

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 STEWARDSHIP 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.

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