

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Ackerman, Touhey, Barbre, Peterson, and Quiñonez

The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 5 absent.

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

Presented by: General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger

General Manager Kightlinger announced the retirement of Ron Ardalan who has provided technical support for the Board and committee meetings and thanked him for his service to Metropolitan.

General Manager Kightlinger informed the committee that there were no Metropolitan employees on the Metrolink train that derailed this morning.

General Manager Kightlinger announced that the flags at all Metropolitan locations will be flown at half-mast for the remainder of the week to honor Director Brown who passed away on February 22, 2015.

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

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia Scully

General Counsel Scully reported that there was a hearing on February 12, 2015 before the Ninth Circuit Court regarding Metropolitan and fluoridating water. The court ruled in Metropolitan's favor and upheld the decision of the trial court that had determined Metropolitan was not in violation of any state or federal laws.

A new case has been filed by an environmental group against Sac Regional asking that they get an incidental take because of the discharge of ammonia in the effluent from their water treatment plant. Sac Regional has speeded up its plans to retrofit its plant to remove the ammonia.

Metropolitan, in conjunction with the Irvine and Moulton Niguel Water Districts, filed briefs on February 20, 2015 in the copper pitting cases. Sr. Deputy General Counsel Diaz is Metropolitan's lead attorney in this case.

- 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 stated that the Ethics Department is waiting for a final approval from the California Fair Political Practices Commission after which directors will be able to set up an on-line profile and file their Form 700 electronically if they so choose.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- a. Subject: Finance and Insurance Committee
Presented by: Committee Vice Chair Wunderlich

Committee Vice Chair Wunderlich had no report.

- b. Subject: Water Planning and Stewardship Committee
Presented by: Committee Chair De Jesus

Committee Chair De Jesus reported that in March the committee will consider two action items to enhance the return capacity of the Arvin Edison and Kern-Delta water storage programs. These actions will help Metropolitan withdraw water from these storage programs in 2015 and in future years. A third action item which will be added to the agenda later will authorize the purchase of transfer supplies through the State Water Contractors Buyers Group.

The committee will also hear two information reports. An update on the water savings incentive program and the latest report on water supply and drought management.

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

Committee Vice Chair Blois stated that the committee will consider four action items in March. Included is a contract to replace the wastewater systems at the Julian Hinds and Eagle Mountain Pumping Plants, and completion activities for the Diemer Oxidation Retrofit Project. An update on Colorado River source water protection will also be given at that meeting. Of note under infrastructure shut-downs, the Colorado River Aqueduct was taken out of service on February 17, 2015. It will remain down until March 7, 2015 for maintenance and repairs. The San Jacinto tunnel inspection tours are scheduled for February 25 and 26, 2015. Vice Chair Blois encouraged directors to participate

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

Committee Chair Murray reported that in March staff will brief the committee in closed session on cyber security activities at Metropolitan. A guest speaker from the United States Secret Service is scheduled to speak on the topic.

Discussions will also be held in closed session on plans for the 2015 Salary-Wage re-opener in preparation for the next round of MOU negotiations.

Committee Chair Murray reminded board members that tours of Metropolitan's Data Center at the Headquarters building can be arranged with staff at any time. The tour lasts approximately one hour.

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

Committee Vice Chair McKenney reported that in March the committee will consider in closed session, a request to authorize an increase in the contract of Duane Morris for legal services related to the Bay-Delta water diversions matter. The committee will also hear an update on the *San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan* lawsuit.

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

Committee Chair Kurtz reported that the committee will have one action item in March to authorize a contract for advertising and community outreach services related to water conservation and other key water issues.

In addition to the reports from Washington, DC and Sacramento, the committee will hear a report on Metropolitan's education strategic plan.

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

Committee Chair Camacho reported that the committee will hear an oral presentation from staff on current activities at Diamond Valley Lake as well as proposed improvements.

10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. in memory of past director Glenn Brown.

Randy A. Record
Chairman of the Board