion to approve Item 8-1 passed by a vote of 268,516 ayes; 0 noes; 0 abstain; 56,310 not voting; and 0 absent.

52276 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any comments on Board information Item 9-1 Update on Conservation Program. No requests were made.

52277 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any follow-up items. No requests were made.

52278 Chairwoman Gray asked if there were any future agenda items. No requests were made.

52279 There being no objection, at 12:49 p.m., Chairwoman Gray adjourned the Meeting.



JUDY ABDO
SECRETARY



GLORIA D. GRAY
CHAIRWOMAN