

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

March 9, 2020

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

Members present: Chair Smith, Vice Chair Treviño, Directors Blois, Camacho (entered at 11:30 am), De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Galleano, Lefevre, Morris, Murray, Ortega (entered at 11:02 am), Repenning, Peterson, and Williams.

Members absent: Directors Apodaca and Barbre.

Other Board members present: Board Chairwoman Gray, Directors Ackerman, Ballin, Butkiewicz, Cordero, Goldberg, Hogan, Kurtz, McKenney, Quinn, and Record.

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Kightlinger, Parsons, Upadhyay, Word, and Yamasaki.

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

None

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2020.

Motion: Carried
Moved: Director Faessel Seconded: Director Blois
Ayes: Directors Blois, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Galleano, Lefevre, Morris, Murray, Peterson, Repenning, Smith, Treviño, and Williams
Noes: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Directors Apodaca, Barbre, Camacho, and Ortega.

The motion passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 noes, and 4 absent.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-2 Subject: Authorize extension of the existing lease for the property on 2750 Bristol Street in Costa Mesa, CA in an amount not-to-exceed \$160,000 for an 18-month term, for use as a construction staging & storage site.

Presented by: None

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed project was previously addressed in the approved 2014 Mitigated Negative Declaration & related CEQA actions.

This item was not presented. Presentation is available to view on Metropolitan’s website.

Moved: Director Faessel Seconded: Director Morris
Ayes: Directors Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Galleano, Lefevre, Morris, Murray, Ortega, Peterson, Repenning, Smith, Treviño, and Williams
Noes: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Directors Apodaca, Barbre, Camacho, and Ortega.

The motion passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 noes, and 4 absent.

Director Ortega entered at 11:02 a.m.

Director Camacho entered at 11:30 a.m.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Regional Recycled Water Program Update
Presented by: Regional Recycled Water Program Manager Bruce Chalmers

Mr. Chalmers reported on Metropolitan's Regional Recycled Water Program. He provided updates on the demonstration plant testing, on-going planning activities, agency coordination, public outreach, grant funding and next steps.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Lefevre
2. Williams
3. Hogan
4. Ortega
5. Peterson

- b. Subject: Proposed Capital Investment Plan for Fiscal Years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022

Presented by: Engineering Services Section Manager Tobin Tellers

Mr. Tellers reviewed the proposed biennial budget, including key priorities, funding, and 2-year planned spending. Mr. Yamasaki discussed the treatment plant capacity evaluations for Skinner and Jensen locations.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Lefevre
2. Dick
3. Peterson
4. Butkiewicz
5. Treviño

- c. Subject: Capital Investment Plan Quarterly Report for period ending December 2019

Presented by: None

This item was not presented. Presentation is available to view on Metropolitan's website.

- d. Subject: Review of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Target for Metropolitan's proposed Climate Action Plan

Presented by: Senior Environmental Specialist Malinda Stalvey

Ms. Stalvey presented greenhouse reduction target options.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Peterson

2. Faessel
3. Ortega
4. Repenning

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Water System Operations Manager's report
Presented by: Water System Operations Group Manager Brent Yamasaki

Mr. Yamasaki provided an update on current operational conditions and efforts to ensure continued system reliability. He discussed variable treatment cost increases and Metropolitan's injury rate as compared to the industry average.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Ortega

- b. Subject: Engineering Services Manager's report
Presented by: None

This item was not presented. Presentation is available to view on Metropolitan's website.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on April 13, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Tim Smith
Chair