

# THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## MINUTES

### BLUE RIBBON REVIEW COMMITTEE

September 27, 2011

Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chairman Murray and Vice Chair Wunderlich, Directors Blake, Brick, Grandsen, Griset, and Little.

Members absent: Directors Bowersox and Peterson.

Other Board Members present: Directors Brown, Dick, Edwards, Friedman, Lewinger, Morris, Record, Steiner, and Wright.

Staff present: Bennion, Bentley, Carrillo, Chan, Correa, DeBacker, Edwards, Gibbs, Green, Hasencamp, Johnson, Kightlinger, Man, Neal, Philp, Riss, Schaffer, Scully, Upadhyay, Velasco, Waade, and Wolfe.

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

None

#### 2. **COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chairman Murray gave background on the establishment of the Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC) and their mission. This committee of 27 community, corporate and academic leaders were tasked with preparing a report looking at current successes and challenges to Metropolitan to position itself for success in 50 years. The BRC report identified 22 potential next steps for consideration regarding a vision of Metropolitan in 2060.

In response to the BRC report, the Blue Ribbon Review Committee (BRRC) was launched. The mission of the BRRC is to review the next steps that were recommended by the BRC and identify appropriate follow-up actions that may be necessary. Staff has prepared a matrix showing the report findings and recommendations. Final analysis of these recommendations and follow-up actions are to be submitted to the Board by the end of the year.

Mr. Bob Simonds, the Chairman of the BRC, gave a short briefing on the BRC process. He pointed out he reviewed and shared the matrix with BRC members and confirmed that the matrix of information accurately reflects the BRC report.

### **3. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- 3a** Subject: Review of Blue Ribbon Committee recommendations
- Presented by: Grace L. Chan, Manager, Resource Planning & Development Section

Deven Upadhyay, Manager, Water Resource Management gave a short briefing on the BRC report recommendations and introduced Grace Chan.

Ms. Grace Chan, Manager, Resource Planning & Development Section, gave a presentation on the background of the BRC Report and the 22 recommended next steps. Ms. Chan reviewed the BRC and recommendations which are organized by six business elements: (1) customer demand, (2) diversified water portfolio and investments, (3) provider of integrated water services, (4) finances and pricing, (5) governance and operations, and (6) leadership in technology and workforce development. Ms. Chan concluded with next steps and the future committee schedule.

Mr. Upadhyay requested feedback from the committee on the identified next steps. Staff will prepare a report on potential follow-on actions in October.

Committee discussion included categorizing the recommendations, in-depth analysis, financial implications, prioritization, and potential long- and near-term next steps. Key actions to be considered first included water supplies, the Bay Delta Conversation Plan, Colorado River, workforce, and financial sustainability.

### **4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on October 25, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

John W. Murray, Jr.  
Chair