

# THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## MINUTES

### WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

**December 8, 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 Abdo (entered at 10:10 a.m.) Ackerman, Atwater, Calkins, Camacho (entered at 10:34 a.m.) Dick, Gray (entered at 10:20 a.m.), Griset (entered at 10:15 a.m.), Koretz (entered at 10:05 a.m.), Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, Quiñonez (entered at 10:05 a.m), and Steiner.

Member absent: Director Brown.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Apodaca, Barbre, Beard, Blois, Dake, Dear, Evans, Hawkins, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McKenney, Murray, Tu, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Arakawa, Breaux, Chan, Clairday, Coffey, Cole, Donhoff, Goshi, Green, Hagstrom, Harding, Hasencamp, Hiltcher, Kightlinger, T. Lee, McDonnell, Man, Mokhtari, Munguia, Neudeck, Nobriga, Parsons, Patterson, Pham, Philp, Polyzos, Riss, Roth, Safely, Schaffer, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Skillman, Stites, Sumi, Teroaka, M.N. Ti, Vanderhorst, Velasco, Westford, E. Wong, B. Yamasaki, and Zinke.

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEES' JURISDICTION

No members responded.

Directors Koretz and Quiñonez entered the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

## **2. PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. Review of Metropolitan's achievements in conservation, recycling and groundwater recharge.

Grace L. Chan, Manger, Resource Planning & Development Section

Ms. Chan gave a presentation on Metropolitan's Annual Progress Report to the California State Legislature: *Regional Progress on Achievements in Conservation, Recycling and Groundwater Recharge*.

Ms. Chan's presentation covered the report contents, highlights for fiscal year 2013/14, and next steps.

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

Director Griset entered the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Director Gray entered the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Staff responded to questions regarding Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) targets, accounting of Local Resource Projects targets, meeting Metropolitan's total water resources goal, and ethics reporting.

Public Hearing Speakers included:

Mr. Dan Park, Glendora Country Club;

Ms. Emma Sorrell, Occidental College;

Mr. Paul Herzog, Surfrider Foundation;

Mr. Doug Kent, Southern California Gas Company;

Mr. Bruce Yarbrough, Canyon Lake Golf Course;

Mr. Greg Charpentier, FS Comercial Landscape; and

Mr. Conner Everts, Southern California Watershed Alliance.

Director Camacho entered the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Director Ackerman withdrew from the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEETING OF THE WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE HELD NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Peterson                      Seconded: Director Morris

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Atwater, Calkins, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Gray, Griset, Koretz, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, Quinonez, Steiner, and Touhey.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Not voting: None

Absent: Directors Ackerman and Brown.

The motion passed by a vote of 15 ayes, 0 no, 0 not voting, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

Director Ackerman returned to the meeting at 10:40 a.m.  
Director Griset withdrew from the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

## 5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

**8-1** Subject: Authorize: (1) increase of \$40 million for conservation incentives; and  
(2) increase to the contract authority of the five-year agreement with Electric and Gas Industries Association for administration of Metropolitan’s regional conservation rebate program

Presented by: Bill McDonnell, Manager, Water Efficiency Team

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and

- a. Authorize the increase in conservation budget of \$40 million, from \$60 million to \$100 million; and
- b. Authorize the General Manager to amend Agreement No. 129415 with EGIA to increase contract capacity authority from \$90 million to \$290 million to allow for the increased activity in Metropolitan’s regional rebate program.

Moved: Director Morris                      Seconded: Director Peterson

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Calkins, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Gray, Koretz, Morris, Peterson, Quinonez, and Touhey.

Noes: Directors Lewinger and Steiner.

Abstentions: None

Not voting: None

Absent: Directors Brown and Griset.

The motion passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 2 noes, 0 not voting, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

Mr. McDonnell provided a presentation that included an update on Metropolitan’s Conservation Program, a request to increase the conservation program budget, and also to increase the capacity of Metropolitan’s contract with Electric and Gas Industries Association (EGIA).

Staff responded to questions surrounding the proposed increase of the existing fiscal year’s conservation budget, use of funds in the commercial turf removal program, capping rebate amounts for turf removal, conducting a financial audit of the turf removal rebate programs, reservation mechanism for residential and commercial programs, rebates for rain barrels and rain cisterns in residential and commercial programs, fraud prevention controls, EGIA contract extension, planning a rebate exit strategy for turf removal, and IRP reduction target.

Director Griset returned to the meeting at 12:03 p.m.



**6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

**9-1** Subject: Overview of proposed memorandum of understanding for Colorado River-related pilot drought response actions.

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Committee Chair requested that agenda items 9-1 and 8b be provided under this agenda item.

Mr. Hasencamp gave an oral report that covered both items 9-1 and 8b. He summarized the memorandum of understanding and he reported on Colorado River activity.

**7. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

a. Subject: Water Surplus and Drought Management Update

Presented by: None

Staff responded to Director Steiner's question related to water transfer assumptions and State Water Project system water storage.

**8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

a. Subject: Bay Delta Matters

Presented by Roger K. Patterson, Asst. General Manager Strategic Water Initiatives

Mr. Patterson provided an oral update on Bay Delta operations. He explained the impacts to smelt from turbidity of recent and forecasted rain storms in the Sacramento Delta area, the additional \$1M in smelt monitoring that started last week, running of turbidity models, and pumping conditions.

b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

This report was given under agenda item 9-1.

- c.       Subject:                       Water Resource Management Manager's Report
- Presented by:               Deven N. Upadhyay, Manager, Water Resource Management

Mr. Upadhyay highlighted the Water Surplus Drought Management Report's 8-station index graphic and he noted that the written IRP Implementation Report had been distributed to the Board.

**8.       FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**9.       FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Steiner requested that the three letters from San Diego be made part of the meeting record.

Director Dake requested an update to the Groundwater Assessment Study of 2007 be agendized in the future.

Next meeting will be held on January 12, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

David De Jesus  
Chair