

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

**MAY 7, 2018**

Chair Gray called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Committee Members present: Chair Gray and Vice Chairman Atwater, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Lewinger, Morris, Pressman, and Steiner.

Committee Members absent: Directors Paskett, Peterson, and Quiñonez.

Other Directors present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Beard, Blois, Cordero, Dake, Faessel, Galleano, Hogan, Kurtz, McKenney, Murray, Ramos, and Vasquez-Wilson.

Staff present: Arakawa, Beatty, Benito, Breaux, R. Castro, Chapman, Chaudhuri, Coffey, D. Cole, Donhoff, Goshi, Green, Hasencamp, Horton, Hughes, Kear, Kightlinger, McDonnell, Munguia, Neudeck, Nobriga, Patterson, Philp, Polyzos, Reukema, Safely, Schaffer, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Sims, Stites, Teraoka, Upadhyay, E. C. Villa, Westford, Yamasaki, E. S. Young, and Zinke.

**1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION**

Dr. Don Justin Jones, Aerovironment, commented on Agenda Item No. 7, Colorado River Report. Dr. Jones started that more remote sensing through aerial drones should be used to monitor water usage and provide other benefits in Palo Verde area.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD APRIL 9, 2018**

Motion: Director Camacho                      Seconded: Director Morris

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

Absent: Directors Paskett, Peterson, and Quiñonez.

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

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Subject: Oral Update of SWP Contract Extension negotiations with DWR

Presented by: David C. Reukema, Sr. Resource Specialist

Mr. Reukema provided a presentation that discussed the status of the negotiations to amend the State Water Contract term and the financial provisions of the Contract.

Staff responded to questions regarding financing compression, separate discussions of State Water Contract extension from Cal WaterFix, and standardize capital and O&M repayment terms. John Schlotterbeck, Sr. Deputy General Counsel addressed the question related to DWR's intent to file a validation lawsuit by informing the committee that an incorrect version of the presentation had been replaced with a corrected version on Metropolitan's website.

Deven N. Upadhyay, Chief Operating Officer, responded to a question regarding negotiation discussions on Cal WaterFix involving water management actions.

Director Lewinger requested for Agreements in Principle to be made available on Metropolitan's website.

Brad Coffey, Manager, Water Resource Management, addressed this request by informing him that contract agreements in principle were presented to the board in an Information Board Letter in April 2014, and that the letter is archived.

b. Subject: Oral Update on Water Storage Investment Program

Presented by: Randall Neudeck, Special Projects Manager

Mr. Neudeck's oral report on Metropolitan's Water Storage Program explained storage investigations and the Cal WaterFix process to distribute grant funding from Proposition 1.

c. Subject: Water Surplus and Drought Management Report

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

Mr. Polyzos' oral presentation included updates on hydrological conditions, State Water Project allocation, and supply and demand balances.

## 7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters

Presented by: Roger Patterson, Special Projects Manager

Roger Patterson's oral report included noting the tenth anniversary of the Yuba Accord, updates on Cal WaterFix activity, the next meeting date of the Special Committee on Bay Delta, and a Collaborative Science Program in the Delta.

Board Chairman Randy Record announced that he appointed Director Atwater as Vice Chair of the California WaterFix Design and Construction Joint Powers Association (JPA) and Director Blois as a member of the JPA.

b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp reported on Colorado River Activity. He explained an accounting error to Palo Verde Irrigation District's ecological reserve irrigation by the United States Bureau of Reclamation, and how that is being corrected. He also reported on Central Arizona Project's interest in desalination and their tour of various Southern California desalter facilities. Mr. Hasencamp

announced the passing of Mr. Jack Barnett, founder of the Salinity Control Forum.

He responded to a question about runoff projections for unregulated flow in to Lake Powell.

c. Subject: Water Resource Managements Manager's report

Presented by: None

Mr. Coffey elected to defer his report in the interest of time.

## **8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Next meeting will be held on June 11, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Gloria Gray  
Chair