

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

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

Presented by: General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger

General Manager Kightlinger reported that on July 10, 2014 Metropolitan held a one-day district-wide management retreat to discuss the future of the organization and the challenges being faced.

General Manager Kightlinger reported that a district-wide employee survey was conducted. The results will be sent to directors as well as employees. The majority of employees rated Metropolitan as a very good place to work. Some issues were raised that need to be addressed and management plans to do so.

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

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia Scully

General Counsel Scully reported that the court approved the Delta Smelt appeal litigation schedule. Petitioner's briefs are due October 15, 2014 and the opposition brief is due April 6, 2015. All required briefs are due May 21, 2015.

General Counsel Scully stated that outside counsel Jeffrey Freedman of the law firm Liebert, Cassidy and Whitmore, has been appointed and will be present to observe and advise the Board in all meetings pertaining to the direct report evaluation process.

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 Ghaly had no report.

- f. Subject: Department Heads' Performance Evaluations, Review and Recommendation.
[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: Chair Record

Discussion on this item was deferred to the end of the meeting.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- a. Subject: Finance and Insurance Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Barbre

Committee Chair Barbre reported that at the Finance and Insurance Committee meeting in August, the committee will be discussing the assessed valuations for fiscal year 2014/15 and setting the ad valorem tax rate.

- b. Subject: Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair De Jesus

Committee Chair De Jesus reported that in August, the committee will receive four informational items. The subject matter will include an overview of Metropolitan's Water Supply Allocation Plan, an update on conservation activities, an update on the Local Resource Program, and a report on the State Water Resources Control Board's adopted water restrictions.

- c. Subject: Engineering and Operations Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Evans

Committee Chair Evans reported that at the August meeting, the committee will consider seven action items related to repair and rehabilitation projects at the water treatment plants. Staff will also propose awarding a contract to improve the ability to move water from Diamond Valley Lake to the Mills plant as part of a drought action plan. An oral report will be provided on solar power projects at Metropolitan facilities.

- d. Subject: Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee
Presented by: Committee Chair J. Murray

Committee Chair Murray reported that Metropolitan will host a US Water Technology Approval Group meeting at Metropolitan's Headquarters in Los Angeles. Metropolitan will be sponsoring an inspection trip of the State Water Project and the Sacramento/San Joaquin Bay-Delta for Los Angeles area business coalitions. Metropolitan will also be hosting, in conjunction with other agencies, the 9th Annual California Construction Expo in Long Beach.

- e. Subject: Legal and Claims Committee
Presented by: Committee Chair Quinoñez

Committee Chair Quinoñez reported that at the August meeting, the committee will hear reports on the *Consolidated Delta Smelt Cases*, and the *San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan* lawsuit.

- f. Subject: Communications and Legislation Committee
Presented by: Committee Chair Ackerman

Committee Chair Ackerman reported that there are no items to add to the committee agenda in August. Among the reports of interest, the committee will be hearing a report on wetland regulations under the Clean Water Act, and federal chemical security issues and legislation.

10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

The Executive Committee meeting went into closed session at 1:15 p.m.

