

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA

February 25, 2014

Vice Chair Gray called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Vice Chair Gray, Directors Camacho, De Jesus, Griset, Lefevre (via teleconference), Morris, and Steiner.

Members absent: Chair Peterson, Directors Ackerman, and K. Murray, and Record.

Other Board Members present: Directors, Ballin, Brown, Dear, Dick, Hogan, Kurtz, Lewinger, J. Murray, Vasquez, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Bennion, Breaux, L. Carrillo, Clairday, Ghaly, Hasencamp, Horton, Kightlinger, T. Lee, Man, Neudeck, Pellegrini, Riss, R. Ryan, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Upadhyay, Wheeler, R. Winn, 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 JOINT WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA WORKSHOP HELD JANUARY 13, 2014

Motion:	Carried		
Moved:	Director Morris	Seconded:	Director Steiner
Ayes:	Directors Gray, De Jesus, Griset, Lefevre, Morris, and Steiner		
Noes:	None		
Abstentions:	None		
Absent:	Chair Peterson and Directors Ackerman, Camacho, K. Murray, and Record		

Vice Chair Gray declared the original motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 5 absent.

Director Camacho entered the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Update on Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Presented by: Special Projects Manager Bay-Delta Initiatives Randall Neudeck

Mr. Neudeck provided information about the 12 Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) public meetings that were held statewide in January and February 2014, and noted that the comment period has been extended. He also reviewed the schedule for upcoming Special Committee on Bay-Delta meetings and gave an update on the Delta Drought conditions.

Staff addressed questions about projected measurement of salinity in the Delta by July 2014, the impact on water quality in the areas upstream of the State Water Project, and the salinity concentration in the forebay.

- b. Subject: State's presentation on Climate Change Analysis with and without the Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Presented by: Cassandra Enos-Nobriga, Program Manager, California
Department of Water Resources
Jennifer Pierre, Senior Manager, ICF International

Mr. Neudeck introduced Ms. Enos-Nobriga and Ms. Pierre. He also provided information about their backgrounds.

Ms. Enos-Nobriga provided lead-in information and the reason for the Climate Change analysis.

Ms. Pierre explained how her firm analyzed Climate Change in the BDCP context, and how they were able to look at the effects of Climate Change over time without the BDCP. She noted that there would be substantial effects on upstream reservoirs on both the Sacramento River Basin and the San Joaquin River basin. She also provided some examples, graphs, and conclusions.

Staff and guest presenter addressed questions from the committee regarding impacts on salinity and water level rises, how that would be mitigated.

- c. Subject: Review status of Bay Delta Conservation Plan cost allocation discussions

Presented by: Special Projects Manager Bay-Delta Initiatives Randall Neudeck

Mr. Neudeck provided background information, noting the BDCP funding agencies, including the State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (CVP) contractors. He showed preliminary cost analyses identified in Chapter 8 of the Draft BDCP, CVP/SWP historical water delivery splits, and potential SWP cost allocation criteria and alternatives.

Staff addressed questions on state and federal funding discussions, cost allocation alternatives and the funding agencies, unit cost in dry years, the nine-page Standard and Poor's document that was part of the committee hand out packet, and Metropolitan's portion of the cost.

- d. Subject: Bay-Delta Manager's Report

Presented by: Special Projects Manager Bay-Delta Initiatives Randall Neudeck

Mr. Neudeck noted that Steve Arakawa is in Sacramento today attending a joint Senate/Assembly hearing on BDCP. He also reported that the State Water Resources Control Board held a workshop in coordination with the Independent Science Board and noted the agenda topics and Metropolitan's involvement.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Gloria Gray
Vice Chair