

# BOARD OF WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONERS STANDING AND AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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## AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE

*held quarterly*

Richard Katz, Chair  
Nurit D. Katz, Member

Audit Standing Committee was created by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) to provide ongoing oversight of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) financial reporting, internal controls and audits, and external auditors. The Audit Standing Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities for the integrity of LADWP's financial statements, the effectiveness of LADWP's internal control system and the external auditor's qualifications, independence, and performance. The Audit Standing Committee meets with LADWP's external and internal auditors to ensure if there are concerns with LADWP's financial reporting, operations, contracts, or controls that someone outside LADWP is notified. The Audit Standing Committee hears a summary of the work, findings that require attention, and recommendations, and has the ability to request audits or have a review of specific concerns.

The Audit Standing Committee consists of two members of the Board, appointed pursuant to Rule 23 of the Rules of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners. Representatives of the Chief Financial Officer, the Office of Public Accountability, and the Inspector General are important participants in the meetings, although they are not members and their presence does not affect the quorum of the Committee.

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## EXECUTIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

Richard Katz (Board President), Chair  
George S. McGraw (Board Vice President), Member

The LADWP Executive Standing Committee exists as part of a governance structure and serves to discuss high level executive matters. Topics that fall under the Committee include but are not limited to; oversight of the General Manager, Board office governance and structure, relations with other City of Los Angeles entities, progress with labor Notice of Compliance or other labor matters, detailed technology compliance. Board President and Vice President serve on the Committee.

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INVESTMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

*held annually*

Nurit D. Katz, Chair

Investment Committee has been established by the Board to approve revisions to the Investment Policy, to determine/discuss general investment strategies, and to monitor investment results. LADWP directly manages certain funds, apart from the primary water and power revenue funds, in accordance with a Trust Funds Investment Policy (Investment Policy) based on the California Government Code (Government Code). The Government Code allows local government agencies, such as LADWP, to invest their funds/revenues in a broad array of fixed-income securities.

Investment Committee meetings may include discussions about topics such as:

- 1) the overall economic outlook for the Trust Funds
- 2) the diversification and maturity structure of the current investment portfolio
- 3) potential risks to the Trust Funds
- 4) current status of all authorized brokers and dealers
- 5) the yield/return achieved on the Trust Funds
- 6) future investment strategy.

The Investment Committee shall establish its own rules of procedures, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to it by the Investment Policy or upon motion by the Board. Other required attendees are the City Controller or their designee, the General Manager or their designee and Chief Financial Officer or their designee.

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INYO/LOS ANGELES STANDING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

*held quarterly*

George S. McGraw, Chair

Nurit D. Katz, Member

Los Angeles' groundwater rights in Owens Valley are governed by a stipulated judgment entered in 1991, commonly referred to as the Long-Term Water Agreement (LTWA). Among other things, the LTWA created a Standing Committee to address issues that arise relating to LADWP's groundwater pumping. Other required attendees are the Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee (Councilmember), and Representatives from Inyo County.

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OWENS VALLEY TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

George S. McGraw, Chair  
Nurit D. Katz, Member

The Owens Valley Tribal Engagement Standing Committee is tasked with engaging with Owens Valley tribal leadership on an on-going decision-maker to decision-maker basis respecting the individual sovereignty of each of the Owens Valley Tribes. The Committee is tasked with ensuring that LADWP maintains principles of the Tribal Engagement Policy including; recognizing that Tribes are governments, no one Tribe speaks for another, recognition that respective Tribal laws and ordinances are in effect on all Owens Valley Tribal Lands, commitment to communicating directly and transparently with the Tribes, enhancement of Tribal social, economic and institutional goals, preservation and maintenance of Tribal heritage and to protect culturally significant places and objects from disturbance, theft, and vandalism, commitment to notify appropriate tribally designated representative(s) when cultural artifacts are discovered and will consult with Tribes on their proper and respectful disposition, commitment to consider and review a Tribes' own engagement policy, if provided, before initiating engagement with that Tribe.

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PERSONNEL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

George S. McGraw, Chair  
Mia Lehrer, Member

The Personnel Relations Committee was created as a standing committee to hear grievances that are submitted to the Board by the LADWP Labor Relations Office (LRO) at the final level of the grievance process as agreed upon in the Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the various unions representing LADWP employees. Committee meets as needed whenever grievances are received from LRO.

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RETIREMENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

*2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month*

Wilma J. Pinder, *ex officio*

The Retirement Board for the Water and Power Employees' Retirement Plan (WPERP) has oversight of the Retirement Plan Office. WPERP consists of seven members. Three members as *ex officio*, three elected members, and one member appointed. The *ex officio* members are the General Manager of the Department, the Chief Accounting Employee of the Department, and one Board Commissioner selected by that Commission. Three elected members are active employee members of the system (Water, Power, and Joint) elected by the active employee members. One member is a retired member of the system appointed by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners.

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AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DWP AND PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT  
ALIGNMENT

George S. McGraw, Chair  
Nurit D. Katz, Member

The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on DWP and Public Works Project Alignment was formed to improve coordination between LADWP and Los Angeles Public Works Department on recycled water and other joint projects, including Operation Next and Measure W stormwater capture projects. Other attendees are the designated Public Works Commissioner(s).

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AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EXTREME HEAT RESPONSE AND REFORM

Nurit D. Katz, Chair  
Mia Lehrer, Member

Extreme heat has been identified as the primary climate hazard for Los Angeles and a significant public health risk with disproportionate impacts on disadvantaged communities and communities of color. The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Extreme Heat Response and Reform will focus on collaboration with the LA City Climate Emergency Mobilization Office to encourage LADWP to develop programs and solutions that address extreme heat. Aligned priorities include engagement and education of vulnerable communities and residents, supporting an equitable heat action plan for LA, and adding cooling infrastructure and equitable tree canopy. Existing LADWP programs in this scope include Cool LA and the Hydration Station Initiative Program. The work of this committee will intersect with the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Biodiversity, Access to Nature, and Nature-based Solutions in the use of native trees and plants to reduce heat island effects, and in nature-based water infrastructure projects. The Committee will also inquire into Department infrastructure resilience in extreme heat.

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AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POWER PROCUREMENT OPTIONS

Richard Katz, Chair  
Wilma J. Pinder, Member

The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Power Procurement Options was created in order for the Board to request consideration of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) purchase options before they were rejected by LADWP. Board delegations traditionally require approval before a purchase option is exercised. The delegations do not call for Board review in the situation where LADWP declines to exercise a purchase option. This Committee allows for compliance with Los Angeles Municipal Code section 49.5.11, which prohibits City of Los Angeles Board or Commission members from participating in the contracting process other than in an open meeting.

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AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE SCPA

Richard Katz, Chair  
Wilma J. Pinder, Member

The Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) established in 1980, of which LADWP is a founding member. SCPPA has facilitated joint planning, construction, maintenance, operation, financing, and administration of transmission and generation projects, as well as recently incorporated energy efficiency and distributed resource projects and programs. SCPPA has also assisted with joint advocacy to address regulatory and legislative issues and helped members to comply with State and Federal requirements by providing training, workshops, and external expertise to address the changing regulatory landscape. Increased Board level engagement related to SCPPA activity is vital – particularly due to the rapid transformation taking place within the power utility sector, primarily driven by technological advancements, evolving regulatory frameworks, and shifting customer expectations.

The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on SCPPA has been established to ensure oversight, transparency, accountability, competition, and integrity. Topics that fall under the Committee include but are not limited to; discussions on ensuring the proper adherence to existing SCPPA rules, considering potential modification of SCPPA rules and guidelines, reviewing status of proposed SCPPA reforms including proposed reforms to renewable contracts, and assessing the status of past and present SCPPA contracts.

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AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BIODIVERSITY, ACCESS TO NATURE, AND  
NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS

Nurit D. Katz, Chair  
Mia Lehrer, Member

The health of our watersheds and ecosystems are critical to the long-term viability of water and power for Los Angeles and the health of its residents. The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Biodiversity, Access to Nature, and Nature-based Solutions will focus on developing an overarching policy through a Board motion to ensure that biodiversity and ecosystem health is integrated into Department programs and nature-based solutions are evaluated and employed. The committee will focus on ensuring that LADWP is collaborating with the LA City Biodiversity program and relevant agencies and departments, contributing to the LA City Biodiversity goals and developing a more comprehensive biodiversity action plan, as well as tracking progress on existing goals that were submitted to LA City. By taking a nature-based approach and integrating biodiversity into the utility's core mission, there are also opportunities to increase health and well-being for our customers by increasing access to nature.

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SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY STANDING COMMITTEE  
*held quarterly*

Nurit D. Katz, Chair  
Mia Lehrer, Member

Committee to help drive in achieving the significant sustainability targets LADWP and the City of Los Angeles have committed to, including 100% clean energy and 70% locally sourced water by 2035 - requiring sustained high-level Board and management engagement across the water, power, and joint systems. The Committee will provide oversight of the implementation of these goals as well as LADWP's corporate sustainability practices and policies ranging from supply chain to zero waste to biodiversity. The committee will also ensure the needed collaboration with partner agencies and other organizations.

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FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

*held quarterly*

Richard Katz, Chair  
Wilma J. Pinder, Member

Committee which shall assist the Board on matters relating to financial strategy, ratemaking, capital allocation, liquidity position and the financial policies and activities of LADWP. Committee and meetings include the General Manager the Chief Financial Officer and the Office of Public Accountability.