

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

JUNE 13, 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 and Vice Chairman Atwater, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Camacho (entered at 10:06 a.m.), Dick, Gray, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, Touhey, and Wunderlich.

Committee Members absent: Directors Paskett and Quiñonez.

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

Staff present: Arakawa, Beatty, Blair, Breaux, Coffey, Cole, Donhoff, Donovan, Goshi, J. Green, Hasencamp, Horton, Hughes, Kightlinger, T. Lee, Man, W. McDonnell, Munguia, Nevills, Nobriga, Parsons, Patterson, D.T. Phan, Philp, Pitman, Polyzos, Riss, Safely, Schaffer, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Skillman, Upadhyay, Vanderhorst, Velasco, Westford, E. Wong, E. Young, M. Yu, 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 MAY 9, 2016

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Steiner Seconded: Director Atwater

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

Noes: None

Not voting: Gray

Absent: Directors Camacho, Paskett, and Quiñonez.

Director Lewinger pointed out an error in the May 2016 committee meeting minutes – noting that agenda item 8-6 reflected an incorrect motion.

Director Steiner motioned to approve the minutes with the correction to include the proper motion.

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 1 not voting, and 3 absent.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None.

Director Camacho entered the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-6 Subject: Authorize payment of \$620,598 for support of the Colorado River Board and Colorado River Authority for fiscal year 2016/17

Presented by: No presentation given.

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA and, by a two-thirds vote, authorize the General Manager to make payment of up to \$620,598 for the CRB/Six Agency Committee and Authority for FY 2016/17.

Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Touhey

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

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Camacho, Paskett, and Quiñonez.

The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes and 3 absent.

Chair De Jesus announced the reordering of the agenda where item 7b would follow item 6a.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Conservation update

Presented by: Bill McDonnell, Manager, Water Efficiency Team

Mr. McDonnell reported on Metropolitan's Conservation plan and he also provided an update of the proposed conservation programs for fiscal years 2016/17 and 2017/18.

Staff responded to questions surrounding Environmental Protection Agency certification program, efficient landscape design, metrics used for efficacy of Spanish-language conservation classes, and inclusion of schools in water conservation pilot programs.

Chair De Jesus noted the reordered agenda items and introduced Bill Hasencamp.

- c. Subject: Report on Colorado River Drought Contingency Planning

Presented by: Joseph Vanderhorst, Assistant General Counsel

Bill Hasencamp, Manager of Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp informed the committee that he did not have a separate Management Report on Colorado River Matters today. Instead, information from that report would be provided as part of item 6c. He also announced that Mr. Vanderhorst would provide the first part of the presentation.

Mr. Vanderhorst's presentation provided a detailed overview of the Law of the Colorado River.

Mr. Hasencamp's presentation discussed 2007 Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and coordinated reservoir operations, and an update on drought contingency planning discussions with lower basin states.

Staff responded to questions regarding Mexico's participation in the discussion process related to voluntary versus mandatory water reductions, potential Quantification Settlement Agreement amendments, upper basin states involvement in voluntary discussions, frequency and magnitude of California reductions, Intentionally Created Surplus draws, agreement administration, potential shortages consistent with

Integrated Water Resources Plan framework, agreement timeline, nexus to Salton Sea, potential water storages from Lake Mead into Diamond Valley Lake, and the probabilities of receiving water supply benefits.

- b. Subject: Update on States Surface Storage Reservoir Planning and Related Efforts

Presented by: Randall D. Neudeck, Special Projects Manager, Bay Delta Initiatives

Mr. Neudeck gave a presentation that provided an update on the current status of surface storage investigations and statewide water action plan recommendations.

Staff responded to questions relating to Lake Perris as a state reservoir, and which of the proposed projects for increased surface storage would be most feasible.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters

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

Mr. Patterson provided a brief report on the Cal WaterFix, Eco Restore, Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant tour.

Mr. Patterson responded to questions regarding status of negotiations between state and federal officials and Metropolitan with state contractors.

- b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: None.

- c. Subject: Water Resource Manager's Report

Presented by: Kevin A. Donhoff, Interim Manager, Water Resource Management

Mr. Donhoff reported on the group's activity that included an update on a returned initial deposit for \$500,000, less administrative fees, for pursuing 100 thousand acre-feet through the State Water Contractors' buyers group for water transfers, Palo Verde Irrigation District leases, and a response to State Water Resources Control Board concerning regulations on conservation standards.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on July 11, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

David De Jesus
Chair