THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MINUTES

ADJOURNED WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE AUGUST 17, 2015

Chair De Jesus called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Committee Members present: Chairman De Jesus and Vice Chairman Atwater, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Gray, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, Quiñonez (entered at 9:47 a.m.), Steiner, and Touhey.

Committee Members absent: Directors Camacho, Dick, Koretz, and Martinez.

Other Directors present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Apodaca, Barbre, Ballin, Beard, Blois, Dake, Galleano, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McKenney, Ramos, Tu, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Arakawa, H. Beatty, Blair, Breaux, Burman, R. Castro, Clairday, Coffey, Cole, Donhoff, Donovan, Ghaly, Goshi, Green, Hasencamp, Hughes, Kightlinger, Lopez, A., Man, McDonnell, Munguia, Nevills, Neudeck, Nobriga, Parsons, Patterson, Philp, Pitman, Polyzos, Riss, Roth, Safely, Schaffer, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Sims, Skillman, Stites, Velasco, Westford, Young, 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 WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JULY 13, 2015

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Touhey Seconded: Director Steiner

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, De Jesus, Gray, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson,

Steiner, and Touhey

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Camacho, Dick, Koretz, Martinez, and Quiñonez

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes and 5 absent.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-3 Subject: Authorize the process for Metropolitan to vote in Palo Verde

Irrigation District elections

Presented by: Karen L. Donovan, Sr. Deputy General Counsel

Substitute Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed project is not

Motion: defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and

Adopt the resolution as contained in Attachment 1 of the letter authorizing the Chair or his or her designee, in consultation with the Board and the General Manager as time permits, to cast, directly or by proxy, Metropolitan's votes in PVID.

Chair De Jesus announced a request to have this item pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion. Deven Upadhyay, Manager Water Resource Management, introduced Ms. Donovan.

Director Quiñonez entered the meeting at 9:47

Following staff's presentation, Director Steiner made a substitute motion to delegate authority to the Board Chair, in consultation with the Board and the General Manager, before any vote is decided to be taken. Director Lewinger seconded.

The committee had an extensive discussion about the proposed substitute motion, Metropolitan's involvement in Palo Verde Irrigation District (PVID), selection process of Metropolitan vote in PVID elections, Metropolitan's interests in PVID valley, and PVID voting criteria.

After review and clarification of language from the maker of the substitute motion, the committee voted.

Staff noted that revised language and corresponding modification to the resolution would be available to the Board the following day.

Moved: Director Steiner Seconded: Director Lewinger

Ayes: Directors Abdo, De Jesus, Gray, Lewinger, Morris, Quinonez, Steiner, and

Touhey.

Noes: Directors Ackerman, Atwater, and Peterson.

Absent: Directors Camacho, Dick, Koretz, and Martinez.

The substitute motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 3 noes, and 4 absent.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-3 Subject: Authorize amendment to the California Agreement for the

Creation and Delivery of Extraordinary Conservation

Intentionally Created Surplus

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is

exempt from CEQA and is not defined as a project under

CEQA, and

Authorize the General Manager to enter into an amendment to the 2007 California Agreement for the Creation and Delivery of Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus consistent with the terms outlined in the board letter and in a

form approved by the General Counsel.

Mr. Hasencamp provided brief background and context before reviewing the details and terms of the proposed amendment to the 2007 California Agreement for the Creation and Delivery of Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS). Utilization of this additional storage by Imperial Irrigation District would provide Metropolitan access to additional water during the ongoing California drought.

Staff responded to comments related to location of water storage in Metropolitan's service area and payback provisions.

Director Steiner requested that a letter of opposition submitted by San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) be made part of the record.

General Counsel, Marcia Scully remarked there was no objection to SDCWA's letter as part of the record. However, Ms. Scully clarified that the cover letter addressed to the Chair and to the Board from SDCWA included an attached letter addressed to Ms. Scully, dated August 16, 2015, which had not been received by the General Counsel's office as of August 16, 2015, at 8:30 p.m.

Staff responded to questions regarding agreement from parties involved in the California ICS Agreement and CEQA requirements of the proposed amendment.

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Touhey Seconded: Director Morris

Ayes: Directors Aabdo, Ackerman, Atwater, De Jesus, Gray, Morris, Peterson,

Quiñonez, and Touhey

Noes: Directors Lewinger and Steiner

Absent: Directors Camacho, Dick, Koretz, and Martinez

The motion passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 2 noes, and 4 absent.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Oral report on Water Surplus and Drought Management Plan

Presented by: Demetri J. Polyzos, Sr. Engineer, Water Resource Management

Mr. Polyzos reported on this month's status of Metropolitan's Water Surplus and Drought Management Plan, and on current El Nino conditions providing historical context as to what it could mean for northern California hydrology.

Staff responded to questions regarding agriculture usage, water supply transfers, snow pack impacts in previous El Nino years, and agriculture use projections of Colorado River water.

b. Subject: Conservation Program Update

Presented by: Bill McDonnell, Manager, Water Efficiency Team

Mr. McDonnell gave a Conservation Program update for August that included an update on the budget, wait list on the turf replacement program, and follow up responses to directors' requests from last month's meeting.

Staff responded to questions relating to water savings equivalents, landscape lifetime water savings, forecast on Metropolitan's ability to meet demands for water savings devices.

c. Subject: Oral report on Colorado River exchange proposals

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp provided a presentation on a potential Colorado River water exchange proposal with the Southern Nevada Water Authority whereby Metropolitan would store water for this agency in its system, providing access to additional water during the ongoing California drought, and return water under specified conditions.

Staff responded to questions regarding payback return provisions and Lake Mead ICS.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters

Presented by: None

Mr. Patterson deferred his report to the Special Committee on Bay-Delta later in the

day.

b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp reported on an upcoming PVID Board Meeting, System Conservation Agreement, and upper basin hydrology.

c. Subject: Water Resource Manager's Report

Presented by: None

Mr. Upadhay noted that he had nothing to report.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on September 21, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

David De Jesus

Chair