

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DESALINATION AND RECYCLING

May 24, 2011

Chair Blake called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Blake, Directors Bowersox, Dick, and Morris.

Members absent: Directors Little and Lowenthal.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Foley, Directors Ackerman, Brick, Brown, Camacho, Edwards, Grandsen, Gray, Griset, Hawkins, Heidel, Lewinger, Peterson, Record, Steiner, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Bennion, Chavez, DeBacker, Green, Harding, Hui, Johnson, Kightlinger, Lalla, Man, Mokhtari, Muir, Philp, Riss, Scully, Sotoodeh, Teitz, Upadhyay, Von Haam, and Velasco.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

Ron Davis, Executive Director of CalDesal, and Shawn Dewane, Chair of Cal Desal's Executive Committee, presented Metropolitan with an award for being a founding member of Cal Desal. Chair Blake and Jeff Kightlinger, General Manager, accepted the award.

Mr. Davis gave a presentation entitled, "Water Desalination and Salinity Management in the Golden State". His presentation discussed Cal Desal's mission statement, strategic/business plan, statewide advocacy, and the State Water Resources Control Board pending desalination and brine policy decisions.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
DESALINATION AND RECYCLING MEETING HELD JUNE 22, 2010**

Approved

Moved: Morris Seconded: Bowersox

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Desalination within Metropolitan's Service Area

Robert Harding, Manager, System Analysis Unit gave a presentation on the benefits of seawater desalination, the status of local seawater desalination projects, upcoming milestones in the Metropolitan's seawater desalination incentive agreements with the member agencies, the West Basin Integration Study, IRP adaptive management actions, regional system integration considerations, and an integration practices survey. He reviewed Metropolitan's water quality study plan, as well as seawater desalination costs, energy requirements, regulatory issues, and long term strategy development. Directors and staff discussed the pending West Basin technical studies, costs, and the status of the Carlsbad desalination plant.

- b. Subject: Local Resources Program Update

Ray Mokhtari, Senior Engineer, Regional Supply Unit, gave a presentation on the Local Resources Program (LRP). He discussed the LRP deliveries, the program's history, financial incentives, program costs, the LRP Task force that was formed in 2006, and the 2007 program status which included approved and under review projects. The presentation also covered the Local Resource Development Strategy Task Force, and that task force's discussion topics. Directors and staff discussed current deliveries as well as future deliveries if all contracts were in place, LRP future investments, how the LRP adapts over time, and checks and balances.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

James Blake
Chair