

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

**January 9, 2012**

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 Chairman Wright, Directors Ackerman, Brick, Brown, Dick, Edwards, Fleming, Griset, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, Quinonez, Record, and Steiner.

Members absent: Directors Gray, Lowenthal, and K. Murray.

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

Staff present: Arakawa, Bennion, Blair, Breaux, Burman, Carillo, Donhoff, Goshi, Green, Hasencamp, Hicks, Kightlinger, Kunysz, La Camera, Man, Mokhtari, Morel, Muir, Nevills, Patterson, Philp, Riss, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Sencion, Stites, Sumi, Upadhyay, von Haam, Velasco, Waade, E. Wong, and B. Yamasaki.

**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 WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE HELD DECEMBER 12, 2011**

Approved

Moved: Fleming                      Seconded: Edwards

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

**9-1** Subject: Review options for a Replenishment Program

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

Mr. Goshi discussed the options for a new Replenishment Program that adhere to general Board-adopted policy principles and as discussed in the Member Agency Replenishment Workgroup.

Some of the comments from committee members related to Integrated Resources Plan principles and encouraging groundwater management, impacts of the proposed program changes on member agencies, and a request for feedback from basin managers and member agency managers on the proposed program.

Staff also responded to questions regarding the existing Replenishment Program.

**9-2** Subject: Report on Local Resources Development Strategy Task Force

Presented by: Tim Blair, Program Manager, Water Use Efficiency

Mr. Blair gave a progress report on the Local Resources Development Strategy Task Force. The presentation highlighted the nine financial approaches that the Task Force discussed and evaluated, along with the approaches rated as most favorable.

Staff responded to comments concerning the general basis for meeting the IRP goal, and Metropolitan's projections for long-term demands.

Mr. Upadhyay noted that staff is working on an analysis of long-term demands with Dr. Sunding of UC Berkeley to study changes in demand trends in the past ten years at the retail level. Staff will consider that information in assessing options for a potential new demand forecast later this year.

Other comments were in support of the Local Resources Program.

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

a. Oral report on Water Surplus and Drought Management

Jennifer Nevills, Resource Specialist, Water Resource Management, gave an update on Metropolitan's water supplies and demands for 2012.

**7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

a. Bay-Delta Matters

Roger Patterson, Assistant General Manager, Strategic Water Initiatives, gave an update on Bay Delta activity noting field hearings for the Delta Stewardship Council that are scheduled in the next two weeks concerning the draft Environmental Impact Report, the Delta Smelt Index, and memorandum of agreement for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

b. Colorado River Matters

Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources, reported on Colorado River activity highlighting water supply for 2011 and three major issues that Metropolitan is facing going into 2012: binational agreement with Mexico, issues concerning the Quantification Settlement Agreement and related issues, and staffing changes at the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

c. Water Resource Management Manager's Report

Mr. Upadhyay reported that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) conducted its initial snowpack survey last week, and that DWR retained its initial projection of 60 percent State Water Project water allocation. Persistent current dry weather conditions could impact the current water allocation.

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on February 13, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

David De Jesus  
Chair