

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

June 11, 2012

Chair De Jesus called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Committee Members present: Chairman De Jesus and Vice Chairman Wright, Directors Ackerman, Brick, Brown, Dick, Edwards, Fleming, Griset, Lewinger, Lowenthal, Morris, Peterson, Record, and Steiner.

Committee Members absent: Directors Gray, K. Murray, and Quinonez.

Other Directors present: Board Chairman Foley, Directors Barbre, Blake, Camacho, Evans, Friedman, Grandsen, Heidel, Millard, J. Murray, Wilson, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Acuna, Arakawa, Bennion, Breaux, Correa, Donhoff, Green, Hasencamp, Hicks, Hui, Kightlinger, Man, Mokhtari, Morel, Neudeck, Nobriga, Philp, Riss, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Sencion, Stites, Upadhyay, Velasco, Vergara, Waade, E. Wong, B. Yamasaki, 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 WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE HELD MAY 7, 2012

Approved

Moved: Morris Seconded: Fleming

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-2 Subject: Authorize payment of \$2.60 million for participation in the State Water Contractors, Inc. and up to \$803,000 to the State Water Project Contractors Authority for fiscal year 2012/13

Presented by: Kevin A. Donhoff, Interim Manager,
Resource Implementation Section

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and, by two-thirds vote,
a. Authorize the General Manager to make payment of \$2.60 million to the State Water Contractors; and
b. Authorize the General Manager to make payment of \$809,000 to the State Water Project Contractors Authority.

Motion Carried: Approved

Moved: Edwards Seconded: Morris

Kevin Donhoff gave a presentation for approval of additional payments for Metropolitan's membership dues for FY 2012/13 to the State Water Contractors and State Water Project Contractors Authority.

Staff responded to comments regarding alignment of Metropolitan's interests with other State Water Contractors, and Metropolitan's positioning on both entities. A presentation from the SWC Executive Director, Mr. Terry Erlewine, was requested at a future Water Planning and Stewardship Committee meeting.

8-3 Subject: Authorize entering into a Local Resources Program Agreement with Municipal Water District of Orange County and the city of San Clemente for the San Clemente Recycled Water System Expansion Project

Presented by: Jose Vergara, Engineer, Regional Supply Unit

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and authorize the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program agreement for the San Clemente Recycled Water System Expansion Project with Municipal Water District of Orange County and the city of San Clemente for up to 1,000 acre-feet per year of recycled water under the terms included in the letter.

Motion Carried: Approved

Moved: Morris Seconded: Record

Directors Lewinger and Steiner voted no.

Deven N. Upadhyay, Manager, Water Resource Management Group, provided introductory comments and highlighted a letter that was received from San Diego County Water Authority opposing item 8-3.

Jose Vergara gave a presentation for the proposed Local Resources Plan project and to enter into a new contract with the City of San Clemente and the Municipal Water District of Orange County for an expansion of the recycled water system.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

None

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Bay-Delta Matters

Steve Arakawa, Bay Delta Initiatives Manager, gave an update on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan, and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) process. State and federal agencies continue to meet on remaining issues in defining a proposed project on the BDCP. Staff is reviewing and preparing comments on the sixth draft of the Delta Plan which continues to move in a positive direction. The SWRCB is in the process of updating its 2006 Water Quality Control Plan.

Staff responded to questions concerning per capita water use and contents of the Delta Plan.

b. Colorado River Matters

Bill Hasencamp, Manager Colorado River Resources, reported on the continued drought conditions, ongoing binational discussions with Mexico, water for solar energy projects, and the 2011 Water Accounting Report from the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

Staff responded to comments regarding the status of the Colorado River Board, and impacts of reduced water conservation in the Imperial Irrigation District and USBR's Water Accounting Report.

c. Water Resource Management Manager's Report

Deven Upadhyay reported on Water Resource Management activity highlighting the recent Water Efficiency Research Symposium on May 24, and current water supply conditions.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on July 9, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

David De Jesus
Chair