

April 4, 2023

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2023 Salary Resolution 22-0159 to increase the maximum annual compensation permitted for the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors representative to \$200 per meeting attended limited to no more than four meetings per month, inclusive of subcommittee meetings, not to exceed \$7,000 maximum per calendar year. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The City of Long Beach is required to place a director on the Metropolitan Water District (MWD). Unlike other City committees and boards, the Commissioner representing the City on the MWD board and subcommittees devotes about 20 hours per week (almost every week of the year) to MWD-related business, including, but not limited to, board meetings and subcommittee meetings. Salary Resolution 22-0159 caps compensation for the MWD representative at \$1,000 per year.

Due to extensive workload for the Long Beach MWD representative, staff recommends that the maximum annual compensation for said representative's work on the MWD Board be set equal to the maximum annual compensation for meetings of the City's Utilities Commission at \$200 per meeting attended, not to exceed \$7,000 maximum per calendar year. Staff also recommends that MWD Board subcommittee meetings, which are more numerous, more time-consuming and just as important as MWD Board meetings, be added to the list of compensable meetings, to recognize the unique nature of the MWD which performs most of the major work within the subcommittees rather than the full 38 member board, unlike other City committees and boards. Compensation for the MWD representative is limited to four meetings per month, inclusive of Board meetings, subcommittee meetings, or a combination of both.

This matter was reviewed by Financial Management Director Kevin Riper on March 22, 2023, by Deputy City Attorney Taylor Anderson on March 22, 2023, and by Budget Manager Grace H. Yoon on March 9, 2023.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to amend the salary resolution on April 4, 2023 is recommended in order to resolve promptly the compensation oddity described above.

FISCAL IMPACT

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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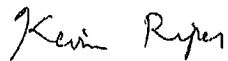
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The total cost of increasing the maximum compensation – from \$1,000 currently, to \$7,000 as recommended – for the Utilities Commission representative to the Metropolitan Water District will not exceed \$6,000 annually (plus required payroll contributions for social security, Medicare and CalPERS). The cost will be funded from the Utilities Department budget in the Water Utility Fund Group. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



KEVIN RIPER
DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER

ATTACHMENT - Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LONG BEACH AMENDING ATTACHMENT "B" OF
RESOLUTION NO. RES-22-0159 KNOWN AS THE SALARY
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach is required to place a director on the
Metropolitan Water District (MWD); and

WHEREAS, unlike other City committees and boards, the Commissioner
representing the City on the MWD board and subcommittees devotes about 20 hours per
week (almost every week of the year) to MWD-related business, including, but not limited to,
board meetings and subcommittee meetings; and

WHEREAS, Salary Resolution 22-0159 caps compensation for the MWD
representative at \$1,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, due to extensive workload for the Long Beach MWD
representative, staff recommends that the maximum annual compensation for said
representative's work on the MWD Board be set equal to the maximum annual compensation
for meetings of the City's Utilities Commission at \$200 per meeting attended, not to exceed
\$7,000 maximum per calendar year; and

WHEREAS, staff also recommends that MWD Board subcommittee meetings,
which are more numerous, more time-consuming and just as important as MWD Board
meetings, be added to the list of compensable meetings, to recognize the unique nature of
the work of MWD which performs most of the major work within the subcommittees rather
than the full 38 member board; and

WHEREAS, compensation for the MWD representative shall be limited to four
meetings per month, inclusive of Board meetings, subcommittee meetings, or a combination
of both; and

1 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
2 follows:

3 Section 1. Attachment "B" of Resolution No. RES-22-0159, adopted on
4 September 6, 2022, is amended as follows:

5 III. MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

6 The compensation rates for members of Boards, Committees, and
7 Commissions established by the City Charter and the City Council and for City
8 representatives to specified bodies are fixed and prescribed by this Subsection III
9 as follows:

10 Except for members of those commissions identified in City Charter Section
11 500, members of Boards, Committees, and Commissions have the option of serving
12 on a City advisory body as a volunteer without compensation or as a volunteer
13 eligible for an expense reimbursement payment not to exceed \$500 per calendar
14 year. Members who chose to serve as a volunteer eligible for an expense
15 reimbursement payment shall only receive said payment at the end of the calendar
16 year after confirmation that the member has complied with the requirements in this
17 Subsection III and that the member has attended a minimum of three (3) meetings
18 in accordance with the requirements in this Subsection III. Expense reimbursement
19 payments are intended to reimburse members of Boards, Committees, and
20 Commissions serving as volunteers for related expenses incurred in the
21 performance of their official duties. Members of Boards, Committees, and
22 Commissions electing to receive compensation on a per meeting basis, as outlined
23 in subsections D-11 through D-16 below, shall not be eligible to receive any
24 payments to reimburse their expenses.

25 Absence in fact from a meeting of a Board, Committee, or Commission, when
26 duly authorized for the purpose of attending a professional conference, meeting, or
27 other official City business, shall not be deemed to be an absence from such meeting
28 for the purpose of this Salary Resolution.

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Board, Committee, or Commission members shall be ineligible to receive any compensation, as fixed and prescribed by this Subsection III, unless and until said member has adhered to the requirements set forth in Long Beach Municipal Code Section 2.18.050.G.

Except as otherwise provided herein, as used in this Subsection III, "meeting" shall mean a congregation of the body at the same time and location, including teleconference locations, to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body, but shall not include the meetings of any subcommittee or other group not containing at least a majority of the members of the body. City Board, Committee, or Commission members may only receive compensation for one (1) meeting per day.

SALARY RANGE

D-11 \$50.00 per member per meeting, not to exceed \$1,000 maximum per calendar year, attended of the following City Council Appointed Committees:

- Belmont Shore Parking and Business Improvement Area Commission (BIAA);
- Board of Examiners, Appeals, and Condemnation;
- Board of Health and Human Services;
- Citizens Advisory Commission on Disabilities;
- Commission on Youth & Families;
- Cultural Heritage Commission;
- Equity and Human Relations Commission;
- Homeless Services Advisory Committee;
- Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach;
- Marine Advisory Commission;
- Pedestrian Safety Advisory Commission;

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- Senior Citizen Advisory Commission;
 - Sustainable City Commission;
 - Technology and Innovation Commission;
 - The Long Beach Community Investment Company;
 - Transactions and Use Tax Citizens Advisory Committee; and
 - Veterans Affairs Commission.
- D-12 \$75 per member per meeting attended of the Airport Advisory Commission, not to exceed \$1,000 maximum per calendar year.
- D-13 \$100 per member per meeting attended of the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, not to exceed \$500.00 per calendar year.
- D-14 \$100 per member per meeting attended of the Economic Development Commission, not to exceed \$1000.00 maximum per calendar year.
- D-15 \$200 per member per meeting, not to exceed \$7,000 maximum per calendar year, attended of the:
- Board of Harbor Commissioners;
 - Utilities Commission;
 - Citizen Police Complaint Commission;
 - City Planning Commission;
 - Civil Service Commission;
 - Ethics Commission;
 - Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission; and
 - Parks & Recreation Commission.
- D-16 \$200 per member per meeting, limited to no more than 4 meetings per month, not to exceed \$7,000 maximum per calendar year, attended by the City representative of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. For purposes of this Subsection D-16 only, "meeting" shall include any subcommittee or other group not containing at least a

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majority of the members of the body.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2023, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk