

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 25, 2016

Chair Record called the meeting to order at 12:43 p.m. in the Board Room at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Record, Vice Chairs Ackerman, Gray, and Murray, Secretary Morris, Directors Camacho, Hogan, Barbre, De Jesus, Kurtz, Peterson, and Quiñonez (entered at 12:46 p.m.).

Member absent: Vice Chair Touhey.

Other Board members present: Directors Atwater, Beard, Dake, Dear, Lewinger, McKenney, Saxod, and Ramos.

Staff present: Atkins, Beatty, Breaux, L. Carrillo, J. Chavez, Chin, Gil de Montes, Ghaly, Green, Jankovic, Kightlinger, Mares, Patterson, Pitman, Riss, Rojas, Scully, Tonsick, 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.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Murray Seconded: Director Camacho

Ayes: Directors Record, Ackerman, Gray, Murray, Morris, Camacho, Hogan, Barbre, De Jesus, Kurtz, and Peterson

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Quiñonez and Touhey

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Record had no report.

4. OTHER MATTERS

- a. Subject: Announcement of candidates for Board Secretary for two-year term effective January 1, 2017, and candidate statements

Presented by: Chair Record

Chair Record announced there have been nominations from three directors for the same candidate, Director Steve Blois. Chair Record asked if there were any nominations from the floor; there were none.

Director Blois stated that he was thankful for all the support he has received and looks forward to participating on the Board at a different level.

Chair Record announced that the vote to elect the next Board Secretary for the two-year term beginning on January 1, 2017 would take place at the Board meeting on November 8, 2016.

Director Quiñonez entered the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

6. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

7. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

8. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Approve draft committee and board meeting agendas, and schedule for November 2016

Presented by: Chair Record

Chair Record asked if there were any additions or revisions.

Director De Jesus announced that two out of the six Local Resource Programs projects that were on the draft agenda for the November Water Planning and Stewardship committee have been deferred to December 2016. The items are listed on the agenda as 7-4 and 7-5.

Motion: Approve draft committee and board meeting agendas, and schedule for November 2016 as amended

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Peterson Seconded: Director Camacho

Ayes: Directors Record, Ackerman, Gray, Murray, Morris, Camacho, Hogan, Barbre, De Jesus, Kurtz, Peterson, and Quiñonez

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Touhey

The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

- b. Subject: General Manager's report of Metropolitan's activities

Presented by: General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger

General Manager Kightlinger reminded the Board that on October 27 the Southern California Water Committee will be holding its annual dinner event. Chair Record will be awarded the Harriett Wieder Leadership Award at that event.

General Manager Kightlinger also stated that Metropolitan will be holding its employee fall service awards luncheon at the Luminarias restaurant in Monterey Park on October 26, 2016. One of the employees being honored at that event will be celebrating 50 years as a Metropolitan employee.

- c. Subject: General Counsel's report of Legal Department activities
Presented by: General Counsel Marcia Scully

General Counsel Scully had no report.

- d. Subject: General Auditor's report of Audit Department activities
Presented by: General Auditor Gerry Riss

General Auditor Riss had no report.

- e. Subject: Ethics Officer's report of Ethics Department activities
Presented by: Ethics Officer Deena Ghaly

Ethics Officer Ghaly stated that the California Fair Political Practices Commission has selected Metropolitan to participate in a pilot project that would enable high level filers who belong to several agencies to be able to fill out all their filing obligations directly online. Letters have been sent out to directors from the Ethics Department and she encouraged them to respond and participate in the pilot. The project will allow filers to complete all of their obligations with a single filing.

- e. Subject: Discussion of Department Head Performance and Goal Setting
[Public employees' performance evaluations - General Manager; to be heard
in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957(b)]

Presented by: Chair Record

Chair Record stated that this item would be discussed at the end of the meeting.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- a. Subject: Finance and Insurance Committee
Presented by: Committee Chair Barbre

Committee Chair Barbre had no report.

- b. Subject: Water Planning and Stewardship Committee
Presented by: Committee Chair De Jesus

Committee Chair De Jesus reported that in November, four of the committee's action items will be discussions about entering into new Local Resources Programs. The other two action items will concern a water savings incentive plan agreement with Tri-Star Dyeing and Finishing Inc., and approving an agreement to provide emergency water service for Tijuana, Mexico.

In addition the committee will hear status reports on the Colorado River and conservation efforts.

- c. Subject: Engineering and Operations Committee
Presented by: Committee Chair Peterson

Committee Chair Peterson thanked all the directors that attended the Engineering and Operations Committee Inspection tour. It is a valuable tool for directors to see what Metropolitan spends its resources on.

Committee Chair Peterson reported that in November the committee will discuss six action items including a contract for seismic upgrades to the switch houses at the Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants, a contract for stage 2 lining repairs on the Orange County Feeder, and an amendment to the agreement with the Southern California Public Power Authority for the sale of renewable energy from four hydroelectric power plants.

The committee will also hear the quarterly report on the Capital Investment Plan, and in closed session an update on security.

- d. Subject: Communications and Legislation Committee
Presented by: Committee Chair Kurtz

Committee Chair Kurtz reported that the committee has no action items for the November meeting but they will hear the regular reports from the Sacramento and Washington, DC offices.

- e. Subject: Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee
Presented by: Committee Chair Murray

Committee Chair Murray reported that in November the committee will consider three action items. The committee will approve Metropolitan's Salary Schedule pursuant to CalPERS regulations, authorize IT cyber security updates, and authorize a procurement contract and storage system upgrade for Metropolitan's data center. The committee will receive a presentation from staff on Metropolitan's Business Outreach Program, and in closed session, receive updates on contract negotiations with the labor unions.

- f. Subject: Legal and Claims Committee
Presented by: Committee Chair Quiñonez

Committee Chair Quiñonez reported that in November the committee will hear a report in closed session on the *San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan* rate cases.

- g. Subject: Real Property and Asset Management Committee
Presented by: Committee Chair Camacho

Committee Chair Camacho reported that in November the committee will consider in closed session amending the Sacramento office lease to add additional space. The committee will add a confidential item on the Palo Verde Irrigation District request for statements of financial interest, and will hear a report from staff on the surplus property process.

10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

The Executive Committee meeting went into closed session at 12:54 p.m.

**8f. Subject: Discussion of Department Head Performance and Goal Setting
 [Public employees' performance evaluations - General Manager; to be heard
 in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957(b)]**

Presented by: Chair Record

This item was discussed in closed session. No action was taken.

The Executive Committee meeting opened at 12:58 p.m.

Chairman Record and Committee Chair Murray both commended the Human Resources staff for their work in stream lining the goal setting process for department heads.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Randy A. Record
Chairman of the Board