

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ADJOINED WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

November 18, 2013

Chair De Jesus called the meeting to order at 10:00 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, Gray, Griset, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, Record, Steiner, and Touhey.

Members absent: Directors Lowenthal, K. Murray, and Quinonez.

Other Board members present: Directors Barbre, Babcock, Camacho, Dear, Evans, Grunfeld, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, J. Murray, Pringle, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Arakawa, H. Beatty, Bennion, Blair, Breaux, Burman, Cole, Donhoff, Green, Hasencamp, Ivey, Kightlinger, Macias, Man, Munguia, Parkins, Patterson, Reukema, Riss, Safely, Scully, Skillman, Stites, Upadhyay, Vanderhorst, Velasco, Westford, Wolfe, E. Wong, and B. Yamasaki.

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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

Motion Carried Moved: Director Edwards Seconded: Director Steiner

Votes: Unanimous

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

9-1 Subject: Oral report on the California Water Action Plan Public Review Draft, released by the State on October 31, 2013

Presented by: Brenda W. Burman, Special Projects Manager

Ms. Burman gave a presentation on the State's Public Review Draft of the Water Action Plan. The plan looks at California's current water system and the challenges of future water demands affected by climate change, drought, and population growth. She described the three major short-term goals for meeting those demands over the next five years.

Jeff Kightlinger, General Manager, noted Metropolitan's participation in the development of the plan along with other members of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). Staff will develop specific comments related to storage, conservation, and implementation of the plan.

Committee members commented on the development process, support for a statewide action plan and a need for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), and regional self-reliance.

The committee chose to make 9-1 an action item in favor of supporting the California Water Action Plan.

Motion Carried: Moved: Director Record Seconded: Director Morris

Votes: Unanimous

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Update on State Water Contract extension negotiations

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

Mr. Upadhyay gave an update on State Water Contractors negotiations to extend the contract with the Department of Water Resources (DWR). He highlighted that progress will likely be slow in the next two months due to the holidays. He reviewed State Water Project invoicing, goals in the negotiations, and other issues relative to DWR's process for financing capital projects.

Staff responded to committee comments related to DWR's financial participation in this process, revised billing of the contract, state's fiscal responsibility relating to recreational charges under the Davis-Dolwig Act, and concerns with negotiating away the state's fiscal responsibility to recreation.

- b. Subject: Report on Implementation of Minute 319

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager of Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp gave a presentation that reviewed the implementation of Minute 319. Under a pilot project as part of Minute 319, Metropolitan will contribute \$5 million for conservation projects in Mexico in exchange for 47,500 AF of intentionally created surplus (ICS). Imperial Irrigation District is interested in a share of this pilot project, equal to Metropolitan's participation.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Bay Delta Matters

Presented by Roger Patterson, Assistant General Manager, Strategic Water Initiatives

Mr. Patterson gave an overview of the status of the BDCP that included the upcoming release of the public draft of the environmental impact report and the formal 120-day public comment period and he noted that staff is to review the document and make a presentation to the Board in December or January.

- b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager of Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp reported on the recent precipitation conditions on the Colorado River. He described the various projections given dry year, average, or slightly wet year conditions. Southern Nevada Water Authority has requested to store 75,000 acre-feet of water under their exchange agreement with Metropolitan and Mr. Hasencamp described the terms of the transaction.

Director Peterson highlighted an upcoming presentation given by the Colorado River Board at the ACWA Fall Conference on the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Plan.

Staff responded to a question related to allocation of costs for BDCP among contractors.

- c. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report

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

Mr. Upadhyay reported that Metropolitan will receive the announcement of the initial state allocation by the next committee meeting in December.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on December 9, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

David De Jesus
Chair