

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

**July 7, 2014**

Chair De Jesus called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair De Jesus, Vice Chair Touhey, Directors Ackerman, Atwater, Brown, Camacho (entered at 10:10 a.m.), Dick, Gray, Griset (entered at 10:17 a.m.), Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, and Steiner.

Members absent: Directors Koretz, Lowenthal, and Quinonez.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Ballin, Barbre, Blois, Dake, Dear, Evans, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, Mudd, J. Murray, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Arakawa, H. Beatty, Blair, Breaux, L. Carillo, G. Chan, Coffey, Green, Harding, Hasencamp, Kightlinger, Kunysz, Man, Munguia, Nobriga, Patterson, Philp, Reukema, Riss, Roth, Safely, Schaffer, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Stites, Teraoka, Upadhyay, Vanderhorst, Velasco, Westford, E. Wong, B. Yamasaki, and Zinke.

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

No members responded.

**1A. PRESENTATION BY TANYA TRUJILLO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COLORADO RIVER BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**

Ms. Trujillo gave a presentation on the Colorado River Board (CRB) of California. She reviewed CRB of California's background, role and objectives for how it represents California's interest on the Colorado River.

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

Director Griset entered the meeting at 10:17 a.m.



The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 not voting, and 3 absent.

Staff responded to a question and clarified that the action does not create any financial obligations for Metropolitan.

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Oral report on the Implementation of the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Plan (MSCP) Program by Christopher S. Harris, Deputy Director Colorado River Board of California

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Mr. Harris' presentation reviewed the 10-year progress of the implementation of the Lower Colorado River MSCP Program. He explained how the Program serves as an example of interstate and multiagency habitat conservation plan that can be used to provide ongoing assurances relative to species protection and operating permits for facilities.

Jeffrey Kightlinger, General Manager, remarked on the important role that this Program has had in enabling Metropolitan to receive yearly water deliveries from the Bureau of Reclamation without cutbacks due to environmental impacts, and that it has enabled Metropolitan to do programs through the Quantification Settlement Agreement.

**7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a.                   Subject:           Bay Delta Matters  
  
                      Presented by     Roger K. Patterson, Asst. General Manager Strategic Water Initiatives

Mr. Patterson provided brief reports on the status of the drafts of the Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Study, the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan, and the Implementation Agreement. He also indicated the Delta Stewardship Council has scheduled meetings for July 24 and 25. At this

time, he did not have an update regarding the cost allocation discussions.

Mr. Patterson responded to a question regarding a change to the cost allocation timetable.

b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp reported on a number of items related to Colorado River matters. He highlighted the anniversary of Lake Mead and Hoover Dam. He indicated Lake Mead is at its lowest level since its inception, setting a new record. He discussed the possibility of a shortage declaration.

Staff is involved in discussions with various water agencies on issues related to developing drought-protection programs similar to the Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) account that could provide short-term benefits to Metropolitan and the other lower basin states that are affected by the drought. There is also discussion related to defining rules for managing ICS in a shortage.

c. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report

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

Mr. Upadhyay reported that staff will begin workshops with Metropolitan's member agencies to discuss the Water Supply Allocation Plan as part of the process to prepare for a possible implementation in 2015.

He also noted that staff will begin a review process of the Local Resources Program for possible adjustments to accelerate local resource development to meet Integrated Water Resources Plan goals. Staff will report back to the committee on the review process and possible actions.

Mr. Upadhyay responded to a question related to discussions of storage use parameters.

## **8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

Director Wunderlich recommended that staff explore the extent of existing local ordinances that embed drought-friendly vegetation into local code, and whether Metropolitan could play a role in these efforts.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on July 8, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

David De Jesus  
Chair