

c. Subject: General Counsel's report of Legal Department activities

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia Scully

General Counsel Scully had no report.

d. Subject: General Auditor's report of Audit Department activities

Presented by: General Auditor Gerry Riss

General Auditor Riss reported that the Audit and Ethics committee will hold a meeting on October 27, 2015. The external auditors will be present at that meeting to give their annual report to the Board.

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

Presented by: Ethics Officer Deena Ghaly

Ethics Officer Ghaly had no report.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a. Subject: Finance and Insurance Committee

Presented by: Committee Vice Chair Wunderlich

Committee Vice Chair Wunderlich reported that at the October meeting the committee will discuss the issuance of \$500 million of Water Revenue Bonds and approve the expenditures to be funded from those bond proceeds.

b. Subject: Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair De Jesus

Committee Chair De Jesus reported that in October the committee will consider authorizing an increase to the contract authority of the five-year agreement with Electric and Gas Industries Association for Metropolitan's regional conservation rebate program. The committee will receive a report on the potential storage and exchange arrangement with Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency and a report on a potential regional recycled water supply program. The committee will also hear oral reports on the conservation program and the water surplus and drought management plan.

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

Committee Chair Peterson reported that in October the committee will consider two action items, including a contract to rehabilitate the sand traps along the Colorado River Aqueduct and a contract to rehabilitate the Palos Verdes Reservoir. An oral report on the Colorado River Aqueduct Rehabilitation program will also be presented.

The committee will host an inspection trip on October 21, 2015 and visit Lake Perris and the Eagle Mountain Pumping Plant. Directors should respond to the Board Executive Secretary if they wish to attend.

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

Committee Chair Kurtz reported that at the October meeting the committee will consider an action item to approve paying increased dues to the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation. The committee will also hear reports from the Washington, DC and Sacramento offices and also an update on the 2015 advertising and outreach campaign related to water conservation.

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

Committee Chair Murray reported that labor negotiators will be meeting with bargaining unit leadership today to discuss their response to the most recent offer regarding the 2015/2016 wage reopener provided for in the MOUs.

In October, the committee will consider authorizing previously board-approved funding for an e-tax module as part of the Oracle upgrade project.

The semiannual service awards ceremony for employees will be held on October 28, 2015 and all directors are invited to attend.

Committee Chair Murray reported that the Asian American Architects and Engineers Association will be honoring General Manager Kightlinger with the Public Sector Leader of the Year award at their annual awards event on October 1, 2015.

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

Committee Chair Quiñonez reported that in October the committee will hear a report on a former lawsuit, *Cadiz Inc. v. Metropolitan*. In closed session, the committee will hear an update on the *San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan* lawsuit. In closed session the committee will also hear a report on existing litigation *Cora Constructors, Inc. v Metropolitan* and consider authorizing an increase in the maximum amount payable under the contract for legal services in that case.

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

Committee Chair Camacho reported that in October the committee will consider in closed session, a proposal to extend Metropolitan's current office space lease for the Washington, DC office. The committee will also consider a permanent easement request from the City of Temecula to accommodate storm drain improvements.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Lewinger requested an item be added to the agenda regarding timely submittal of reports and letters to directors before meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Randy A. Record
Chairman of the Board