

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA

June 26, 2012

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

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

Members absent: Directors Camacho, Fleming, Morris, and K. Murray.

Other Board Members present: Directors Ackerman, Barbre, Dick, Edwards, Heidel, Lewinger, Little, Millard, Montalvo, J. Murray, Wilson, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Arakawa, Bennion, Breaux, Burman, Cable, J. Green, Hasencamp, G. Johnson, Kightlinger, T. Lee, Man, Neudeck, Patterson, Philp, Riss, R. Ryan, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Upadhyay, Westford, Wheeler, 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 MAY 22, 2012

Approved

Moved: Hawkins

Seconded: Record

3. COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

No report was provided by the Committee Chair.

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Review of Delta Stewardship Council's 6th Draft Delta Plan

Ms. Brenda Burman, Special Projects Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives, presented information on the sixth staff draft of the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan. She described some of the key components included in the 14 regulatory policies and the 68 recommendations of the draft Delta Plan. She also highlighted three key water contractor concerns, and explained the reduced reliance portion of the Delta policy along with next steps for completion of the Delta Plan.

Staff addressed committee questions regarding the draft Delta Plan's concept of reduced reliance in the Delta, legacy communities, and conservation. The committee noted that the document under discussion is a draft that is before the Council for consideration.

b. Status of Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Mr. Stephen Arakawa, Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives, provided information about the capacity of the conveyance system under discussion by the state of California. He provided an overview of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). He discussed key issues and next steps; described conveyance capability under various sizing and staging alternatives; and provided information on export water quality improvements and the BDCP timeline.

The committee discussed water evaporation in connection with the conveyance options, state and federal cost allocation, and capital costs. There were requests from the committee for staff to bring back information regarding incremental costs of the BDCP alternatives, and to review the reports of two economists.

c. Bay-Delta Manager's Report

Mr. Roger Patterson, Assistant General Manager, Strategic Water Initiatives, reported on some of the preliminary economic benefits of the BDCP presented at a public hearing last week. They were presented by Dr. David Sunding, UC Berkeley professor and economist with the Brattle Group, who has been contracted by the state of California to do an overall benefit analysis of the BDCP.

General Manager Kightlinger noted that there will be an announcement from the Governor and Secretary of Interior in the last week of July about a proposed project, and he mentioned a projected timeframe for completion, noting some of the analysis that Metropolitan will be involved in over the next six to nine months in connection with the BDCP.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee Chair mentioned the following two future agenda items:

1. A presentation from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission on its project, its progress, and the cost
2. Legislative Report by Kathy Cole

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Glen Peterson
Chair