

**Summary Report for
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Board Meeting
August 20, 2024**

CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

Approved Commendatory Resolution for Director Judy Abdo representing City of Santa Monica. **(Agenda Item 6B)**

Approved Committee Assignments. **(Agenda Item 6C)**

Director Morris was appointed as a member of the Legislation and Communications Committee.

Director Gold was appointed as a member of the One Water and Stewardship Committee, Finance and Asset Management Committee, and Subcommittee on Long Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling (CAMP4W Task Force).

Director Crawford was appointed as a member of the Engineering, Operations, and Technology Committee, Ad Hoc Committee on Bay-Delta Negotiations, and Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

Authorized on-call agreements with AECOM, RHA LLC, Strategic Value Solutions Inc., and Value Management Strategies Inc., in amounts not to exceed \$1.5 million each, for a maximum period of three years for value engineering and related technical services. **(Agenda Item 7-1)**

Authorized an agreement with Carollo Engineers Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1.3 million to perform owner’s advisor services for progressive design-build delivery of the Lake Mathews Pressure Control Structure and Electrical System Upgrades. **(Agenda Item 7-2)**

Authorized an increase of \$840,000 in change order authority for a new maximum change order authority of \$1,581,025 to an existing contract with Steve P. Rados for the installation of an isolation valve at the Wadsworth Pumping Plant Bypass Pipeline. **(Agenda Item 7-3)**

- a. Adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Inland Feeder-Foothill Pump Station Intertie Project and take related CEQA actions.
- b. Adopted a resolution to accept \$5 million in funding from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to support the Inland Feeder/San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Foothill Pump Station Intertie Project.
- c. Designated the Group Manager of Engineering Services to be the signatory to execute actions related to the funds.

- d. Appropriated \$5 million in funding from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for use on the Inland Feeder/San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Foothill Pump Station Intertie Project. **(Agenda Item 7-4)**

Amended an existing agreement with Procure America Inc. for a new annual maximum amount of \$340,000 per year for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$1.7 million over the term of the agreement for the audit of Metropolitan's telecommunications circuits. **(Agenda Item 7-5)**

Authorized a \$875,000 increase to an existing agreement with Computer Aid Incorporated to a new not-to-exceed amount of \$2,625,000 for staff augmentation support services for the operation and maintenance of the Metropolitan Cybersecurity Operations Center for an additional six months. **(Agenda Item 7-6)**

- a. Approved the draft of Appendix A (Attachment 1) attached to this board letter.
- b. Authorized the General Manager or other designee of the Ad Hoc Committee to finalize, with changes approved by the General Manager and General Counsel, Appendix A.
- c. Authorized distribution of Appendix A, finalized by the General Manager or other designee of the Ad Hoc Committee, in connection with the sale and/or remarketing of bonds. **Agenda Item 7-7)**

Reviewed and considered the Lead Agency's adopted Mitigation Negative Declaration and took related CEQA actions; and adopted resolution for the 115th Fringe Area Annexation to Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan. **(Agenda Item 7-8)**

OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

Authorized the General Manager to enter into: (1) a forbearance agreement with Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District, Palo Verde Irrigation District, and the City of Needles to allow water conserved under the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's conservation program to be added to Lake Mead; and (2) agreements with Imperial Irrigation District and San Diego County Water Authority under Reclamation's conservation program to add water conserved by Imperial Irrigation District to Lake Mead that would otherwise accrue to San Diego County Water Authority. **(Agenda Item 8-1)**

- a. Adopted the Twenty-Sixth Supplemental Resolution to the Master Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$425 million of Water Revenue and Refunding Bonds, 2024 Series, and providing the terms and conditions for the sale and issuance of the Bonds; and
 - b. Approved approximately \$1.2 million for the payment of the costs of issuance of the Water Revenue Bonds to be paid from bond proceeds or Metropolitan funds. **(Agenda Item 8-2)**
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- a. Adopted the resolution establishing the ad valorem property tax rate for fiscal year 2024/25 at 0.007 percent; and
 - b. Directed staff to transmit that resolution to the county auditor-controller, or equivalent, for the levy and collection of the ad valorem property tax. **(Agenda Item 8-3)**

Approved salary increase of 8.25 percent effective June 13, 2024, for Deven Upadhyay as Interim General Manager to reflect the added responsibilities and duties. **(Agenda Item 8-4)**

OTHER MATTERS - REPORT

Inducted Director Mark Gold from the City of Santa Monica

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