

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**October 28, 2014**

Chair Record called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m. in the Board Room at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Record, Vice Chairs Ackerman, J. Murray, and Touhey, Secretary Morris, Directors Camacho, Griset, De Jesus, Evans, and Quinoñez.

Members absent: Vice Chair Gray and Director Barbre.

Other Board members present: Directors Beard, Blois, Dake, Dear, Kurtz, Lefevre, Lewinger, McKenney, Peterson, Steiner, and Tu.

Staff present: Atkins, Breaux, L. Carrillo, Chin, Clairday, Ghaly, Gil de Montes, Green, Ivey, E. Jackson, Jankovic, Kightlinger, Mares, Martin, Patterson, Riss, Scully, Vanderhorst, Torres, 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 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director J. Murray                      Seconded: Director Touhey

Ayes: Directors Record, Murray, Ackerman, Touhey, Morris, Camacho, Griset, De Jesus, Evans, and Quinoñez

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Vice Chair Gray and Director Barbre

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



**7. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**8. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

a. Subject: Approve Resolution for Metropolitan’s Partnership with Palo Verde Irrigation District on the 10th anniversary of the Palo Verde Land Management, Crop Rotation and Water Supply Program

Presented by: Chair Record

Motion: Approve Resolution for Metropolitan’s Partnership with Palo Verde Irrigation District on the 10th anniversary of the Palo Verde Land Management, Crop Rotation and Water Supply Program.

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Touhey Seconded: Director Camacho

Ayes: Directors Record, Murray, Ackerman, Touhey, Morris, Camacho, Griset, De Jesus, Evans, and Quinoñez

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Vice Chair Gray and Director Barbre

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

b. Subject: Approve draft committee and Board meeting agendas, and schedule for November 2014

Presented by: Chair Record

Motion: Approve draft committee and board meeting agendas and schedule for November.

Motion: Carried  
Moved: Director De Jesus Seconded: Director Camacho  
Ayes: Directors Record, Murray, Ackerman, Touhey, Morris, Camacho, Griset,  
De Jesus, Evans, and Quinoñez  
Noes: None  
Abstentions: None  
Absent: Vice Chair Gray and Director Barbre

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

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

Presented by: General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger

General Manager Kightlinger stated that on November 17, 2014 Metropolitan's courtyard will be dedicated in memory of late Chairman John Foley.

Metropolitan participated in the October 18, 2014 Taste of Soul event in Los Angeles. Directors Gray and Murray were present at Metropolitan's booth which drew thousands that attended the event.

General Manager Kightlinger stated that each year Metropolitan issues an annual report which is a historical record of what transpired during the course of that year. This information is posted on our website. This year, staff prepared a short video highlighting Metropolitan's achievements during the year, which was shown to the committee.

Director Murray requested that copies of the video report be made and given to directors for use during meetings and events that they attend. Director Evans asked that a similar recording be made of the presentation during the Engineering and Operations tour held this year.

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

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia Scully

General Counsel Scully updated the committee regarding the status of amicus briefs in support of petitions filed with the United States Supreme Court asking that the court review the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision in the Delta smelt case.

General Counsel Scully informed the committee that an informational item regarding representation of individual Metropolitan directors will be presented at a future meeting of the Legal and Claims Committee.

- e.           Subject:           General Auditor's report of Audit Department activities  
Presented by:    General Auditor Gerry Riss

General Auditor Riss had no report.

- f.           Subject:           Ethics Officer's report of Ethics Department activities  
Presented by:    Ethics Officer Deena Ghaly

Ethics Officer Ghaly stated that a communication from the Ethics Department was sent to all directors identifying a list of potential areas where a conflict of interest could occur, and a summary of the various conflict provisions. That memo will be sent monthly to directors prior to the board meeting and is intended to serve as a guide for board members for identifying potential conflicts.

The AB 1234 ethics training will be held at the end of the November 18, 2014 board meeting. Invitations have been extended to new board members at Metropolitan's member agencies who may want to attend.

## **9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

- a.           Subject:           Finance and Insurance Committee  
  
Presented by:    Neither Chair Barbre nor Vice Chair Wunderlich was present at the meeting so there was no report from the Finance and Insurance Committee.
- b.           Subject:           Water Planning and Stewardship Committee  
  
Presented by:    Committee Chair De Jesus

Committee Chair De Jesus reported that in November the committee will consider two action items. The first will be an agreement to share in the cost of levee improvements to Bacon Island in the Bay-Delta, and the other will be a request to increase the conservation program budget and increase the maximum dollar limit in the contract for the regional administration of the program through Electric and Gas Industries Association.

The committee will hear reports on the efforts to revise the Water Supply Allocation Plan to account for changed conditions since the last time it was implemented, and an updated report on the storage investigations in the Bay-Delta watershed.

- c.           Subject:           Engineering and Operations Committee  
Presented by:   Committee Chair Evans

Committee Chair Evans stated that there will be three action items brought before the committee at the November meeting. The items address infrastructure reliability and will include a design to repair the pipe lining in the southern reach of the Orange County Feeder.

In addition staff will present a quarterly report on the Capital Investment Plan for the period ending September 2014, as well as an oral report on water system deliveries for 2014.

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

Committee Chair Murray reported that in November, the committee will consider two information technology actions for funding and authority. First a request to upgrade Metropolitan's Oracle Financials application, and second to replace the system-wide telecommunications system.

Committee Chair Murray reported that for the fifth year in a row, Metropolitan has been awarded the Excellence in IT Practices Award from the Municipal Information Systems Association of California. Metropolitan also hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Technology Approval Group Meeting which identifies emerging water technologies and accelerates their market uptake through a global innovation forum. Metropolitan also sponsored and participated in the annual Taste of Soul activities, represented by Directors Gray and Murray. This was an expansive forum for Metropolitan to showcase its business opportunities and initiatives on water conservation and education

The Business Outreach Group will present their 2013/14 annual report at the committee meeting.

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

Committee Chair Quinoñez reported that in November, the committee will hear an update on water diversions in the Bay-Delta. The committee will then go into closed session to discuss existing litigation including the *Consolidated Delta Smelt and Salmonid Cases*, and the *San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan* lawsuits.

In closed session, the committee will also discuss performance goals and objectives for the General Counsel.

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

Committee Chair Ackerman stated that at the November meeting, Metropolitan's legislative representatives in Washington, DC and Sacramento will give a report of the November 4, 2014 election results at the federal and state level. The committee will also hear a report on legislative strategy for 2015/16.

- g.           Subject:           Real Property and Asset Management Committee  
Presented by:   Chair Camacho

Committee Chair Camacho had no report.

## **10. OTHER MATTERS**

- a.           Subject:           Discussion of General Manager's performance goals and objectives.  
[To be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957(b)]  
Presented by:   Chair Record

The meeting went into closed session at 12:43 p.m.

## **11. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

## **12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Randy A. Record  
Chairman of the Board