

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

July 11, 2011

Chairman De Jesus called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chairman De Jesus and Vice Chair Wright, Directors Brick, Brown, Dick, Edwards, Fleming, Gray, Griset, Lewinger, Lowenthal, Morris, Peterson, Record, and Steiner.

Members absent: Directors Ackerman, K. Murray, and Quinonez.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Foley, Directors Ballin, Barbre, Blake, Bowersox, Evans, Grandsen, Grunfeld, Little, J. Murray, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Arakawa, Bennion, Bodnar, Correa, Donhoff, Goshi, Hasencamp, Hirsch, Kightlinger, Kunysz, Man, Morel, Neal, Neudeck, Patterson, Philp, Riss, Roberts, R. Ryan, T. Ryan, Scully, Sencion, Upadhyay, and B. Yamasaki.

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

None

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE HELD JUNE 13, 2011

Approved

Moved: Steiner Seconded: Peterson

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-2 Subject: Authorize payments of \$537,728 for support of the Colorado River Board and Colorado River Authority of California for fiscal year 2011/12

Presented by: Thomas J. Ryan, Resource Specialist, Imported Supply Unit

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and, by a two-thirds vote, authorize the General Manager to make payment of up to \$537,728 for the Six Agency Committee and the Colorado River Authority of California for FY 2011/12.

Motion Carried: Approved

Moved: Peterson Seconded: Morris

Mr. Ryan gave a presentation on Metropolitan's annual payment to cost share the funding of the Colorado River Board and Colorado River Authority of California.

Staff responded to questions regarding replacement of the General Manager at the Colorado River Board and also regarding the possibility of the agency's elimination.

8-3 Subject: Authorize amendment to existing water exchange agreement with Mojave Water Agency to store State Water Project supplies

Presented by: James D. Bodnar, Sr. Engineer, Imported Supply Unit

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and authorize the General Manager to execute agreements with the Mojave Water Agency and the Department of Water Resources, as appropriate, for the storage of Metropolitan's State Water Project supplies consistent with the terms described in the board letter and Attachment 1.

Motion Carried: Approved

Moved: Griset Seconded: Morris

James Bodnar gave a presentation on the proposed amendment to the existing water storage agreement with Mojave Water Agency.

Staff responded to questions concerning maximum annual take from the new program, and the benefits of the agreement to Mojave Water Agency.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-2** Subject: Update on Water Supply Allocation Plan Three-Year Review Process

Presented by: Brandon J. Goshi, Manager, Resource Analysis Unit

Mr. Upadhayay provided brief background information and introduced Mr. Goshi.

Mr. Goshi gave a presentation on the Water Supply Allocation Plan's (WSAP) three-year review process. Working groups comprised of staff and member agency managers have identified key issues for discussion. There is general support by member agency managers for the policy principles of the plan. Mr. Goshi also discussed an exit strategy for the plan.

Staff responded to questions regarding the proposed WSAP exit strategy, adjustment to the plan regarding the growth adjustment and base period.

- 9-3** Subject: Review of in-region contractual groundwater storage programs.

Presented by: Kathleen M. Kunysz, Program Manager, Groundwater Storage Issues

Ms. Kunysz gave a presentation on Metropolitan's overall Groundwater Storage Programs in its service area with member agencies.

Staff responded to comments regarding usage of terms for groundwater storage programs and conjunctive use programs, availability of Proposition 13 funds, delivery of raw water to interested member agencies for Conjunctive Use Program.

Other discussion comments included the status of groundwater basins including levels and available storage capacity, the status on the development of the Raymond Basin Conjunctive Use Program, addressing groundwater basins in Southern California, and record keeping in the operating committees for conjunctive use agreements.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

None

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Bay-Delta Matters

Mr. Roger Patterson provided an update on Bay-Delta matters discussing three areas: Delta Stewardship Council preparation for Delta Plan, ongoing public meetings, and an upcoming update of funding needs for preparation of Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and the associated environmental documents.

Mr. Patterson responded to questions regarding Westlands position on participating and funding BDCP, differences in versions of draft 3 and draft 4 of the Delta Plan, and Agriculture Urban Coalition Alternate Plan's reception by the Delta Stewardship Council.

b. Colorado River Matters

Mr. Bill Hasencamp provided an update on the Colorado River Board issues discussing snowpack levels in the Colorado River Basin, and Lake Powel and Lake Mead storage levels. He also discussed Metropolitan's land following call with Palo Verde Irrigation District, Imperial Irrigation District's centennial, and staffing changes on the Colorado River Board.

Mr. Hasencamp responded to questions regarding draws on Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) water and agriculture contracts.

c. Water Resource Management Manager's Report

Mr. Upadhyay presented an oral report on activities in Water Resource Management.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on August 15, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

David De Jesus
Chair