

Robert Shannon, President  
Gloria Cordero, Vice President



Naomi Rainey, Secretary  
Frank Martinez, Commissioner

Christopher J. Garner, General Manager

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney

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## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **FINISHED AGENDA AND FINAL MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Shannon called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

Chris Garner led the Board and audience in the flag salute.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey, Gloria Cordero and Robert  
**Present:** Shannon

Also Present: Christopher J. Garner, General Manager; B. Anatole Falagan, Assistant General Manager; Tai Tseng, Assistant General Manager; Robert Verceles, Director of Engineering; Lisa Squires, Executive Assistant to the Board of Water Commissioners

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Shannon announced that he will delay the appointment of the Committee members with the exception of the Finance Committee, which will be chaired by Commissioner Martinez and President Shannon as member.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Chris Garner presented the General Manager's report.

## REGULAR AGENDA

1. [22-015WA](#) Recommendation to approve January 6, 2022 Board meeting minutes.

**A motion was made by Vice President Cordero, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey, Gloria Cordero and Robert Shannon

2. [22-016WA](#) Recommendation to review Invitation for a Board sponsorship of the 2022 Urban Water Institute Spring Conference to be held on February 16-18, 2022 in Palm Springs, California.

**A motion was made by Vice President Cordero, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey, Gloria Cordero and Robert Shannon

**AGENDA ITEMS 3-5 WERE APPROVED CONCURRENTLY.**

3. [22-017WA](#) Recommendation to adopt Resolution No. WD-1452 authorizing the General Manager to execute all necessary documents associated with the applications for the State of California Department of Water Resources Fiscal Year 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program for four new well projects.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Vice President Cordero, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey, Gloria Cordero and Robert Shannon

4. [22-018WA](#) Recommendation to adopt Resolution No. WD-1453 authorizing the General Manager to execute all necessary documents associated with the application for the State of California Department of Water Resources Fiscal Year 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program for the El Dorado Duck Pond Restoration Project.

**This WA-Agenda Item was approved.**

5. [22-019WA](#) Recommendation to adopt Resolution No. WD-1455 authorizing the General Manager to sign and file all necessary documents associated with the applications for the State of California Department of Water Resources Fiscal Year 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program for Long Beach Water Department Planning and Feasibility Studies.

**This WA-Agenda Item was approved.**

6. [22-020WA](#) Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to execute the First Amendment to Agreement No. 18-135 to complete the California Coastal Conservancy Climate Ready Round 5 Grant for the Direct Install Garden Pilot Program.

President Shannon requested that Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony review the Agreement to determine that the DIG program and its selection process are within the boundaries of the law and report back to the Commission.

President Shannon also requested a copy of (1) statistics showing participation in the Lawn-to-Garden program is lower in disadvantaged communities and (2) survey indicating that upfront costs were a barrier to participation.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Vice President Cordero, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey, Gloria Cordero and Robert Shannon

7. [22-021WA](#) WITHDRAWN  
~~Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to execute a \$75,000 grant agreement from the United States Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Grants: Small Scale Water Efficiency Projects for the Direct Install Garden (DIG) Pilot Program and for staff to initiate procurement for \$300,000 of services for the DIG Pilot Program.~~

**This WA-Agenda Item was withdrawn.**

8. [22-022WA](#) Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to execute a six (6) month Revocable Facility Use Permit with an option to extend for one additional six (6) month period, with Cora Constructors, Inc., for use of 6,000 sq. ft. of space at Long Beach Water Department-owned property at St. Louis Avenue and 32nd Street, for storage of containers, vehicles, equipment, tools and materials, necessary for construction services provided to the Long Beach Water Department as part of its North Long Beach Collection Main Control Valve Upgrade Project (EO-3435).

**A motion was made by Vice President Cordero, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Frank Martinez, Naomi Rainey, Gloria Cordero and Robert Shannon

9. [22-023WA](#) Receive verbal presentation - Water Supply Update.

**This WA-Agenda Item was received and filed.**

10. [22-024WA](#) Recommendation to receive report of the January 11, 2022 Metropolitan Water District Board Meeting.

**This WA-Agenda Item was received and filed.**

### **CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS**

President Shannon announced that the Finance Committee will be chaired by Commissioner Martinez and President Shannon as member.

Secretary Rainey expressed interest in serving on the Government Affairs Committee rather than the Communications Committee.

President Shannon informed the remaining Committee assignments will be made after a new Commissioner is appointed.

## NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business.

## CLOSED SESSION

11. [22-025WA](#) Pursuant to Paragraph (b) (1) of Section 54957 of the California Government Code regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation: General Manager

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 10:23am.  
The Board reconvened at 10:37am.

## ADJOURNMENT

President Shannon adjourned the meeting in honor of former Councilmember Val Lerch at 10:38am.

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