THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 7, 2016

Chair De Jesus called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Committee Members present: Chairman De Jesus, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Camacho (entered at 10:35 a.m.), Dick, Gray, Lewinger, Morris, Paskett (entered at 10:27 a.m.), Peterson, Steiner, Touhey, and Wunderlich.

Committee Members absent: Vice Chair Atwater and Director Quinonez.

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

Staff present: Alonzo, Arakawa, Beatty, Breaux, Coffey, D. Cole, K. Cole, Donhoff, Goshi, Green, Hardijinata, Hasencamp, Horton, Kuo Brinton, Kear, Kightlinger, Lamdin, T. Lee, Man, McDonnell, Mokhtari, Munguia, Nevills, Patterson, Philp, Polyzos, Riss, Roth, Ruzgerian, Safely, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Stites, Teraoka. Tilkian, Upadhyay, Velasco, E. Wong, B.Yamasaki, 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 WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 10, 2016

Motion carried

Moved:	Director Peterson	Seconded: Director Touhey
Ayes:	Directors Abdo, Ackerman, De Jesus, Dick, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, and Touhey.	
Noes:	None	
Abstain:	Director Gray	
Absent:	Directors Atwater, Camacho, Paskett, and Quinonez.	

The motion passed by a vote of 9 ayes 0 noes, 1 abstain, and 4 absent.

Chair DeJesus made several remarks related to the Consent Calendar.

He acknowledged letters that were submitted by San Diego County Water Authority opposing all of the Consent Calendar agenda items, with the exception of 7-7.

He noted that the committee members who were required to abstain from voting had received information related to that requirement.

He announced that agenda item 7-7 was being pulled to be voted on separately, and he requested that item 7-6 be pulled for a staff presentation.

General Manager Kightlinger responded to Director Lewingers's comments regarding regional and local water supply projects.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-2	Subject:	Adopt CEQA determination and authorize entering into a Local Resources Program agreement with Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for the North Area Water Recycling Project
7-3	Subject:	Adopt CEQA determination and authorize entering into a Local Resources Program agreement with Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for the Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex Water Recycling Project
7-4	Subject:	Adopt CEQA determination and authorize entering into a Local Resources Program agreement with Eastern Municipal Water District for Perris II Brackish Groundwater Desalter
7-5	Subject:	Adopt CEQA determination and authorize entering into a Local Resources Program agreement with the City of Torrance and the Water Replenishment District of Southern California for the GRIP Recycled Water Project

The committee voted on agenda items 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, and 7-5 under one vote.

Moved: Director Touhey Seconded: Director Morris

Ayes:	Directors Abdo, Ackerman, De Jesus, Dick, Gray, Morris, Peterson, Touhey, and Wunderlich.
Noes:	Directors Lewinger and Steiner
Absent:	Vice Chair Atwater, Directors Camacho, Paskett, and Quinonez.

The motion passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 2 noes, and 4 absent.

Chair De Jesus announced that agenda item 7-7 would be next and he called it to be moved.

7-7	Subject:	Adopt CEQA determination and approve Agreement for Temporary Emergency Delivery of a Portion of the Mexican Treaty Waters of the Colorado River to the International Boundary in the vicinity of Tijuana, Baja California
	Presented by:	None
	Motion:	Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is categorically exempt, and authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreement for Temporary Emergency Delivery of a Portion of the Mexican Treaty Waters of the Colorado River to the International Boundary in the Vicinity of Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, and for Operation of Facilities in the United States for five years, subject to the proposed agreement being in a form approved by the General Counsel and further providing that the proposed agreement will become effective only upon approval and execution by the parties of Minute 32X to the Treaty and adoption of the joint engineering report that are both consistent with the terms of the proposed agreement.

Moved:	Director Dick Seconded: Director Touhey
Ayes:	Directors Abdo, Ackerman, De Jesus, Dick, Gray, Morris, Peterson, Touhey, and Wunderlich.
Noes:	None
Absent:	Vice Chair Atwater, Directors Camacho, Paskett, and Quinonez.
Abstain:	Directors Lewinger and Steiner.

The motion passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 2 abstain, and 4 absent.

Director De Jesus announced that agenda item 7-6 would be next, and he introduced Deven N. Upadhyay, Manager, Water Resource Management. Mr. Upadhyay provided brief background comments and he introduced Gary V. Tilkian.

7-6 Subject: Adopt CEQA determination and authorize entering into a Water Savings Incentive Plan Agreement with Tri-Star Dyeing and Finishing

Presented by: Gary V. Tilkian, Resource Specialist, Water Efficiency Team.

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is categorically exempt, and authorize entering into a Water Savings Incentive Program agreement with Tri-Star Dyeing and Finishing Inc.

Mr. Tilkian provided a presentation on a proposed Water Savings Incentive Program agreement with Tri-Star Dye and Finishing. His presentation included the program's goals, accomplishments, and incentives. He reviewed completed projects and performance examples as well as providing details of the new project.

Staff responded to comments related to industrial waste permit requirements, estimated amount of savings due to lower sewer discharge, and project selection process.

Moved: Director Peterson Seconded: Director Touhey

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, De Jesus, Dick, Gray, Morris, Peterson, Touhey, and Wunderlich.

Noes: Directors Lewinger and Steiner.

Absent: Vice Chair Atwater, Directors Camacho, Paskett, and Quinonez.

The motion passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 2 noes, and 4 absent.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

Director Paskett entered the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Director Camacho entered the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

9-1 Subject: Overview of proposed Lower Colorado River Basin Drought Contingency Plan.

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp provided a presentation on an overview of the proposed Lower Colorado River Basin Drought Contingency Plan.

Staff responded to comments related to program administration, system assessments, Metropolitan's temporary access to Imperial Irrigation District's Intentionally Created Surplus, San Diego's exchange water included in Metropolitan's delivery reductions, environmental impacts to Salton Sea, proposed plan benefits, and climate change impacts on the Colorado River.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Conservation Program Update

Presented by: Bill McDonnell, Manager, Water Efficiency Team

Mr. McDonnell's presentation focused on Metropolitan's Regional Program vendor contract.

Staff responded to comments about rebates for efficient clothes washers and how the clothing washer rebate influences consumer purchase decisions.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters

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

Mr. Patterson provided an update on Bay-Delta activity

b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources Manager

Mr. Hasencamp gave an update on Colorado River activity.

c. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's report

Presented by: Deven N. Upadhyay, Manager, Water Resource Management

Mr. Upadhyay gave an update on the state's proposal for long-term water use efficiency targets and requirements for water suppliers' shortage contingency plans.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on December 12, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

David DeJesus
Chair