THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MINUTES

ADJOURNED WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE AUGUST 15, 2016

Chair De Jesus called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Committee Members present: Chairman De Jesus and Vice Chairman Atwater, Directors Abdo, Camacho (entered at 11:00 a.m.), Dick, Gray, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, Quiñonez (entered at 10:39 a.m.), Steiner, Touhey, and Wunderlich.

Committee Members absent: Directors Ackerman and Paskett.

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

Staff present: Arakawa, Beatty, Breaux, R. Castro, Cole, Donhoff, Ghaly, Goshi, Green, Hasencamp, Horton, Hiltscher, Hughes, Kightlinger, Kuo, T. Lee, Man, Mares, McDonnell, Munguia, Nevills, Nobriga, M. Parsons, Patterson, Pham, Philp, Pitman, Polyzos, Roth, Safely, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Skillman, Teraoka, Tilkian, Tonsick, Vanderhorst, Westford, Wong, E., and Zinke.

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

Ms. Brenna Norton, Food and Water Watch, addressed the committee on information provided in the Bay Delta Activity Report of July 2016.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2016.

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Touhey Seconded: Director Peterson

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Atwater, De Jesus, Dick, Gray, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson,

Steiner, Touhey, and Wunderlich.

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Camacho, Paskett, and Quiñonez.

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes and 4 absent.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-1 Subject: Adopt CEQA determination and authorize entering into Water

Savings Incentive Plan Agreements with Dye Finishing

Companies

Presented by: Gary V. Tilkian, Resource Specialist, Water Efficiency Team

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is

categorically exempt and authorize entering into Water Savings Incentive Program agreements with Lekos Dye & Finishing, Inc., Daeshin USA, Inc., and Hitex Finishing & Dyeing, Inc.

Moved: Director Gray Seconded: Director Touhey

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Atwater, DeJesus, Dick, Gray, Morris, Peterson, Quiñonez,

Touhey, and Wunderlich.

Noes: Directors Lewinger and Steiner.

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Camacho and Paskett.

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

Kevin A. Donhoff, Interim Manager, Water Resource Management, provided brief background on Metropolitan's Water Savings Incentive Program (WSIP) and he introduced Mr. Gary Tilkian.

Mr. Tilkian's presentation also included background information on the previously board-approved WSIP. He provided examples of the program's accomplishments to date, reviewed the proposed projects in the three current applications, and reviewed the estimated savings and incentives over the next ten years.

Staff responded to questions surrounding incentives phased payments and adjustments, potential financial risks to Metropolitan, capping contributions, and criteria used for project eligibility.

Director Lewinger requested a letter dated August 12, 2016, submitted by the San Diego County Water Authority opposing item 8-1, be included in the record.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Oral presentation on Conservation Program

Presented by: Bill McDonnell, Manager, Water Efficiency Team

Mr. McDonnell provided a presentation on Metropolitan's Conservation Plan activity that focused on the fiscal years 2014/15 and 2015/16 expenditures in turf removal rebates, device rebates, WSIP, and landscape classes and audits.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters

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

Initiatives

Mr. Patterson reported on Cal WaterFix State Board proceedings, cost allocation discussions, operations in the Central Valley Project (CVP), and the re-initiation of consultation by the Department Water Resources (DWR) and United States Bureau of Reclamation with United States Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service on the biological opinions for the coordinated operations of the CVP and State Water Project.

Staff responded to questions related to Metropolitan's voluntary contributions and discretionary funds, State Board panel in the Cal WaterFix hearings, and the Coordinated Operations Agreement.

b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp provided an oral report on Colorado River activity.

c. Subject: Water Resource Manager's Report

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

Mr. Donhoff reported on activities surrounding renewal of two existing Palo Verde land leases and a Request For Statement of Interest (RFSI) letter sent to growers who have expressed interest in leasing remaining Metropolitan-owned lands. He also reported on the relicensing of Southern California State Water Project facilities by DWR and the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on September 15, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

David De Jesus Chair