

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA

September 29, 2015

Committee Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Lefevre, Directors Ackerman, Beard, McKenney (entered at 9:04 a.m.), and Steiner (entered at 9:03 a.m.).

Members absent: Directors Camacho, De Jesus, Gray, and Morris.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Atwater, Blois, Dake, Dear, Dick, Faessel, Galleano, Kurtz, Lewinger, Murray, Ramos, Tu, Vasquez, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Arakawa, Beatty, G. Breaux, L. Carrillo, Clairday, J. Green, Hasencamp, Horton, Hutton, G. Johnson, Kear, Kightlinger, Lee, Man, Neudeck, R. Patterson, Philp, Riss, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Simonek, Sims, Upadhyay, Wang, Westford, Wheeler, R. Winn, E. Wong, and Zinke.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

No members responded.

Committee Chair Peterson announced that there would be a reordering of the meeting agenda, since there was no quorum.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Update on Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix
Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa presented updated information on the proposed project related to analyses of ecosystem improvements, seismic risk, climate change, and revised cost estimates. He also discussed the staff review and comment process on the draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement.

Staff addressed comments and questions from the committee on topics such as: location of the northern intakes, additional ecosystem restrictions, ongoing contractor cost share discussions, the emergency preparedness plan, the risk of levee failures from floods, and the business case for continued investment.

Director Steiner entered the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Director McKenney entered the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

- b. Subject: Overview of State Water Resources Control Board Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Process

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Principal Engineer Paul Hutton

Dr. Hutton provided an overview of the process by giving background information, noting science expert panel reports, discussing current issues, highlighting Metropolitan staff comments, listing coordination agencies, and providing anticipated next steps.

Staff addressed a question from the committee about the concurrent overlapping processes mentioned in the presentation.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA HELD AUGUST 17, 2015

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Steiner Seconded: Director Beard

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Beard, Lefevre, McKenney, Peterson, and Steiner.

Absent: Directors Camacho, De Jesus, Gray, and Morris.

The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes, 0 no, and 4 absent.

Director Beard withdrew from the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

- c. Subject: Bay-Delta Manager's Report
Presented by: Assistant General Manager Roger Patterson

Mr. Patterson announced that a scientific paper on natural flow that Paul Hutton and others produced has been accepted for final publishing. He also highlighted two major steps: the submittal of the petition to the State Water Resources Control Board for California WaterFix by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), and that DWR filed a permit application with the Army Corp of Engineers.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Glen Peterson
Chair