

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**February 28, 2017**

Chair Record called the meeting to order at 12:42 p.m. in the Board Room at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Record, Vice Chairs De Jesus and Murray, Secretary Blois, Directors Camacho, Gray (via conference call), Kurtz, and Wunderlich.

Members absent: Directors Ackerman, Barbre, Dick, Hogan, Peterson and Quiñonez.

Other Board members present: Directors Beard, Dear, Faessel, McKenney, and Morris.

Staff present: Atkins, Beatty, Breaux, L. Carrillo, Ghaly, Green, Kear, Kightlinger, Mares, Patterson, Pitman, Riss, Scully, Simms, Tubbs, Tucker, and Upadhyay.

**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 JANUARY 24, 2017.**

Motion: Carried  
Moved: Director Camacho                      Seconded: Director Murray  
Ayes: Directors Record, Murray, De Jesus, Blois, Camacho, Gray, Kurtz, and Wunderlich  
Noes: None  
Abstentions: None  
Absent: Directors Ackerman, Hogan, Barbre, Dick, Peterson and Quiñonez

The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 6 absent.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chair Record stated that several directors had expressed interest in being included on the committee that is being created to discuss local resource projects and conservation. Any other directors interested in serving on the committee were asked to contact the chairman. He will announce the committee appointments at the March 14, 2017 board meeting and the first meeting of the new committee will be held on March 28, 2017.

**4. OTHER MATTERS**

None

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**6. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**7. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**8. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

- a.           Subject:           General Manager's report of Metropolitan's activities  
              Presented by:    General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger

General Manager Kightlinger gave an update on the current condition and operation at the Oroville Dam. The state has been releasing water out of the Oroville Dam in anticipation of future storms. They will be shutting the dam down to assess the spillway that was damaged, and to remove the debris piles from the river in order to get the power plant back in operation.

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

General Counsel Scully had no report.

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

General Auditor Riss reported that his department would be presenting a letter to the Board in March to consider a bid received from Metropolitan's external auditor.

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

Ethics Officer Ghaly reminded Board members that their financial disclosure statements are due in March.

## **9. COMMITTEES REPORTS AND ITEMS**

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

Committee Vice Chair Wunderlich had no report.

- b.           Subject:           Water Planning and Stewardship Committee  
Presented by:   Neither Committee Chair Gray nor Vice Chair Atwater were present

Since neither Committee Chair Gray nor Committee Vice Chair Atwater was present at the meeting, no report was given.

- c.           Subject:           Engineering and Operations Committee  
Presented by:   Secretary Blois

On behalf of Committee Chair Peterson, Secretary Blois reported that in March the committee will consider four action items including preliminary investigations for a system-wide upgrade of Metropolitan's control system and a contract for erosion protection of the Whitewater Siphons on the Colorado River Aqueduct

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

Committee Chair Kurtz reported that in March the committee will discuss two state legislation items: Assembly Bill 574, providing a framework for potable water reuse projects, and Assembly Bill 231, proposing statutory changes in how stormwater is defined under proposition 218. The committee will also hear the regular reports on activities from Metropolitan's Washington, DC and Sacramento offices as well as an update on Metropolitan's social media outreach campaign.

Committee Chair Kurtz announced that the two oversight hearings on California WaterFix previously scheduled by the Senate committee on Natural Resources and Water for February 14 and 28 have been postponed. A new date has not yet been announced.

Committee Chair Kurtz announced that Metropolitan is arranging a Sacramento Day in March for Board members to meet with legislators. Directors interested in participating should let staff know so arrangements can be made.

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

Committee Chair Wunderlich reported that in March the committee will confer with labor negotiators in closed session to receive updates on contract negotiations.

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

Committee Vice Chair McKenney reported that in March the committee will hear in closed session, a report on the bankruptcy matter *In re Holy Hill Community Church* and will consider authorizing a settlement. In closed session, the committee will also hear a report on the *San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan* rate case, and a conclusion of the report on the Overview of the State Water Project.

g. Subject: Real Property and Asset Management Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Camacho

Committee Chair Camacho reported that in March the committee will hear a report from staff on Diamond Valley Lake properties, projects and activities related to the recreation area.

h. Subject: Approve draft committee and board meeting agendas and schedule for March 2017

Presented by: Chair Record

Motion: Approve draft committee and board meeting agendas and schedule for March 2017.

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Camacho Seconded: Director Murray

Ayes: Directors Record, Murray, De Jesus, Blois, Camacho, Gray, Kurtz, and Wunderlich

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Hogan, Barbre, Dick, Peterson and Quiñonez

The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 6 absent.

**10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Kurtz asked for an update on the proposed Board retreat. She was informed that dates are tentatively scheduled for late May 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Randy A. Record  
Chairman of the Board