

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

MAY 9, 2016

Chair De Jesus called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Committee Members present: Chairman De Jesus, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Camacho, Gray (entered at 10:05 a.m.), Lewinger, Morris, Paskett, Peterson, Quiñonez (entered at 10:04 a.m.), Touhey, and Wunderlich.

Committee Members absent: Committee Vice Chair Atwater, Directors Dick and Steiner.

Other Directors present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Barbre, Beard, Blois, Dake, Dear, Faessel, Galleano, Gold, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McKenney, Murray, and Tu.

Staff present: Arakawa, Beatty, Blair, Breaux, G. Chan, Cole, Donhoff, Fandialan, Ghaly, Goshi, Green, Hasencamp, Hiltcher, Horton, Hughes, Kightlinger, T. Lee, Man, Mares, Matusak, McDonnell, Munguia, Nevills, Nobriga, Patterson, Philp, Pitman, Polyzos, Riss, Safely, Schaffer, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Teraoka, Upadhyay, Vanderhorst, Velasco, Westford, E. Wong, 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 MEETING HELD APRIL 11, 2016

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Touhey Seconded: Director Morris

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Camacho, De Jesus, Lewinger, Morris, Paskett, Peterson, Touhey, and Wunderlich.

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Atwater, Dick, Gray, Quiñonez, and Steiner.

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

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

Committee Chair De Jesus announced that agenda item 7b would be heard ahead of agenda item 8-4.

Director Quinonez entered the meeting at 10:04 a.m.
Director Gray entered the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp reported on Colorado River activity and Lake Mead water levels.

Staff responded to questions related to the information regarding estimated risk projections and assumptions used by United States Bureau of Reclamation, California's share of water reduction on the Colorado River, Colorado River water rights priority, Hoover Dam future releases, and voluntary reductions implications. Updates will be provided in June.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-4 Subject: Authorize continuing participation in pilot program to fund water use efficiency measures for the Colorado River and approve payment of up to \$1 million

Presented by: Jan P. Matusak, Pr. Engineer, Imported Water Supply Unit

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and

- a. Authorize the General Manager to continue to participate in the pilot program for funding the creation of Colorado River system water through voluntary reductions in use; and
- b. Approve payment of up to an additional \$1 million for partially funding the pilot program.

Moved: Director Morris

Seconded: Director Touhey

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Camacho, De Jesus, Gray, Morris, Paskett, Peterson, Quiñonez, Touhey, and Wunderlich.

Abstain: Director Lewinger.

Absent: Directors Atwater, Dick, and Steiner.

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 1 abstain, and 3 absent.

Mr. Kevin A. Donhoff, Interim Manager, Water Resource Management provided brief background information and introductory remarks.

Mr. Matusak gave a presentation on a proposed continuation of participation in a pilot program to fund water use efficiency measures for the Colorado River and approve payment of up to \$1 million for the program. He provided background history of the pilot program, status of the pilot program, and staff's proposal and benefits of the proposal.

General Manager Kightlinger also provided comments related to additional background information of the pilot program. Staff responded to questions related to the total budget and timeframe of pilot program.

Director Lewinger made a substitute motion to delay this item for a month pending information on this program and the negotiations on voluntary water reductions on the Colorado River, which failed to get a second.

Director Peterson asked if there should be an amendment that would allow Metropolitan's funding to go towards Lake Mead. General Manager Kightlinger responded to the comments made by Directors Lewinger and Peterson.

Staff responded to questions regarding CEQA language determination in the motion for action items and total budget of the pilot program.

The committee voted on the original motion.

8-5 Subject: Declare a "Condition 2 -- Water Supply Alert" effective immediately; do not implement a Water Supply Allocation Plan for 2016/17 and thereby rescind the current "Condition 3 – Water Supply Allocation"

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

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action of moving the Water Supply Condition is not defined as a project under CEQA, and
a. Declare a "Condition 2 – Water Supply Alert" and

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Camacho, De Jesus, Gray, Lewinger, Morris, Paskett, Peterson, Quiñonez, and Touhey.

Noes: Director Wunderlich.

Absent: Directors Atwater, Dick, and Steiner.

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 2 noes, and 3 absent.

Mr. Donhoff provided brief background information introducing the presentation.

Mr. Fandialan gave a presentation on the proposed adoption of the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan and resolution for submittal to the State of California.

Staff responded to questions regarding State mandate versus policy and legal requirements of filing the Plan, penalties of not filing, reimbursement of costs to prepare the UWMP and local supply assumptions.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Conservation Program Update

Presented by: Bill McDonnell, Manager, Water Efficiency Team

Mr. McDonnell provided a monthly report on the Conservation Program.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters

Presented by: None

Roger Patterson, Assistant General Manager, Strategic Water Initiatives, noted that his report would be deferred to the Bay Delta Committee.

c. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's report

Presented by: None

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on June 13, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

David De Jesus
Chair