

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**ADJOURNED LEGAL AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

**September 22, 2015**

Chair Quiñonez called the meeting to order at 9:56 a.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Quiñonez, Vice Chair McKenney, Directors Atwater (entered at 9:58 a.m.), Camacho, Dear, Dick, Murray, Tu, and Wunderlich.

Member absent: Director Steiner.

Other Board members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Ackerman, Ballin, Barbre, Beard, Blois, Dake, Faessel, Friedman, Galleano, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, Ramos, Touhey, and Vasquez.

Staff present: Scully, Beatty, Vanderhorst, Ghaly, Green, Kightlinger, Kuo, Man, Mares, Miyashiro, Quilizapa, Riss, Upadhyay, Yenke, 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 ADJOURNED LEGAL AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AUGUST 18, 2015.**

Motion: Carried  
Moved: Director Camacho                      Seconded: Director Murray  
Ayes: Chair Quiñonez, Vice Chair McKenney, Directors Camacho, Dear, Murray, Tu, and Wunderlich  
Noes: None  
Abstention: Director Dick  
Absent: Directors Atwater and Steiner

The motion passed by a vote of 7 ayes, 0 no, 1 abstain, and 2 absent.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

Director Atwater entered the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

### 4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

**8-4**            Subject:            **Report on *San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al.*, San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510830, CPF-12-512466 and CPF-14-514004; and in connection with these matters authorize an increase in maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Miller Barondess, LLP by \$350,000 to an amount not to exceed \$600,000**

Presented by:    Assistant General Counsel Heather Beatty

Motion:            Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to the provisions of CEQA, and Authorize an increase in the maximum amount payable under the contract with Miller Barondess, LLP by \$350,000 to an amount not to exceed \$600,000.

Directors Hogan and Tu, representing the San Diego County Water Authority, withdrew from the meeting for the report on this item.

In closed session, Assistant General Counsel Heather Beatty gave a report on this item. In open session, the committee voted on this item.

Moved:            Director Dick            Seconded: Director Dear

Ayes:              Chair Quiñonez, Vice Chair McKenney, Directors Atwater, Camacho, Dear, Dick, Murray, and Wunderlich

Noes:              None

Abstention:      Director Tu

Absent:            Director Steiner

The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 no, 1 abstain, and 1 absent.

### 5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

a. Subject: General Counsel's report of monthly activities

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia Scully

No report was given.

**7. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on October 13, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Jesùs Quiñonez  
Chair