

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 27, 2018

Chair Record called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. in the Boardroom at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Hogan, Kurtz, Murray (entered at 12:05 pm), Quiñonez (entered at 12:05 pm), Ramos, and Record

Members absent: Ackerman, Barbre, Gray, and Peterson

Other Board members present: Atwater, Beard, Dake, Faessel, Galleano, Lefevre, McKenney, Morris, Paskett, Pressman, and Steiner

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 January 23, 2018

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Camacho Seconded: Director De Jesus

Ayes: Directors Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Hogan, Kurtz, Ramos, and Record

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Barbre, Gray, and Peterson

The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 4 absent.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

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

General Manager had nothing to add to his written report.

b. Subject: General Counsel's report of Legal Department activities

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia Scully

General Counsel had nothing to add to her written report.

c. Subject: General Auditor's report of Audit Department activities

Presented by: General Auditor Gerry Riss

General Auditor had nothing to add to his written report.

d. Subject: Ethics Officer's report of Ethics Department activities

Presented by: Interim Ethics Officer Gerry Riss

Interim Ethics Officer had nothing to add to his written report.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS

a. Subject: Finance and Insurance Committee

Presented by: Committee Vice Chair Dake

Committee Vice-Chair Dake announced that at the March meeting, staff will present the Budget and Rates Workshop #3.

b. Subject: Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

Presented by: Committee Vice Chair Atwater

Committee Vice Chair Atwater said that the committee agenda in the month of March will include the following five items:

1. Adopt CEQA determination and authorize: (1) agreement with the State Water Contractors, Inc. to pursue 2018 Sacramento Valley water transfer supplies; and (2) \$5 per acre-foot initial administrative deposit not to exceed \$500,000
2. Review of potential modifications and additions to Metropolitan's Conservation Program
3. Water Surplus and Drought Management Report
4. Proposed future supply action funding program
5. Observation on Cape Town water crisis – Day Zero

c. Subject: Engineering and Operations Committee

Presented by: Committee Vice Chair Blois

Vice Chair Blois announced that the committee will have three action items including:

1. Certification of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and approve project for planned inspections and maintenance of the Foothill Feeder
2. Preliminary design of upgrades to the San Gabriel Tower on the Upper Feeder, and
3. A construction contract for an operations and maintenance service center for the Orange County operating region

Three oral reports will also be presented including:

1. The annual update on Seismic Resilience
2. An update on Recycled Water, and
3. An update on Security

d. Subject: Communications and Legislation Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Kurtz

Chair Kurtz announced that the committee will have two action items scheduled for consideration in March:

1. To award a three-year, multi-media water conservation campaign for a not-to-exceed amount of \$14.7 million, and
2. Consider support for Proposition 68, the parks, environment and water bond that will be on the June ballot.

The committee will hear an update on the Safe Drinking Water Act Legislation, and will also have our regular reports from Sacramento and Washington as well as an update on other External Affairs activities.

e. Subject: Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Ramos

Chair Ramos announced that in March, the committee will confer with labor negotiators in closed session and receive an update on Metropolitan's Business Outreach Program.

f. Subject: Legal and Claims Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Quiñonez

Committee Chair Quiñonez announced that in closed session, the committee will hear a report on existing litigation, *Brian May v. Metropolitan*, and will consider authorizing an increase in the legal services contract with the law firm of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo.

The committee will also hear in closed session, a report on the *San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan* cases, and an oral report in closed session on the Oroville spillway lawsuits.

Committee Chair Quiñonez noted that the committee will begin earlier starting at 8:30 a.m.

g. Subject: Real Property and Asset Management Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Camacho

Chair Camacho announced that the Real Property and Asset Management will not be holding a committee meeting in the month of March.

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

Presented by: Chair Record

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

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director De Jesus Seconded: Director Blois

Ayes: Directors Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Hogan, Kurtz, Murray, Quiñonez, Ramos, and Record

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Barbre, Gray, and Peterson

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

- i. Subject: Review of the Policies, Procedures, and Governance of Metropolitan's Ethics Office

Presented by: Chair Record

The committee heard a presentation from Ali Mayorkas from WilmerHale in open session. Upon the completion of Mr. Mayorkas' presentation, the Board met in closed session.

Discussions continued in open session where the following Directors asked questions or made comments:

1. Hogan,
2. McKenney,
3. Lewinger,
4. Steiner,
5. Quiñonez, and
6. Murray.

10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Randy A. Record
Chairman of the Board