

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**BLUE RIBBON REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**November 7, 2011**

Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

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

Members absent: Directors Bowersox, Grandsen, and Little.

Other Board Members present: Directors Heidel, Lewinger, Record, and Steiner.

Staff present: Bennion, Bentley, Breaux, Burman, Chan, Correa, Green, Jankovic, Man, Riss, Schaffer, Upadhyay, Velasco, and E. Wong.

**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 OCTOBER 25, 2011.**

Approved

Moved: Blake                      Seconded: Peterson

**3. COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT**

None

**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 second draft of the report on the Review of the Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC) recommended next steps and introduced Grace Chan.

Ms. Chan gave a presentation on the implementation of the 1993 Blue Ribbon Task Force recommendations and on the second draft report. Ms. Chan noted that the second draft report updates the initial staff findings and incorporates input given at the Blue Ribbon Review Committee (BRRRC) meeting held on October 25, 2011. Of the 22 next steps identified by the BRC, the review indicates that 19 of these next steps do have applicable board-adopted policies, implementation processes and/or ongoing efforts. A fourth committee meeting is scheduled on December 12, 2011, where a final draft of the report will be presented to the BRRRC. A fifth meeting, if needed, would be scheduled on January 24, 2012.

The BRRRC discussed the difference between the 1993 Blue Ribbon Task Force recommendations and the current BRC report recommendations. The recommendations from the 1993 Blue Ribbon Task Force were more detailed, with a significant number addressing specific improvements to business practices, human resources, and diversity.

The BRRRC considered the degree of detailed review and analysis of the BRC recommendations warranted by the BRRRC. Chairman Murray noted that the purpose of the committee is to review the BRC recommended next steps and identify the appropriate follow-up actions, with such follow-up actions to be undertaken by designated standing committees. The BRRRC agreed that the standing committees need to monitor the effectiveness of implementation of the next steps through their agendas. Debra Man, Chief Operating Officer, stated that staff would incorporate BRRRC comments in the final report.

## **5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on December 12, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

John W. Murray, Jr.  
Chairman