

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA

August 27, 2013

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

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

Member absent: Director K. Murray.

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

Staff present: Arakawa, Bennion, Breaux, Clairday, K. Cole, J. Green, Goshi, Hasencamp, Horton, Ivey, E. Jackson, Kightlinger, T. Lee, Lem, Man, Patterson, Pellegrini, Philp, N. Purkiss, Riss, Ryan, Schaffer, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Shraibati, Westford, Wheeler, R. Winn, Wolfe, E. Wong, and Zinke.

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

None

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA HELD JULY 23, 2013

Motion Carried Moved: Director Steiner Seconded: Director De Jesus

Abstained: Director Morris

Votes: 10 = Yes; 1 = Abstain

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Update on Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa reviewed information from economic studies released in 2013 related to the proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). He discussed the key benefits identified in the recently released BDCP Statewide Economic Report. He also listed meeting topics for the Special Committee on Bay-Delta for the coming months, and directed attention to the BDCP release date schedule.

Staff addressed questions from the committee regarding a previous request for information on individual agency benefits under the BDCP economic study, and background on Dr. Christopher Thornberg who is scheduled to make a presentation to the committee in the fall of 2013.

- b. Subject: Review impacts of Bay Delta Conservation Plan on Metropolitan's Integrated Resources Plan, costs, and water rates

Presented by: Water Resource Management Group Manager Deven Upadhyay
Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer Gary Breaux

Mr. Upadhyay discussed the background and strategy of Metropolitan's Integrated Water Resources Plan (IRP) in connection with Southern California's diverse water supply portfolio. He described how the current estimated range of yield from the BDCP is consistent with Metropolitan's IRP assumptions.

Mr. Breaux discussed the rate impact analysis from the costs of the BDCP. He explained the retail impact of the BDCP, estimated cost comparisons of other alternative supply projects, and provided an overall summary of the two-part presentation.

Staff addressed questions and concerns from the committee regarding how urban and agricultural agencies benefit from BDCP, Colorado River imported supplies, impact on Metropolitan's retail customers, cost comparison of Tier 1 water, and projected water supply improvements of the BDCP.

c. Subject: Bay-Delta Manager's Report

Presented by: Assistant General Manager Roger Patterson

Mr. Patterson's report included information on the updated schedule for the release of the Public Draft BDCP and Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement and review of changes and refinements in the BDCP conveyance alignment and design optimization.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Glen Peterson
Chair