

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Camacho

The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

b. Subject: General Manager's report of Metropolitan's activities

Presented by: General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger

General Manager Kightlinger stated that Metropolitan is monitoring the water quality situation in Flint, Michigan. Staff will keep the directors informed as to the many factors that lead up to that failure, and the safeguards that we must maintain to ensure our water quality is never compromised.

General Manager Kightlinger also reported that Metropolitan's External Affairs Education Unit received an award at the Governor's Environment and Economic Leadership Awards ceremony in Sacramento for their outstanding education program.

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

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia Scully

General Counsel Scully reported that Metropolitan, in conjunction with the State Water Contractors, has hired a consultant to assist with the State Water Resources Control Board action relevant to the new water rights deployment diversion.

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

Presented by: General Auditor Gerry Riss

General Auditor Riss had no report.

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

Presented by: Ethics Officer Deena Ghaly

Ethics Officer Ghaly reminded the Board that effective February 1, 2016, the new statement of economic interest season will begin. Each director will be mailed a link to the 700 form. The Ethics Department is available to answer any questions or assist in any way.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a. Subject: Finance and Insurance Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Barbre

Committee Chair Barbre reported that the February Finance and Insurance Committee will include the first of several workshops to discuss the budget and rate setting process.

Director Camacho entered the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

b. Subject: Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair De Jesus

Committee Chair De Jesus reported that in February the committee will discuss one action item to consider pursuing 2016 Sacramento Valley water transfers if needed.

The committee will hear a status report regarding Metropolitan's land in Palo Verde and also hear reports on conservation 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 February the committee will consider five action items including: a procurement contract for gate valves at the Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants, a contract for stage 2 lining repairs on the Etiwanda pipeline, and a request to increase funding for capital projects costing less than \$250,000 for fiscal years 2014/15 and 2015/16.

The committee will also hear the Capital Investment Plan Quarterly Report for the period ending December 31, 2015 and an overview of Metropolitan's Apprenticeship Program.

d. Subject: Communications and Legislation Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Kurtz

Committee Chair Kurtz reported that there will be one action item on the February agenda to discuss extending the current water awareness and conservation advertising campaign by one year at a cost of \$2.2 million.

The committee will hear a report on Metropolitan's conservation attitudes and awareness survey and reports from our Sacramento and Washington, D.C. legislative representatives including the new drought bill presented by Senator Feinstein. Metropolitan is also seeking clarification regarding whether or not the conservation rebates are subject to federal taxation.

Chair Kurtz added her congratulations to Metropolitan's External Affairs Group for receiving the Governor's award of excellence for their drought awareness and water conservation education programs and outreach.

e. Subject: Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Murray

Committee Chair Murray reported that Metropolitan and all the bargaining units have reached a tentative agreement on the salary re-opener negotiations. This tentative agreement is contingent upon ratification by the members of the bargaining units and final approval by the Board of Directors.

f. Subject: Legal and Claims Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Quiñonez

Committee Chair Quiñonez reported that the agenda item regarding the San Diego County Water Authority lawsuit will be removed from the February agenda as there will be no updates to report.

In closed session, the committee will hear a report on the General Counsel's evaluation process.

9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Randy A. Record
Chairman of the Board