THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

JANUARY 11, 2016

Chair De Jesus called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Committee Members present: Chairman De Jesus and Vice Chairman Atwater, Directors Abdo, Ackerman (entered at 10:04 a.m.), Camacho (entered at 10:13 a.m.), Dick, Gray (entered at 10:15 a.m.) Lewinger (entered at 10:02 a.m.), Morris, Peterson, Quiñonez (entered at 10:17 a.m.), Steiner, and Touhey.

Committee Members absent: Directors Koretz and Martinez.

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

Staff present: Alonzo, Arakawa, Beatty, Blair, Breaux, Cole, Donhoff, Ghaly, J. Green, Harding, Hasencamp, Kightlinger, T. Lee, Man, W. McDonnell, Munguia, Nevills, Nobriga, Parsons, Patterson, Philp, Pitman, Polyzos, Riss, Safely, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Sims, Skillman, Upadhyay, Vanderhorst, Velasco, von Haam, Westford, B. Yamasaki, 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 HELD DECEMBER 7, 2015

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

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

Director Lewinger entered the meeting at 10:02 a. m.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-1 Subject: Adopt resolution to support Metropolitan's application for USBR grant funding of $1 million for High Efficiency clothes washer rebates; and authorize entering into a contract with USBR if awarded

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

a. Adopt the resolution.
b. Authorize the General Manager to accept grant funds, if awarded; and
c. Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract for the grant funds.

Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Touhey

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Atwater, De Jesus, Dick, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, and Touhey.

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Camacho, Gray, Koretz, Martinez, and Quiñonez.

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

Director Ackerman entered the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Director Camacho entered the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Director Gray entered the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Director Quinonez entered the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

9-1 Subject: Authorize execution of agreements related to a Bard Water District land management and seasonal fallowing pilot program and approve payment of up to $1.8 million

Presented by: Tim Blair, Unit Manager, Resource Implementation Projects

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is categorically exempt and not subject to CEQA, and

a. Authorize the General Manager to enter into a pilot program agreement with Bard Water District, and land management and seasonal fallowing agreements with farmers of farmland in the Bard Unit, consistent with the terms outlined herein and in a form approved by the General Counsel; and
b. Approve payment of up to $1.8 million for funding the pilot program.

Mr. Blair provided a presentation that discussed a potential pilot program with Bard Water District for land management and seasonal fallowing.

Staff responded to questions related to source of funding, extending the period of seasonal fallowing beyond July in each of the twoyears of which the pilot program exists, and Bard Water District's organization structure.

Item 9-1 was originally an Information Item. Following deliberation of this item, the committee exercised its discretion to make this into an action item, and then voted to approve it by a vote of 13 ayes,
and 0 noes.

John Schlotterbeck, Sr. Deputy General Counsel, referenced that staff has determined that this item is categorically exempt, and that the specific exemptions to be voted on will be available at the following Board Meeting.

Moved: Director Steiner Seconded: Director Morris

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Gray, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, Quinonez, Steiner, and Touhey.

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Koretz and Martinez.

The motion passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 noes, and 2 absent.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Oral report on Water Surplus and Drought Management Plan

Presented by: Demetri J. Polyzos, Sr. Engineer, Imported Supply Unit

Mr. Polyzos provided a presentation and he reviewed hydrological conditions, water deliveries, storage use, and water surplus and drought management tracking.

Staff responded to comments relating to additional funding for drought-relief actions in the extension of Governor Brown's executive order, and Metropolitan's payback plan of flex storage.

b. Subject: Conservation update

Presented by: Bill McDonnell, Manager, Water Efficiency Team

Staff responded to comments regarding examples of projects resulting from the Innovative Conservation Program, messaging on residential device incentives, irrigation controllers, conservation funding as part of the Integrated Resources Plan; heating ventilation air conditioning cooling tower systems, turf removal program funding rates, and a request for a written Conservation Program report on an ongoing basis.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters

Presented by: Roger Patterson, Assistant General Manager, Strategic Water Initiatives

Mr. Patterson provided a brief update on Bay-Delta activity including Sacramento River flow and turbidity, Salinity barrier installation, and documents related to the CalWater Fix

Staff responded to a question related to the status on cost allocation negotiations.

b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp reported on Colorado River Activity.

c. Subject: Water Resource Manager's Report

Presented by: Deven N. Upadhyay, Manager, Water Resource Management

Mr. Upadhyay gave a brief report on the State Water Resource Control Board proposal that would extend emergency conservation regulations beyond February and noted that staff will provide an update at the next Water Planning and Stewardship meeting.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Faessel requested a staff report on Metropolitan's property management policies.

Next meeting will be held on January 11, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

David De Jesus
Chair