

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANNING COMMITTEE

May 26, 2015

Chair Atwater called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Atwater, Vice Chair Dake, Directors Beard, Blois, Calkins, Lefevre, Lewinger, McKenney, Morris, Peterson, Ramos, Steiner, Touhey, and Wunderlich.

Members absent: Directors Abdo and Gray

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Ackerman, Barbre, Dear, Dick, Hogan, Kurtz, Quiñonez, and Tu.

Staff present: Arakawa, Beatty, Breaux, Donovan, Dunn, Ghaly, Goshi, Green, J., Harding, Kightlinger, Kunysz, Man, Neudeck, Nevills, Philp, Riss, Schaffer, Schlotterbeck, Sims, Sumi, Ti, Upadhyay, Vanderhorst, Velasco, Wang, Wong, Westford, and Zinke.

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

No members responded.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD MARCH 24, 2015

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Peterson

Ayes: Directors Atwater, Beard, Blois, Calkins, Dake, Lefevre, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, Ramos, Steiner, Touhey and Wunderlich.

Noes: None

Not Voting: Directors Lewinger and McKenney.

Absent: Directors Abdo and Gray.

The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 2 not voting, and 2 absent.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

4. OTHER MATTERS

a. Subject: Presentation on Conservation Approaches Including Retail Rates

Presented by: Dr. Ken Baerenklau, Univeristy of California – Riverside
School of Public Policy

Dr. Baerenklau's presentation reviewed elements to demand-side management as they are relevant to Metropolitan's ongoing efforts to update the IRP. He gave an overview on what is known about different policy responses to water scarcity, with emphasis on using robust rate structures that are coupled with complementary conservation rebate programs. Other demand-side management approaches include voluntary requests, mandatory restrictions, social norm messaging, and information and education.

Dr. Baerenklau addressed questions from the committee regarding Southern California's challenges of having many water utilities that serve a diverse mix of communities, on the methodology of one of cited case studies that examined cost-effectiveness of turf removal, and on tipping points for market transformation.

b. Subject: Presentation on Conservation Potential

Presented by: Mary Ann Dickinson, President and CEO,
Alliance for Water Efficiency

Ms. Dickinson gave an oral presentation that provided observations on trends in water conservation programs across the country. She discussed the success of indoor plumbing and appliance codes, the significant potential for more outdoor water conservation, the value of water loss reduction programs and ordinances, ways to motivate consumers to save water, and the need for continued and increased investment in conservation research and incentive programs.

Ms. Dickinson addressed questions from the committee regarding the potential of automated meter readers and how saving water through demand-side conservation has different revenue impacts to water utilities compared with savings from supply-side leakage prevention.

- c. Subject: Update from Member Agency Technical Process
- Presented by: No presentation given.

Mr. Upadhyay gave a brief overview of recent activities from the IRP Technical Workgroup process for May 2015. He informed the committee of upcoming workgroup meetings taking place in the next month.

4. FUTURE BUSINESS

None

Next meeting will be held on June 23, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Richard Atwater
Chair