

# THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## MINUTES

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 23, 2018

Chair Record called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Ackerman, Barbre, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Gray, Hogan, Kurtz, Murray, Peterson, Ramos, and Chairman Record

Member absent: Dick, and Quiñonez

Other Board members present: Atwater, Ballin, Dake, Dear, Faessel, Lefevre, McKenney, Morris, Pressman, and Treviño

#### **1. Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee and Board on matters within their jurisdiction**

No members responded.

#### **2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held October 24, 2017**

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Murray                      Seconded: Director Camacho

Ayes: Director Ackerman, Barbre, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Gray, Hogan, Kurtz, Murray, Peterson, Ramos, and Chairman Record

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Dick, and Quiñonez

The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chair Record stated that on January 19, 2018 he and other Metropolitan Board members met with San Diego County Water Authority board members. Additional meetings are scheduled in February.

**4. OTHER MATTERS**

None

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**6. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**7. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**8. DEPARTMENT HEAD'S REPORTS**

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

Jeff Kightlinger reminded Board members that on January 24, 2018 Metropolitan would be testing the emergency response service.

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

Marcia Scully provided an update to ongoing litigation between Agua Caliente Indian Tribe and Coachella valley Water District.

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

Gerry Riss reminded Board members that a committee meeting was scheduled to take place after the Board Meeting.

- d. Subject: Interim Ethics Officer's report of Ethics Department activities  
Presented by: Interim Ethics Officer Gerry Riss  
Gerry Riss mentioned that emails regarding Form 700 had been sent out to all employees.

## 9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

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

Committee Chair Barbre announced that the committee would be setting the public hearing for estimated water rates and charges, and ad valorem property taxes for March 13, 2018. The first Budget and Rates Workshop will also be held at the February committee. Lastly, the committee will receive an update on Other Post-Employment Benefits and an oral report on Investment Activities.

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

Committee Chair Gray announced that the draft agenda for the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee in the month of February will include eight items: three board reports, five oral reports, and no action items.

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

Committee Chair Peterson announced that in February, staff will bring before the committee five action items including a contract for seismic upgrades to the west washwater tank at the Weymouth plant and a contract for water quality instrumentation upgrades at the Jensen plant. Three oral reports will also be presented: 1) Capital Investment Plan quarterly report for the period ending December 2017, 2) update on the Lake Oroville Spillway, and 3) update on the Desert Housing Renovation Program.

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

Committee Chair Kurtz announced that at the time the Communications and Legislation Committee had no action items scheduled for consideration in February. However, staff would provide an update on federal activity related to the Safe Drinking Act. The committee would also hear a report on "Metropolitan's 2017 Attitudes and Awareness Survey" by our consultant Tom Patras, EMC Research.

In addition, regular reports from Sacramento and Washington as well as an update on other External Affairs activities will be given by staff.

Chair Kurtz also announced that Metropolitan's advertising and outreach campaign "H2Love: Making Conservation a California Way of Life" had been named a finalist for PRNews' Environmental Stewardship award. The prestigious national award is scheduled to be presented in March, but as one of five finalists, Metropolitan can already call its conservation campaign a standout in national environmental stewardship.

- e.           Subject:           Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee  
Presented by:   General Manager Jeff Kightlinger

General Manager Kightlinger announced that an Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee is not scheduled for February.

f. Subject: Legal and Claims Committee

Presented by: Committee Vice Chair McKenney

Committee Vice Chair McKenney announced that in February the committee will receive a closed session update on the San Diego County Water Authority Vs. Metropolitan litigation. The committee will also hear the usual General Counsel monthly and quarterly reports.

g. Subject: Real Property and Asset Management Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Camacho

Committee Chair Camacho announced that the Real Property and Asset Management Committee would consider the following consent calendar items in February:

1) Authorize granting a permanent easement to Southern California Edison at Whitewater Canyon Road in Riverside County;

2) Authorizing continuance of license agreements with two separate entities, Energy Unlimited, LLC and to Painted Hills Wind Developers, which provide access to their facilities adjacent to Metropolitan-owned land.

h. Subject: Approve draft committee and board meeting agendas and schedule for February 2018

Presented by: Chair Record

Motion: Approve draft committee and board meeting agendas and schedule for February 2018.

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Barbre Seconded: Director Peterson

Ayes: Director Ackerman, Barbre, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Gray, Hogan, Kurtz, Murray, Peterson, Ramos, and Chairman Record

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Dick, and Quiñonez

The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

**FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

Facilities Naming Special Committee Chair John Morris asked that the meetings be scheduled on the fourth Tuesday committee day.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

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

Randy A. Record  
Chairman of the Board