THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA

April 28, 2015

Committee Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Lefevre, Directors Ackerman, Beard, Gray, McKenney, Morris, and Steiner.

Members absent: Directors Camacho and De Jesus.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Atwater, Barbre, Blois, Dake, Dear, Dick, Hogan, Kurtz, Murray, Quinonez, Ramos, Touhey, Tu, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Arakawa, Breaux, Burman, L. Carrillo, Clairday, Coffey, J. Green, Horton, Kear, Kightlinger, Man, Neudeck, Philp, N. Purkiss, Riss, R. Ryan, Schlotterbeck, Shraibati, Simonek, Sims, Upadhyay, Von Haam, Wang, Westford, Wheeler, R. Winn, and E. Wong.

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

Mr. Conner Everts, representing the Southern California Watershed Alliance and the Environmental Water Caucus, voiced concerns about future funding for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), the direction Metropolitan will take regarding the BDCP, and drought management funding.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA HELD FEBRUARY 24, 2015

Motion:	Carried		
Moved:	Director Steiner	Seconded:	Director Morris
Ayes:	Directors Ackerman, Beard, Gray, Lefevre, McKenney, Morris, Peterson, and Steiner.		
Absent:	Directors Camacho and De Jesus.		

The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 no, and 2 absent.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- Subject: Report on Delta Drought Operations and State Water Resources a. Control Board's Temporary Urgency Change Petition Bay-Delta Initiatives Special Projects Manager Randall Neudeck Presented by: Mr. Neudeck provided information on current and forecasted drought conditions in the Delta, including salinity and bromide water quality levels, State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Delta related measures, and the California Department of Water Resources proposed temporary salinity barrier. Staff addressed questions from the committee regarding transfers allowed by the State Board, drought water rebalancing, salinity barriers, and the amount of acres being fallowed. b. Subject: Update on Bay Delta Conservation Plan Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa General Manager Jeff Kightlinger provided an overview of recent information released by the state regarding an alternative permitting approach to the BDCP. Mr. Arakawa provided more details on the status of the BDCP and the alternative permitting approach. He compared the different regulatory approaches for permitting that are being considered and identified by the state. He also discussed outstanding questions and next steps in the process. Staff addressed questions from the committee regarding: whether the alternative regulatory approaches meet the coequal goals, mitigation requirements, habitat restoration components and obligations, federal government funding appropriations, the effects of this new alternative on the current BDCP Planning Agreement, large capital project financing, and alternatives to BDCP
 - implementation.

c. Subject: Bay-Delta Manager's Report Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

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Mr. Arakawa reported on Delta Stewardship Council activities. He reported on a meeting that was held the previous week and discussed two key areas of focus: the drought and levees.

Staff addressed a question regarding the cost allocation for the BDCP.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Glen Peterson Chair