

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 28, 2020

Chairwoman Gray called the teleconference meeting to order at 12:12 PM.

Members present: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Butkiewicz, Cordero, Gray, Kurtz, McKenney, Murray, Pressman, Ramos, Record, Repenning, Smith, and Treviño

Member absent: Directors Hogan and Quiñonez

Other Board members present: Directors Ballin, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Galleano, Goldberg, Lefevre, McCoy, Morris, Ortega, Peterson, Quinn, and Williams

Committee Staff Present: Aldrete, Beatty, Katano, Kightlinger, Patterson, Riss, Salinas, Scully, Upadhyay, Walters, and Zinke.

1. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee and Board on matters within their jurisdiction

Caty Wagner, Sierra Club addressed the Board regarding Integrated Resources Plan matters.

2. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

a. Subject: Chairwoman's Report

Presented by: Chairwoman Gloria D. Gray

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

b. Subject: General Manager's report of Metropolitan's activities

Presented by: General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger

General Manager Kightlinger reported on the following:

- The first Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion meeting was held at Metropolitan in July. The meeting participants consisted of representatives from the employee association groups, bargaining units, executive management, and the Board's direct reports. The meeting discussions included next steps and the group looks forward to engaging on the issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion as a workforce.
- The work on the Second Lower Feeder Prestressed Concrete Pipe Project – Reach 8 near Placentia was accelerated and expected to be two-to-three weeks ahead of schedule. Staff will continue to review projects that can be accelerated during the current climate.
- Metropolitan will be posting for request for statements of interest on our Bay-Delta properties for agricultural leases.
- Metropolitan is being recognized by the American Society for Civil Engineers (ASCE) for our Regional Recycled Water Project for “Outstanding Waste Water Project” as well as our Second Lower Feeder Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipeline Rehabilitation Project for “Outstanding Water Project.” Director Morris, also a member of ASCE, nominated Metropolitan for these awards.

The following Directors provided comments and/or asked questions:

1. Treviño
2. McKenney

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

Presented by: General Counsel Marcia Scully

General Counsel Scully reported she had nothing to add to her report.

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

Presented by: General Auditor Gerald Riss

General Auditor Riss reported he had nothing to add to his report.

- e. Subject: Ethics Officer's report of Ethics Department activities
Presented by: Ethics Officer Abel Salinas

Ethics Officer Salinas reported that the Ethics Office staff concludes their online Education and Outreach series for Metropolitan employees in August with the third and final session of the series.

- f. Subject: Audit and Ethics Committee
Presented by: Committee Chair Ramos

Meeting deferred; no report provided.

- g. Subject: Bay-Delta Committee
Presented by: Committee Chair Ackerman

Meeting deferred; no report provided.

- h. Subject: Communications and Legislation Committee
Presented by: Committee Chair Cordero

Meeting deferred; no report provided.

- i. Subject: Engineering and Operations Committee
Presented by: Committee Chair Smith

Committee Chair Smith announced the Committee will consider the following three items:

- Authorize an increase of \$5,850,000 in change order authority for building improvements at Metropolitan's Headquarters Building; and amend two agreements for technical support of the improvements: 1) with IBI Group for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$2.57 million, and 2) with ABS Consulting, Inc., for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$12.18 million.
- Award a \$13,999,000 contract to Bernards Bros, Inc. for fire alarm and smoke control upgrades at Metropolitan's Headquarters Building; and authorize an increase of \$1.5 million to an agreement with Lee & Ro, Inc., for a not to exceed amount of \$4 million for specialized inspection

and technical support.

- Award a \$5,822,000 contract to Bernards Bros., Inc. for Stage 2 physical security improvements at Metropolitan's Headquarters Building; and authorize an increase of \$530,000 to an agreement with IBI Group, for a new not to exceed amount of \$3.1 million for technical support and design services.

As well as one oral report:

- Reservoir Management Update

And two management reports:

- Water System Operations Manager's report
- Engineering Services Manager's report

j. Subject: Finance and Insurance Committee

Presented by: Committee Vice Chair Record

Committee Vice Chair Record announced that the Committee will hear one action item:

- Adopt resolution establishing the tax rate for fiscal year 2020/21

As well as one information item:

- Report on list of certified assessed valuations for fiscal year 2020/21 and tabulation of assessed valuations, percentage participation, and vote entitlement of member agencies as of August 18, 2020

And in addition, the following two committee items:

- Quarterly Financial Report
- Quarterly Investment Activities Report

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

k. Subject: Legal and Claims Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair McKenney

Committee Chair McKenney announced that the Committee will hear the General Counsel report on her monthly activities and the General Counsel's 2020/2021 Business Plan.

In addition, an update on the San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan rate litigation will be presented.

- I. Subject: Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee
Presented by: Committee Chair Murray

Committee Chair Murray announced that the Committee will consider the following two action items:

- Approve recommendation to award contract to Executive Search Firm.
- Authorize an agreement with SHI International Corp. in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,459,234 for the equipment purchase for the Backup Location for the Datacenter Modernization project.

As well as the following two committee presentations:

- Quarterly Cybersecurity Update
- Update on EEO Issues

And hear the Human Resources Group Manager present her report.

- m. Subject: Real Property and Asset Management Committee
Presented by: Committee Vice Chair Peterson

Committee Vice Chair Peterson announced that the Committee will consider one consent item:

- To review and consider the City of San Jacinto's adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration and take related CEQA actions, and authorize the General Manager to grant a permanent easement for public road purposes to the City of San Jacinto on Metropolitan-owned property in the county of Riverside.

There will also be a board information letter on:

- The Encroachment Management Program.

And an oral presentation on:

- District Housing Improvement Project Update.

And lastly, the Quarterly Report for the period ending June 30, 2020 will be submitted to the Board.

n. Subject: Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Atwater

Committee Chair Atwater announced that the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee will meet jointly with the Conservation & Local Resource Committee meeting in August and will hear the following reports:

- Bay-Delta Matters
- Colorado River Matters
- Water Resource Management Manager's report

As well as conservation activities.

o. Subject: Financing Overview for Bond Issuance

Presented by: Chief Financial Officer Katano

A presentation was not requested.

p. Subject: General Manager's Business Plan for Fiscal Year 2020/2021

Presented by: General Manager Kightlinger

General Manager Kightlinger presented a PowerPoint highlighting his Business Plan for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held June 23, 2020
- B. Approved draft committee and Board meeting agendas and schedule for August 2020

No presentations were given. Director Ackerman made a motion, seconded by Director Record to approve the consent calendar items 3A and 3B.

The vote was:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Hogan and Quiñonez

The motion for Items 3A and 3B passed by a vote of 15 ayes; 0 no; 0 abstain; and 2 absent.

The following Director provided comments and/or asked questions:

1. Smith

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

7. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

The following Director provided comments and/or asked questions:

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8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Gloria D. Gray
Chairwoman of the Board