

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA**

**September 27, 2011**

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Brick, Camacho, De Jesus, Hawkins, and Steiner.

Members absent: Directors Fleming and K. Murray.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Foley, Directors Ackerman, Barbre, Blake, Brown, Dick, Edwards, Friedman, Grandsen, Griset, Heidel, Lewinger, Little, Morris, Record, Wright, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Arakawa, Bennion, Burman, DeBacker, Hasencamp, Kightlinger, T. Lee, Man, Neal, Neudeck, Patterson, Philp, Riss, Roberts, R. Ryan, Scully, Upadhyay, Waade, R. Winn, 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 SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA HELD JUNE 28, 2011**

Approved

Moved: Steiner

Seconded: Hawkins

**3. COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT**

No report was provided by the Chair. However, he did announce that a full presentation on Item 4c would not be presented today.

#### **4. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

##### **a. Delta Stewardship Council – Update on Draft Plan and Schedule**

Ms. Brenda Burman, Special Projects Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives, provided an update on the activities of the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) and the preparation of the Draft Delta Plan including the associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR). She reviewed the names of the Council members, highlighted the changes in the Delta Plan/EIR schedule, listed the subjects of the workshops that were held in September, and discussed key concerns with the fifth draft Delta Plan.

There was a request from the Committee for a cost comparison between developing local projects, such as reclaimed water and desalination, versus imported water from the north. Staff will return to the Committee with the information. The Committee commented on the September workshops. The Committee also expressed concern about water supply reliability and cost under a proposed Delta Plan, as well as reduced diversion or reliance on the Delta.

##### **b. Bay Delta Conservation Plan – Status Update**

Mr. Randall, Neudeck, Special Projects Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives, gave an update on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. He provided status on the effects analysis, discussed EIR alternatives and assurances for water users and the environment, and near-term measures regarding ecosystem restoration. Mr. Neudeck also reviewed BDCP habitat restoration strategy and asked for feedback from the Committee.

The Committee noted that they were supportive of the outlined approach.

##### **c. New Science Developments – The Ammonium-Phosphate Connection**

Mr. Arakawa provided a brief review of the two previous science presentations provided to this Committee in recent months, and explained why the ammonium-phosphate science presentation would be deferred until a later date.

**d.** Bay-Delta Manager's Report

Roger Patterson, Assistant General Manager, reported on how the BDCP will be incorporated into the Council's Delta Plan, and the importance of defining regulatory assurances to ensure water supply reliability. He also discussed litigation and science. Mr. Patterson noted that a delegation will be going to Washington, D.C. the following week, and directed the Committee's attention to the four-page BDCP handout that was part of the Committee handout packet.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Glen Peterson  
Chair