THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

July 10, 2017

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Blois, Directors Barbre, Beard, Camacho, Dake (entered at 1:05 p.m.), De Jesus, Dick, Galleano, Gedney, Lefevre (entered at 1:00 p.m.), Morris, Steiner, and Treviño.

Members absent: Directors Faessel and Zurita.

Other Board members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Ackerman, Atwater, Dear, Gold, Hogan, Kurtz, Lewinger, McKenney, Ramos, Saxod, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Arita, F. Becerra, Bednarski, Benito, G. Boyd, Brenhaug, Budhia, L. Carrillo, Coffey, D. Cole, H. Collins, H. Diaz, Donhoff, Escalante, Garabetian, L. Garcia, J. Green, Guillory, A. Hall, Hassel, Hattar, Hines, Hess, Hom, G. Johnson, Kightlinger, Kostelecky, Krysa, Kuo Brinton, Lambeck, Lem, Mares, S. Martin, T. Miller, Nobriga, Lai-Bluml, J. Li, Okano, M. Parsons, R. Patterson, Pitman, Riss, M. Rojas, Roman, Schaeffer, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Sims, Skillman, T. Smith, Spradling, M. Stewart, Stites, Tellers, Thilo, Tonsick, Tso, O. Tucker, Upadhayay, Vollucci, K. Wilson, 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 ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JUNE 12, 2017.

Motion:	Carried		
Moved:	Director Morris	Seconded:	Director Dake
Ayes:	Directors Barbre, Beard, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Galleano, Gedney, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, and Treviño		
Noes:	None		
Abstentions:	Director Blois		
Absent:	Directors Dake, Faessel, Lefevre, and Zurita		

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 no, 1 abstain, and 4 absent.

Director Dake entered at 1:05 pm and Director Lefevre entered at 1:00 pm.

Mr. Johnson introduced the Engineering Services student interns. Mr. Green introduced the Water Systems Operations student interns and apprentices.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-3 Subject: Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate $1.85 million; authorize the General Manager to make offers of compensation and acquire permanent and temporary property rights on nine properties consisting of 16 Assessor's Parcels within the Orange County Operating Region (Orange County Assessor's Parcel Nos. 591-133-15, 591-133-19, 322-211-03, 105-015-21, 105-015-24, 525-171-12, 525-171-13, 525-171-14, 463-201-24, 463-201-28, 284-181-50, and 351-751-11; and Riverside County Assessor's Parcel Nos. 101-140-005, 101-140-006, 101-040-010, and 101-040-011); and authorize field investigations to address erosion-related issues across the distribution system (Appropriation No. 15474)

Presented by: None

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the first proposed action has been previously addressed in the certified 2016 Final Program EIR, Findings, and MMRP, and that the second proposed action is categorically exempt (Class 6, Section 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines), and

a. Appropriate $1.85 million;
b. Authorize the General Manager to make offers and acquire permanent and temporary property rights in nine properties for planned construction within the Orange County Operating Region, and to approve and obtain all acquisition-related documentation; and
c. Authorize field investigations to address erosion-related issues throughout the distribution system.

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Lefevre Seconded: Director Morris

Ayes: Directors Barbre, Beard, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dake, Dick, Galleano, Gedney, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, and Treviño

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Faessel and Zurita

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

7-4 Subject: Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate $840,000; and authorize upgrades to the computerized maintenance management system (Approp. 15501)

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

a. Appropriate $840,000;
b. Authorize upgrades to the computerized maintenance management system.

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Lefevre Seconded: Director Morris

Ayes: Directors Barbre, Beard, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dake, Dick, Galleano, Gedney, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, and Treviño

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Faessel and Zurita

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

7-5 Subject: Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate $580,000; and authorize increase in change order authority for the construction contract to build houses at Iron Mountain Pumping Plant (Appropriation No. 15495.)

Presented by: None.

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is categorically exempt, and

a. Appropriate $580,000; and
b. Authorize increase of $580,000 in change order authority for the construction contract to build houses at Iron Mountain Pumping Plant, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed $830,000, for the addition of two new houses.

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Lefevre Seconded: Director Morris

Ayes: Directors Barbre, Beard, Blois Dake, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Galleano, Gedney, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, and Treviño

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Faessel and Zurita

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-3 Subject: Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate $2 million; award $13,856,000 contract to Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. to construct an advanced water treatment demonstration plant; and authorize increase of $300,000 to an agreement with Stantec Consulting, Inc. (Appropriation No. 15493)

Presented by: Engineering Services Group Principal Engineer Gloria Lai-Bluml

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action has been previously addressed in the 2015 NOE and that no further environmental analysis or documentation is required, and

a. Appropriate $2 million;
b. Award $13,856,000 contract to Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. to construct an advanced water treatment demonstration plant; and
c. Authorize increase of $300,000 to an agreement with Stantec Consulting, Inc., for a new not-to-exceed total of $1.5 million, to provide specialized technical support.

Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director De Jesus

Ayes: Directors Beard, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Galleano, Gedney, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, and Treviño

Noes: Directors Barbre and Steiner

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Faessel and Zurita

Recusals: Director Dake

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 2 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent and 1 recusal.

Director Dake recused himself due to a possible conflict of interest with the subconsultant Carollo Engineers, Inc.

San Diego County Water Authority submitted a letter on Board Item 8-3 which was received at 5:03 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, 2017.

8-4 Subject: Adopt CEQA determination and authorize approval of agreements and authorize membership with the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative for Colorado River Aqueduct energy and transmission services

Presented by: None

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

a. Authorize membership in the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative; and

b. Authorize the General Manager to execute the Scheduling and Trading and Power System Operation Services Agreements with the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative.

Moved: Director Camacho Seconded: Director Barbre

Ayes: Directors Barbre, Beard, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dake, Dick, Galleano, Gedney, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, and Treviño

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Faessel and Zurita

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

8-5 Subject: Adopt CEQA determination and authorize the removal of Modules 4, 5, and 6 from service at the Robert A. Skinner Water Treatment Plant

Presented by: Water System Operations Section Manager Heather Collins

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is categorically exempt; and

Authorize the removal of Plant 2 (Modules 4, 5, and 6) and associated equipment from service at the Skinner plant.

Moved: Director Lefevre Seconded: Director Camacho

Ayes: Directors Barbre, Beard, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dake, Dick, Galleano, Gedney, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, and Treviño

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Faessel and Zurita

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

8-6 Subject: Adopt CEQA determination and appropriate $3.3 million; and authorize increase in change order authority for the construction contract to rehabilitate Palos Verdes Reservoir (Appropriation No. 15417)

Presented by: None

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action has been previously addressed in the adopted 2015 Mitigated Negative Declaration and that no further environmental analysis or documentation is required, and

a. Appropriate $3.3 million; and
b. Authorize increase of $2.3 million in change order authority for the rehabilitation of Palos Verdes Reservoir, up to an aggregate amount not to exceed $3,778,000

Moved: Director Beard Seconded: Director Morris

Ayes: Directors Barbre, Beard, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dake, Dick, Galleano, Gedney, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, Steiner, and Treviño

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Faessel and Zurita

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Oral report on Metropolitan's Apprenticeship Program

Presented by: Water System Operations Unit Manager April Fiedler Hall

Ms. Hall provided an overview of Metropolitan's Apprenticeship Program.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Subject: Water Systems Operations Manager's report

Presented by: None

No presentation was given.

b. Subject: Engineering Services Manager's report

Presented by: None

No presentation was given.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Chair Peterson requested an update on Oroville Spillway.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on August 14, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Glen Peterson
Chair