

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

**September 12, 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 Ackerman, Brick, Brown, Dick, Edwards, Fleming, Gray, Griset, Lewinger, Lowenthal, Morris, Peterson, Record, and Steiner.

Members absent: Directors, K. Murray and Quinonez.

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

Staff present: Arakawa, Bennion, Correa, DeBacker, Goshi, Green, Hasencamp, Kightlinger, Kules, Man, Morel, Neal, Patterson, Philp, Riss, Roberts, R. Ryan, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Sencion, Upadhyay, Velasco, von Haam, Waade, E. Wong, B. Yamasaki, and Zinke.

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

Mr. William Selig, President, Institute of Engineering Sciences, announced his recent appointment to District 24 Water Committee on agriculture, natural resources, and energy.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE HELD AUGUST 15, 2011**

Approved

Moved: Edwards                      Seconded: Fleming

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None



## **5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

**9-2** Subject: Update on Replenishment Program

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

Mr. Goshi provided an update on the progress and process for reviewing the Replenishment Services Program.

Director Lewinger went on record by noting that San Diego County Water Authority has requested replenishment water under the replenishment program. He also reviewed a list of questions regarding the process, and he requested staff to respond when this item is brought back to the Board for consideration. A copy of his questions would be provided to staff.

Other comments included the management of groundwater resources, concerns of Metropolitan's suspension of the Replenishment Program for three years without board discussion, and a request for information on the current status of groundwater basins.

Deven Upadhyay, Manager, Water Resource Management recalled that staff presented an item on conjunctive use over the summertime. As a follow up to that item, staff has requested information from basin managers that update information in the 2007 groundwater report on the status of groundwater basins. The new information is scheduled for this committee's review in November 2011.

## **6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

a. Oral report on Oroville/FERC relicensing

Mr. Upadhyay provided brief introductory comments and noted that the presentation would be given in two parts by Ken Kules, Sr. Engineer, Water Resource Management and John Schlotterbeck, Sr. Deputy General Counsel.

Mr. Kules gave an update on the ongoing relicensing process to obtain a new permit. Mr. Schlotterbeck discussed an update on the legal proceedings affecting this process.

Staff responded to questions on when the new 50-year license would be issued.

## **7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

a. Bay-Delta Matters

Roger Patterson, Assistant General Manager, Strategic Water Initiatives, updated the committee on Bay-Delta issues relating to the Delta Stewardship Council and the fifth and final draft of the report, the recent ruling in the Delta smelt case, new appointment in the Department of Fish and Game, upcoming Bay Delta Conservation Plan stakeholders meeting in Washington DC, and funding for Bay-Delta Conservation EIR/ EIS.

Mr. Patterson provided brief background information on a request made by Director Evsns at last month's meeting requesting a breakdown and update of funding.

Steve Arakawa gave a presentation on how the costs of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan have been paid out and who that cost has been paid out to.

Staff responded to questions on Metropolitan's share of cost.

b. Colorado River Matters

Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources, provided an update on binational discussions with Mexico regarding an agreement for water storage and other projects, Palo Verde Irrigation District following reductions, Coachella Valley Water District upcoming decision decide on pre-delivery of Metropolitan's QSA exchange water, surplus water outlook, and QSA discussions.

c. Water Resource Management Manager's Report

Mr. Upadhyay reported on the Ocean Protection Council and how their draft Strategic Plan could impact seawater desalination efforts in California. Mr. Upadhyay also reported that Metropolitan has receive a \$1M grant for turf replacement in its service area.

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

Director Record requested staff to report on interim agriculture water.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on October 10, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

David De Jesus  
Chair