

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-3 Subject Express Opposition to SB 143 (Stone, R-Indio) - Diamond Valley Reservoir: Recreational Use

Presented by: Mic Stewart, Section Manager - Water Quality

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not subject to CEQA and authorize the General Manager to express opposition to SB 143.

Moved: Director Murray Seconded: Director Peterson

Ayes: Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Arceneaux, Ballin, Barbre, Camacho, Friedman, Griset, Lefevre, Lewinger, Morris, Murray, Peterson, and Tu

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Apodaca

The motion passed by a vote of 16 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

Chair Kurtz acknowledged former Chair Ackerman and former Vice Chair Peterson and thanked them for their service to the committee.

She stated that Chairman Record named Director Ackerman as Vice Chair of the Board and asked her to continue coordinating with the Communications and Legislation Committee on behalf of the Board officers.

Chair Kurtz called upon Director Ackerman to report on Chairman Record's and Director Ackerman's recent visit to Washington, D. C.

Director Ackerman reported that on January 20-22, she, Chairman Record, General Manager Jeff Kightlinger, and Deputy General Manager Dee Zinke went to Washington, D.C. to meet

with a host of key federal leaders to formally introduce Chairman Record and to brief interested Senators, House Members, and Administration officials on the status of the drought and possible long-term water supply solutions.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Report on activities from Washington, D.C.

Presented by: Brad Hiltcher, Executive Legislative Representative

Mr. Hiltcher reported on federal matters which included:

- FY 2016 budget presented to Congress
- House committee assignments
- Proposed legislation:
 - Waters of the United States
 - Risk of cyanotoxins in drinking water
 - WaterSense
 - California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act of 2015
- Congressional calendar

b. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Cole, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Cole reported on several state matters which included:

- Key legislative deadlines
- Informational hearings
- Water bond implementation
- 2015 bill introductions

c. Subject: Report on 2015/16 Inspection Trips

Presented by: Amy Rego, Team Manager VI, Inspection Trips

Ms. Rego reported on the following items:

- Administrative Code requirements
- Inspection Team
- Inspection trip options and itineraries
- FY 2015/16 inspection trip season
- Customer service
- Strategic approach

- d. Subject: Report on Education Strategic Plan
- Presented by: Adrian Hightower, Unit Manager V, Education Unit

This item was deferred to March due to time constraints.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

- a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report
- Presented by: Dee Zinke, Deputy General Manager, External Affairs
- Ms. Zinke introduced new Group Manager of External Affairs Sue Sims to the committee.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on March 9, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Cynthia Kurtz
Chair