

# **THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

## **MINUTES**

### **REAL PROPERTY AND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

July 26, 2011

Real Property and Asset Management Committee Chair Hawkins called the meeting to order at 11:26 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Committee Members present: Chair Hawkins, Directors Grunfeld, Little, Record, and Wunderlich

Members absent: Vice Chair Grandsen, Directors Heidel and K. Murray

Other Board Members present: Directors Ackerman, Blake, Bowersox, Brick, Camacho, Edwards, Evans, Morris, Peterson, and Wright

Staff present: Bennion, Clairday, DeBacker, P. Fowler, Gibbs, J. Green, Hicks, Hom, Ivey, Kightlinger, Knudson, T. Lee, N. Luna, Man, Riss, Scully, Sotoodeh, Upadhyay, Wicke, and E. Young

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

Amanda Beck of First Solar expressed her appreciation to Metropolitan's staff in being supportive of their 550 megawatt photovoltaic solar farm project. She stated if item 8-3, authorize entering into a long-term agreement with Desert Sunlight for future power line crossings, was approved today, it would give First Solar a license to use Metropolitan-owned land for this project. She indicated the proposed project would produce enough power to provide clean, green renewable energy for 160,000 California homes.

Ralph Nunez of the city of Riverside spoke in regard to item 8-2, consider offer for the purchase of Metropolitan's 83.6-acre Box Springs Feeder right-of-way. He stated the city and county of Riverside are very interested in acquiring this property due to its recreational value.

Jane Block of Riverside Land Conservancy also spoke in regard to item 8-2. She stated the Box Springs feeder has support from the city and county of Riverside. She thanked

the Board members for their past actions in Riverside benefitting the environment and the recreation with the Santa Rosa Plateau and the Diamond Valley Lake recreational area.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REAL PROPERTY AND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD JUNE 28, 2011**

Approved

Motion: Director Grunfeld

Seconded: Director Wunderlich

**3. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

**8-1** Subject: Adopt policy principles for managing Metropolitan's real property assets and amend Administrative Code

Presented by: Ralph Hicks, Manager  
Real Property Development and Management Group

Motion: Adopt policy principles for managing Metropolitan's real property assets and amend the Administrative Code.

Motion carried: Moved: Wunderlich

Seconded: Record

Mr. Hicks presented information on long-term leasing and third party use of Metropolitan's property. He explained that all real estate transactions will be reported to the Board on a quarterly basis and third party use shall be compatible with Metropolitan's operations.

**8-2** Subject: Consider offer for the purchase of Metropolitan's 83.6-acre Box Springs Feeder right-of-way in city and county of Riverside

Presented by: Jill Wicke, Assistant Manager  
Real Property Development and Management Group

Motion: Consider offer for the purchase of Metropolitan's 83.6-acre Box Springs Feeder right-of-way in city and county of Riverside.

Motion carried: Moved: Record

Seconded: Wunderlich

In closed session, the committee voted to adopt the CEQA determination and accept the city and county of Riverside's offer of \$600,000 for the purchase of Metropolitan's 83.6-acre Box Springs Feeder right-of-way.

**8-3** Subject: Authorize entering into a long-term agreement with Desert Sunlight for future power line crossings of Metropolitan's property near Eagle Mountain in Riverside County

Presented by: Jill Wicke, Assistant Manager  
Real Property Development and Management Group

Motion: Authorize entering into a long-term agreement with Desert Sunlight for future power line crossings of Metropolitan's property near Eagle Mountain in Riverside County

Motion carried: Moved: Record

Seconded: Grunfeld

In closed session, the committee voted to adopt the CEQA determination and authorize entering into a long-term agreement with Desert Sunlight for power line crossings of Metropolitan's property near Eagle Mountain in Riverside County.

**4. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

None

**5. MANAGEMENT REPORT**

None

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Phillip Hawkins  
Chair