

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

BLUE RIBBON REVIEW COMMITTEE

October 25, 2011

Vice Chairman Wunderlich called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

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

Members absent: Director Bowersox.

Other Board Members present: Directors Brown, Dick, Edwards, Evans, Heidel, Morris, K. Murray, Record, Steiner, and Wright.

Staff present: Bennion, Bentley, Breaux, Carrillo, Chan, Correa, DeBacker, Jankovic, Kightlinger, Man, Mares, Neal, Riss, Schaffer, Scully, Sotoodeh, Upadhyay, Velasco, Waade, Wolfe, E. Wong, and Zinke.

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 BLUE RIBBON REVIEW COMMITTEE HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2011.

Approved

Moved: Blake Seconded: Little

3. COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Chairman Wunderlich stated Chairman Murray is running a few minutes late to the meeting.

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Review of Blue Ribbon Committee recommended next steps.

Presented by: Grace L. Chan, Manager, Resource Planning & Development Section

Deven Upadhyay, Manager, Water Resource Management, gave a short briefing on the first draft of findings of the next steps recommended by the Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC) and introduced Grace Chan.

Ms. Chan gave a presentation on the initial draft focusing her review on three attachments. Attachment 1 is the summary of the BRC report findings and recommendations by business model elements and next steps, also showing numbers that have been assigned to each next step. Attachment 2 is a draft summary evaluation of the BRC next steps regarding applicable policies, implementation processes, timeframes, and identified standing committees. Attachment 3 is a more detailed description of the initial analysis of each of the 22 next steps. Preliminary findings show that 18 of these next steps do have applicable board-adopted policies, implementation processes, and ongoing efforts. The remaining four next steps need further evaluation by the Blue Ribbon Review Committee (BRRC). Ms. Chan briefly reviewed these four next steps. At the third committee meeting scheduled on November 8, 2011, a second draft of the report will be presented to the BRRC. A final draft report is scheduled for review on December 13, 2011.

The committee discussed its role in developing recommendations on follow-up action for the appropriate standing committee on the BRC next steps. Committee Chairman Murray noted that the BRRC is a temporary committee that is not to take the place of the BRC, and that the tasks of the actual follow-through will fall to the appropriate standing committee. The committee agreed that its recommendations need to include a timeline for reporting back to the Board on implementation of next steps. Additionally, factors influencing the next steps were discussed, including Metropolitan's sources of revenue to meet its fixed and variable costs. The committee requested staff provide information on implementation of the 1993 Blue Ribbon Task Force findings and also provide a review of each BRC next step at the November 8 committee meeting.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director discussion included implementation of 1993 Blue Ribbon Task Force findings, review of BRC next steps, and review of second draft of BRRC report.

Next meeting will be held on November 8, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

John W. Murray, Jr.
Chairman