

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA

September 27, 2016

Committee Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Peterson, Directors Ackerman (entered at 10:36 a.m.), Beard, McKenney (entered at 10:37 a.m.), Paskett (entered at 10:41 a.m.), and Steiner.

Members absent: Vice Chair Lefevre, Directors Camacho, De Jesus, Gray, and Morris.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Atwater, Barbre, Blois, Dake, Dear, Faessel, Friedman, Galleano, Kurtz, Murray, Ramos, Touhey, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Arakawa, Beatty, G. Breaux, Coffey, K. Cole, Donhoff, J. Green, Hasencamp, G. Johnson, Kear, T. Lee, Mares, Neudeck, R. Patterson, Philp, Reukema, Riss, R. Ryan, Schaffer, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Upadhyay, Vanderhorst, Wang, Westford, Wheeler, Winn, E. 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. **COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Subject: Update on California WaterFix and EcoRestore
Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa provided an update on the California WaterFix timeline. He discussed key decisions to move the project past the planning stage, and the state's efforts to implement a Delta smelt resiliency strategy. He also provided further detail on how the state is funding the California WaterFix planning efforts, which is in response to a request at last month's Water Planning and Stewardship Committee.

Staff addressed the committee's questions regarding a draft economic report by Dr. Sunding for the California Natural Resources Agency, the source of the funds for the project, the effects of the Delta smelt resiliency strategy on exports, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife 2081 Permit, the quantity of augmentation flow in the Yolo Bypass as part of the north Delta food web adaptive management project, and Franks Track.

- c. Subject: Status of the Tule Red Tidal Habitat Restoration Project
Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Special Projects Manager Randall Neudeck

Mr. Neudeck described the location, background, and details about the cost of the project. He announced the State and Federal Contractors Water Agency, the California Department Water Resources, Westerfeld Ecological Services, and other state and federal agencies had a groundbreaking ceremony on September 19, and he showed a short video clip about the subject.

Staff addressed a question regarding whether the Tule Red property was expected to increase due to annual sedimentation at the water's edge on Grizzly Bay.

- d. Subject: Bay-Delta Manager's Report
Presented by: Assistant General Manager Roger Patterson

Mr. Patterson commented on three subjects: (1) the SWRCB's update to the Bay-Delta WQCP, (2) the upcoming dedication of Wallace Weir, and (3) progress on the California WaterFix cost allocation discussions.

Staff addressed questions from the committee regarding the federal, state, and the State Water Contractor allocation discussions and when it will be brought to the committee for review.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update on the draft Dr. David Sunding's report which was released by the state under a Public Records Act request.

Next meeting will be held on October 25, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Glen Peterson
Chair