

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 27, 2021

Chairwoman Gray called the teleconference meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Chairwoman Gray addressed the Board with brief remarks.

Members present: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Camacho, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Gray, Hogan, Kurtz, Murray, Ramos, Record, Repenning, and Smith

Members absent: None

Other Board members present: Directors, Blois, Erdman, Faessel, Fellow, Galleano, Goldberg, Jung, Lefevre, Luna, McCoy, Morris, Ortega, Peterson, Pressman, Quinn, Tamaribuchi, and Williams

Committee staff present: Aldrete, Beatty, Castro, Kasaine, Kightlinger, Riss, Salinas, Scully, Upadhyay, and Walters

1. Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee and Board on matters within their jurisdiction

Name	Affiliation	Item
1. Caty Wagner	Sierra Club CA	General Manager Recruitment
2. Connor Everts	Southern California Alliance	General Manager Recruitment

2. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

a. Subject: Chairwoman's Report

Presented by: Chairwoman Gloria D. Gray

Chairwoman Gray stated she had nothing to add to her report.

b. Subject: General Manager's report of Metropolitan's activities

Presented by: General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger

General Manager Kightlinger provided the following updates:

1. The Allen McColloch Pipeline project is nearly complete; and expected be finished on time and on budget.
2. Progress on upgrades to Sacramento Regional Sanitation Treatment Plant and their Echo Water Project.
3. Metropolitan is developing a proposed extension for Member Agencies current Local Resource projects; a proposal will be brought to the Board for approval.

The following Director made a comment or asked a question:

1. Ramos

c. Subject: General Counsel's report of Legal Department activities

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia Scully

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

d. Subject: General Auditor's report of Audit Department activities

Presented by: General Auditor Gerald Riss

General Auditor Riss stated he had nothing to add to his report.

e. Subject: Ethics Officer's report of Ethics Department activities

Presented by: Ethics Officer Abel Salinas

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

f. Subject: Audit and Ethics Committee

Presented by: Chairwoman Gray

Chairwoman Gray announced this Committee will not be meeting in May.

g. Subject: Bay-Delta Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Ackerman

Committee Chair Ackerman announced that the Committee will hear two committee items:

- Update on Voluntary Agreement
- Update on Delta Conveyance

and, the Bay-Delta Manager's report.

h. Subject: Communications and Legislation Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Cordero

Committee Chair Cordero announced that the Committee will hear one action item:

- Legislation AB 1195 (C. Garcia): Drinking Water – Note: the revised subject is pending further staff analysis.

In addition, the Committee will hear the following three committee items:

- Reports on activities from Washington D.C.
- Report on activities from Sacramento.
- External Affairs Management Report.

i. Subject: Engineering and Operations Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Smith

Committee Chair Smith announced the Committee will hear two consent items:

- Award a \$2,022,000 contract to R2BUILD to upgrade the flow monitoring station at Mile 12 of the Colorado River Aqueduct.
- Authorize an increase of \$200,000 in change order authority for the contract to rehabilitate the Greg Avenue Pump Station; and authorize an

increase of \$350,000 to an agreement with Black and Veatch, Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$1,250,000 for engineering support.

In addition, the Committee will hear two oral reports:

- Innovative Research at the Advanced Purification Center.
- Update on Indoor Air Quality Ventilation Improvements.

And, the following two management reports:

- Water System Operations Manager's report.
- Engineering Services Manager's report.

j. Subject: Finance and Insurance Committee

Presented by: Committee Vice Chair Record

Committee Vice Chair Record announced that the Committee will hear the following action items:

- Adopt resolution to continue Metropolitan's Water Standby Charge for fiscal year 2021/22.
- Approve and authorize the distribution of Appendix A for use in the issuance and remarketing of Metropolitan's Bonds.

and, one added action item:

- Authorize adjustment to the City of Los Angeles peak day demand calculation for the 2016 period for purposes of the capacity charge determinations.

In addition, the Committee will hear one information item:

- Renewal Status of Metropolitan's Property and Casualty Insurance Program.

And, two committee items:

- Draft Rate Refinement Structure Guiding Principles.
- Quarterly Financial Report.

Lastly, the Chief Financial Officer will present her monthly activity report.

k. Subject: Legal and Claims Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Dick

Committee Chair Dick announced that the Committee will hear one action item:

- Approve contracts for bond counsel services with Hawkins Delafield Wood; Jones Hall; Nixon Peabody; and Norton Rose Fulbright; co-bond counsel services with Amira Jackson, Law Offices of Alexis S.M. Chiu; and Curls Bartling; and disclosure counsel services with Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, for the period ending June 30, 2024.

In closed session, the Committee will hear the following reports:

- *Imperial Irrigation District v. Metropolitan*, and will consider authorizing 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.
- CDWR Water Operations Cases, which includes eight cases listed in the draft agenda, as well as an update on the *San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan* rate litigation.

In addition, the Committee will hear the General Counsel's monthly activities report

I. Subject: Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Murray

Committee Chair Murray announced that the Committee will hear two committee items:

- Ethics Officer's Monthly Update on Independent Review of Workplace Concerns
- Issues relating to Firearms on Metropolitan Property

There will be no Human Resources Manager's Report or Information Technology Manager's Report in May.

m. Subject: Real Property and Asset Management Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Hogan

Committee Chair Hogan announced that the Committee will hear two consent calendar items:

- Authorize the General Manager to grant a permanent power line easement to Southern California Edison traversing across Metropolitan-owned property in the city of San Jacinto and identified as Riverside County Assessor Parcel Number 432-120-013.
- Authorize agreements for District housing and property improvements at the Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants villages with: (1) Helix

Environmental Planning, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$250,000 for environmental documentation; and (2) Fugro USA Land, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$350,000 for geotechnical services.

And, will also hear the Real Property Manager's Report

n. Subject: Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Atwater

Committee Chair Atwater announced that the Committee will hear three consent calendar items:

- Review and consider the City of Santa Monica's approved Initial Study and Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and take related CEQA actions; authorize the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program Agreement with the City of Santa Monica for the Santa Monica Sustainable Water Supply Project.
- Authorize the General Manager to provide credit to offset increased costs by a member agency associated with operational shifts that improve regional reliability.
- Adopt Metropolitan's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, Appendix 11 Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan, Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and their corresponding resolutions for submittal to the State of California.

As well as hear two board information items:

- Information on potential refinements to the performance provisions within the Local Resources Program.
- Review of Water Supply and Drought Management Storage Strategy.

And, two committee items:

- Interstate Efforts to Conserve Colorado River Water
- Oral update on Water Surplus Drought Management

Lastly, the Committee will hear the following management reports:

- Colorado River Matters
- Water Resource Management Manager's Report

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held March 23, 2021, and Approval of the Minutes of the meetings of the Special Executive Committee held April 5, 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2021

Chairwoman Gray asked Directors if there were any comments or discussion on the Minutes of the March 23, 2021, and Approval of the Minutes of the meetings of the Special Executive Committee held April 5, 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2021

The following participants made comments or asked questions:

Directors/Staff	Comments
1. Smith	Comments
2. Chairwoman Gray	Comments
3. General Counsel Scully	Comments
4. Quinn	Comments
5. Ortega	Comments
6. Luna	Comments
7. Goldberg	Comments
8. Camacho	Comments
9. Repenning	Comments
9. Lefevre	Comments
10. Peterson	Comments
11. Ortega	Comments

Chairwoman Gray then asked Directors if there were any comments, additions, or corrections to the May 2021 Draft Packet. No requests were made.

The following participants made comments or asked questions:

Directors	Comments
1. Ortega	Comments
2. Record	Abstained on March 23, 2021 Executive Committee Minutes
3. Murray	Made a Motion to amend the minutes to reflect the comments made today
4. Gray	Commented
5. Murray	Asked a question
6. Gray	Commented
7. Camacho	Seconded Murray's Motion

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| 8. Kurtz | Made Substitute Motion. |
| 9. Gray | Commented |
| 10. Atwater | Seconded Kurtz motion |

B. Approve draft committee and Board meeting agendas, and schedule for May 2021

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

Chairwoman Gray then called for the vote.

The following participants made comments or asked questions during the vote:

Directors	Comments/Questions
1. Camcho	Commented.
2. Kurtz	Commented
3. Camacho	Commented
4. Chairwoman Gray	Commented
5. Camacho	Commented
6. Chairwoman Gray	Commented
7. Camacho	Commented
8. Chairwoman Gray	Commented
9. General Counsel Scully	Commented
10. Camacho	Commented
11. General Counsel Scully	Commented
12. Camacho	Commented
13. Repenning	Commented
14. Kurtz	Commented
15. Chairwoman Gray	Commented
16. Ortega	Commented

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Director Kurtz made a Substitute motion, seconded by Director Atwater, to approve the Consent Calendar for Item 3A - Minutes of March 23, 2021, and Approval of the Minutes of the meetings of the Special Executive Committee held April 5, 13, 14, and 15, 2021; and Item 3B Draft Committee and Board Meeting Agenda packet and deferring the April 16 minutes.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Atwater, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Gray, Kurtz, Ramos, and Record

Noes: Directors Abdo, Camacho, Hogan, Murray, Repenning, and Smith

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

The motion passed by a vote of 9 ayes; 6 no; 0 abstain; and 0 absent.

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. General Manager Recruitment Process Update
[Public Employment; General Manager; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code 54957]

The Chairwoman called the Meeting into closed session and the Meeting returned to open session at 2:22 p.m. Chairwoman stated that no action was taken during closed session.

	Directors	Comments/Questions
1.	Ortega	Commented
3.	Chairwoman Gray	Commented

7. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Gloria D. Gray
Chairwoman of the Board