

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 23, 2019

Chairwoman Gray called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. in the Boardroom at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Abdo, Atwater, Butkiewicz, Dake, Gray, Kurtz, McKenney, Murray (entered at 12:12 p.m.), Pressman, Ramos, Record, Smith, and Treviño

Member absent: Cordero, Hogan, and Paskett

Other Board members present: Ackerman, Ballin, Blois, Faessel, Goldberg, Hall, Morris, Ortega, and Peterson

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 June 25, 2019

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Atwater Seconded: Director Dake

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Atwater, Butkiewicz, Dake, Gray, Kurtz, McKenney, Pressman, Ramos, Record, Smith, and Treviño

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Cordero, Hogan, Murray, and Paskett

The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 4 absent.

Director Murray entered the room.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairwoman Gray stated she had nothing to add to her report.

Chairwoman Gray announced that there will be no committee meetings on August 27, 2019.

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 Kightlinger stated he had nothing to add to his report; however, he reminded the Board that the committee meetings on August 27, 2019 have been cancelled.

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

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia Scully

General Counsel Scully reported that litigation filed by a vendor, DMS, was dismissed by the court.

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

Presented by: General Auditor Gerald Riss

General Auditor Riss had nothing to add to his report.

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

Presented by: Ethics Officer Abel Salinas

Ethics Officer Salinas had nothing to add to his report.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a. Subject: Finance and Insurance Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Dake

Committee Chair Dake announced that the committee will hear a report on the list of certified assessed valuations for fiscal year 2019/20 and tabulation of assessed valuations, percentage participation, and vote entitlement of member agencies as of August 19, 2019.

The committee will also consider one action item:

- Adopt resolution establishing the tax rate for fiscal year 2019/20.

As well as one information item:

- Report on Allocation of Demand Management Costs.

In addition, there will be three committee items heard:

- Prefunding PERS and OPEB: Presentation No.3;
- Quarterly Financial Report; and
- Investment Activities for July 2019.

Lastly, the Interim Chief Financial Officer Skillman will present her monthly activity report.

b. Subject: Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Atwater

Committee Chair Atwater announced the committee will consider the following two action items:

- Review and consider the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's approved Mitigated Negative Declaration and authorize the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program agreement with Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and La Puente Valley County Water District for the La Puente Recycled Water Project; and
- Report on Cyclic Cost-Offset Credit Program and affirm General Manager's decision to activate the Cyclic Cost-Offset Credit Program

As well as hear one board information letter on:

- Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program

In addition, staff will present the following two committee items:

- Report on Water Resilience Portfolio
- Update on Delta Conveyance

c. Subject: Engineering and Operations Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Smith

Committee Chair Smith announced that the committee will consider four action items:

- Award a contract to replace radial gates on the Colorado River Aqueduct
- Award a contract for installation of discharge line isolation coupling assemblies at each Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plant.
- Award a contract for construction of Water Quality Instrumentation Improvements at the F.E.Weymouth Water Treatment Plant.
- Award a contract for Energy Sales from three hydroelectric plants.

As well as one oral report:

- Update on assessment of the Santa Monica Feeder

d. Subject: Communications and Legislation Committee

Presented by: Committee Vice Chair Kurtz

Committee Vice Chair Kurtz announced that the committee will hear the following reports:

- Reports on activities from Washington D.C.
- Report on activities from Sacramento
- External Affairs Management Report

e. Subject: Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Murray

Committee Chair Murray announced that the committee will consider the following action item:

Adopt resolution designating Metropolitan's maximum contribution for medical benefits in order to comply with the current authorized Memoranda of Understanding

And will hear one committee presentation on:

- Succession Planning: Engineering Career Launch Program

f. Subject: Legal and Claims Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair McKenney

Committee Chair McKenney announced that, in closed session, the committee will hear:

- A report on the San Diego County Water Authority cases and will consider authorizing an increase in maximum amount payable under contract for legal services with Horvitz & Levy, LLP in the amount of \$150,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$600,000; and
- The committee will also review the Settlement Proposal received from the Water Authority.

In open session, the committee will hear a presentation regarding Social Media, Public Officials and the First Amendment; and the General Counsel will present her Business Plan for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

g. Subject: Real Property and Asset Management Committee

Presented by: Committee Vice Chair Peterson

Committee Vice Chair Peterson announced that the committee will not hold a meeting in August; and will reconvene again in September.

h. Subject: Audit and Ethics Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Ramos

Committee Chair Ramos announced that at the next committee meeting scheduled for September 24, 2019, the committee will receive final draft recommendations of the policies and procedures of the Ethics Office.

i. Subject: Approve draft committee and board meeting agendas and schedule for August 2019

Presented by: Chairwoman Gray

Motion: Approve draft committee and board meeting agendas and schedule for August 2019.

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Murray Seconded: Director McKenney

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Atwater, Butkiewicz, Dake, Gray, Kurtz, McKenney, Pressman, Ramos, Murray, Record, Smith, and Treviño

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Cordero, Hogan, and Paskett

The motion passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 3 absent.

10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Gloria D. Gray
Chairwoman of the Board