

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA

March 26, 2013

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Peterson, Directors Camacho, De Jesus, Griset, Morris, Record, and Wright.

Members absent: Vice Chair Gray, Directors Fleming, K. Murray, and Steiner.

Other Board Members present: Directors Ackerman, Babcock, Ballin, Barbre, Brown, Dick, Evans, Lewinger, Little, J. Murray, Sanchez, Touhey, and Vasquez.

Staff present: Arakawa, H. Beatty, Bennion, Breaux, Burman, J. Green, Hasencamp, Ivey, G. Johnson, Kightlinger, T. Lee, Man, Neudeck, Patterson, Pitman, Riss, R. Ryan, Schlotterbeck, Schmutte, Scully, Sheehan, Shraibati, Skillman, O. Tucker, Upadhyay, Waade, Wang, Wheeler, R. Winn, Wolfe, E. 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 MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA HELD JANUARY 22, 2013

Motion Carried Moved: Director De Jesus Seconded: Director Camacho

Votes: Unanimous

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Update on Administrative Draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa began his presentation by showing a 10-minute Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) educational/overview video published by the California Department of Water Resources. He provided an overview of the first four chapters of the Administrative Draft of the BDCP that was released by the state on March 14, 2013. Mr. Arakawa also directed the committee's attention to the seven-part committee handout packet that was made available to all in attendance.

Staff addressed the committee's comments regarding proposed BDCP intake diversion operations on the Sacramento River, BDCP administration, restrictions on in-Delta diversion, and state and federal pumping capacity.

- b. Subject: Status of State Water Resources Control Board Proceedings to Update the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan

Presented by: Senior Deputy General Counsel Becky Sheehan

Ms. Sheehan began by providing background on the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). She then described the State Water Board's Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Process, Phase 1 and Phase 2, and provided information on State Water Board's preferred Phase 1 alternative, as well as the next steps in the process.

Staff responded to questions from the committee on the term "unimpaired flow," salinity standard measurements (electro-conductivity), whether the process is board driven, and whether the alternatives mentioned in the presentation affect the flows on the Sacramento River mentioned in the presentation on item 3a.

- c. Subject: Bay-Delta Manager's Report

Presented by: Assistant General Manager Roger Patterson

Mr. Patterson reported that the next day, March 27, at 9 a.m. three more chapters of the Administrative Draft of the BDCP (Chapters 5, 6, and 7) would be posted on the BDCP website. He also noted scheduled release dates for the last three chapters, the draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement, and the full Public Draft BDCP.

General Manager Jeff Kightlinger reported on the recent change in the State Water Board members.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Glen Peterson
Chair