

# THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## MINUTES

### ADJURNED WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

November 5, 2012

Chair De Jesus called the meeting to order at 10:05 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, Edwards, Fleming, Griset, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, Record, and Steiner.

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

Other Directors present: Directors Babcock, Barbre, Evans, Friedman, Grunfeld, Millard, J. Murray, Wilson, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Arakawa, Beatty, H., Bennion, Breaux, Burman, Coffey, Correa, Goshi, Green, Harding, Hasencamp, Ivey, Kightlinger, Man, Neudeck, Patterson, Riss, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Sencion, Skillman, Upadhyay, Vanderhorst, Waade, Westford, Wong, E., Yamasaki, B., and Zinke.

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

No members responded.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 8, 2012**

Motion Carried   Moved: Director Morris                      Seconded: Director Edwards

Votes: Unanimous

#### **3. Presentation by Terry Fulp, Regional Director, Lower Colorado Region, Bureau of Reclamation**

Mr. Fulp provided an overview of his work at the Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau). He acknowledged that there are Basin-wide challenges and that it is the Bureau's philosophy to form collaborative partnerships. He discussed his priorities at the Bureau that include Lake Powell and Lake Mead operations that would benefit both the Upper and Lower

Basins, the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA), and the continued efforts in solving implementation issues.

General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger commended Mr. Fulp on his recent appointment as Lower Colorado River Regional Director, and also on his efforts in the Binational Agreement.

Mr. Fulp answered questions from the committee regarding budget, staffing, and the Bureau's past operational procedures.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

**8-4**      Subject:            Authorize execution of agreements related to interim international cooperative measures in the Colorado River Basin; and authorize payment of up to \$5 million for purchase of supplies from international pilot project

Presented by:        Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Recommended motion:        Adopt the CEQA determinations and

- a. Authorize Metropolitan to enter into multiple agreements in support of a five-year program to augment Metropolitan's Colorado River Supply through the funding of an international pilot project in Mexico, on the terms described in the board letter, with changes approved by the General Manager and General Counsel; and
- b. Approve payment of up to \$5 million for purchase of supplies from the international pilot project.

Motion Carried:    Moved: Director Morris            Seconded: Director Brick

Directors Lewinger and Steiner voted no.

Votes:    11 = Yes; 2 = No

Substitute Motion:            Postpone this item to the upcoming Executive Committee Meeting or teleconference.

Moved: Director Lewinger    Seconded: Director Steiner

Votes: 2 = Yes; 11= No

Mr. Hasencamp presented the proposed multiple agreements related to the purchase of Colorado River water supplies from an international pilot project in Mexico.

Mr. Kightlinger explained that this presentation focused on areas that would impact Metropolitan – recognizing the agreements addressed many areas.

Staff responded to questions made by committee and board members pertaining to potential impacts to Metropolitan, ICS limitations, potential contingencies upon negotiations with IID, runoff, and legal issues and requirements. Other comments included environmental impact to both sides, support for this item, impacts to pilot conservation programs, and funding for this project.

## **6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9-1**    Subject:                    Proposal to eliminate the Replenishment Service program and adjust Member Agency Tier 1 limits
- Presented by:                Brandon J. Goshi, Manager, Resource Analysis Unit

Mr. Goshi gave a presentation on a proposal to adjust agencies' Tier 1 limits that have purchased replenishment service water in the past under the discounted program.

Staff responded to questions made by committee members related to credit proposed for replenishment water, revisiting storage programs, meeting IRP and groundwater program goals.

## **7. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a.            Subject:                    Oral report on QSA Issues
- Presented by:                No presentation given, as Chair De Jesus stated that this item would be deferred to a later date.
- Director Record requested to have slide 14 of the presentation shown to the committee as reference.

## **8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

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

Mr. Patterson gave an update on the Delta Stewardship Council and status of the new Draft Environmental Impact Report.

- b. Subject: Colorado River Issues  
Presented by: No presentation given.

- c. Subject: Water Resource Management  
Presented by: Report deferred to December.

## **9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

## **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Next meeting will be held on December 10, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

David De Jesus  
Chair