

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA

October 22, 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 Babcock, Griset, Lefevre, Morris, Record, and Steiner.

Members absent: Directors Ackerman, Camacho, De Jesus, Fleming, and K. Murray.

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

Staff present: Arakawa, Ardalan, Bennion, Breaux, Clairday, Hasencamp, Hogan, Ivey, Kightlinger, Man, Neudeck, Patterson, Pellegrini, Philp, Riss, R. Ryan, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Upadhyay, 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

No members responded.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA HELD AUGUST 27, AND SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

Motion Carried Moved: Director Steiner Seconded: Babcock

Votes: Unanimous

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Update on Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa noted that the release date for the Public Draft of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) will change due to the recent government shutdown, he discussed draft permit applications that were submitted by the Department of Water Resources and six public water agencies for the BDCP, and explained the reason for the deferral of Dr. Christopher Thornberg's presentation to a future meeting.

Staff addressed questions from the committee regarding cost information, habitat conservation, the permit application, the anticipated presentation date for Dr. Christopher Thornberg's presentation, and negotiations on cost allocation among the various agencies.

- b. Subject: Bay-Delta Outreach

Presented by: Interim External Affairs Deputy General Manager Dee Zinke

Mr. Arakawa introduced Ms. Zinke and provided a lead-in to her presentation.

Ms. Zinke provided information on critical BDCP milestones, discussed Metropolitan's BDCP Outreach (Outreach) objectives, as well as Outreach activities from July 2012 to the present. She also described Outreach target audiences, resources, activities, and strategy planned for the future.

General Manager Jeff Kightlinger mentioned there will be a briefing on the Statewide Water Action Plan at a future Water Planning and Stewardship Committee meeting. He also noted that there is a need for a broader water education program to describe actions that go beyond implementation of the BDCP.

Staff addressed questions and comments from the committee regarding outreach in the Chinese community, the budget for the Outreach program, a fact sheet regarding BDCP costs, Metropolitan's diversified water portfolio, the net benefits of the BDCP for Southern California, the importance of statewide benefits and the co-equal goals, and a brief background on the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project.

c. Subject: Bay-Delta Manager's Report

Presented by: Assistant General Manager Roger Patterson

Mr. Patterson added a brief statement about the BDCP permit application that was submitted, noting that all of the state and federal contractors will have the opportunity to become applicants over time.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Glen Peterson
Chair