

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
**MARCH 27, 1992**

**39523** The Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met in Special Meeting in the Board Room located in the Building at 1111 Sunset Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles, State of California, on Friday, March 27, 1992.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Krieger at 10:17 a.m.

Chairman Krieger announced that this is a Special Meeting of the Board and discussion, comments, and actions are necessarily confined to only those items listed on the Notice of Meeting.

**39524** Secretary Killefer called the roll. Those answering present were: Directors Barker, Brandt, Brick, Ferguson, Gage, Garcia, Hill, Ibbetson, Killefer, Knauft, Krieger, Kymla, Lowry, Malburg, Mason, Maulding, McMurray, Milne, Murph, Reed, Rez, Roth, Scott, Shaw, Stamper, Stickney, Stuart, Ward, Webster, and Wysbeek.

Those not answering were: Directors Abernethy, Blake, Boen, Brewer, Davenport, Foley, Goldsworthy, Griffen, Jones, Kazarian, Krauel, Kussman, Madigan, Miller, Morris, O'Neil, Starkey, Stelle, Watkins, Witt, and Young.

The Chair declared a quorum present.

**39525** Chief of Operations Singer gave a slide-illustrated presentation of the improved water supply conditions throughout the State and particularly in Southern California.

39526 Assistant General Manager Georgeson referred to the General Manager's letter dated March 27, 1992, reporting that the continued storm activity has improved the level of storage in Lake Oroville and San Luis Reservoir, as well as reservoir storage in Southern California. Consequently, it is being recommended that, effective April 1, Stage I of the Incremental Interruption and Conservation Plan be implemented, with a reassessment of conditions in September 1992 to determine what the appropriate stage should be at that time.

Director Killefer stated Metropolitan is experiencing a reduction in water sales, resulting in a greater drawdown of the Water Rate Stabilization Fund than projected. The projection for fiscal year 1992-93 has been that there will be \$70 million available from the Water Rate Stabilization Fund, but due to current conditions that amount will be substantially reduced. He cautioned the Board to act in a fiscally responsible manner and establish realistic water rates.

Director Reed pointed out that it is premature to take any action before the April 1 readings of the condition of the snowpack, when the final calculations of the runoff will be available. She pointed out that going to Stage I of the IICP sends the wrong message to the consumer regarding the need for continued water conservation efforts.

Director Ward agreed that Stage I is the appropriate stage, but in conjunction with a disincentive program to ensure the conservation effort will continue.

Director Wysbeek asked if the Emergency Drought Water Bank still is a factor in Metropolitan's supply of water. Assistant General Manager Georgeson advised that at the February Meeting, the Board authorized staff to purchase 100,000 acre-feet of water from the Bank. In light of the rapidly changing conditions, and the future uncertainty in the water supply, Metropolitan transmitted a \$200,000 check to the Department of Water Resources for the purchase of 10,000 acre-feet from the Water Bank.

Director Shaw withdrew from the Meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Director Ibbetson moved, seconded by Director Murph and carried, that Stage I of the Incremental Interruption and

Conservation Plan be implemented effective April 1, 1992, as recommended in the General Manager's letter dated March 27, 1992.

Director Reed requested to be recorded as voting no.

The Board commended the consumers for their outstanding response to the need for conservation. General Manager Boronkay stated that conservation will continue to be necessary and is factored into the calculations projecting future water needs. Efforts will continue to keep the public informed and educated about the need to conserve water.

Directors Brandt, French, Scott, Stickney, Webster, and Wysbeek withdrew from the Meeting at 11:24 a.m.

**39527** Assistant General Manager Georgeson summarized the contents of the General Manager's letter dated March 25, 1992, reporting there may be an opportunity, due to the improved water supply conditions, to store approximately 10,000 acre-feet of water under existing interim agreements in the Arvin-Edison/Metropolitan Water Storage and Exchange Program.

**38528** Vice Chairman Garcia moved, seconded by Special Legislative Committee Chairman Barker and carried, adopting the recommendations approved by the Executive Committee and the Special Committee on Legislation, as follows:

1. The Board expressed opposition to SB 1900 (McCorquodale) which would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to limit, condition and otherwise restrict water rights through the issuance of "interim relief orders" as set forth in the General Manager's letter dated March 25, 1992.

2. The Board expressed support for the passage of AB 2882 (Tanner) which would facilitate efforts by several water agencies, including Metropolitan, to prevent expansion of the Azusa landfill, as set forth in the General Manager's letter dated March 25, 1992.

3. The Board expressed support for SB 1679 (Russell), if amended, as a constructive effort to find a workable process for developing and implementing an effective program for cleaning up groundwater contamination in the San Gabriel Basin, if amended, as required for consistency with Metropolitan's proposed conjunctive use program and for improving cooperation within the Basin, as set forth in the General Manager's letter dated March 26, 1992.

4. The Board expressed opposition to SB 1697 (Royce), unless amended, to delete the provision eliminating the Colorado River Board, as set forth in the General Manager's letter dated March 24, 1992.

5. The Board expressed support for AB 3111 (Polanco), a bill which would permit agencies to purchase desalinated water at their discretion.

39529 There being no objection, the Chair adjourned the Meeting at 11:29 a.m.

  
SECRETARY

  
CHAIRMAN