### THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### **MINUTES**

### AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

## July 26, 2016

Chair Dick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Dick, Vice Chair Beard, Directors Blois, Galleano, Lefevre, Lewinger (entered at 9:08 a.m.), and Peterson.

Members absent: Directors Camacho and Ramos.

Other Board Members present: Board Chair Record, Directors Ackerman, Atwater, Barbre, Dake, Dear, Hogan, McKenney, Morris, and Steiner.

Staff present: J. Carrillo, L. Carrillo, Donhoff, Donovan, Escuadro-Dailey, Hasencamp, Kightlinger, Patterson, Riss, Schaffer, Sims, T. Wong, and Zinke.

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

No members responded.

#### 3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Dick reported that the City of Blythe celebrated its Centennial on Saturday, July 23. Chairman Record and Directors Barbre, Peterson and Touhey were in attendance and presented the City with a resolution to commemorate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Chairman Record commented that the event was very successful and he appreciated the directors attending the celebration.

# 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 24, 2016

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Blois Seconded: Director Beard

Ayes: Chair Dick, Vice Chair Beard, Directors Blois, Galleano, Lefevre and Peterson

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Camacho, Lewinger and Ramos

The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 3 absent.

Director Lewinger entered the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

## 4. COMMITTEE ITEMS

Subject: Report on Hydroponic Crop Farming in the United States

Presented by: Carolyn Schaffer, Unit Manager V, Customer Services

Ms. Schaffer reported on controlled environment agriculture, including industry trends, market segmentation, and how technology is changing the scale of operations. She also shared the results of a study conducted by Arizona State University that compared conventional and hydroponic farming.

## 5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Dick requested a report on the golfing industry and turf farms.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Larry Dick Chair