

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

September 10, 2012

Chair De Jesus called the meeting to order at 10:30 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, Gray, Griset, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, Quinonez, Record, and Steiner.

Committee Members absent: Directors Fleming, Lowenthal, and K. Murray.

Other Directors present: Directors Ballin, Barbre, Camacho, Friedman, Grandsen, Grunfeld, Little, Millard, J. Murray, Wilson, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Arakawa, Beatty, H., Bennion, Breaux, Correa, Donhoff, Green, Harding, Hasencamp, Kightlinger, Man, Nobriga, Patterson, Philp, Riss, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Sencion, Stites, Teitz, Upadhyay, Vanderhorst, von Haam, Waade, Westford, Wolfe, Wong, E., and Yamasaki, B.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

No members responded.

2. Presentation by Terry Erlewine, State Water Contractors

Mr. Erlewine gave a presentation on the State Water Contractors strategic plan, and he reviewed the four major groups of their objectives.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE HELD AUGUST 20, 2012

Motion Carried: Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Edwards

Abstained: Director Steiner

Votes: 14 = yes; 1 = Abstained

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Oral report on the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA)

Deven N. Upadhyay, Manager, Water Resource Management, requested to defer this report to the October Water Planning and Stewardship Committee meeting. He explained that staff would like to incorporate information presented in a report to Imperial Irrigation District's Board last week, and policy positions that their Board may take on an action item that is scheduled for September 18, 2012.

- b. Oral report on status of Member Agency Seawater Desalination Projects

Warren A. Teitz, Senior Resource Specialist, gave a presentation of status on the seawater desalination projects in Metropolitan's service area.

Staff responded to questions made by directors regarding Metropolitan's projected incentives over the lifetime of the project, Long Beach Water Department's testing process, reverse osmosis, Metropolitan's role in the development of seawater desalination, and potential use of forward osmosis.

8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters
Presented by: Roger Patterson, Assistant General Manager, Strategic Water Initiatives

Mr. Patterson provided an update on Bay Delta Conservation Plan and the ongoing work on the preparation of the Draft EIR, Delta Stewardship Council, and State Water Control Board.

b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp reported on discussions at the recent Seven States Principal Meeting, status of Lake Mead, impacts of recent major rain flooding, and reduced demands and increased supplies in the Lower Basin.

c. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report

Presented by: Deven Upadhyay, Manager, Water Resource Management

Mr. Upadhyay reported on storage projections and noted that the Water Surplus and Drought Management Report would be returning in October. Staff will prepare a future item on how Metropolitan deals with replenishment and storage within the region.

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Chair De Jesus made an announcement reminding directors of the AB 1234 Training.

Next meeting will be held on October 8, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

David De Jesus
Chair