THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

LEGAL AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

September 13, 2016

Chair Quiñonez called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Quiñonez, Vice Chair McKenney, Directors Atwater, Camacho, Dear, Dick (entered at 9:37 a.m.), Murray (entered at 9:36 a.m.), and Steiner.

Members absent: Directors Paskett and Wunderlich.

Other Board members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Ackerman, Barbre, Beard, Blois, Dake, Faessel, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, Ramos, Touhey, and Vasquez.

Staff present: Scully, Beatty, Vanderhorst, Blair, Breaux, Donhoff, Ghaly, Horton, Jankovic, Kightlinger, Kuo Brinton, Man, Mares, Miyashiro, Philp, Pitman, Quilizapa, Randolph, Riss, Sims, Yenko, 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 LEGAL AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AUGUST 16, 2016

Motion:	Carried	
Moved:	Director Steiner	Seconded: Director Atwater
Ayes:	Chair Quiñonez, Vice Chair McKenney, Directors Atwater, Camacho, Dear, and Steiner	
Noes:	None	
Abstention:	None	
Absent:	Directors Dick, Murray, Paskett, and Wunderlich	

The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 4 absent.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

Chair Quiñonez announced there would be a reordering of the agenda to accommodate the closed session items.

Director Murray entered the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Director Dick entered the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

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Subject: General Counsel's report of monthly activities

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia Scully

General Counsel Marcia Scully reported to the committee on potential amicus briefs that may be submitted in support of Metropolitan's successful ruling in the copper pitting cases. She also reported on a case challenging California's new maximum contaminant level for chromium 6 in drinking water and a tentative ruling against northern California cities in their lawsuit against Monsanto for PCB contamination of stormwater. Similar PCB lawsuits have been filed in San Diego County. Finally, Ms. Scully announced a continuing legal education class to be presented through the Legal Department by a jury consultant who helped Metropolitan win a defense verdict in a recent employment lawsuit.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

Subject: Discussion of Department Head Performance and Goal Setting

Presented by: Chair Jesús Quiñonez

In closed session, the Committee discussed the General Counsel's performance and goal setting. No action was taken.

a.	Subject:	Report on San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510380, CPF-12-512466 and CPF-14-514004; and appeal of the 2010 and 2012 actions, Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District Case Nos. A146901 and A148266; and San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BS161729
	Presented by:	General Counsel Marcia Scully
	Directors Hogan and Steiner, representing the San Diego County Water Authority, withdrew from the meeting for the report on this item. In closed session, General Counsel Marcia Scully gave a report on this item. No action was taken.	
b.	Subject:	Report on San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BS164526
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Presented by: Assistant General Counsel Heather Beatty

In closed session, Assistant General Counsel Heather Beatty gave a report on this item. No action was taken.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on October 11, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Jesús Quiñonez Chair