

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 28, 2015

Chair Record called the meeting to order at 12:27 p.m. in the Board Room at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Record, Vice Chairs Ackerman, Gray, Touhey and J. Murray, Secretary Morris, Directors Camacho, Hogan, Barbre, De Jesus, Kurtz, Peterson, and Quiñonez.

Other Board members present: Directors Beard, Blois, Ballin, Dear, Dick, McKenney, Ramos, Steiner, Tu, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Atkins, Breaux, L. Carrillo, Chin, Clairday, Ghaly, Gil de Montes, Green, E. Jackson, Jankovic, Johnson, Kear, Kightlinger, Lopez, Man, Mares, Martin, Riss, Sims, Schlotterbeck, Tubbs, and Upadhyay.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

No members responded.

Chair Record called on Chief Deputy General Counsel Adam Kear to clarify how votes on agenda items are being recorded and verified.

Chief Deputy General Counsel Kear stated that in response to voting irregularities caused by equipment failure and human error, the General Counsel has laid out guidelines to ensure the correct vote of each committee member is recorded at the committee and Board meetings.

The electronic record is the official record of the action taken at the committee or Board meeting. During committee and Board meetings, at the time that the electronic vote is displayed on the screen, directors are requested to review and verify that the correct vote is shown. If the vote displayed is incorrect, immediately inform the committee chair. In the event of a technical error, the vote will be repeated. Once the vote has closed and the committee has moved on to the next item, there will be no further corrections to the vote.

e. Subject: Ethics Officer's report of Ethics Department activities

Presented by: Ethics Officer Deena Ghaly

Ethics Officer Ghaly had no report.

f. Subject: Home committee discussion of Department Head Performance and Board Expectations
[Public employee's performance evaluations – General Manager; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957]

Presented by: Chair Record

Discussion on this item was deferred to the end of the meeting.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a. Subject: Finance and Insurance Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Barbre

Committee Chair Barbre reported that at the May meeting the committee will have a discussion on adopting a resolution to continue Metropolitan's Water Standby Charge for fiscal year 2015/16. The committee will hear a report regarding Metropolitan's Property and Casualty Insurance Program and the Chief Financial Officer will give a report on a meeting he had with Rating Agencies in New York.

b. Subject: Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair De Jesus

Committee Chair De Jesus reported that in May the committee will consider authorizing an increase to the conservation program budget, providing incentives through 2015/16 and implementing changes to the Turf Removal Program. The committee will consider an action to approve the purchase of groundwater substitution transfer supplies from Yuba County Water Agency. The committee will also hear reports on water surplus and drought management and the outcome of the State Water Resources Control Board's action in support of the Governor's executive order to approve emergency regulations for urban water conservation.

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

Committee Chair Peterson reported that the committee will consider four action items in May, which will include installation of an emergency radio communications system and authorizing the extension of the boat ramp at Diamond Valley Lake East Marina. A quarterly report on the Capital Investment Plan will also be presented.

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

Committee Chair Kurtz reported that in May the committee will consider several federal bills concerning protection of drinking water from cyanotoxins or blue-green algae, as well as a state bill to establish a delta-smelt hatchery program. The committee will hear a report on the research findings from the conservation advertising campaign. The committee will also see a preview of Metropolitan's new website design, and receive a report from the CORO Fellows on millennials and their views on water awareness.

Committee Chair Kurtz stated that radio announcements regarding the water shortage and directing the public to Metropolitan's bewaterwise.com site began running April 27, 2015.

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

Committee Chair Quiñonez reported that in May the committee will consider authorizing an increase in the contract for legal services in the Tronox Inc. bankruptcy. In closed session, the committee will consider authorizing an increase in the contract of Seyfarth Shaw in the *Peter Von Haam v. Metropolitan* lawsuit, and hear an update on the *San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan* lawsuit.

The committee will have a discussion on the General Counsel's performance and expectations.

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

Committee Chair Murray reported that in May, staff will brief the committee on Metropolitan's cyber security activities, will present an update on the 2014 Information Technology Strategic Plan, and report on the current status of salary negotiations.

Committee Chair Murray stated that Metropolitan's semiannual service awards luncheon recognizing employees with 20 or more years of service, will be held May 13, 2015 in Monterey Park.

In May, Metropolitan's Business Outreach Group will conduct a conference at Cal Poly Pomona to support the deployment of innovative water technologies, and will host a Connect 2 MET event in collaboration with the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and the City of Pasadena, to assist local businesses to compete for government contracts.

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

Committee Chair Camacho reported that in May, the committee will consider authorizing two permanent easements to the city of Los Angeles, enter into an exclusive sales listing agreement to market Metropolitan's Gilman Springs surplus property, and amend a long-term ground lease on Metropolitan-owned property in the city of Temecula.

The committee will also hear a quarterly report on the activities of the Real Property and Development Management Group.

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

- 7f. Subject: Home committee discussion of Department Head Performance and Board Expectations
[Public employee's performance evaluations – General Manager; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957]
Presented by: Chair Record

This item was discussed in closed session. No action was taken.

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Randy A. Record
Chairman of the Board