

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**September 24, 2013**

Vice Chair J. Murray called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. in the Board Room at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Committee members present: Vice Chairs De Jesus, Gray, Record and J. Murray, Secretary Morris, Directors Ackerman, Fleming, Grunfeld, and Lewinger.

Committee members absent: Chair Foley, and Directors Evans and Griset.

Other Directors present: Directors Barbre, Brown, Dear, Dick, Edwards, Kurtz, Peterson, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Ardalan, Atkins, Bennion, Beatty, L. Carrillo, Chin, Clairday, Ghaly, Ivey, Jankovic, Kightlinger, Man, Mares, Patrick, Patterson, Riss, Scully, Tubbs, and Upadhyay.

**1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION**

No members of the public responded.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AUGUST 27, 2013**

Motion Carried    Moved: Director Fleming            Seconded: Director De Jesus

Votes: Unanimous

**3. BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Vice Chair J. Murray stated that Chair Foley regretted not being able to attend today's meeting, and has requested that item 7f on Department Heads compensation review be continued to the October 8, 2013 Board meeting so he can participate in the discussion.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

- 7-1 Approve amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code to clarify the Department Head evaluation process

Presented by: Vice Chair J. Murray

Motion Carried Moved: Director Grunfeld Seconded: Director Gray

Votes: Unanimous

**5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**7. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Subject: Approve draft committee and Board meeting agendas, and schedule for October 2013

Presented by: Vice Chair J. Murray

Motion Carried Moved: Director Fleming Seconded: Director Gray

Votes: Unanimous

- b. Subject: General Manager's report of Metropolitan's activities

Presented by: General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger

General Manager Kightlinger reported that Metropolitan has tickets for various upcoming events including the Greater Los Angeles Water Summit, the Southern California Water Committee dinner event and the Water Association of Ventura program. Directors should contact External Affairs if they are interested in attending.

General Manager Kightlinger also reported that there is a fire burning near the entrance to Azusa Canyon covering approximately 200 acres. The fire is only five percent contained. Metropolitan has facilities in that vicinity and staff will be monitoring the progress of that fire.

- c. Subject: General Counsel's report of Legal Department activities

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia Scully

General Counsel Scully had no report.

- d. Subject: General Auditor's report of Audit Department activities

Presented by: General Auditor Gerry Riss

General Auditor Riss had no report.

- e. Subject: Ethics Officer's report of Ethics Department activities

Presented by: Ethics Officer Deena Ghaly

Ethics Officer Deena Ghaly stated that the Audit and Ethics Committee had a workshop today. Workshops will continue to be held with directors to discuss the work and scope of the Ethics Office.

- f. Subject: Department Heads compensation review

This item was deferred to the October 8, 2013 board meeting.

- g. Subject: Department Heads Overall Performance deliberations  
[Public employees' performance evaluations – General Manager, General Counsel, General Auditor, and Ethics Officer; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957]

Presented by: Vice Chair J. Murray

Vice Chair Murray stated that this item had already been discussed at a previous meeting.

## **8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

- a. Director Grunfeld, Finance and Insurance Committee Chair, reported that there will be no action items at the October committee meeting. The Chief Financial Officer will review the fiscal 2012/13 year end financial results as well as provide the first quarter update for fiscal year 2013/14. The Chief Financial Officer will also present the fiscal year 2014/15 and 2015/16 biennial budget calendar and process.

- b. Director De Jesus, Water Planning and Stewardship Committee Chair, reported that in October, the committee will consider four action items and receive two informational updates. The first item is to consider a new Local Resource Program agreement with Eastern Municipal Water District for their Perris Desalter facility. The committee will then consider amendments that would extend the term of two cyclic storage agreements with the Watermaster in the Main San Gabriel Basin. One agreement

would include Three Valleys Municipal Water District, and the second, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. The last action item would authorize an initial administrative deposit of \$500,000 with the State Water Contractors, Inc., to administer and coordinate the acquisition of Sacramento Valley transfer supplies in 2014.

The committee will hear an informational update on our water supply and demand conditions in 2013, and a report on the status of negotiations to extend the State Water Contract.

- c. Director Brown, Engineering and Operations Committee Vice Chair, reported that the committee will have two action items in October related to infrastructure reliability. In addition the committee will hear two oral reports, one on the Weymouth Plant oxidation retrofit program, and a representative from the Southern Nevada Water Authority will give a presentation on the Lake Mead Intake No. 3 project currently under construction.
- d. Director J. Murray, Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee Chair, reported that the Business Outreach Program will be participating in various events during the month of October. These include the WaterSmart Innovations conference in Las Vegas, the Regional Hispanic Chamber Southern California Business Development conference in Long Beach, and the Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council Leadership Awards dinner to recognize small and large companies for their achievements in working within the minority business community.
- e. Director Fleming, Legal and Claims Committee Chair, reported that the committee will have no action items in October. The committee will hear a report on the *Consolidated Delta Smelt Cases*, the *Consolidated Salmonid Cases* and the *San Diego County Water Authority v. MWD* litigation.
- f. Director Ackerman, Communications and Legislation Committee Chair, reported there are no changes to the October Legal and Claims Committee agenda.
- g. Director Dick, Real Property and Asset Management Committee Vice Chair, reported that the committee will meet in October to consider authorizing two permanent easements requested by Southern California Edison Company, and to hear an oral report on the Real Property Group's Bay-Delta activities.

- h. Director Edwards, Audit and Ethics Committee Chair, reported that the committee will hear the annual report on Metropolitan's financial statement from KPMG in October. There will also be a board letter related to the hiring of a new outside auditing firm.

**9. FOLLOW UP ITEMS**

None

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

General Manager Kightlinger reported that at the October Board meeting, the Board will be given the option to select when the November meetings will be held because Monday, November 11, 2013, which would have been the committee meeting day, is a holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

John Murray, Jr.  
Vice Chair of the Board