

**Summary Report for
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Board Meeting
April 9, 2024**

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

- (a) Certified that the Final PEIR for upcoming projects at the Weymouth plant has been completed in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; certified that the Board has reviewed and considered the information presented in the Final PEIR; certified that the Final PEIR reflects Metropolitan's independent judgment and analysis; and adopted the Findings, the Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
- (b) Awarded three procurement contracts to furnish water quality compliance laboratory equipment for Metropolitan's Water Quality Laboratory, as follows:
- (1) A \$1,512,882 contract to Agilent Technologies to furnish two GC-MS units and two GC-MS/solid phase microextraction units.
 - (2) A \$726,432 contract to SCIEX to furnish one LC-MS unit.
 - (3) A \$665,441 contract to Thermo Fisher Scientific to furnish four ion chromatography units. **(Agenda Item 7-1)**

Adopted the CEQA determination that final design of the Sepulveda Feeder rehabilitation project is within the scope of the certified 2017 Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe Rehabilitation Program and authorized a new agreement with HDR Engineering Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$3 million for final design to rehabilitate PCCP portions of the Sepulveda Feeder. **(Agenda Item 7-2)**

Authorized an increase to an existing agreement with HDR Engineering Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$1,735,000 for design services for the Black Metal Mountain 2.4 kV Electrical Power Upgrades project. **(Agenda Item 7-3)**

Awarded a \$295,562 contract to The Kepler Group Inc. to implement security improvements at the Gene Pumping Plant. **(Agenda Item 7-4)**

Adopted resolution for the 113th Fringe Area Annexation to Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan. **(Agenda Item 7-5)**

Expressed support for broadening Metropolitan's Board priorities to include funding for Delta levee maintenance in the State of California's climate resiliency bond proposals, AB 1567 (Garcia-D) and SB 867 (Allen-D). **(Agenda Item 7-6)**

OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

- (a) Appropriated \$636.48 million for projects identified in the CIP Appendix for FYs 2024/25 and 2025/26; and (b) Authorized the General Manager to initiate or continue work on the capital projects described in the CIP Appendix for FYs 2024/25 and 2025/26, subject to any limits on the General Manager's authority and CEQA requirements. **(Agenda Item 8-1)**

- (a) Approved the draft of Appendix A attached to the board letter (Attachment 1.)
- (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 8-2)

Reviewed and considered Eastern Municipal Water District's five approved Initial Studies/Mitigated Negative Declarations and two Addenda, and take related CEQA actions, and authorized the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program Agreement with Eastern Municipal Water District for the Perris North Basin Groundwater Contamination Prevention and Remediation Program for up to 3,466 AFY of treated groundwater for potable purposes in the Eastern Municipal Water District service area. **(Agenda Item 8-3)**

Reviewed and considered the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority certified Final Environmental Impact Report and two Addenda and take related CEQA actions, and authorized the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program Agreement with Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority for the PURE Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo for up to 5,000 AFY of treated recycled water for potable purposes in the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District service area. **(Agenda Item 8-4)**

Reviewed and considered the Lead Agency's certified Final Environmental Impact Report and take related CEQA actions, and authorized the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program Agreement with the Municipal Water District of Orange County and South Coast Water District for the Doheny Ocean Desalination Project for up to 5,600 acre-feet per year of treated desalinated seawater for potable purposes in the Municipal Water District of Orange County service area. **(Agenda Item 8-5)**

Reviewed and considered the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's certified Environmental Impact Report and Addendum, and take related CEQA actions, and authorized the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program Agreement with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for the Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Project for up to 19,500 acre-feet per year of potable recycled water through groundwater replenishment in the San Fernando Valley. **(Agenda Item 8-6)**

Adopted option #1 as amended to state that Option #1 is based on an assumption of property taxes in an amount estimated to be collected pursuant to a rate of 0.007%, and use of new sources of revenue and attained efficiencies will prioritize replenishment of the full inspection trip program up to \$1.5 million, first, as well as public education and conservation at the discretion of the General Manager. Option 1 also includes the following actions:

Option 1

- (a) Approved the FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26 Biennial Budget with overall rate increases of 8.5 percent in CY 2025 and 8.5 percent in CY 2026, which includes:
 - (i) Appropriation of \$3,453.2 million for Metropolitan O&M and operating equipment, power costs on the Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA), SWC operations, maintenance, power and replacement costs and SWC capital charges, including Delta Conveyance

- Planning costs 1, demand management programs including the local resources and Conservation Program, and costs associated with supply programs, for FYs 2024/25 and 2025/26;
- (ii) a continuing appropriation of \$693.9 million for FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26 for debt service on Metropolitan general obligation and revenue bonds;
 - (iii) bond financing \$48.2 million of the budgeted Conservation Program over the biennium; and,
 - (iv) bond financing \$129.6 million of the budgeted Supply Program over the biennium.
- (b) Authorized the use of \$350 million in operating revenues to fund the Capital Investment Plan for FYs 2024/25 and 2025/26;
 - (c) Determined that the revenue requirements to be paid from rates and charges are \$1,549.5 million in FY 2024/25 and \$1,692.6 million in FY 2025/26;
 - (d) Approved the Ten-Year Financial Forecast, as summarized in Figure 2;
 - (e) Approved water rates and charges effective January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026, as shown in Table 5;
 - (f) Adopted the Resolution Fixing and Adopting Water Rates To Be Effective January 1, 2025, and 2026, in the form of Attachment 5;
 - (g) Adopt the Resolution Fixing and Adopting A Readiness-To-Serve Charge Effective January 1, 2025, in the form of Attachment 6; and,
 - (h) Adopted the Resolution Fixing and Adopting A Capacity Charge Effective January 1, 2025, in the form of Attachment 7;
 - (i) Metropolitan will work with member agency staff and the CAMP4Water Task Force to understand and analyze the treatment surcharge and specifically address issues that arise from that analysis including but not limited to modifying the way the charge is calculated. A final method will be prioritized as part of the new business model discussion and recommended for adoption as soon as possible thereafter but no later than approval of the new business model. **(Agenda Item 8-7)**

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