

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ADJOURNED WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

August 19, 2013

Chair De Jesus called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

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

Members absent: Directors Gray, Lowenthal, K. Murray, and Touhey.

Other Board members present: Directors Babcock, Ballin, Barbre, Camacho, Evans, Friendman, Grunfeld, Kurtz, Little, J. Murray, Pringle, and Vasquez.

Staff present: Arakawa, H. Beatty, Bennion, Bodnar, Burman, Breaux, Clairday, Coffey, Cole, Donhoff, Green, Ivey, Kightlinger, Kunysz, Man, Munguia, Nobriga, Riss, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Skillman, Stites, Upadhyay, Velasco, Westford, Wolfe, and E. Wong.

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 WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE HELD JULY 8, 2013

Motion Carried Moved: Director Record Seconded: Director Steiner

Votes: Unanimous

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-3 Subject: Authorize entering into an exchange and purchase agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

Presented by: James D. Bodnar, Sr. Engineer, Import Supply Unit

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the project is categorically exempt and authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with SGVMWD consistent with the terms in the letter.

Motion Carried: Moved: Director Peterson Seconded: Director Dick
Directors Lewinger and Steiner voted no.

Votes: 11 = Yes; 2 = No

Mr. Bodnar gave a presentation on the proposed exchange and purchase agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD). The proposed agreement would allow Metropolitan to exchange and deliver treated water supplies to SGVMWD either through a purchase of their water at \$250/ per acre-feet or by exchange. SGVMWD would commit to delivering 5,000 acre-feet of supplies to Metropolitan each year. Some key terms of the agreement include that Metropolitan would deliver treated water to the Sierra Madre from the Upper Feeder, the exchange would be interruptible, and the agreement would have a term through December 31, 2035. However, the agreement may be terminated upon one year notice.

Staff responded to comments made by committee members regarding the termination date of the proposed agreement, the mechanism used for taking delivery of the water supply from SGVMWD, and supposed costs of water supplies if SGVMWD were a member agency.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Update on State Water Contract extension negotiations

Deven N. Upadhyay, Manager, Water Resource Management, gave an oral report on the continued negotiations with the Department of Water Resources (DWR). He discussed the various general and financial provisions, and the objectives set by DWR and Metropolitan.

Staff responded to comments regarding the relationship between the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and SWC, range of the contract extension, Monterey Accord principles in the negotiation process, and the possibility of takeover of operations by SWC.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Subject: Bay Delta Matters

Presented by Stephen N. Arakawa, Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives

Mr. Arakawa provided an update on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. His report gave a detailed explanation of conveyance design and alignment optimization elements.

b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Brenda W. Burman, Sr. Projects Manager

Ms. Burman gave a report on Colorado River activity, and she gave an overview of the United States Bureau of Reclamation's August Study that focuses on hydrology and probability of shortage in the Colorado River Basin over the next 24 months.

c. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report

Presented by: Deven N. Upadhyay, Manager, Water Resource Management

Mr. Upadhyay reported that Metropolitan acquired an additional 30,000 acre-feet of water supplies through the board-approved Multi-Year Water Pool Demonstration Program and potentially acquiring additional supplies in 2014.

General Manager, Kightlinger responded to a question pertaining to the schedule of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on September 9, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

David De Jesus
Chair