

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

**DECEMBER 10, 2018**

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, Butkiewicz, Camacho (entered at 11:34 a.m.), De Jesus, Dick, Morris, Peterson, Pressman, Quiñonez, and Steiner.

Committee Member absent: Director Paskett.

Other Directors present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Barbre, Blois, Cordero, Dake, Faessel, Galleano, Gold, Hawkins, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McKenney, Murray, Smith, Treviño, and Williams.

Staff present: Coffey, Hasencamp, Kightlinger, Munguia, Schlotterbeck, and Upadhyay.

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

No members responded.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. Review of Metropolitan's achievements in conservation, recycling and groundwater recharge.

Demetri J. Polyzos, Manager, Resource Planning Team, gave a briefing of the Regional Progress Report to the California State Legislature on Achievements in Conservation, Recycling and Groundwater Recharge.

Public Hearing Speakers included:

1. Dr. Reza Lakeh, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Cal Poly Pomona
2. Mike Marquis, Associate Civil Engineer, City of San Juan Capistrano
3. Conner Everts, Executive Director, Southern California Watershed Alliance
4. Sean Collins, Executive Director – Facilities Planning, Design and Construction, Cedars Sinai Medical Center
5. Marie Ann Dougherty, Univision
6. Seth Gottlund, Air Products and Chemicals, Incorporated
7. Eileen Alduenda, Council for Watershed Health

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

Motion: Director Steiner                      Seconded: Peterson  
Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Butkiewicz, De Jesus, Dick, Gray, Morris, Peterson, Pressman, Quiñonez, and Steiner.  
Absent: Directors Camacho and Paskett.

The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes and 2 absent.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

- 8-8**            Subject:            Review and consider the Department of Water Resource’s certified Final Environmental Impact Report and approve the State Water Project Contract Extension Amendment
- Presented by:    David C. Reukema, Sr. Resource Specialist,  
Imported Supply Unit
- Motion:            Review and consider the certified Final EIR, and authorize the General Manager to sign the proposed amendment to Metropolitan’s State Water Project contract with the California Department of Water Resources:
- a.            Extending the contract term an additional 50 years to terminate December 31, 2085; and

- b. Making adjustments to the methodology used to calculate the charges for service.

Motion Carried Moved: Director Peterson Seconded: Director Dick

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, De Jesus, Dick, Gray, Morris, Peterson, Pressman, and Quiñonez.

Noes: Directors Butkiewicz and Steiner.

Absent: Directors Camacho and Paskett.

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 2 noes, and 2 absent.

Mr. Reukema provided a detailed presentation on the proposed 50-year extension of the State Water Project Contract. This contract would address cost recovery and financial management provisions.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Steiner
2. Dake
3. Smith

**8-9** Subject: Approve Program for Increasing Conservation in Disadvantaged Communities; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Brandon J. Goshi, Manager, Water Policy and Strategy

Motion: 

- a. Approve implementation of Regional Pilot Program;
- b. Authorize use of Member Agency Administered Funds subject to staff approval of programs; and
- c. Authorize the use of up to \$4.5 million from the Water Stewardship Fund for both the Regional Pilot Program and the Member Agency Administered Program specifically for the disadvantaged communities projects.

Motion Carried Moved: Director Steiner Seconded: Director Quinoñez

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Butkiewicz, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Gray, Morris, Peterson, Pressman, Quiñonez, and Steiner.

Absent: Director Paskett.

The motion passed by a vote of 13 ayes and 1 absent.

Mr. Goshi provided a presentation that described in detail staff's proposed approach for increasing awareness and access to water savings in disadvantaged communities.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Pressman
2. Steiner
3. Ackerman

Director Camacho entered the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

**8-11**      **Subject:**              Authorize entering into seven agreements that would implement the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan (Lower Basin DCP); the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

**Presented by:**        Shanti Rosset, Program Manager

**Motion:**                Authorize the General Manager to enter into a Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan Agreement, DCP Contributions and ICS Accumulation Limits Sharing Agreement, Companion Agreement, agreements with PVID, CVWD, and IID, and amendment to the California ICS Agreement on the terms described in this board letter and in a form approved by the General Counsel.

**Motion Carried**      Moved: Director Peterson    Seconded: Director De Jesus

**Ayes:**                    Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Gray, Morris, Peterson, and Quiñonez.

**Noes:**                    Directors Butkiewicz and Steiner.

**Absent:**                  Directors Paskett

**Not voting:**            Director Pressman

The motion carried by a vote of 10 ayes, 2 noes, 1 not voting, and 1 absent.

Ms. Rosset gave a presentation on a suite of Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) agreements developed to keep Lake Mead above critical reservoir elevations. The DCP is a formal plan to reduce the decline of Lake Mead.

Jeff Kightlinger, General Manager provided additional comments explaining the risks associated with water shortage and the benefits of the proposed agreements.

Director Steiner made a substitute motion to defer this item until all completed documents and exhibits are provided to the Board, and for the Board of Directors to convene in a special board meeting within three days of receiving the information. Director Butkiewicz seconded the substitute motion.

Board Chairman Record offered comments about the proposed action and supporting the original motion.

The committee voted on the substitute motion.

The substitute motion failed by a vote of 4 ayes and 8 noes

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Butkiewicz, Quiñonez, and Steiner.

Noes: Directors Ackerman, Atwater, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Gray,  
Morris, and Peterson.

Absent: Director Paskett

Not voting: Director Pressman

The following directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Steiner
2. Lefevre

## **6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

**9-2** Subject: Report on Recommended Funding of Proposals for Future Supply Actions Funding Program

Presented by: Warren Teitz, Manager, Resource Development Team

Mr. Teitz provided an oral report on Metropolitan's Future Supply Actions Funding Program and he gave an overview of the proposals submitted from member agencies affecting future supply reliability. The next steps are 1) to develop agreements with member agencies with study funding within the General Manager's authority and 2) to bring action items to the Board in January for study funding requiring Board's approval.

**7. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

None

**8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters

Presented by: Jeff Kightlinger, General Manager

Mr. Kightlinger provided updates on Bay-Delta activity.

b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: None

Bill Hasencamp, Manager of Colorado River Resources deferred his report.

c. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report

Presented by: Brad Coffey, Manager, Water Resource Management

Mr. Coffey provided a brief report on water conservation activity and informed the committee of related board letters that are planned for January and February 2019.

**9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on January 7, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Gloria Gray  
Chair