

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

June 10, 2013

Chair De Jesus called the meeting to order at 10:49 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, K. Murray, and Touhey.

Other Board members present: Directors Ballin, Barbre, Grunfeld, Little, Mudd, J. Murray, Pringle, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Arakawa, H. Beatty, Bennion, Burman, Blair, Bodnar, Breaux, Clairday, Coffey, Cole, Donhoff, Green, Hasencamp, Ivey, Kightlinger, Man, Muir, Munguia, Patterson, Philp, Riss, Ryan, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Skillman, Stites, Upadhyay, Vanderhorst, 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 MAY13, 2013

Motion Carried Moved: Director Fleming Seconded: Director Edwards

Director Lewinger abstained.

Votes: 14 = Yes; 1 = Abstained

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

- 8-6** Subject: Authorize payment of up to \$3.9 million for participation in the State Water Contractors, Inc. and the State Water Project Contractors Authority for fiscal year 2013/14
- Presented by: Kevin A. Donhoff, Section Manager,
Resource Implementation
- Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and, by two-thirds vote
- a. Authorize the General Manager to make payment of \$2.67 million to the State Water Contractors; and
 - b. Authorize the General Manager to make payment up to \$832,025 to the State Water Project Contractors Authority.

Motion Carried Moved: Director Peterson Seconded: Director Morris

Votes: Unanimous

Mr. Donhoff gave a presentation on Metropolitan’s annual payment to the State Water Contractors Incorporated (SWC, Inc.) and State Water Project Contractors Authority.

After giving an overview of the distinction between the two agencies, Mr. Donhoff explained the various accounts that Metropolitan pays to these organizations, how Metropolitan’s payments to SWC, Inc. are grouped into three different funds, and the formulas used for those funds.

- 8-7** Subject: Authorize entering into a two-year agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to pay up to \$15.18 million to purchase State Water Project supplies under the Multi-Year Water Pool Demonstration Program
- Presented by: James D. Bodnar, Sr. Engineer, Imported Supply Unit
- Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and authorize the General Manager to enter into a two-year agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to pay up to \$15.18 million for State Water Project supplies under the Multi-Year Water Pool Demonstration Program to help improve dry-year water supplies in 2013 and 2014.

Motion Carried Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Fleming

Votes: Unanimous

Mr. Bodnar gave a presentation on the Multi-Year Water Pool Demonstration Program (Program) that allows Metropolitan to access unused Table A water supplies of other State Water Contractors (SWC). If approved, Metropolitan would enter into an agreement with the Department of Water Resources (DWR). It would be a pilot program that DWR would manage and evaluate for success to go beyond 2014. The Program allows SWC to sell State Water Project (SWP) supplies in 2013 and 2014 with a set price schedule providing additional water supplies to SWCs that need the supplies this year.

Mr. Upadhyay highlighted that any supplies that Metropolitan would acquire would come from reallocated water supplies from other SWC, and therefore not from an increase in total SWP exports.

Staff responded to comments related to loss south of the Delta delivery, and the source of anticipated additional 30,000 acre-feet of water.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Report on annual Colorado River Water Order process

Presented by: Tom J. Ryan, Resource Specialist, Imported Supply Unit

Item 6a was heard out of order following the Management Reports.

Mr. Ryan gave a presentation on the process for ordering Colorado River water deliveries to Metropolitan.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Bay Delta Matters

Presented by Roger Patterson, Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager

Mr. Patterson reported on the recurring state leadership and Federal Agency

principals meetings to discuss the draft documents for public release, the Delta Stewardship Council's adoption of the Delta Plan and associated Environmental Impact Report and regulations, the restoration project on Yolo Ranch, and the delta smelt conditions.

b. Subject: Colorado River Issues

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp reported on water supply conditions on the Colorado River Basin. The next phase in the Basin Study Process was formally launched in May. A number of work groups have been established to refine some of the assumptions in the Basin Study from December 2012.

Imperial Irrigation District (IID) reached an agreement with the Imperial County and issued a Term Sheet summarizing their negotiations. Soon after the Term Sheet was issued, a judge ruled on the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) case, and ruled in favor of the QSA parties. The relation to the Term Sheet and the QSA will be discussed at the Legal and Claims Committee. IID is developing a plan for repaying 47,000 acre-feet (AF) of water that was delivered to the Salton Sea in 2010. That plan is due to the Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) at the end of 2013. Metropolitan staff met with IID staff last month to review how IID generated water conservation savings for its QSA transfers including its transfer to the San Diego County Water Authority. Staff concluded that IID conserved approximately 17,000 AF of water last year. Metropolitan will adjust its June invoice to account for those water supplies that were delivered to San Diego County.

Staff responded to questions related to the time line of the water shortage, and the process and impacts for how Arizona and Nevada take shortages first.

c. Subject: Water Resource Management

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

Mr. Upadhyay gave an update on the Innovative Conservation Program. He discussed Metropolitan's new partnerships with Southern Nevada Water Authority, Central Arizona Project, and the Bureau for a two-year funding cycle for research of new technologies development for water use efficiency. Metropolitan received a half-million-dollar grant from the Bureau associated with the CalFed grant for water use efficiency allowing Metropolitan to provide additional rebates for high efficiency clothes washers.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on July 8, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 11:31a.m.

David De Jesus
Chair