



The Metropolitan District
water supply · environmental services · geographic information

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026
4:00 PM**

Location

Board Room
District Headquarters
555 Main Street, Hartford

Dial in #: (415)-655-0001
Access Code: 2308 196 3616 #

[Meeting Video Link](#)

Commissioners

Anderson	Healy
Avedisian	Johnson
Bazzano (C)	Magnan
Buell	Tierinni
Currey (Ex-Officio)	Torres
Gardow (VC)	Woulfe

Quorum: 6

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**
- 3. INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE COMMENTS & QUESTIONS
RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2026**
- 5. CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: ADDITION OF WATER
ORDINANCE § W1G RESERVED SAFE YIELD AGREEMENTS**
- 6. CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: REVISION OF BYLAW §
B6D DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**
- 7. OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 8. COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
ADDITION TO DISTRICT WATER ORDINANCES**

To: Committee on MDC Government for consideration August 11, 2026

District staff, through the Office of District Counsel, submits the following ordinance addition to The Metropolitan District Water Ordinances for consideration by the Committee on MDC Government.

WATER SUPPLY ORDINANCES:

§ W1g “Reserved Safe Yield Agreements”

[NEW ORDINANCE] - SEC. W1g RESERVED SAFE YIELD AGREEMENTS

Any agreement entered into by the District with any water company, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 25-32a, a municipality, or other entity, that provides water outside the District’s exclusive service area and includes provisions reserving any portion of the District’s water supply safe yield for the benefit of such water company, municipality or other entity, shall require payment of a rate established by the District Board, which shall be known as the “Reserved Safe Yield Rate”. The Reserved Safe Yield Rate shall apply to any unused portions of contracted available daily quantities. The Reserved Safe Yield Rate shall not apply to quantities of treated water actually purchased or within the take-or-pay minimum of the water company, municipality or other entity.

The District Board shall establish the Reserved Safe Yield Rate based on the calculated budgetary cost for the maintenance and protection of its water supply reservoir system. The Reserved Safe Yield Rate shall be a fixed rate per million gallons per day of water which rate may be modified annually by the District Board. The Reserved Safe Yield Rate shall be applied to the difference between the contracted safe yield quantity and the annual average daily water purchased.

The primary function of the District’s safe yield is to ensure an adequate supply of water for customers within the District’s established service area. The District shall reserve a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) in addition to the existing water usage within the District’s service area for future use. Safe yield assignments and reserves shall be reviewed by the District Board prior to the District entering any new water supply contracts which include reserved safe yield.

This ordinance shall not apply to any agreement in effect as of the effective date of this ordinance but shall apply to any future renewal or amendment of any such agreement.

At a meeting of the Water Bureau held on March 2, 2026, the Water Bureau recommended that the new Water Supply Ordinance, § W1g “Reserved Safe Yield Agreements,” be referred to the Committee on MDC Government. At a meeting of the Committee on MDC Government held on May 28, 2026, the addition of new Water Supply Ordinance § W1g “Reserved Safe Yield Agreements” was referred to a Public Hearing.

A public hearing regarding the addition of new Water Supply Ordinance § W1g “Reserved Safe Yield Agreements” was held on July 13, 2026.

Therefore, it is **RECOMMENDED** that it be

VOTED: That the Committee on MDC Government recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the following addition to The Metropolitan District Water Ordinances be adopted, effective October 1, 2026, as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

Victoria S. Escoriza

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**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
REVISION OF BYLAW § B6d “DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST”**

To: Committee on MDC Government for consideration on August 11, 2026

On May 4, 2026, the District Board referred MDC Bylaw § B6d “Disclosure of Interest” to the Committee on MDC Government.

On May 28, 2026, the Committee on MDC Government referred to District Counsel the revision of MDC Bylaw § B6d “Disclosure of Interest”. District Counsel recommends the below revisions:

B6d DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

No officer, Commissioner, Citizen Member or employee shall engage in or participate in any business or transaction, including outside employment with a private business, or pursue an interest, directly or indirectly, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of his or her official responsibilities in the public interest or which would tend to impair his or her independent judgment or action in the performance of official responsibilities.

If any officer, Commissioner, Citizen Member or employee has a personal interest, or a member of his/her immediate family has a financial or personal interest, in any matter coming before, or which has been before, the District Board, or any of its Bureaus, Commissions or Committees, or if there is any matter, the consummation of which is incompatible with the proper discharge of official duties, such officer, Commissioner, Citizen Member or employee shall so advise such body. If such officer, Commissioner, Citizen Member or employee is a member of such body, he or she shall refrain from voting upon or otherwise participating in the consideration of such matter or any determination in connection therewith by such body, and shall not be present at any executive session of such body at which such matter is considered. Notwithstanding the prohibition in subsection (a), such officer, Commissioner, Citizen Member or employee may vote or otherwise participate in a matter if it involves a determination of general policy and the interest is shared with a substantial segment of the population of the municipality; provided, in the case of a Commissioner, said Commissioner shall not preside over any meeting or hearing involving such matter.

On or before January 31 of each year, or within thirty (30) days of appointment and on or before January 31 of each year thereafter, each Commissioner and Citizen ~~m~~Member shall file a completed and executed an acknowledgment of the “Code of Ethics and Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interests” statement, on a form approved by the District Board and ~~to be~~ provided by the Office of District Counsel. The executed form may be submitted to the District Clerk either in original form or electronically as signed or with an electronic signature. In the event a Commissioner or Citizen Member is unable to timely complete and file the requisite form, he or she may request an extension of time to file with the District Chair, who, for good cause shown as determined by the District Chair in his or her sole discretion, may grant an extension of time to file to any such Commissioner or Citizen Member.

The statement shall include the following information regarding the individual required to file the statement and the individual's immediate family:

- (1) A disclosure of any business transaction with the District;
- (2) The disclosure of any business or family relationship with any Commissioner, Citizen Member, officer or employee of the District;
- (3) The disclosure of any family relationship with any third-parties having a business relationship with the District (i.e., a family member acting as an officer, employee or member of third-party);
- (4) A ~~statement~~affirmative attestation that the Citizen Member or Commissioner is in full compliance with all eligibility requirements for said office;
- (5) A broad statement of disclosure of any other known potential conflicts of interest.

The statement filed pursuant to this section shall be a matter of public information. ~~Any individual who is unable to provide information required under the provisions this section by reason of impossibility may petition the Ethics Advisory Board for a waiver of the requirements.~~ Any individual who fails to file the statement of financial interests or other information as required by this section and is found by the Ethics Advisory Board to be in violation of this section, shall be reported to the District Board and to their respective appointing authority for possible action, which may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Recommendation to the relevant appointing authority that the individual not be reappointed upon the expiration of their term of office;
- b. Removal of the individual from membership on all boards, committees, bureaus, and subcommittees of the District, with the exception of the District Board of Commissioners; and
- c. Issuance of a formal censure of the individual.

Therefore, it is **RECOMMENDED** that it be

VOTED: That the Committee on MDC Government recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the following revision to The Metropolitan District's Bylaws be adopted as follows:

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**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
SPECIAL MEETING**

555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Thursday, May 28, 2026

PRESENT: Commissioners John Avedisian, John Bazzano, Peter Gardow, Gary Johnson, Christopher Tierinni and District Chairman Donald Currey (6)

REMOTE

ATTENDANCE: Commissioner James Healy (1)

ABSENT: Commissioners Kyle Anderson, Avery Buell, Maureen Magnan, Calixto Torres and James Woulfe (5)

ALSO

PRESENT: Commissioner John Avedisian
Commissioner Richard Bush
Commissioner William DiBella
Commissioner Petrel Maylor
Commissioner Pasquale Salemi (Remote Attendance)
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Brendan Fox, Assistant District Counsel
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Systems (Remote Attendance)
Dave Ruddy, Director of Operations
Victoria Escoriza, Assistant Administrative Officer and Special Assistant
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Kevin Sullivan, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Matthew McAuliffe, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Elizabeth Tavelli, Independent Consumer Advocate (Remote Attendance)
Janice Flemming-Butler, Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC
Mike Crist, Levin, Paolino & Christ Government Relations Consulting, LLC

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bazzano called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

**INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**

Independent Consumer Advocate Elizabeth Tavelli asked about the proposed new ordinances “Reserved Safe Yield Agreements” and inquired on how the MDC arrived at the 15% number.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Gardow and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of April 22, 2026 were approved.

END OF 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Brendan Fox provided a report on the 2026 legislative session.

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
REFERRAL OF PROPOSED NEW WATER ORDINANCE W1g TO PUBLIC
HEARING**

To: Committee on MDC Government

May 28, 2026

At a meeting of the Water Bureau on March 2, 2026, the Water Bureau recommended that the attached new Water Supply Ordinance § W1g “Reserved Safe Yield Agreements” be adopted.

It is recommended that it be:

Voted: That the Committee on MDC Government approve the following resolution:

Resolved: That the District Clerk schedule a public hearing for the attached draft new Water Supply Ordinance § W1g “Reserved Safe Yield Agreements.”

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Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

On motion made by District Chairman Currey and duly seconded, the proposed new water ordinances § W1g “Reserved Safe Yield Agreements” was referred to public hearing.

REVISION OF BYLAW § B6d “DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST”

Without objection, Chairman Bazzano asked District Counsel to draft language to revise Bylaw § B6d “Disclosure of Interest” based on language from District Chairman Currey and Commissioner Tierinni and bring it back to the Committee on MDC Government for consideration.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval