

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 11, 2019

Chair Atwater called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Committee Members present: Chair Atwater and Vice Chair Kurtz, Directors Abdo (entered at 10:07 a.m), Ackerman, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Emrani, Hogan, Lefevre, McKenney, Morris, Peterson, Pressman, Record, and Steiner.

Committee Members absent: Director Paskett

Other Directors present: Board Chairwoman Gray, Directors Barbre, Butkiewicz, Dake, Galleano, Gold, Murray, Ramos, Smith, Treviño, Vasquez-Wilson, and Williams.

Staff present: Coffey, Hasencamp, Kightlinger, Patterson, Schlotterbeck, D. Upadhyay, and Velasco.

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 WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JANUARY 7, 2019

Motion: Director Steiner

Seconded: Dick

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Atwater, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Emrani, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McKenney, Morris, Peterson, Pressman, Record, and Steiner.

Not voting: Director Abdo

Absent: Directors Paskett

The motion passed by a vote of 15 ayes, 1 not voting, and 1 absent.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

Director Abdo entered at 10:07 a.m.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-3 Subject: Appropriate \$4,212,500 and authorize entering into a project agreement with the Sites Project Authority for participation in the Sites Reservoir 2019 Workplan; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Randall Neudeck, Special Projects Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives

Motion:

- a. Authorize the General Manager to sign the 2019 Agreement with the Sites Project Authority and other participants for participation in the 2019 Workplan process for an amount not to exceed \$4,212,500; and
- b. Appropriate \$4,212,500 for the Sites Reservoir 2019 Workplan based on reserving an option for 50,000 AF of Class 1 water supply yield.

Motion Carried Moved: Director Steiner Seconded: Director Dick

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Emrani, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McKenney, Morris, Peterson, Pressman, Record, and Steiner.

Absent: Directors Paskett

The motion passed by a vote of 16 ayes and 1 absent.

Randall Neudeck gave an overview of the Sites Project, he reviewed the surplus outflows capture analysis, current status and participants. He explained the benefits to participating in the 2019 Workplan.

The following directors provided comments and asked questions:

1. Steiner
2. McKenney
3. Peterson
4. De Jesus
5. Lefevre
6. Atwater

8-4 Subject: Authorize implementation of modifications to the Landscape Transformation Program; the General Manager has determined that these actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Krista M. Reger, Associate Resource Specialist, Water Efficiency Team

Motion: a. Authorize implementation of changes to the Landscape Transformation Program
 b. Increase the incentive to \$2 per square foot.

Motion Carried Moved: Director Abdo Seconded: Director McKenney

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Emrani, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McKenney, Morris, Peterson, Pressman, Record, and Steiner.

Absent: Directors Paskett

The motion passed by a vote of 16 ayes and 1 absent.

Krista Reger provided background on the Landscape Transformation Program, reviewed the proposed changes and described the next steps.

The following directors provided comments and asked questions:

1. Abdo
2. McKenney
3. Dick
4. Record
5. Atwater
6. Steiner
7. Ackerman
8. Cordero

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

9-2 Subject: Information on potential credit to enhance in-lieu deliveries to cyclic storage under limited conditions.

This item was withdrawn.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Report on Desert Water Agency and Coachella Valley Water District Exchange Agreement Discussions

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp's presentation provided background on the current exchange agreements and proposed amendments to those agreements. He explained the benefits of these agreements and the desired improvements. He reviewed the proposed 2019 amendments and the next steps.

The following directors provided comments and asked questions:

1. Kurtz
2. Hogan
3. De Jesus

- b. Subject: Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management Plan

Presented by: Demetri Polyzos, Manager, Resource Planning Team

Mr. Polyzos provided an update on hydrologic conditions, Lake Powell and Lake Mead storage levels, and the SWP allocation increase.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters

Presented by: Roger Patterson

Mr. Patterson provided an update on the appointment of the new Executive Director of the Design and Construction Authority, negotiations on the Voluntary Settlement Agreements to the State Board's Delta water quality control plan.

The following directors provided comments and asked questions:

1. Smith

- b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp updated the committee of the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) process and approvals to date.

The following directors provided comments and asked questions:

1. Peterson
2. Steiner
3. Butkiewicz
4. Hogan

c. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report

Presented by: None

Item deferred due to timing.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting will be held on March 11, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Richard Atwater
Chair