## Summary Report for The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Meeting February 11, 2025

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION**

Approved Chairs and Vice Chairs for the term commencing on February 11, 2025, governance changes to Committees and Committee formation including the modification of Standing Committees and the creation and elimination of Ad Hoc Committees as set in the board letter, and direct staff to bring back the required changes to the Administrative Code for Board approval. (Agenda Item 6B)

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

A. Awarded a \$2,556,478.19 construction contract to MasTec Network Solutions LLC for upgrades to the desert microwave communication tower sites; B. awarded a \$1,531,044 procurement contract to Logicalis Inc. for communications site network equipment; C. authorized an increase of \$591,000 to the agreement with Nokia of America Corporation for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$5,888,000 for network materials and manufacturer's field services; and D. authorized an increase of \$680,000 to the agreement with Hatfield & Dawson Consulting Engineers LLC for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$1,410,000 to provide specialized technical support during construction and commissioning. (Agenda Item 7-1)

Awarded a \$1,931,217 contract to Fencecorp. Inc. for perimeter fencing for housing and playground areas and shade improvements for the playground area at four CRA pumping plant villages. (Agenda Item 7-2)

Authorized an agreement with Computer Aid, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$6 million for comanaged support services for the operation and maintenance of the Metropolitan Cybersecurity Operations Center. (Agenda Item 7-3)

Authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Palo Verde Irrigation District to jointly fund community investment in Palo Verde Irrigation District's service area. (Agenda Item 7-4)

Authorized the General Manager to approve a new three-year agreement with WaterWise Consulting Inc. for the Large Landscape and Residential Survey Program, for a total agreement not to exceed \$200,000/year. (Agenda Item 7-5)

Authorized the General Manager to expand the Bard Seasonal Fallowing Program and amend the System Conservation Implementation Agreement for Bard Seasonal Fallowing Program to increase its program size from 3,000 acres to 6,000 acres for the years 2025 and 2026. (Agenda Item 7-6)

Reviewed and considered the Lead Agency's certified Environmental Impact Report and Initial Study, took related CEQA actions, and adopted a resolution for the 117<sup>th</sup> Fringe Area Annexation concurrently to Eastern Municipal Water District and Metropolitan. (Agenda Item 7-7)

### **OTHER BOARD ITEMS - ACTION**

Authorized the General Manager to execute transfers, exchanges, and other State Water Project management transactions during 2025 and 2026 and grant final decision-making authority to the General Manager subject to the terms set forth in this letter with the understanding that 1) such transactions will only be pursued under conditions when Metropolitan projects adding to or spilling stored supplies accessible by the State Water Project -dependent areas; 2) staff will monitor, evaluate, and report on the efficacy and impacts of this program as it progresses; and 3) an Ad Hoc Committee will be established to provide ongoing oversight and review of this program. (Agenda Item 8-1)

Authorize the execution of lease amendments with existing tenants, D&L Farms, Inc., Dinelli Farms, and Sierra Cattle Company, to extend the term up to two years for Dinelli Farms, Sierra Cattle, and provide D&L Farms with up to a one-year, move-out period while adjusting the rent for all three tenants, thereby allowing the existing tenants to continue farming on Metropolitan's fee-owned property in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, subject to the price and terms direction given in closed session and with temporary tenant replacement and land preservation procedures in the event of tenant default or surrender of land. (Agenda Item 8-2)

Authorized an increase in the maximum amount payable under contract for legal services in Ryan Tiegs v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in the amount of \$300,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$825,000. (Agenda Item 8-3)

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