#### THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### **MINUTES**

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA

## October 25, 2016

Committee Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Lefevre (entered at 11:13 a.m.), Directors Ackerman (entered at 11:13 a.m.), Beard, Gray, McKenney, Morris, and Steiner.

Members absent: Directors Camacho, De Jesus, and Paskett.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Atwater, Barbre, Blois, Dake, Dear, Galleano, Hogan, Kurtz, Lewinger, Murray, Ramos, Saxod, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Alonzo, Arakawa, Beatty, G. Breaux, L, Carrillo, R. Castro, Coffey, Donhoff, Goshi, J. Green, Hom, Horton, Kear, T. Lee, Mares, Neudeck, Nevills, Patterson, M. Phan, Philp, Pitman, R. Ryan, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Soper III, Wang, Westford, Wheeler, Winn, 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

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa reviewed California WaterFix upcoming key decisions regarding state and federal environmental documents and project permit approval processes. He also explained key terms and the sequencing of permit approval processes under both the state and federal endangered species acts.

Staff addressed a question on California Endangered Species Act Section 2081 and funding.

Director Ackerman entered the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Vice Chair Lefevre entered the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

# 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Beard

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Beard, Gray, Lefevre, McKenney, Morris, Peterson, and

Steiner

Absent: Directors Camacho, De Jesus, and Paskett

The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 no, and 3 absent.

# 3. COMMITTEE ITEMS (Cont'd.)

b. Subject: Overview of Wallace Weir Fish Passage Project Within the Yolo

Bypass Floodplain

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Special Projects Manager Randall Neudeck

Mr. Neudeck described this near-term fish rescue facility project in the Yolo Bypass and the funding contributions by state and federal water contractors. He noted that thousands of adult salmon and sturgeon would be saved by the project, and showed a short video about the recent groundbreaking ceremony that was attended by some members of Metropolitan's Board and staff.

c. Subject: Quarterly Update on Expenditures for the Bay Delta

Conservation Plan

Presented by: Controller Hal Soper III

Mr. Soper III reported on the cumulative amount spent on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) from July 2005 through September 2016, noted the largest components of the spending, and summarized the expenses for the last four quarters.

Staff addressed a question about the reason for the increased labor cost of the last quarter.

d. Subject: Bay-Delta Manager's Report

Presented by: Assistant General Manager Roger Patterson

Mr. Patterson reviewed BDCP/California WaterFix cost information that had been presented to the Board over the last three years, which included the cost analysis, cost allocation framework, a list of agencies involved, and the projected rate impact.

Staff addressed questions and comments from the committee on the assumptions mentioned in the presentations, water rate impacts, data behind the 2013 analysis, SWP contract extension, and discussions regarding reduced reliance.

### 4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

### 5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update on Dr. David Sunding's draft report for the next Special Committee on Bay-Delta.

Appraisal information for the newly purchased Delta Islands to be provided to the Board along with a full report on the topic will be provided at the Real Property and Asset Management Committee meeting.

Next meeting will be held on November 22, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 a.m.

Glen Peterson Chair