

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Record reported that a farmer in the Delta wrote to Metropolitan about an action that was taken by the Board. Metropolitan responded to the farmer but Chairman Record has arranged to meet Mr. Heringer and tour part of the delta with him in an effort to understand and explain each other's point of view.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Approve draft committee and Board meeting agendas, and schedule for April 2015
- Presented by: Chair Record
- Motion: Approve draft committee and board meeting agendas and schedule for April 2015

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Murray Seconded: Director Barbre

Ayes: Directors Record, Ackerman, Murray, Morris, Camacho, Hogan, Barbre, De Jesus Peterson, and Quiñonez

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Gray, Touhey, and Kurtz

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 3 absent.

- b. Subject: General Manager's report of Metropolitan's activities
Presented by: General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger

General Manager Kightlinger reported that at the April board meeting, the Board would be discussing and deciding on an appropriate water allocation. A board letter will be sent out as early as possible with various options that the member agencies could take. He encouraged Directors to discuss them with their member agency's staff before the decision in April.

Director Peterson asked if the Metropolitan can expect a change in water allocation from the state. General Manager Kightlinger stated that there was unlikely to be a change in allocation before the April Board meeting, but there may be an increase in allocation before the end of the year.

- c. Subject: General Counsel's report of Legal Department activities
Presented by: General Counsel Marcia Scully

General Counsel Scully had no report.

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

General Auditor Riss reported that the single audit letter has been issued by MGO Certified Accountants, Metropolitan's external auditors. This letter is required of any agency that expends more than \$500,000 of federal financial assistance in one year.

- 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 working with the General Counsel's office to answer questions and issue ethics guidelines relating to whether there are gift reporting obligations related to costs of Metropolitan's inspection trips.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a. Subject: Finance and Insurance Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Barbre

Committee Chair Barbre reported that the April meeting will be a brief meeting. The main item for discussion will be setting a Readiness-to-Serve charge and Capacity Charge for 2016.

b. Subject: Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair De Jesus

Committee Chair De Jesus reported that in April the committee will hear a monthly update on the Conservation Program and the Foundational Actions Funding Program. Most of those projects have a two-year schedule so the Board will be hearing a status report at the halfway point of those projects.

c. Subject: Engineering and Operations Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Peterson

Committee Chair Peterson reported that the committee will consider four action items in April. Included is a contract to rehabilitate the filters at the F. E. Weymouth Treatment Plant, and a reimbursable agreement with Southern California Edison to relocate a portion of the Middle Feeder within the city of Monterey Park. An update on Metropolitan's algae control program will also be presented to the Board.

d. Subject: Communications and Legislation Committee

Presented by: Director Ackerman

In the absence of Committee Chair Kurtz, Director Ackerman reported that the agenda for April's meeting was not complete. Three additional letters are being prepared and will be placed on a revised agenda before the meeting date.

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

Committee Chair Quiñonez reported that in April the committee will hear an update on the *San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan* lawsuit.

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

Committee Chair Murray reported that in April, staff will be reporting on improvements to the annual department head evaluation process. The committee will also review the semiannual report on equal employment opportunity and the affirmative action programs as required by the Administrative Code, and will summarize Metropolitan's activities in workforce diversity, affirmative action and outreach

Committee Chair Murray reported that Metropolitan's staff will be participating in the Innovative So-Cal Conference in Long Beach and will also be recruiting and exhibiting at the Disabled Veteran Business Construction Expo at Camp Pendleton.

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

Committee Chair Camacho reported that in April, the committee will meet to consider authorizing easement requests to the cities of Rialto and Perris, and a non-standard permanent easement to Southern California Edison on Metropolitan's Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plant.

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m. in memory of former director Vernon Watkins who served on Metropolitan's Board from 1991 to 1992 representing the city of Los Angeles.

Randy A. Record
Chairman of the Board