



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Appointment of City of Glendale Member to the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California

1. Motion appointing an individual to serve on the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Action Item

Approved for November 19, 2024 **calendar**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Glendale needs to appoint a representative to the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California Board of Directors as Councilmember Kassakhian's term will expire on December 31, 2024. The MWD provides water to 19 million people in Southern California and is governed by a 38-member board. The City Council can appoint a member for an indefinite term, a four-year term, or any other term they deem appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoint a representative to serve as a Board Member on the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California.

ANALYSIS

The City of Glendale is actively engaged with various public agencies, joint powers authorities, and committees, with City Council members representing the city on many of these boards. One such agency is the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California.

MWD is a regional wholesaler that delivers water to 26-member public agencies which in turn provides water to 19 million people in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernadino, San Diego, and Ventura counties. MWD is governed by a 38-member Board of Directors who represent their respective member agencies, ensuring each member agency is part of the governance of MWD. The MWD Board is responsible for establishing and administering Metropolitan's policies and upholding the articles in the MWD Act.

MWD's Board of Directors typically meet on the second Tuesday of each month, with various committee meetings occurring on other days. There are no stipends; however, members are reimbursed for travel and mileage to meetings at the standard rate permitted at the time by the Internal Revenue Service (The Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code, Section 6326: Authorized Expenses).

On May 5, 2020, Councilmember Kassakhian was appointed by City Council to serve as the City of Glendale's representative on the MWD Board of Directors. This 4-year term is set to expire on December 31, 2024.

Under MWD Act, City Council has the discretion to appoint a Director to the MWD Board for either an indefinite term, a four-year term which will expire on December 31 of even-numbered years, or for any other term which the Council deems appropriate (Sections 51 and 54 of the Metropolitan Water District Act).

STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH

NA

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)

NA

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

This item is exempt from campaign disclosure requirements.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1) Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS

None