

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

February 11, 2013

Chair De Jesus called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

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

Members absent: Directors Lowenthal, and K. Murray.

Other Board members present: Directors Babcock, Barbre, Evans, Little, J. Murray, Pringle, Touhey, Wilson, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Alonzo, Arakawa, H. Beatty, Bennion, Breaux, Clairday, Coffey, Cole, Donhoff, Green, Harding, Hasencamp, Hughes, Hui, Jay, Kightlinger, Man, Mokhtari, Neudeck, Nevills, Nobriga, Patterson, Philp, Polyzos, Riss, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Sencion, Skillman, Stites, Upadhyay, Velasco, Waade, Westford, E. Wong, B. Yamasaki, 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 JANUARY 7, 2012

Motion Carried Moved: Director Fleming Seconded: Director Edwards

Votes: Unanimous

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-4 Subject: Authorize entering into a Local Resources Program agreement with Calleguas Municipal Water District and Camrosa Water District for the Round Mountain Water Treatment Plant

Presented by: No presentation given.

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and authorize the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program agreement for the Round Mountain Water Treatment Plant with Calleguas and Camrosa for up to 1,000 acre-feet per year of recovered groundwater under terms included in the board letter.

Motion Carried: A motion was made to consider Consent Calendar items 7-4 and 7-5 in one motion.

7-5 Subject: Adopt resolutions to (1) support applications, and (2) authorize General Manager to accept funding and enter into contracts with Bureau of Reclamation for WaterSMART grant funding if awarded

Presented by: No presentation given.

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and the resolutions to support WaterSMART grant applications and authorize the General Manager to accept funding and enter into agreements with Reclamation, if awarded.

Motion for 7-4 and 7-5 Carried: Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Gray
Director Lewinger voted no.

Votes: 13 = Yes; 1 = No

Director Steiner did not vote, as she was not present at the time voting took place.

A request to amend the recommendation was made. Deven Upadhyay, Group Manager, Water Resource Management and General Manager Jeff Kightlinger addressed Director Lewinger's request with no changes made.

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, and
Demetri J. Polyzos, Engineer

This report was given in two separate components. Ms. Nevills gave a general overview report of Metropolitan's water supplies. Mr. Polyzos presented the fishery impacts and restrictions that are affecting the State Water Project. He gave background information on the nature of those restrictions and discussed the impacts.

Mr. Roger Patterson, Assistant General Manager, added comments concerning pumping restrictive flows and smelt locations.

Jeff Kightlinger, General Manager, responded to comments made by a committee member regarding allocation figures and Metropolitan's losses.

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). Federal Agency principals will meet with state leadership to discuss the Revised Draft of the BDCP. He discussed President Obama's nomination of Sally Jewell as the next Secretary of the Interior.

- b. Subject: Colorado River Issues

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp gave an update on the hydrology that included conditions for snow pack on the Colorado River Basin being a dry year, and storage levels of Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

Mr. Hasencamp responded to questions regarding impacts of Lake Powell drops on power supplies, QSA litigation, projected Lake Mead levels, and effects of water shortage on Metropolitan's take of stored water supplies.

c. Subject: Water Resource Management

Presented by: Deven Upadhyay, Group Manager, Water Resource Management

Mr. Upadhyay noted that staff is preparing to bring discussions to the committee on local storage programs. He reviewed the board-approved Policy Principles that were approved in fall 2011 for the development of local storage programs.

Director Peterson requested a follow up on the impact to Metropolitan of On-Farm Water Allocation Programs.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on March 11, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

David De Jesus
Chair