

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA**

**June 25, 2013**

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Ackerman, Babcock, Camacho, De Jesus, Griset, Morris, Steiner, and Wright.

Members absent: Directors Fleming, K. Murray, and Record.

Other Board Members present: Directors Barbre, Brown, Dick, Edwards, Evans, Kurtz, Lewinger, Little, J. Murray, Pringle, Touhey, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Arakawa, Bennion, Breaux, J. Green, Hasencamp, Ivey, G. Johnson, Kightlinger, T. Lee, Man, Neudeck, Patterson, Philp, Riss, Ryan, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Sheehan, Upadhyay, Wheeler, R. Winn, E. Wong, 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 MAY 28, 2013**

Motion Carried      Moved:    Director Steiner    Seconded:    Director Morris

Votes: Unanimous

### 3. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Review of Bay Delta Conservation Plan Administrative Draft, Chapters 8 through 12

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa  
Senior Deputy General Counsel Becky Sheehan

Mr. Arakawa listed the chapters of the Administrative Draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) under discussion today and described the contents of Chapter 8, which discusses costs and funding sources. He also directed the committee's attention to the BDCP handout packet that was provided at the meeting that described some of the details mentioned in his presentation.

Ms. Sheehan presented information contained in Chapter 9 of the BDCP that describes "alternatives to take" and the economic benefit analyses that are required under the Federal Endangered Species Act. She also covered Chapter 10, which discusses integration of independent science review. She concluded the presentation by reviewing the BDCP schedule going forward.

Staff addressed the committee's questions regarding ongoing habitat restoration costs, whether there is a refund mechanism for the habitat restoration dollars, and cost sharing discussions.

- b. Subject: Overview of upcoming Delta Conservation Plan agenda items

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa provided the committee with BDCP economic and cost studies release dates, and he outlined a schedule for the Special Committee on Bay-Delta for the coming months, including a month-by-month list of featured topics and special guest speakers.

Staff addressed a question from the committee regarding how the BDCP would be affected if Metropolitan or other players withdraw their support from the project.

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

Presented by: Assistant General Manager Roger Patterson

Mr. Patterson reported on topics to be considered at the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) meeting that was scheduled for Thursday, June 27, and directed the committee to note one of the documents in the committee handout packet that distinguishes the DSC's Delta Plan from the BDCP. Mr. Patterson talked

about meetings that occurred the previous week on the BDCP between state of California and federal officials in Washington D.C., current meetings, and meetings that are scheduled to be held in July 2013.

Staff addressed a question regarding the meetings with some of the members of House of Representatives regarding the BDCP as to whether the members were supportive or opposed.

#### **4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Committee Chair Peterson welcomed Director Ackerman as the newest member to the committee, and expressed appreciation for the service of departing Director Wright, who served on the Board for 19 years.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Glen Peterson  
Chair