

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

MARCH 13, 2017

Chair Gray called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Committee Members present: Chair Gray and Vice Chair Atwater, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Camacho (entered at 11:13 a.m.), De Jesus, Dick, Lewinger, Morris, Paskett, Steiner, and Wunderlich.

Members absent: Director Peterson and Quiñonez.

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

Staff present: Alvarez, Atkins, Arakawa, Beatty, Breaux, Coffey, D. Cole, K. Cole, Donhoff, Donovan, O. Freeman, Goshi, J. Green, Hasencamp, Hughes, Kear, B. McDonnell, Man, Munguia, Nobriga, Patterson, Philp, Pitman, Polyzos, Reukema, Riss, Roman, R. Roth, Safely, Schaffer, Schlotterbeck, Shraibati, Sims, Taraoka, C. Torres, Upadhyay, Velasco, Westford, E. Wong, E. Young, 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 FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Motion: Director Steiner Seconded: Director Morris
Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, De Jesus, Dick, Gray, Lewinger,
Morris, Paskett, Steiner and Wunderlich.
Noes: None
Absent: Directors Camacho, Peterson and Quiñonez.

Director Steiner moved approval of the minutes with a correction to a typographical error in the subject for withdrawn agenda item 8-2 of the February 13, 2017, minutes (see text in red).

~~Adopt CEQA determination and authorize a five-year agreement with Electric Gas Industries Association to administer Metropolitan’s Regional Conservation Rebate Program, the Water Savings Incentive Program, and the On-site Retrofit Program in an amount not to exceed \$420,000,000.~~

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes and 3 absent.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-3 Subject: Adopt CEQA determination and authorize a five-year agreement with Electric & Gas Industries Association to administer Metropolitan’s consumer incentive programs

Presented by: Marcelo D. Alvarez, Pr. Engineering Technician

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA, and Authorize a five-year agreement with Electric & Gas Industries Association to administer Metropolitan’s consumer incentive programs, to be paid from funds the Board authorizes for Metropolitan’s consumer incentive programs, in accordance with a cost schedule that will not exceed the proposal in Attachment 1 of the board letter.

Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Atwater

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, De Jesus, Dick, Gray, Morris, Paskett, and Wunderlich.

Noes: Directors Lewinger and Steiner

Absent: Directors Camacho, Peterson, and Quiñonez.

The motion passed by vote 9 ayes, 2 noes, and 3 absent.

Mr. Alvarez presented on the proposed five-year agreement with Electric & Gas Industries Association to administer Metropolitan’s consumer incentive programs.

Staff responded to questions regarding Electric & Gas Industries Association (EGIA) as sole bidder, administrative fees, Metropolitan’s and EGIA’s negotiations status, reporting of

Conservation Program expenditures by member agency, and reasons for a five year period of the proposed contract.

8-4 Subject: Adopt CEQA determination and authorize an increase of maximum amount payable under the contract with Richardson & Company LLP for auditing services related to State Water Project charges and related claims from \$3,900,000 to an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000 and extend the term by three years to March 31, 2020.

Presented by: None

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project and is not subject to CEQA and authorize the General Manager to amend the agreement with Richardson & Company LLP to extend the term for three years to March 31, 2020, and increase the maximum amount payable under the contract with Richardson & Company LLP from \$3,900,000 to an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000.

Moved: Director Steiner Seconded: Director Lewinger

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, De Jesus, Dick, Gray, Lewinger, Morris, Paskett, Steiner, and Wunderlich.

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Camacho, Peterson, and Quinonez.

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes and 3absent.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Oral update on Water Surplus and Drought Management Plan

Presented by: Demetri J. Polyzos, Sr. Engineer, Imported Supply Unit

Mr. Polyzos gave an update on hydrologic conditions, State Water Project allocation considerations, and 2017 supply/demand balance estimates. Water Resource

Management Group Manager, Deven Upadhyay also provided information on Clifton Court Forebay activity.

Staff responded to comments regarding repayment of water supply, Hyatt power plant operating status, and Article 21 water.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters
- Presented by: Roger K. Patterson, Assistant General Manager Strategic Water Initiatives

Mr. Patterson gave an update on biological opinions and cost allocations.

Staff responded to questions related to water flexibility and cost allocation.

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

Mr. Hasencamp gave an oral update on Colorado River activity.

Staff responded to questions regarding Intentionally Created Surplus storage and withdrawal limits in Lake Mead.

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

Mr. Upadhyay provided highlights of the recent Foundational Actions Funding Program Technical Conference.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on April 10, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Gloria Gray
Chair