

**Summary Report for
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Board Meeting
November 14, 2023**

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - ACTION

Authorized professional services agreements with (1) AECOM Technical Services Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$660,000 and (2) CDM Smith Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$475,000 to perform water desalination studies in Metropolitan's service area. **(Agenda Item 7-1)**

Authorized an agreement with General Networks Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$6,609,900 for the implementation of a cloud-based Enterprise Content Management System. **(Agenda Item 7-2)**

Authorized an increase of \$3,100,000 in change order authority for the contract to replace the overhead bridge cranes at the five Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants. **(Agenda Item 7-3)**

(a) Awarded a \$1,244,935 contract to HP Communications Inc. to construct a new fiber optic cable line from Parker Dam to the Gene Pumping Plant, and (b) Authorized an increase of \$176,000 to an existing agreement with HDR Engineering Inc. for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$451,000 for technical support during construction. **(Agenda Item 7-4)**

Authorized the General Manager to extend the Metropolitan/Quechan Tribe Seasonal Fallowing Pilot Program with the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation and farmers within Quechan tribal land, to provide incentives for land fallowing for up to \$864,000 in 2024 and escalated annually through 2026. **(Agenda Item 7-5)**

Expressed support for the 2023 California Resilience Challenge and approve a financial sponsorship of \$50,000 to continue as a Resilience Leader. **(Agenda Item 7-6)**

Authorized an increase of \$200,000/year to a new amount not to exceed \$400,000/year for an existing agreement with WaterWise Consulting Inc. for the Large Landscape and Residential Survey Program. **(Agenda Item 7-7)**

Authorized an increase of \$350,000/year, to a new amount not to exceed \$850,000/year, for an existing agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc. to provide inspection services for turf removal, regional device rebates, and water savings incentive program projects for Metropolitan's conservation rebate programs. **(Agenda Item 7-8)**

Authorized the General Manager to authorize an extension of the 13 contracts to June 30, 2024. Authorized the General Manager to increase the contract amounts to \$449,000 for contracts 184359-04, 184454-02, 184470-04, and 184751-04. **(Agenda Item 7-9)**

Approved the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's salary schedules pursuant to CalPERS regulations. **(Agenda Item 7-10)**

Approved amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to conform to current law, practices, and regulations. **(Agenda Item 7-11)**

Approved amendments to Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code sections 6431 and 6453 to increase the authority of the General Counsel to obtain legal and related services to an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and the General Auditor to obtain professional services to an amount not to exceed \$100,000. **(Agenda Item 7-12)**

(a) Adopted a resolution providing financial assurance for the Colorado River Aqueduct Master Reclamation Plan and established the Metropolitan Reclamation Plan Trust Fund; and (b) Amended Sections 5200 and 5201 of the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to establish the Metropolitan Reclamation Plan Trust Fund. **(Agenda Item 7-13)**

Agenda Item 7-14 Deferred.

Authorized the General Manager to sponsor legislation to amend the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act to eliminate the sunset date to allow Metropolitan to continue operating under its existing master reclamation plan. **(Agenda Item 7-15)**

OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION

Awarded an \$18,840,000 contract to Steve P. Rados Inc. to construct a surge protection facility on the Inland Feeder near the Badlands Tunnel. This project is part of water supply reliability improvements in the Rialto Pipeline service area. **(Agenda Item 8-1)**

Adopted CEQA determination that the proposed action was previously addressed in the adopted 2003 Mitigated Negative Declaration; and awarded a \$16,055,500 contract to Northwest Pipe Company to furnish 12,500 feet of welded steel pipe to rehabilitate a portion of the Lakeview Pipeline. **(Agenda Item 8-2)**

Authorized the General Manager to enter into agreements with Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District, and San Diego County Water Authority to allow water to be added to Lake Mead under Reclamation's LC Conservation Program in 2023. **(Agenda Item 8-3)**

Authorized the General Counsel to opt out of the DuPont and 3M proposed settlements. **(Agenda Item 8-4) (Heard in Closed Session)**

Authorized an increase in maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Internet Law Center, Ltd. in the amount of \$150,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$250,000; and authorize an increase in maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Kronenberger Rosenfeld, LLP in the amount of \$100,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$250,000. **(Agenda Item 8-5)**

Authorized the General Manager to exercise discretion under Administrative Code Section 610(k) to enter into a reopener Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME Local 1902. **(Agenda Item 8-6) (Heard in Closed Session)**

Concurred with the 2023 Long-Range Finance Plan Needs Assessment for planning purposes and to bring it back to the Board in January. **(Agenda Item 8-7)**

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