

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vice Chair Ackerman gave directors an update on the issues raised by employees and AFSCME regarding the condition of desert housing. Chair Record discussed this with management, and they will be providing directors with a progress report at the April Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee, on the plan and schedule for the housing upgrades.

Several members of Metropolitan's board will be traveling to Sacramento on March 28 and 29, 2017 to meet with members of the California legislature to learn more about the Brown administration's policy issues as well as to share Metropolitan's legislative priorities.

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 reported that Metropolitan successfully completed the Colorado River Aqueduct shut down and will be moving on to other shutdowns throughout spring, beginning with the Jensen Treatment Plant.

Metropolitan's 10th annual Spring Green Expo will take place on April 20, 2017 with special guest speakers Congresswoman Grace Napolitano and HGTV's Yard Crashers host Matt Blashaw.

- 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 had no report.

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

Ethics Officer Ghaly stated that the financial disclosure filings are due April 3, 2017 and there are currently still 13 reports outstanding.

9. COMMITTEES REPORTS AND ITEMS

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

Committee Chair Barbre reported that in April the committee will be wrapping up discussion on the water treatment charge policy principals, and recommending treatment charge and implementation.

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

Committee Chair Gray reported that in April the committee will discuss four action items. These will include authorizing entering into cyclic agreements with Metropolitan's member agencies as well as an agreement with the Department of Water Resources for preliminary design of a seepage recovery project at Lake Perris. A new item has been added to the agenda to consider participation in the Phase I planning process for the potential Sites Reservoir project.

The committee will also hear a report on the latest water supply conditions for the year and the monthly conservation report.

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

Committee Chair Peterson reported that in April the committee will discuss five action items including the design to rehabilitate finished water reservoirs and replace chemical storage tanks at the Jensen and Mills Treatment Plants, and an agreement for full-scale control and electrical system upgrades at the Wadsworth Pumping Plant.

An oral report covering the new Colorado River Aqueduct energy and transmission agreements will also be presented.

- d. Subject: Communications and Legislation Committee
Presented by: Director Gray on behalf of Committee Chair Kurtz

Director Gray on behalf of Committee Chair Kurtz stated that in April the committee would discuss three action items including continuing the discussion of Senate Bill 231 on local government fees and charges, expressing support for Assembly Bill 1654 on urban water management planning, and expressing opposition to Assembly Bill 472 on water transfers, idled agricultural land, wildlife, waterfowl and bird nesting habitats.

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

Committee Chair Wunderlich reported that in April the committee will confer with labor negotiators in closed session to receive an update on contract negotiations. The committee will also receive updates on desert housing, current recruitment activities and records retention.

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

Committee Vice Chair McKenney reported that in April the committee will consider amending Metropolitan's administrative code to add the Conservation and Local Resources Committee as a new committee. The committee will hear in closed session, a report on the *San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan* litigation.

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

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

- h. Subject: Approve draft committee and board meeting agendas and schedule for April 2017
Presented by: Vice Chair Ackerman
Motion: Approve draft committee and board meeting agendas and schedule for April 2017.

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Gray Seconded: Director Murray

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Murray, De Jesus, Blois, Barbre, Gray, Hogan, and Wunderlich

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Camacho, Dick, Kurtz, Peterson, Record, 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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Linda Ackerman
Vice Chair of the Board