

WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH MET DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, California  
October 7, 2020, 8:30 a.m.

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## AGENDA

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### ROLL CALL

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/COMMENTS

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### ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

Determine need and take action to agendize item(s), which arose subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (ROLL CALL VOTE: Adoption of this recommendation requires a two-thirds vote of the Board members present or, if less than two-thirds of the Board members are present a unanimous vote.)

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### NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2102

### ACTION ITEM

#### 1. AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT FOR MWDOC/OCWD BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

*Recommendation: Receive recommendation from President Tamaribuchi regarding appointing members to an Ad Hoc Committee on MWDOC/OCWD Building Management, and take action as appropriate to ratify said appointments.*

**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS****2. INPUT OR QUESTIONS ON MET ISSUES FROM THE MEMBER AGENCIES/MET DIRECTOR REPORTS REGARDING MET COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION**

*Recommendation: Receive input and discuss the information.*

**3. UPDATE ON METROPOLITAN ACTIVITIES BY METROPOLITAN BOARD CHAIR, GLORIA GRAY**

*Recommendation: Review and discuss the information presented.*

**4. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN (IRP) DISCUSSION SERIES PART 9**

*Recommendation: Review and discuss the information presented.*

**INFORMATION ITEMS****5. MET ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY** (The following items are for informational purposes only – a write up on each item is included in the packet. Discussion is not necessary unless requested by a Director)

- a. MET's Finance and Rate Issues
- b. MET's General Manager Recruitment Process
- c. MET's Water Supply Conditions
- d. Colorado River Issues
- e. Delta Conveyance Activities and State Water Project Issues

*Recommendation: Review and discuss the information presented.*

**6. METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Summary regarding September MET Board Meeting
- b. Review items of significance for MET Board and Committee Agendas

*Recommendation: Review and discuss the information presented.*

**CLOSED SESSION****7. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on April 13, 2010, et al., former Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BS 126888, transferred on October 21, 2010,

to San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CPF-10-510830. [On Remand from Court of Appeal Case No. A146901]

**8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on April 10, 2012 to be Effective January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2014; and Does 1-10, et al., former Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BS137830, transferred on August 23, 2012, to San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CPF-12-512466. [On Remand from Court of Appeal Case No. A148266]

**9. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water of Southern California on April 8, 2014, et al., former Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BC547139, transferred on December 2, 2014, to San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CPF-14-514004.

**10. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on April 12, 2016, effective January 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018, et al., former Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. No. BS161729, transferred to San Francisco Superior Court, Case CPF-16-515282.

**11. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in 2017 to be effective January 1, 2018, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BS 169881, transferred to San Francisco Superior Court Case CGC-17-563350.

**12. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; all persons interested in the validity of the rates adopted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on April 10, 2018 to be effective January 1, 2019, and Jan. 1, 2020, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BS 173868, Transferred to San Francisco Superior Court, Case CPF-18-516389.

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**ACTION ITEM**

October 7, 2020

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Rob Hunter, General Manager

**SUBJECT:** AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT FOR MWDOC/OCWD BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**RECOMMENDATION**

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It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive recommendation from President Tamaribuchi regarding appointing members to an Ad Hoc Committee on MWDOC/OCWD Building Management, and take action as appropriate to ratify said appointments.

**SUMMARY**

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As a result of the recent discussions with OCWD regarding the construction contract for the administration building for the seismic retrofit and office remodel, there is a need for an Ad Hoc Committee to be created and to meet with OCWD representatives to discuss how to coordinate and proceed. President Tamaribuchi will present his recommendations at the meeting.

<b>Budgeted (Y/N):</b> N/A	<b>Budgeted amount:</b>	<b>Core</b> __	<b>Choice</b> __
<b>Action item amount:</b>		<b>Line item:</b>	
<b>Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):</b>			



**DISCUSSION ITEM**  
October 7, 2020

**TO: Board of Directors**

**FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager**

Staff Contact: Harvey De La Torre  
Melissa Baum-Haley

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON METROPOLITAN ACTIVITIES BY METROPOLITAN BOARD CHAIR, GLORIA GRAY**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors discuss and file this information.

**REPORT**

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MWDOC has invited Metropolitan Board Chair Gloria Gray will provide a brief update on current Metropolitan activities and key issues. Chair Gray (West Basin Municipal Water District) has served as the Chairwoman of the Metropolitan Board since her election in October, 2018.

At the September 22 Executive Committee, Chair Gray was nominated for re-election for a second term as Metropolitan Board Chair. Additionally, Adan Ortega (City of Fullerton) is also running for Board Chair.

According to Section 2202 of the Metropolitan Administrative Code, the Board Chair elections occur in even-numbered years at the October meeting of the Board. The Board Chair will serve a two-year term effective January 1.

<b>Budgeted (Y/N): N/A</b>	Budgeted amount: None	Core <u>X</u>	Choice <u>  </u>
<b>Action item amount: N/A</b>	Line item:		
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**DISCUSSION ITEM**  
October 7, 2020

**TO: Board of Directors**  
**FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager**

Staff Contact: Harvey De La Torre  
Melissa Baum-Haley

**SUBJECT: METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN (IRP) DISCUSSION SERIES PART 9**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors discuss and file this information.

**REPORT**

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At the September 22 IRP Special Committee Meeting, Metropolitan staff provided discussion on the Draft Scenario Framework.

The development of scenarios will consider the impacts to supply and demand based on a number of drivers. The IRP will identify four unique scenarios and thus assess four corresponding resource portfolios and reliability gaps.

The current scenario framework iteration is based on combinations of stable/reduced imported water stability in conjunction with higher/lower demands on Metropolitan. These axes amplify the core objectives of the IRP and provide a common-sense explanation of the impacts to be identified.

The following are examples of bookends of potential scenario descriptions that would result in the largest and smallest gaps:

- *Higher demand on Metropolitan and less imported supply stability (largest gap):*  
This scenario would be driven by severe climate impacts affecting both imported and local supplies. Demands on Metropolitan would increase due to the loss of local groundwater supply as well as impaired yield on the Los Angeles Aqueduct. Losses

<b>Budgeted (Y/N): N/A</b>	Budgeted amount: None	Core <u>X</u>	Choice <u>  </u>
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in regional imported supplies would be equally dramatic. All this would be occurring during a period of population and economic growth.

- *Lower demand on Metropolitan and greater imported supply stability (smallest gap, if any):* This scenario would be driven by a combination of plentiful regional and local supplies, a struggling economy, low population growth, and a strengthening water use ethic across the state. Member agency efforts to reduce their dependence on Metropolitan would have also succeeded.

The following are examples of potential scenario descriptions that would result in two opposing mid-size gaps:

- *Higher demand on Metropolitan and Greater imported supply stability:*  
This scenario would reflect increasing retail demands across the region resulting from population growth and a strong economy. Fortunately, climate impacts will be manageable and imported supplies will remain stable. Increased reliance on Metropolitan resulting from groundwater contamination will also drive up demands for imported water.
- *Lower demand on Metropolitan and Less imported supply stability:*  
This scenario combines slow population growth and a weak economy with successful efforts among member agencies to manage water use behavior and drought-proof their local supplies. The scenario would also be coupled with a struggling economy with the rapid onset of climate change impacts that will affect imported supplies more drastically than less-vulnerable local systems.

The next step will be to quantify how drivers of change might inform each of these scenarios, and ultimately develop the results of the Gap Analyses. Each scenario will ultimately include a resource mix that could specifically address the scenario's situation. By comparing the resource mix across the scenarios, the Metropolitan Board will be able to recognize common elements for multiple scenarios as well as unique resource elements that might need to be implemented if the future tends toward that specific scenario.





**DISCUSSION ITEM**

October 7, 2020

**TO: Board of Directors**

**FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager**

Staff Contact: Melissa Baum-Haley

**SUBJECT: METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MET) ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors to review and discuss this information.

**DETAILED REPORT**

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This report provides a brief update on the current status of the following key MET issues that may affect Orange County:

- a) MET's Finance and Rate Issues
- b) MET's General Manager Recruitment Process
- c) MET's Water Supply Conditions
- d) Colorado River Issues
- e) Delta Conveyance Activities and State Water Project Issues

## **ISSUE BRIEF #A**

**SUBJECT: MET's Finance and Rate Issues**

### **RECENT ACTIVITY**

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#### **Current Update**

The preliminary fiscal year 2019/2020 financial results were reported to the Finance and Insurance Committee on August 17, 2020. Water Transactions for July 2020 totaled 138.9 thousand acre-feet (TAF), which were 15.8 TAF lower than the budget of 154.7 TAF. This translates to \$120.2 million in revenues for July 2020, which were \$20.2 million lower than budget.

At MET's September 14, 2020 Finance and Insurance Committee, the Board received a review of the impacts of COVID-19. From this review, the Board Approved the following recommended cost-containment measures to address the COVID-19 financial impacts as amended:

- a. Continue to track COVID-19 impacts to the member agencies with a focus on retail payment delinquencies. If interest from the member agencies, develop a payment deferral program which exempts penalties or interest for those agencies that record and report significant delinquencies and likewise grant deferrals to their customers. Bring back any deferral program criteria to the Board for review and consideration
- b. Monitor water demands, sales and expenditures and prepare additional cost-containment measures, as needed, for mid-cycle budget review.
- c. Maintain the current rates adopted by the Board to address the impacts of lower water sales and lower revenues while maintaining current credit ratings.
- d. Include in the mid-cycle budget review new revenue generation options including through a ground water replenishment program.
- e. Implement a moratorium on non-emergency unbudgeted proposals for the remaining part of the fiscal year that have not been anticipated in the budget.

#### **Rate Issues**

In December 2019, the MET Board voted to discontinue the collection of the Water Stewardship Rate (WSR) as part of the upcoming 2021 and 2022 rates and charges ([December 2019 Board Letter](#); [Presentation](#)). The Demand Management program will use program reserves to cover the costs of LRP, Conservation, and the Future Supply Actions Program for the next two years, or until a new funding mechanism is in place. Board discussion will resume in fall 2020.

## **ISSUE BRIEF #B**

**SUBJECT: MET's General Manager Recruitment Process**

### **RECENT ACTIVITY**

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#### **Current Update**

On August 18, the MET Board authorized an agreement with The Hawkins Company as the executive search firm for the General Manager recruitment. The Hawkins Company previously recruited the General Counsel (Jeff Kightlinger and Marcia Scully) and General Auditor (Gerry Riss) positions.

At the September 22, Special Organizational Personnel & Technology (OP&T) Committee, the Board discussed the input process for the job description versus executive profile, and discussed the stakeholder engagement process.

- A *Job Description* is high level description of expectations and responsibilities, including specific goals and objectives. It is established via the General Manager business plan, performance goals, and approved budget.
- An *Executive Profile* defines leadership core competencies used to identify, screen, and evaluate candidates. It informs and guides the recruitment strategy.

At the October 13 OP&T Committee, the Metropolitan Board will discuss the draft *Job Description*, including an additional responsibility for Human Resources processes and policies, including diversity and inclusion.

The Hawkins will develop the *Executive Profile* after stakeholder engagement. The *Executive Profile* will then be marketed to pursue candidates for the position.

## ISSUE BRIEF # C

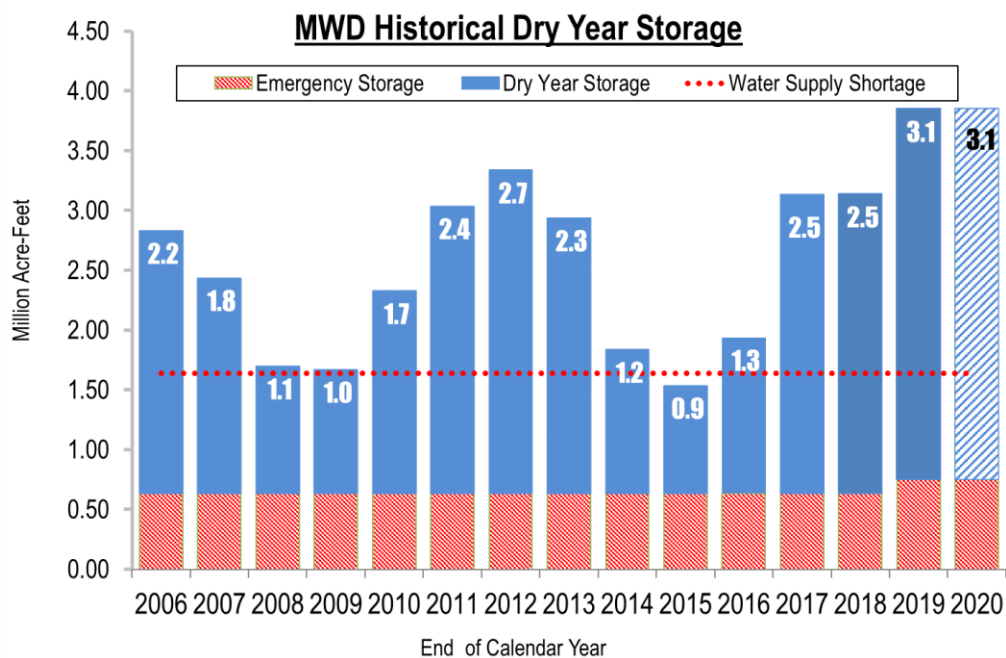
**SUBJECT: MET's Water Supply Conditions**

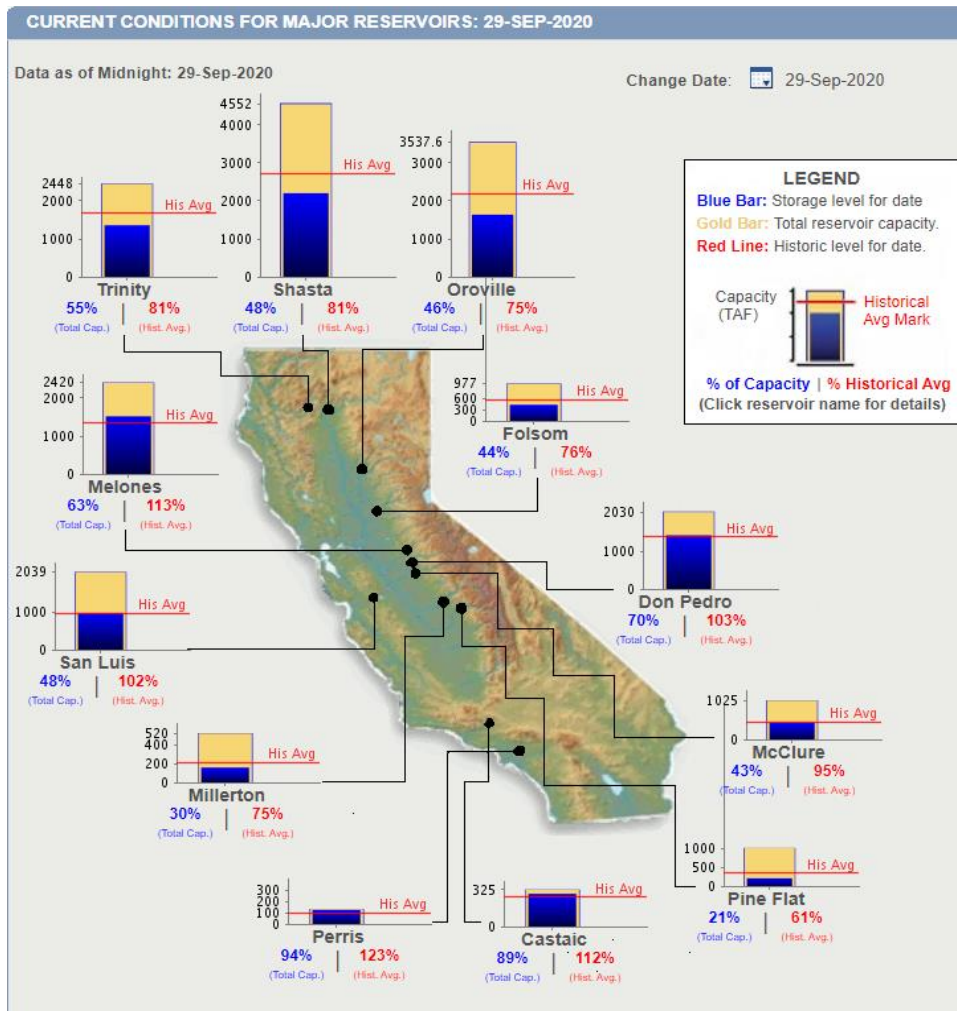
### **RECENT ACTIVITY**

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With estimated total demands and losses of 1.54 million acre-feet (MAF), and with a 20% SWP Table A Allocation, MET is projecting that demands will meet supply levels in Calendar Year (CY) 2020. Based on this, estimated total dry-year storage for MET at the end of **CY 2020 will remain at approximately 3.1 MAF.**

A projected dry-year storage supply of **3.1 MAF will be the highest amount for MET.** A large factor in the increase in water storage is because **water demands regionally have been at approximately 36-year lows.**





## **ISSUE BRIEF # D**

**SUBJECT: Colorado River Issues**

### **RECENT ACTIVITY**

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#### **Colorado River Basin August 24-Month Study Issued**

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) issued the August 24-Month Study for Colorado River Basin for Water Year 2021. The August 24-Month Study projections of January 1, 2021 reservoir elevations sets the operating tiers for Lake Powell and Lake Mead and is used to project annual release volumes from Lake Powell to Lake Mead. Inflow into Powell is projected to be 8.7 million acre-feet (MAF), 80 percent of average inflow. That inflow would put Lake Powell in the Upper Elevation Balancing Tier, and based on the most probable scenario, trigger a 9 MAF release from Lake Powell. Release volumes may be adjusted downward to 8.23 MAF based on next year's April 24-Month Study. Lake Mead is projected to operate in a Normal/Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) Condition with Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan Contributions and Minute 323 water savings contributions. ICS and system conservation water are also projected to be created.

#### **Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program**

The Paradox Valley Salinity Control Unit (PVU) is one of the original salinity control projects authorized under Title II of the 1974 Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act (P.L. 93- 320, as amended). The PVU is comprised of a series of brine collection wells and a deep injection disposal well that has prevented approximately 100,000 tons of salt per year from entering the waters of the Colorado River until its closure in March 2019 due to seismic activity. Reclamation identified four PVU replacement alternatives in the Draft EIS released on December 6, 2019, including: A) No Action, B) New Injection Well, C) Evaporation Ponds, and D) Zero Liquid Discharge.

Reclamation released the Administrative Draft of the Final EIS on April 17, 2020. A preferred alternative was expected to be identified in the final EIS during the summer of 2020. However, Reclamation has not yet released the Final EIS. The Record of Decision, anticipated to follow shortly after the Final EIS, will officially present the Reclamation's decision on brine disposal at the PVU.

## ISSUE BRIEF # E

**SUBJECT: Delta Conveyance Activities and State Water Project Issues**

### **RECENT ACTIVITY**

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#### **Timeline for Future MET Board Discussions & Actions**

MET staff discussed the cost comparison of recently released cost estimates from the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority 6,000 cfs project in comparison to the 9,000 cfs project alternative at the September 22, 2020 Bay-Delta Committee meeting.

By the end of 2020, the Board will be asked to make a commitment for planning costs for the Delta Conveyance Project for 2021 and 2022. The estimated planning fees are \$160 million to get the project through a draft stage of the environmental reports. Roger Patterson estimated that the MET Board would be asked to cover about \$100 million of those costs. Of note, *The Biennial Budget already includes MET's planned contribution of \$25 million per year for Delta conveyance project planning activities. This in addition to State Water Contract expenditures.*

By the end of 2022, the MET Board will be asked to provide additional funding for continued planning costs. A final decision point on the level of MET's participation in the project is expected to occur in the latter half of 2024.





### **Delta Conveyance**

As part of the effort to formally engage the U.S Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in the Delta Conveyance Project, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) recently submitted a permit application to USACE for Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. During the federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scoping period, stakeholders including the public will have an opportunity to comment on the permit application and EIS. Additionally, DWR is required to get a permit from USACE to identify and address potential impacts to federal flood control projects. To initiate this process, DWR requested and received approval from the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB). This approval allows DWR to engage in early coordination with USACE and the CVFPB during development of the environmental documents. DWR expects decisions on the permit after the CEQA and NEPA processes are complete and the design process has progressed.

DWR adopted the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for soil investigations in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta on July 9, 2020. Soil investigation will include data collection, soil samples and surveys in support of DWR's efforts to better understand the region's geology to support the evaluation of the proposed Delta Conveyance Project. On August 10, the Central Delta Water Agency, the South Delta Water Agency, and the Local Agencies of the North Delta filed a lawsuit in California's Superior Court, Sacramento County against DWR challenging DWR's adoption of the MND.

### **Joint Powers Authorities**

The Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) approved the Biennial Board of Director Officer Appointments and Resolution Updating the Bylaws Regarding Officer Terms, and subsequently appointed officers by motion, at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 16, 2020. The results of the Tunnel Independent Technical Review No. 2 and DCA responses to the review were also presented. The next DCA meeting was held on August 20 where the DCA Board was presented a preliminary cost assessment on the proposed Delta Conveyance Project. The cost information developed at this early stage in



the planning process will be refined over time as planning and environmental review proceeds and more precise design and engineering are available, based on industry standard methodology. Early planning cost assessments, such as the above, include large allowances to account for unknown factors that will have greater definition later in the process. The DCA Board also approved Amendment #3 to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement. This amendment generally relates to the DCA's budget process. Other informational items provided to the DCA board included the DCA Monthly report, updates on the Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SEC), and DCA leadership spotlight which allows DCA team members to be introduced and describe the work they perform.

The Delta Conveyance Finance Authority (DCFA) approved changes to the DCFA's investment policy at its regularly scheduled board meeting on July 16, 2020. The DCFA regularly scheduled August 20 board meeting was cancelled.

The August 26 SEC meeting focused on updated traffic histograms, updates on intake designs, and a briefing regarding a new Delta Conveyance alternative.

### **Sites Reservoir**

On July 28, 2020, Governor Newsom released a final version of the Water Resilience Portfolio, the Administration's blueprint for equipping California to cope with more extreme droughts and floods, rising temperatures, declining fish populations, over-reliance on groundwater and other challenges. Fast-tracking the construction of Sites Reservoir, the off-stream storage facility, was among the elements of the final portfolio.

A Strategic Planning Session Workshop was held on August 13 to engage the Authority Board and the Reservoir Committee on various strategic elements, and to identify and discuss the significant opportunities, challenges and activities that will guide and direct the achievement of the mission and goals. Future work after the workshop will align the activities and milestones, strengthen the organization, and describe process reporting and performance measures. A draft Strategic Plan is scheduled to be delivered in September 2020.

### **Regulatory Activities**

MET staff continues to participate in the newly formed groups called for in the 2019 Biological Opinion for the State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (CVP), and the 2020 Incidental Take Permit (ITP) for Long-term Operation of the SWP, to address science needs for management and operation of the water projects. The Delta Coordination Group is to coordinate the CVP and SWP management for listed species and is currently focused on Delta smelt summer/fall actions. The Longfin smelt Science Program is the new cooperative science technical team to inform the management of Longfin smelt under the 2020 ITP.

### **Science Activities**

MET staff continued participating in the Collaborative Science and Adaptive Management Program, including participation on the Collaborative Adaptive Management Team (CAMT). The August 18 CAMT meeting included an update on the Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Gates action, which is a project to provide increased low salinity habitat for Delta smelt. The

presentation included results from 2019 gate operations and the proposed monitoring and assessment workplan for 2020. CAMT also received an update on the Delta smelt Structured Decision Making project and discussed a proposal to develop a Delta smelt adaptive management framework.

Metropolitan staff continued to participate in the State Water Contractors (SWC) science program. On August 11, the SWC released the “SWC Annual Science Report 2019-2020” ([https://swc.org/wpcontent/uploads/2020/08/Report\\_2019-2020-Annual-Science-Report\\_8.10.20\\_FINAL.pdf](https://swc.org/wpcontent/uploads/2020/08/Report_2019-2020-Annual-Science-Report_8.10.20_FINAL.pdf)). The report highlights the importance of investing in science and research to provide a more reliable water supply for California, and to protect, restore and enhance the Delta ecosystem. The report also highlights accomplishments and areas of scientific research. The SWC invested more than \$2.7 million in science and research efforts in FY 2019/20 which will help develop new management approaches to managing protected species and water supply.

Metropolitan staff also participated in other collaborative Delta science forums to provide input to workplans and studies, including the Delta Independent Science Board, the Delta Regional Monitoring Program, the Interagency Ecological Program Stakeholder meeting and the Delta Science Program Science Needs Assessment Workshop.

### **Delta Flood Emergency Management Plan**

DWR is conducting emergency response exercises to train personnel, test response effectiveness and upgrade Delta emergency preparedness plans. A large-scale emergency exercise is planned in the spring 2021 involving multiple-island failures requiring robust response measures of the Delta Flood Emergency Management Plan (DFEMP), including the emergency freshwater pathway. It is planned as a tabletop exercise requiring preliminary testing in fall 2020 to prepare for a more comprehensive exercise in the spring. DWR is preparing input materials and manuals for the exercise and will use findings to prepare an after-action report and update the DFEMP. In connection with these processes, DWR conducts monthly meetings to review DWR and USACE emergency stockpile inventories and local emergency supplies and machinery for levee breach repairs.

**Summary Report for  
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
Adjourned Board Meeting  
September 15, 2020**

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

The Board:

Adopted Ordinance No. 151, determining that the interests of Metropolitan require the use of revenue bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$500 million to finance a portion of Metropolitan’s capital expenditures and waive the full reading of Ordinance No. 151.  
**(Agenda Item 7-1)**

Adopted the Twenty-Fourth Supplemental Resolution to the Master Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$255 million of Water Revenue Bonds, 2020 Series and 2021 Series, and providing the terms and conditions for the sale and issuance of said Water Revenue Bonds; and approved expenditures of approximately \$780,000 for the payment of the costs of issuance of the Water Revenue Bonds to be paid from bond proceeds or Metropolitan funds. **(Agenda Item 7-2)**

Awarded \$13,419,000 contract to J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. to replace the overhead bridge cranes at all five CRA pumping plants; and authorized an agreement with Chamieh Consulting & Industrial Group, Inc. for technical support, in an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000. **(Agenda Item 7-3)**

Expressed support for Proposition 16, the “Allows Diversity as a Factor in Public Employment, Education and Contracting Decisions” Legislative Constitutional Amendment.  
**(Agenda Item 7-4)**

Adopted the CEQA determination that the proposed action was addressed in prior environmental documentation and authorized the General Manager to execute an amendment to the Agreement with DWR to purchase surface water supplies from Yuba County Water Agency consistent with the key terms outlined in Attachment 1 of the Board Letter and in a form approved by the General Counsel. **(Agenda Item 7-5)**

**OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

**FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE:**

Approved the following recommended cost-containment measures to address the COVID-19 financial impacts as amended:

Continue to track COVID-19 impacts to the member agencies with a focus on retail payment delinquencies. If there is interest from the member agencies, develop a payment deferral program that also exempts penalties or interest for those agencies that record and report

significant delinquencies and likewise grant deferrals to their customers. Bring back any deferral program criteria to the Board for review and consideration; and monitor water demands, sales and expenditures and prepare additional cost-containment measures, as needed, for mid-cycle budget review; and maintain the current rates adopted by the Board to address the impacts of lower water sales and lower revenues while maintaining current credit ratings; and include in the mid-year budget review new revenue generation options including through a groundwater replenishment program; and a moratorium on non-emergency un-budgeted proposals for the remaining part of the fiscal year that have not been anticipated in the budget. **(Agenda Item 8-1)**

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**Regular Board Meeting**

**October 13, 2020**

**12:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, October 13, 2020	
Meeting Schedule	
9:30 AM	L&C
10:30 AM	OP&T
12:00 PM	Board

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**1. Call to Order**

- (a) Invocation: TBD
- (b) Pledge of Allegiance: Director Gloria Cordero,  
City of Long Beach

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Determination of a Quorum**

- 4.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction. (As required by Government Code Section 54954.3(a))

**5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS**

- A.** Report on Directors' events attended at Metropolitan expense for month of September 2020
- B.** Chairwoman's Monthly Activity Report
- C.** Report from Executive Committee on nominations for Board Chair
- D.** Nomination and Election for Board Chair for two-year term effective January 1, 2021

- E.** General Manager's summary of activities for the month of September 2020
- F.** General Counsel's summary of activities for the month of September 2020
- G.** General Auditor's summary of activities for the month of September 2020
- H.** Ethics Officer's summary of activities for the month of September 2020

<b>CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION</b>
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**6. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS — ACTION**

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting for September 15, 2020  
(Copies have been submitted to each Director)  
Any additions, corrections, or omissions
- B.** Approve committee assignments

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION**

- 7-1** Certify the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Right-of-Way and Infrastructure Protection Program for the Western San Bernardino County region and take related CEQA actions; and approve the program for the purposes of CEQA. (E&O)
- 7-2** Award \$276,373 contract to Minako American Corp. for rehabilitation of the wave attenuator at Diamond Valley Lake; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. (E&O)
- 7-3** Award \$1,294,800 contract to Kaveh Engineering & Construction, Inc. for erosion control improvements at Garvey Reservoir; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. (E&O)

- 7-4** Amend the Capital Investment Plan for fiscal years 2020/21 and 2021/22 to include battery energy storage systems at Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plant, Robert A. Skinner Water Treatment Plant, F. E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant, and OC-88 Pumping Plant; and authorize an agreement with Stantec Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$900,000 for design of these facilities; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. (E&O)
- 7-5** Authorize the General Manager to enter into a Contributed Funds Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, funded in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, in support of Metropolitan's Colorado River Aqueduct Federal Reversionary Interest Release Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. (RP&AM)
- 7-6** Appropriate \$5 million, and authorize an amendment to the 2019 Reservoir Project Agreement with the Sites Project Authority to allow for participation in the Sites Reservoir Project Phase 2 Workplan; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. (WP&S)
- 7-7** Approve the Multi-Family Property Toilet Replacement Program; the General Manager has determined that this action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. (WP&S)
- 7-8** Approve implementation of the Flow Monitoring Device Pilot Program; adopt resolution to support Metropolitan's application for United States Bureau of Reclamation grant funding of \$996,300 for a Flow Monitoring Device Pilot Program; authorize the General Manager to accept grant funds, if awarded; and authorize General Manager to enter into contract with United States Bureau of Reclamation for grant funds, if awarded; the General Manager has determined that this proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. (WP&S)

- 7-9** Update on *Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Mojave Water Agency, Coachella Valley Water District, San Geronimo Pass Water Agency and Municipal Water District of Orange County v. California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Water Resources and California Natural Resources Agency*, Superior Court of the County of Fresno Case No. 20CECG01347, and request for authorization to increase maximum amount payable in contract with the Thomas Law Group by \$150,000 to an amount not to exceed \$250,000. The General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. (L&C) **[Posting Separately]**

**[Conference with legal counsel – existing litigation; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]**

- 7-10** 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, Riback, Silver & Wilson, PLC for legal services by \$100,000 to an amount not-to-exceed \$200,000; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA. (L&C) **[Posting Separately]**

**[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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## **8. OTHER BOARD ITEMS — ACTION**

None

## **9. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9-1** Update on Conservation Program
- 9-2** Compliance with Fund Requirements and Bond Indenture Provisions. (F&I)



- 9-3** Review of the Water Stewardship Fund and impacts of the costs of the Board adopted 170,000 AFY goal for the Local Resources Program; review of Metropolitan's future funding commitment to Demand Management. (F&I) **[Posting Separately]**
- 9-4** Regional Recycled Water Program: Institutional and Financial Considerations. (E&O) **[Posting Separately]**
- 9-5** Communications and Legislation Committee Report. **[Posting Separately]**

## **10. OTHER MATTERS**

- 10-1** Department Head Performance Evaluations  
**[Public Employees' performance evaluations; General Manager, General Counsel, and General Auditor, and Ethics Officer; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code 54957.]**
- 10-2** Report on Department Head 2020 Salary Survey
- 10-3** Discuss and Approve Compensation Recommendations for General Manager, General Counsel, General Auditor, and Ethics Officer

## **11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

## **12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

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