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**Legal and Claims Committee**

Meeting with Board of Directors\*

**May 11, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

Tuesday, May 11, 2021	
Meeting Schedule	
9:00 AM	L&C
10:30 AM	RP&AM
11:30 AM	Break
12:00 PM	Board

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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. MANAGEMENT REPORT**

a. General Counsel’s report of monthly activities

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION**

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION**

**A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Legal and Claims Committee meeting held April 13, 2021

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

**7-12** Authorize contracts for Bond Counsel services with Hawkins Delafield Wood LLP, Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, Nixon Peabody LLP, and Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Co-Bond Counsel services with Amira Jackson, Law Offices of Alexis S.M. Chiu, and Curls Bartling P.C., and Disclosure Counsel services with Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, P.C. for the period ending June 30, 2024; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

**7-13** Report on *Imperial Irrigation District v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al.*, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCP01376; and request to authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract with Meyers Nave for legal services by \$210,000 to an amount not to exceed \$410,000; the General Manager has determined 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)]**

<b>END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS</b>
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**5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS — ACTION**

None

**6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

## 7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Report on CDWR Water Operations Cases, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. JCCP 5117, which includes the following eight cases: The Metropolitan Water Dist. of S. Cal., et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, et al., Fresno County Superior Ct. Case No. 20CECG01347; State Water Contractors, et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, et al., Fresno County Superior Ct. Case No. 20CECG1302; San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water Dist. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources, et al., Fresno County Superior Ct. Case No. 20CECG01556; Tehama-Colusa Canal Auth., et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources, Fresno County Superior Ct. Case No. 20CECG01303; Sierra Club, et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources, San Francisco County Superior Ct. Case No. CPF-20-517120; North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources, San Francisco County Superior Ct. Case No. CPF-20-517078; Central Delta Water Agency, et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources, Sacramento County Superior Ct. Case No. 34-2020-80003368; and San Francisco Baykeeper et al. v. Calif. Dept. of Water Resources, et al., Alameda County Superior Ct. Case No. RG20063682; and report on Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Assns., et al. v. Ross, et al., Federal District Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 1:20-CV-00431-DAD-SAB and Calif. Natural Resources Agency, et al. v. Ross, et al., Federal District Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 1:20-CV-00426-DAD-SKO

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- b. Report on San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510830, CPF-12-512466, CPF-14-514004, CPF-16-515282, CPF-16-515391, CGC-17-563350, and CPF-18-516389; the appeals of the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case Nos. A146901, A148266, A161144, and A162168, and California Supreme Court Case No. S243500; the petition for extraordinary writ in the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A155310; the petition for extraordinary writ in the second 2016 action, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case No. A154325 and California Supreme Court Case No. S251025; and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California v. San Diego County Water Authority cross-complaints in the 2014 action and the first 2016 action.

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**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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