

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 10, 2016

Chair De Jesus called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Committee Members present: Chairman De Jesus and Vice Chairman Atwater, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Dick, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, Touhey, and Wunderlich.

Committee Members absent: Directors Camacho, Gray, Paskett, and Quinonez.

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

Staff present: Arakawa, Beatty, Boyd, Breaux, D. Cole, K. Cole, Donhoff, Donovan, Goshi, Green, Hasencamp, Hughes, Kear, Kightlinger, Kuo Brinton, Lamdin, Man, Mares, McDonnell, Munguia, Nevills, Nobriga, Patterson, Philp, Pitman, Polyzos, Riss, Roth, Safely, Schaffer, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Skillman, Stites, Teraoka, Upadhyay, Vanderhorst, von Haam, Velasco, C. Wang, E. Wong, B. Yamasaki, and Zinke.

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

Ms. Brenna Norten, Food & Water Watch, addressed the committee on the proposed twin water tunnels.

Mr. Dale Tyson, HayDay Farms, addressed the committee expressing his appreciation of Metropolitan's support of HayDay Farms land lease.

Mr. Mark W. Cowin, Director, California Department of Water Resources (DWR) addressed the committee on matters related to California drought conditions and 2017 DWR operations.

Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) for the Lower Colorado River Basin.

General Manager, Kightlinger also provided an explanation related to the timeline of bringing this item back to the committee for action.

Staff responded to comments related to various areas of interest included in the discussions, proposed DCP contributions to California, modeling used in DCP contribution triggers, water recovered by Palo Verde Irrigation District, and Binational Conservation Project.

c. Subject: Report on potential seepage recovery system at Lake Perris

Presented by: Jack Safely, Manager, Imported Supply Unit

Deven Updadhay, Manager, Water Resource Management, gave brief background information on this item and introduced Jack Safely.

Mr. Safely gave an update on the Lake Perris Dam Remediation project and also provided information of a new potential project at Lake Perris that would involve recovering seepage.

Staff responded to questions related to water quality, total costs of seismic remediation, total amounts of stored supplies, recreational use financial impacts to Metropolitan, and historical beneficiaries of groundwater seepage.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters

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

Mr. Patterson reported on Bay Delta activity including a media event relating to Wallace Weir, permit applications to California Fish and Wildlife, and cost allocation discussions and proposed methodology.

Staff responded to questions regarding timing of costs associated with Cal WaterFix.

Dir. Lewinger made a formal motion that *“staff be directed to place on the November Board Agenda a detailed staff report and recommendation for board discussion of how WaterFix costs are planned by staff to be allocated among member agencies of Metropolitan including any existing or new water rates and charges, any property tax component, and any alternative fixed cost recovery charges under the Met Act.”*

Director Steiner seconded the motion.

Committee Chair De Jesus responded and noted that the request may be added as a future agenda item, as this was not on the current agenda for action. Mr. Michael Hughes, Sr. Deputy General Counsel, confirmed that this was not an action item on the agenda.

- b. Subject: Colorado River Matters
- Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources Manager

No report given.

- c. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's report
- Presented by: Deven N. Upadhyay, Manager, Water Resource Management

Mr. Upadhyay gave an update on two proposals being jointly developed by DWR and SWRCB on Long Term Water Use Efficiency requirements and strengthening requirements for water shortage contingency planning. At the October 25, 2016 IRP Committee, a detailed report of the proposals will be reviewed. He announced an additional \$1 million grant funding had been received for the System Conservation Pilot Program and the possibility that Lake Perris would be a location considered to host two Olympic events.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on November 7, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

David De Jesus
Chair