

**AGENDA**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
IMPORTED WATER COMMITTEE**

APRIL 11, 2019  
1:30 p.m. – Board Room

Keith Lewinger – Chair	Michael Hogan
David Barnum – Vice Chair	Jim Madaffer
David Cherashore – Vice Chair	John Masson
Betty Evans	Ron Morrison
Lois Fong-Sakai	Jose Preciado
Christy Guerin	Elsa Saxod
Matt Hall	Joel Scalzitti

1. Roll call – determination of quorum.
2. Additions to agenda (Government Code Section 54954.2(b)).
3. Public comment – opportunities for members of the public to address the Committee on matters within the Committee's jurisdiction.
4. Colorado River Issues. (Presentation)
5. CLOSED SESSIONS
  - 5-A Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Mark Hattam  
Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)  
SDCWA v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; San Francisco Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510830; CPF-12-512466; CPF-14-514004; CPF-16-515282; CPF-16-515391; CGC-17-563350; CPF-18-516389; California Court of Appeal (1<sup>st</sup> District) Case Nos. A146901; A148266; A154325; California Supreme Court Case Nos. S243500; and S251025
  - 5-B Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Mark Hattam  
Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)  
California Department of Water Resources v. All Persons Interested; Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2017-00215965-CU-MC-GDS; and JCCP 4942

5-C Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Mark Hattam  
Government Code §§54956.9(d)(1)  
Food & Water Watch and Center for Food Safety v.  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and  
All Persons Interested in the Matter; Los Angeles  
Superior Court Case No. BC 720692

V. ADJOURNMENT

Melinda Nelson  
Clerk of the Board

**NOTE:** This meeting is called as an Imported Water Committee meeting. Because a quorum of the Board may be present, the meeting is also noticed as a Board meeting. Members of the Board who are not members of the Committee may participate in the meeting pursuant to Section 2.00.060(g) of the Authority Administrative Code (Recodified). All items on the agenda, including information items, may be deliberated and become subject to action. All public documents provided to the committee or Board for this meeting including materials related to an item on this agenda and submitted to the Board of Directors within 72 hours prior to this meeting may be reviewed at the San Diego County Water Authority headquarters located at 4677 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123 at the reception desk during normal business hours.

April 4, 2019

**Attention: Imported Water Committee**

**Colorado River Issues (Presentation).**

**Purpose**

This report provides an update on Colorado River issues involving the Seven Basin States and the Water Authority.

**Discussion**

For several years, the Colorado River Basin States and United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) have been engaged in the development of a drought contingency plan (DCP) to build elevation in Lake Powell and Lake Mead and reduce the probability of a shortage to Colorado River water users. In recent months, the Upper and Lower Basins have made strides in finalizing the interstate agreements required for their participation in the DCP and advancing proposed federal legislation, required for implementation of the DCP, to Congress. After the March 27 and 28 congressional hearings, the Senate and House of Representatives both introduced bills on the DCP and committed to expediting approval. The goal remains for this work to be complete by April 22, the deadline for providing Mexico the required notice for its Water Scarcity Contingency Plan (WSCP) to go into effect. Both the DCP and WSCP will then be integrated into Reclamation's August hydrology update which sets Colorado River operations for 2020.

On a concurrent path, the Water Authority continues to work on two initiatives pertaining to its Colorado River supplies. As part of the 2003 Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA), the Water Authority has rights to up to 280,000 acre-feet of Colorado River supplies each year from a water transfer with the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) and the lining of the All-American and Coachella Canals. First, the Water Authority continues to work toward storing a portion of these QSA supplies, water from the Carlsbad Desalination Plant, and other future local supply development projects in Lake Mead to help fulfill the objectives of the DCP. Second, the Water Authority continues to evaluate options for delivery of its QSA supplies to the San Diego region. The Water Authority's QSA supplies are currently delivered to the Water Authority service area via an exchange agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California that was recently extended by 10 years, through 2047, to align with the term of the water transfer agreement with IID. The Water Authority continues to evaluate alternative conveyance options as part of its master planning efforts to validate cost effective delivery of these supplies today and into the future.

This presentation will provide an update on the Basin States DCP efforts as well as the Water Authority's initiatives regarding storage in Lake Mead and past and proposed studies of a regional conveyance system.

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