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The Water Commission is an advisory body to the City Council that meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

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**TORRANCE WATER COMMISSION AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 P.M.
WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AT 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD
TORRANCE, CA 90503**

**WATER COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission Members: Deemer, Jay, Masnek, Mazinani, Stecker, Thomas, and Chair Siani

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday, October 17, 2024.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 15-minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items on the agenda or on topics of interest to the general public. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 1 minute per speaker.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

**6A. Approval of Minutes –
Regular Meeting of August 28, 2024.**

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Matters listed under Administrative Matters are considered separately. Comments by members of the public on each item are limited to a maximum of 1 minute per item. Speakers must stay on topic and confine their comments to the item under consideration.

7A. Guest Speakers and Discussion – Guest Speaker Oral Presentations by Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Chair of the Board, Adan Ortega and Interim MWD General Manager Deven Upadhyay -

Recommendation of the Water Operations Manager that the Water Commission accept and file this presentation

7B. Discussion – Monthly Water Operations Report -

Recommendation of the Water Operations Manager that the Water Commission accept and file this report.

7C. Discussion – Pending Retirement of Russ Lefevre the City’s Representative on the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors -

Recommendation of the Water Operations Manager that the Water Commission accept and file this report.

8. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT MATTERS

8A. Metropolitan Water District Director’s Report

Recommendation of the Water Operations Manager that the Water Commission accept and file this report.

9. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

10. ADJOURNMENT

10A. Adjournment of the Water Commission Meeting to Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room

TO: WATER COMMISSION
FROM: ANDREW DARLAK, WATER OPERATIONS MANAGER
SUBJECT: GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS BY METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD) CHAIR OF THE BOARD, ADAN ORTEGA, AND INTERIM MWD GENERAL MANAGER, DEVEN UPADHYAY

A major priority Metropolitan Water District is working together with all of its 26 member agencies to promote a greater degree of collaboration, participation and engagement on major prospective projects/programs and policy related matters. As part of this commitment to working more closely with its member agencies, the Chair of MWD Board, Adan Ortega, and the Interim MWD General Manager, Deven Upadhyay are attending member agency local agency board and commission meetings to provide updates on major priorities, projects and programs. Some of the most important matters being considered by MWD, in conjunction with its member agencies, include planning for climate adaptation and new challenges and assessing their short and long-term impacts. Current major initiatives include the development the Climate Adaptation Master Plan (CAMP4W), a new long term financial and water rate plan, a new business model and integrated water resource planning. The main purpose of the meeting is to appraise the local agency boards of high priority regional water initiatives and to highlight how MWD can work together with its member agencies to meet current and future challenges, and to gain an understanding of each agency’s unique issues and perspectives.

The CAMP4W is the centerpiece of MWD’s climate adaptation and resiliency planning efforts. Its major objectives are to increase the reliability and sustainability of Southern California’s water supplies, build greater flexibility into regional water supply and storage systems, pursue cost-sharing partnerships, ensure more equitable access to MWD supplies, and collaboratively and collectively build a stronger water future for our region. The climate risks to Southern California’s water resources include extreme drought, reduced snowpack, sea level rise, subsidence, increased flooding events and wildfires, all of which are being addressed in the CAMP4W planning process. This comprehensive planning process provides a framework for making key decisions on investments in regional climate resiliency projects and programs.



Andrew Darlak
Water Operations Manager

Roll Call: _____ Deemer _____ Jay _____ Masnek _____ Mazinani
_____ Stecker _____ Thomas _____ Chairperson Siani

TO: WATER COMMISSION
FROM: ANDREW DARLAK, WATER OPERATIONS MANAGER
SUBJECT: ACCEPT AND FILE MONTHLY WATER OPERATIONS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

It is the recommendation of the Water Operations Manager that the Water Commission accept and file this report.

Monthly Water Department highlights for the month of September 2024 are:

1. Total potable water produced from local potable sources is 80.7% higher than in September 2023. On a year-to-date basis, total potable water is 11.1% higher than last year and total water produced from all sources, including recycled water is 8.7% higher than in 2023.

Water Produced and Imported (Acre-feet)

Month: September

Year to Date: 2023 vs 2024

Water Source	September 2023	September 2024	Change
Potable Groundwater			
Wells*	9.6	367.6	-
WRD Desalter*	346.5	276.0	-20.4%
Subtotal	356.1	643.5	80.7%
Imported Potable			
MWD	1,140.1	1,152.8	1.1%
Imported Recycled			
WBMWD	434.5	389.6	-10.3%
Total Produced/Imported			
All Potable Sources	1,496.2	1,796.3	20.1%
All Sources + Recycled	1,930.7	2,185.9	13.2%

Water Source	2023 YTD	2024 YTD	Change
Potable Groundwater			
Wells	154.8	2,647.6	1610.4%
WRD Desalter	2,595.9	1,816.3	-30.0%
Subtotal	2,750.7	4,463.9	62.3%
Imported Potable			
MWD	10,487.5	10,242.5	-2.3%
Imported Recycled			
WBMWD	3,654.1	3,651.2	-0.1%
All Potable Sources	13,238.2	14,706.4	11.1%
All Sources + Recycled	16,892.2	18,357.6	8.7%

*data estimate based on production reads

2. There were 8 water main breaks for the month of September 2024, compared to 2 in September 2023. Total main breaks for calendar year 2024 are 31 compared to 29 in 2023.
3. The Goldsworthy Desalter is operating at somewhat below capacity to mitigate possible premature well rehabilitation due to over pumping. Our current projection is that the wells will be producing approximately 200 to 300 acre feet (AF) per month. The Water Replenishment District (WRD) continues to work on offsite work for the Desalter expansion project.
4. TMW is in the process of purchasing a permanent blower and scrubber system. We are currently producing water from all 3 wells, including well #9, 10 and 11 on a phased approach. Last month, our production was 368 AF and if sustained, well production at the North Torrance Wellfield would produce approximately 4,500 - 5,000 AFY.



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Roll Call: _____ **Deemer** _____ **Jay** _____ **Masnek** _____ **Mazinani**
 _____ **Stecker** _____ **Thomas** _____ **Chairperson Siani**

TO: WATER COMMISSION
FROM: ANDREW DARLAK, WATER OPERATIONS MANAGER
SUBJECT: PENDING RETIREMENT OF RUSS LEFEVRE THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Russ Lefevre, the City's current representative on the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Board of Directors, submitted an email last week tendering his resignation at the end of this year. However, he indicated he would be willing to temporarily extend his term, if needed, until a new director is appointed.



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