

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

February 9, 2015

Chair De Jesus called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair De Jesus, Vice Chair Atwater, Directors Abdo, Ackerman (entered at 10:05 a.m.), Calkins, Camacho (entered at 10:18 a.m.), Dick (entered at 10:03 a.m.), Gray (entered at 10:04 a.m.), Griset, Koretz, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, Quiñonez, Steiner, and Touhey.

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

Staff present: Arakawa, Breaux, Clairday, Coffey, Cole, Donhoff, Goshi, Green, Hagstrom, Hasencamp, Hirsch, Kightlinger, Kunysz, T. Lee, McDonnell, Man, Munguia, Neudeck, Nevills, Nobriega, Parsons, Pham, Polyzos, K. Ramos, Riss, Roth, Safely, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Skillman, Stites, Sumi, Takeguchi, Teroaka, M.N. Ti, 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.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEETING OF THE WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE HELD JANUARY 12, 2015

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Griset Seconded: Director Atwater

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Atwater, De Jesus, Griset, Koretz, Lewinger, Morris, Quinonez, Steiner, and Touhey.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Camacho, Dick, and Gray.

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 no, 2 not voting, and 4 absent.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

Director Dick entered the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Director Gray entered the meeting at 10:04

Director Ackerman entered the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Director Camacho entered the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-1 Subject: Authorize entering into a two-year agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to pay up to \$46 million from the Water Management Fund to purchase State Water Project supplies under the Multi-Year Pool Demonstration Program

Presented by: Steve P. Hirsch, Program Manager, Water Transfer and Exchange Issues

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not subject to CEQA and is categorically exempt, and authorize the General Manager to enter into a two-year agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to pay up to \$46 million for State Water Project supplies under the Multi-Year Water Pool Demonstration Program to help improve dry-year water supplies in 2015 and 2016.

Moved: Director Steiner Seconded: Director Morris

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent Director Camacho

Not voting Director Gray

The motion passed by a vote of 15 ayes, 0 no, 1 not voting, and 0 absent.

Mr. Hirsch gave a presentation on a proposed two-year agreement with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and State Water Contractors (SWC) to extend the current program that was approved by the Board in 2012. The agreement would allow SWC to transfer State Water Project (SWP) supplies among contractors for a two-year period with a set price schedule.

Mr. Hirsch provided details of the proposed water pool agreement including background, management, pricing schedule, available supplies, and benefits.

Staff responded to comments related to available water amounts in 2015, the water management fund, incremental costs of water supply acquisitions from SWP, and eligibility for government funding in drought conditions for water transfers.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

9-1 Subject: Potential Turf Removal Program Modifications

Presented by: Bill Mc Donnell, Team Manager, Water Use Efficiency

Mr. McDonnell's presentation included an update on Metropolitan's Water Conservation Program. It focused on the Turf Removal Program component. He reviewed activity levels, the nature of customer requests and participation, and potential changes to the program in the future.

Staff responded to questions concerning committed funds versus budgeted funds, maximum lifetime benefits, advertising and visibility of turf removal, availability of grant funding versus volume of activity, application prioritizing, and capping and phasing of the program.

Jeffrey Kightlinger, General Manager, remarked that staff would evaluate ideas and comments made in today's meeting and that they will develop a recommendation on the turf replacement process.

Director Gray requested for the record to reflect that she voted yes on committee item 8-1.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Report on Integrated Resources Plan

Presented by: Jennifer Nevills, Sr. Resource Specialist, Resourec Analysis Unit

Ms. Nevills' oral report discussed an overview of the upcoming Integrated Water Resource Plan (IRP) update process including background information on previous IRPs, descriptions of the proposed process, technical update topics, and a timeline.

Staff responded to comments regarding the report by Dr. David Sunding on water usage in Southern California, including a long-range finance plan in the IRP process, 20x2020 water use efficiency targets, and the long-term outlook on carrying capacity of the region.

b. Oral report on Statement of Charges Audit

Presented by: Jack Safely, Manager, Imported Supply Unit

Mr. Safely provided an oral report on Metropolitan's 2015 Statement of Charges for the SWP that was issued by DWR. His presentation reported background information on the significance of the audit, nature, scope, and results. He also discussed DWR's revision to the charges.

c. Oral report on Water Supply Drought Management Plan

Presented by: Demetri Polyzos, Sr. Engineer, Imported Supply Unit

Mr. Polyzos gave an oral report that included an overview of water supply and hydrologic conditions. He explained various 2015 water management scenarios, potential need for water storage draws and/or a water allocation declaration based on available water supplies.

Staff responded to questions regarding water storage reserves, key assumptions, projections for 2016 in dry year conditions, and water demand tracking.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Subject: Bay Delta Matters

Presented by Steve N. Arakawa, Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives

Mr. Arakawa reported on Bay-Delta activities and provided information on planned discussion topics at the next Bay-Delta Committee Meeting. He also discussed State Water Resource Control Board activity and a Temporary Urgency Change Permit that allows for rebalancing of beneficial uses between fishery, environmental, and consumptive needs.

Staff responded to comments regarding export limitations.

b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: None

Mr. Hasencamp stated that his oral report would not be provided due to lack of time.

c. Subject: Water Resource Management's Report

Presented by: None

d. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report

Presented by: Kathy M. Kunysz, Program Manager, Groundwater Storage Issues

Ms. Kunysz gave an oral report on groundwater conditions in Metropolitan's service area.

7. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on March 9, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

David De Jesus
Chair