

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ADJOURNED WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

Chair De Jesus called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Committee Members present: Chairman De Jesus and Vice Chairman Atwater, Directors Abdo (entered at 9:34 a.m.), Ackerman, Camacho (entered at 10:18 a.m.), Dick, Gray (entered at 9:40 a.m.), Martinez (entered at 9:40 a.m.), Morris, Peterson, Quiñonez (entered at 9:32 a.m.), Steiner, and Touhey.

Committee Members absent: Directors Koretz and Lewinger.

Other Directors present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Apodaca, Barbre, Ballin, Beard, Blois, Dake, Dear, Faessel, Hogan, Lefevre, McKenney, Murray, Ramos, Tu, and Vasquez.

Staff present: Arakawa, Beatty, Bednarski, Breaux, Burman, Clairday, Coffey, K. Cole, Donhoff, Donovan, J. Green, Harding, Hasencamp, Hughes, G. Johnson, Kightlinger, A. Lopez, Man, Mares, Matusak, B. McDonnell, Munguia, Nevills, Nobriga, Parsons, Patterson, Philp, Pitman, Polyzos, Riss, Safely, Schaffer, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Sims, Skillman, Upadhyay, Velasco, Westford, B. Yamasaki, E. 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 AUGUST 17, 2015

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Steiner Seconded: Director Morris

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Atwater, De Jesus, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, and Touhey.

Noes: None

Abstained: Director Dick

Absent: Directors Abdo, Camacho, Gray, Koretz, Lewinger, Martinez, and Quiñonez.

The motion passed by a vote of 7 ayes, 7 absent, and 1 abstain.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

- 7-1** Subject: Approve forbearance agreement allowing Central Arizona Water Conservation District to add Intentionally Created Surplus to Lake Mead
- Presented by: None
- Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and authorize the General Manager to execute an exhibit to the December 13, 2007, Forbearance Agreement consistent with the terms outlined in the board letter and in a form approved by the General Counsel.

- Moved: Director Steiner Seconded: Director Morris
- Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Atwater, De Jesus, Dick, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, and Touhey.
- Noes: None
- Absent: Directors Abdo, Camacho, Gray, Koretz, Lewinger, Martinez, and Quinonez.

The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 noes, and 7 absent.

Director Quinonez entered the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

- 8-1** Subject: Authorize entering into an amendment to the operational agreement with Southern Nevada Water Authority and Colorado River Commission of Nevada; and approve payment of \$44.375 million
- Presented by: None
- Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is exempt and is not defined as a project under CEQA, and
- a. Authorize the General Manager to enter into an amendment to the Operational Agreement with SNWA and CRCN consistent with the terms outlined in the board letter and in a form approved by the General Counsel; and

- b. Approve payment of \$44.375 million for funding the storage of water for SNWA in 2015.

Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Touhey
Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Atwater, De Jesus, Dick, Morris, Peterson, Quinonez,
Steiner, and Touhey.
Noes: None
Absent: Directors Abdo, Camacho, Gray, Koretz, Lewinger, and Martinez.

The motion passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 noes, and 6 absent.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

9-1 Subject: Potential Regional Recycled Water Supply Program

Presented by: John V. Bednarski, Section Manager II, Engineering

Ms. Debra C. Man, Chief Operating Officer and Assistant General Manager, provided background information on the current opportunity for Metropolitan in the development of regional recycled water supply in collaboration with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Sanitation Districts).

Director Abdo entered the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Mr. Bednarski gave a detailed explanation of discussions between Metropolitan and Sanitation Districts on a potential regional water recycling program. Mr. Bednarski touched on previous pilot studies and the need for a demonstration project to help answer a number of questions related to the treatment feasibility, potential project phasing, project cost, influent water quality, and more.

Following staff's presentation, the committee had an extensive discussion and staff responded to comments relating to estimated cost allocation of the demonstration project and full scale facilities, cost of conveyance using Sanitation Districts pipeline, timeline for bringing the full scale project on line, financial investments and risks to Metropolitan, new business model, feasibility studies, water treatment requirements, and the cost of the proposed demonstration project.

Directors Gray and Martinez entered the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Director Camacho entered the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

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 provided an update report and presentation on El Nino conditions; current drought conditions; and tracking of water supply, water storage, and water demands.

- b. Subject: Conservation Program Update
- Presented by: Bill McDonnell, Manager, Water Efficiency Team

Mr. McDonnell provided an update on the status of the Conservation Program budget, waiting list for turf removal program, status of agreement with regional program vendor EGIA. He also provided answers to Director's questions from a previous meeting.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters
- Presented by: Roger K. Patterson, Assistant General Manager, Strategic Water Initiatives

Mr. Patterson provided a brief report on an upcoming meeting for The Special Committee on the Bay-Delta, submission of two permit applications by the state of California to the State Water Resources Control Board and the Army Corp of Engineers. He announced Ms. Brenda Burman's resignation at the end of this month.

- b. Subject: Colorado River Matters
- Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp reported on two proposed agreements with Southern Nevada Water Authority and with Imperial Irrigation District. He explained mutual benefits and key terms of both agreements. Mr. Hasencamp also reported that Chairman Record voted on behalf of Metropolitan in the Palo Verde Irrigation District election.

- c. Subject: Water Resource Manager's Report
- Presented by: Deven N. Upadhyay, Manager, Water Resource Management

Mr. Upadhyay made two announcements relating to upcoming Request For Proposals for the Innovative Conservation Program, and WaterSmart Innovations Conference presentations in early October.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on October 12, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

David De Jesus
Chair