

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

January 7, 2013

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, Dick, Edwards, Fleming, Gray, Griset, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, Record, and Steiner.

Committee Members absent: Directors Brick, Brown, Lowenthal, K. Murray, and Quinonez.

Other Directors present: Directors Babcock, Ballin, Barbre, Hawkins, Little, Mudd, J. Murray, Pringle, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Arakawa, Beatty, H., Bennion, Breaux, Carrillo, Clairday, Cole, Donhoff, Green, Harding, Hasencamp, Horton, Ivey, Kightlinger, Man, Nevills, Patterson, Philp, Riss, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Sencion, Skillman, Stites, Upadhyay, Vanderhorst, Velasco, 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 DECEMBER 10, 2012

Motion Carried Moved: Director Fleming Seconded: Director Record

Votes: Unanimous

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Oral report on Water Surplus and Drought Management

Presented by: Jennifer Nevills, Sr. Resource Specialist

Ms. Nevills gave a report on developing hydrologic conditions, 2013 outlook, and next steps.

Department of Water Resources increased the Table A allocation to 40 percent. This represents an increase of approximately 190,000 acre-feet of supply to Metropolitan.

Next steps include tracking changes on State Water Project, analyzing demands and tracking storage of supplies.

- b. Subject: Oral report on QSA Issues – Part 2

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp gave the second part of a two-part oral report. The presentation focused on current issues and disputes, as well as the current resolution efforts.

Staff responded to questions surrounding potential fallowing programs in the Upper Basin and reducing agricultural demand basinwide, the petition for shortened mitigation water delivery, plans and funding for the shallow water habitat and dust control, potential impacts of ceasing the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) /SDCWA transfer, and IID's overruns in 2009 and 2010.

Referring to the Salton Sea obligations, General Manager Kightinger clarified that in 2003 California made a policy commitment about restoration of the Salton Sea as a state objective but did not appropriate funding.

- c. Subject: Foundational Actions Progress and Proposed Funding Program

Presented by: Bob Harding, Manager, Systems Analysis Unit

Mr. Harding gave a presentation on Foundational Actions, which is one of the elements of the 2010 Integrated Resources Plan, and staff's proposal for dealing with the actions going forward. His report included background information and the components of the proposed Foundational Actions Funding Program.

Deven Upadhyay, Group Manager, Water Resource Management, provided additional background information and explained staff's intention in the timing of the proposed program.

Staff responded to questions surrounding updates to the IRP to address current demand, supply, defining catalytic/critical path items, how the review committee would be comprised, and adaptability of the IRP.

7. 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 the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). The Final Delta Plan and a revised Environmental Impact Report were released in November by the Delta Stewardship Council for public review and comment. Comments are due January 14, 2013. A full Draft of the BDCP is expected in February. The official public review and comment period for the BDCP has not been established at this time.

- b. Subject: Colorado River Issues
- Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp gave an update on Colorado River conditions. He reviewed 2012 water year highlights of Lake Mead and the outlook for 2013. He also announced the cancellation of the Colorado River Board meeting this week.

- c. Subject: Water Resource Management
- Presented by: Deven Upadhyay, Group Manager, Water Resource Management

Mr. Upadhyay reported that Water Resource Management staff is working on applications for a new set of grants that are available from the federal government through their WaterSMART program for water conservation. He also noted that staff is working on developing a discussion regarding regional storage programs.

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on February 11, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

David De Jesus
Chair