

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

MARCH 11, 2019

Chair Atwater called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Committee Members present: Chair Atwater and Vice Chair Kurtz, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Emrani (entered at 11:35 a.m.), Hogan, Lefevre, McKenney, Morris, Peterson, Pressman, Quinonez (entered at 10:10 a.m.), and Record.

Committee Member absent: Director Paskett.

Other Directors present: Directors Barbre, Blois, Butkiewicz, Dake, Faessel, Galleano, Gold, Hall, Murray, Ortega, Ramos, Smith, Treviño, and Williams.

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

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

Mr. Henry Martinez, General Manager, Imperial Irrigation District addressed the committee regarding agenda item 8-1.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2019

Motion: Director De Jesus

Seconded: Morris

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

Absent: Directors Emrani, Paskett, and Quiñonez.

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes and 3 absent.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-1 Subject: Authorize participation in the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan on behalf of California; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Shanti Rosset, Program Manager, Colorado River Resources

Motion: Authorize participation in the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan on behalf of California

Motion Carried Moved: Director Dick Seconded: Director Peterson

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

Noes: None

Absent: Directors Emrani and Paskett.

The amended motion passed by a vote of 15 ayes, 0 noes, and 2 absent.

Jeff Kightlinger, General Manager, provided brief introductory remarks and introduced Shanti Rosset.

Ms. Rosset provided a presentation on Metropolitan’s proposed participation in the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan on behalf of California.

Director Quinonez entered the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Director Atwater announced that Metropolitan received letters related to agenda item 8-1 that were distributed to the Board of Directors via email. Letters were received from the Colorado River Board of California, which are Governors’ representatives from Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming and from the San Diego County Water Authority. Mr. Kightlinger added that a letter from the Imperial Irrigation District had also been received related to item 8-1.

The following directors had comments and questions:

1. Hogan
2. Gold
3. Peterson

Director Hogan requested to amend the original motion by removing or rewording some of the language, to which the maker of the motion agreed.

The committee voted on 8-1, option #1 as amended:

Authorize participation in the lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan, as set forth in Board Letter 8-1, and support the State of California seeking Congressional approval of the DCP.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9-2** Subject: Information on Exchange Agreements with Desert Water Agency and Coachella Valley Water District

Presented by: Michael Yu, Engineer, Water Acquisition Team

Mr. Yu provided a presentation describing potential amendments to water exchange agreements among Metropolitan, Desert Water Agency (Desert), and Coachella Valley Water District (Coachella) to provide operational benefits for the parties and to consolidate all prior agreements and amendments.

Staff responded to a question regarding Coachella's position on the amendment of agreements.

- 9-3** Subject: Information on potential credit to enhance in-lieu deliveries to cyclic storage under limited conditions

Presented by: Kira Alonzo, Sr. Engineer, Water Acquisition Team

Ms. Alonzo gave a presentation that described a proposed revision to Metropolitan's cyclic agreements to increase the ability to capture imported supplies in future surplus conditions.

The following directors provided comments and asked questions:

1. Smith
2. McKenney
3. Pressman
4. Dake
5. DeJesus
6. Faessel
7. Ackerman
8. Peterson
9. Barbre

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: State Water Resources Control Board Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Proposed Voluntary Settlement Agreement

Presented by: Steve Arakawa, Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives

Mr. Arakawa gave a detailed presentation of the State Water Resources Control Board Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Proposed Voluntary Settlement Agreement.

Director Emrani entered the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

The following directors provided comments and questions:

1. Hogan
2. Smith
3. Record
4. Gold

- b. Subject: Update on Metropolitan's Emergency Storage Objective

Presented by: Edgar Fandialan, Principal Engineer, Resource Planning and Development Section

Mr. Fandialan provided an update on the process to evaluate Metropolitan's regional storage to maximize potential for performance and operations of Metropolitan's storage programs. He focused on the progress made by staff and member agency Workgroup on refining Metropolitan's Emergency Storage Objective.

The following directors provided comments and questions:

1. Blois
2. Hogan
3. Ortega

- c. Subject: Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management Plan
- Presented by: Demetri Polyzos, Manager, Resource Planning Team

Mr. Polyzos gave an oral report that included updates on hydrological conditions, available supplies, and supply demand balances.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters
- Presented by: Roger Patterson, Assistant General Manager, Strategic Water Initiatives

Mr. Patterson provided a brief update on State Water Resource Control Board actions and on Delta Conveyance.

- b. Subject: Colorado River Matters
- Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp provided an update on the Upper Colorado Basin and Lake Powell's increased levels, and on the Salinity Control Program.

- c. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report
- Presented by: Brad Coffey, Manager, Water Resource Management Group

Mr. Coffey provided a brief update on Oroville spillway funding.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on April 8, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Richard Atwater
Chair