

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

**APRIL 10, 2017**

Chair Gray called the meeting to order at 10:30 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 11:41 a.m.), De Jesus, Dick, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, and Wunderlich.

Members absent: Directors Paskett, Steiner and Quiñonez.

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

Staff present: Aldrete, Alonzo, Arakawa, Beatty, Bodnar, Boyd, Bradshaw, Breaux, Coffey, D. Cole, Donhoff, Donovan, Ghaly, Goshi, J. Green, Hasencamp, Hirsch, Hughes, Jay, G. Johnson, Kear, Kightlinger, Lamdin, B. McDonnell, Man, Munguia, Neudeck, Nobriga, Parsons, Philp, Polyzos, Riss, R. Roth, Safely, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Skillman, Steely, Stites, Teraoka, Tonsick, 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 MARCH 13, 2017**

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

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 4 absent.





Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Camacho, Paskett, Quiñonez, and Steiner

The motion passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 1 no, 0 abstain, and 4 absent.

Staff responded to questions surrounding estimated water recovery by Department of Water Resources, current water capture in the existing pipeline, and term of the proposed agreement.

Director Lewinger requested to have a letter submitted by SDCWA dated April 8, 2017, opposing item 8-5, included in the record.

**8-6** Subject: Adopt CEQA determination, appropriate \$1.5 million, and authorize entering into a project agreement with the Sites Project Authority for participation in the Sites Reservoir Phase 1 process for an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million

Presented by: Randall Neudeck, Special Projects Manager

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA and is categorically exempt, and

- a. authorize the General Manager to negotiate a project agreement amendment with the Sites Project Authority and other participants for participation in the Sites Reservoir Phase 1 process for an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million; and
- b. appropriate \$1.5 million for Sites Reservoir Phase 1 based on reserving an option for 25,000 acre-feet of Class 1 water supply yield or 50,000 AF of Class 2 water supply yield, or a combination thereof.

Moved: Director Lewinger      Seconded: Director Morris

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, De Jesus, Dick, Gray, Lewinger, Morris, Peterson, and Wunderlich

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Camacho, Paskett, Quiñonez, and Steiner

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 4 absent.

Mr. Neudeck gave a presentation on a proposed agreement with Sites Project Authority for participation in the Sites Reservoir Phase 1 planning process.

General Manager, Kightlinger provided comments on Metropolitan's investment in north of Delta storage.

Staff responded to comments regarding budgeted funding, water storage, class 1 and 2 water, and investment risks.

## **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 update, and 2017 supply/demand balance estimates.

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: None

Chair Gray announced this item would be given in Bay-Delta committee, as Roger Patterson was not present.

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: None

Chair Gray announced deferment of this item.

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on May 8, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 11: 54 a.m.

Gloria Gray  
Chair