

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

August 15, 2011

Chairman De Jesus called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

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

Members absent: Directors Lewinger, Lowenthal, Morris, and K. Murray.

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

Staff present: Arakawa, Bennion, Carillo, G. Chan, Correa, DeBacker, Donhoff, Fandialan, Green, Hasencamp, Hirsch, Kightlinger, Man, Morel, Muir, Neal, Neudeck, Patterson, Philp, Riss, R. Ryan, Schaffer, Scully, Sencion, Stites, Upadhyay, Vanderhorst, Waade, and E. Wong.

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

Chair De Jesus postponed the public speaker until agenda item 8-7 was reached.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE HELD JULY 11, 2011

Approved

Moved: Steiner Seconded: Record

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-4 Subject: Authorize amendment to agreement with California Department of Water Resources to streamline future purchases of water transfer supplies from Yuba County Water Agency.

Presented by: Steve Hirsch, Program Manager, Water Transfer/ Exchange Issues

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and authorize the General Manager to execute an amendment to the Agreement with DWR to streamline

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

9-1 Subject: Report on Local Resources Development Strategy Task Force

Presented by: Tim Blair, Program Manager, Water Use Efficiency

Mr. Blair gave a presentation on the progress of the Local Resources Development Strategy.

Staff responded to comments regarding costs, staff's role in administrative and technical support for recycling programs in planning, financing, and addressing regulatory barriers and standards.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Report on the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Plan

Mr. Upadhyay gave background information and introduced Joseph Vanderhorst, Sr. Deputy General Counsel.

Mr. Vanderhorst gave an update on the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Plan.

Catherine Stites, Sr. Deputy General Counsel, also discussed the status of the program implementation.

Mr. Kightlinger explained the challenges of restoring and measuring performance of an aquatic habitat including the impacts and the benefits to the species. Staff responded to comments regarding the invasion of the tamarisk beetle, examples of participation and costs contribution from other entities.

b. Preliminary Comparison Analysis of Metropolitan and Member Agency Urban Water Management Plans

Edgar Fandialan gave a report on the preliminary comparison analysis of Metropolitan's and member agencies urban water management plans.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Bay-Delta Matters

Roger Patterson, Assistant General Manager, gave an update on Bay Delta activities. He reported a public meeting on the Bay Delta Conveyance Plan was recently held in Sacramento. The fifth draft of the Delta Plan was released on August 2, 2011.

b. Colorado River Matters

Mr. Bill Hasencamp reported that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation recently issued an operational study. He will discuss study results and impacts to Metropolitan in September.

c. Water Resource Management Manager's Report

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

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Chair De Jesus reviewed the requests made by directors at today's meeting.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on September 12, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

David De Jesus
Chair