

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September 22, 2020

Chairwoman Gray called the teleconference meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Members present: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Butkiewicz, Cordero, De Jesus, Gray, Hogan, Kurtz, McKenney, Murray, Pressman, Quiñonez (entered after roll call), Record, Repenning, Smith, and Treviño

Member absent: Ramos

Other Board members present: Ballin, Blois, Dick, Faessel, Galleano, Goldberg, Hawkins, Lefevre, McCoy, Morris, Ortega, Peterson, Quinn, Tamaribuchi, and Williams

Committee staff present: Aldrete, Beatty, Castro, Chapman, Kasaine, Kightlinger, Patterson, Riss, Salinas, Scully, Walters, and Zinke.

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

No members responded.

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.

The following Director asked a question or made a comment:

1. Kurtz

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

Presented by: General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger

General Manager Kightlinger reported he had nothing to add to his report.

- 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 stated that he will begin an independent evaluation of Metropolitan's handling of Equal Employment Opportunity complaints filed over a 5-year period from 7/1/2015 through 6/30/2020. This evaluation will be a focused review of relevant policies and practices. This evaluation proposal was developed with input from the Organization, Personnel and Technology (OP&T) Committee; and will report back to the OP&T committee in the future.

- f. Subject: Audit and Ethics Committee
Presented by: General Auditor Riss

General Auditor Riss announced the Committee will hear monthly activity reports for the Audit Department and the Ethics Office, as well as receive a presentation of the Independent Auditor's Report from KPMG, LLP for fiscal year 2019/20.

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

Committee Chair Ackerman announced the Committee will hear an update on Delta Conveyance, and Roger Patterson will present his Bay-Delta Manager's report.

h. Subject: Communications and Legislation Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Cordero

Meeting deferred; no report was provided.

i. Subject: Engineering and Operations Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Smith

Committee Chair Smith announced the Committee will consider the following five consent items:

- Certify the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Right-of-Way and Infrastructure Protection Program for the Western San Bernardino County region and take related CEQA actions
- Award contract to Minako American Corp. for rehabilitation of the wave attenuator at Diamond Valley Lake
- Award a \$2,189,000 contract to R2Build to upgrade the flow monitoring station at Mile 12 of the Colorado River Aqueduct
- Award \$1,294,800 contract to Kaveh Engineering & Construction, Inc. for erosion control improvements at Garvey Reservoir
- Amend the Capital Investment Plan for fiscal years 2020/21 and 2021/2022 to include battery energy storage systems at Joseph Jensen Water Treatment Plant, Robert A. Skinner Water Treatment Plant, F. E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant, and OC-88 Pumping Plant; and authorize an agreement with Stantec Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$900,000 for design of these facilities

As well as the following oral report:

- Regional Recycled Water Program Update on Institutional and Financial Considerations

Director Quiñonez entered the meeting.

Chairwoman Gray announced a reordering of the meeting agenda; Item 2 j would be heard at the end of the Committee Chair reports.

k. Subject: Legal and Claims Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair McKenney

Committee Chair McKenney announced the Committee will hear the General Counsel report on her monthly activities and will receive an update on the San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan rate litigation.

I. Subject: Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Murray

Committee Chair Murray announced the Committee will hear three committee presentations:

- General Manager Recruitment Discussion
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council Update
- Report on Females in Apprenticeship and Trades

As well as the Human Resources Group Manager and Information Technology Group Manager monthly activity reports.

m. Subject: Real Property and Asset Management Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Hogan

Committee Chair Hogan announced the Committee will consider the following consent item:

- Authorize the General Manager to enter into a Contributed Funds Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, in support of Metropolitan's Colorado River Aqueduct Federal Reversionary Interest Release Program funded in an amount not-to-exceed \$400,000

And will also hear the Real Property Group Manager's monthly activity report.

n. Subject: Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Atwater

Committee Chair Atwater announced the Committee will consider the following four consent calendar items:

- Appropriate \$5 million, and authorize entering into a project agreement with the Sites Project Authority for participation in the Sites Reservoir Phase 2 Workplan; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

- Review and consider the City of Culver City's approved Final Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Culver Boulevard Stormwater and Realignment Project and take related CEQA actions, and authorize the General Manager to enter into a Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program Agreement
- Approve Toilet Replacement Program for Multi-Family Housing
- Approve the implementation of the Flow Monitoring Device Pilot Program; adopt resolution to support Metropolitan's application for United States Bureau of Reclamation grant funding of \$996,000 for a Flow Monitoring Device Pilot Program; authorize the General Manager to accept grant funds, if awarded; and authorize General Manager to enter into contract with United States Bureau of Reclamation for grant funds, if awarded

As well as the following committee item on:

- Overview of the Santa Ana River Conservation Conjunctive Use Program and the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Water Transfer

j. Subject: Finance and Insurance Committee

Presented by: Committee Chair Quiñonez

Committee Chair Quiñonez announced the Committee will hear the following two information items:

- Compliance with Fund Requirements and Bond Indenture Provisions
- Review of the Water Stewardship Fund and impacts of the costs of the Board adopted 170,000 AFY goal for the Local Resources Program; review of Metropolitan's future funding commitment to Demand Management

As well as two committee items:

- Quarterly Financial Report
- Year-End Financial Report

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

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**3. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held July 28, 2020
- B. Approve draft committee and Board meeting agendas, and schedule for October 2020
- C. Establish procedures for elections for Board Chair in October 2020 and Board Secretary in November 2020 (which may include setting a forum for communicating candidate views and providing notice of proposed nominations); the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- D. Approve candidates for Board Chair for two-year term effective January 1, 2021

Chairwoman Gray turned the meeting over to Vice Chair De Jesus to conduct Agenda Item 3C, to “Establish procedures for elections for Board Chair in October 2020 and Board Secretary in November 2020”; and Item 3D, to “Approve candidates for Board Chair for two-year term effective January 1, 2021.”

Vice Chair De Jesus introduced General Manager Kightlinger to make a presentation for Item 3C.

General Manager Kightlinger presented a PowerPoint presentation on establishing procedures for Chair and Board Elections. There were no questions raised by Directors. Vice Chair De Jesus announced Item 3D is to approve candidates for the two-year term effective January 1, 2021. The candidates will have an opportunity to provide statements for their candidacy at the October Board Meeting.

Vice Chair De Jesus announced the candidates are: Chairwoman Gray and Director Adan Ortega; and asked the nominees if they accept their nominations.

Chairwoman Gray and Director Ortega both accepted their nominations for Board Chair for the two-year term beginning January 1, 2021. Vice Chair De Jesus announced the election will take place at the October 13, 2020 Board Meeting.

The following Directors made comments or asked questions:

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| 1 | Ballin | Asked a question |
| 2 | DeJesus | Commented and asked for any further questions |
| 3 | Ballin | Commented |
| 4 | DeJesus | Commented |
| 5 | Ballin | Made motion to move the consent calendar, but did not qualify since she is not a committee member |
| 6 | Treviño | Seconded consent calendar |
| 7 | DeJesus | Commented |
| 9 | Pressman | Made a motion to move consent calendar |

The following parties submitted correspondence regarding Item 3D, which will be added to the record:

2020 Election Correspondence Received List								
Correspondence submitted to Board of Directors prior to 9/22/2020 Executive Committee Meeting:								
1	8/31/2020	Councilman Harris-Dawson Councilman Price Councilman Wesson	Joint Letter, City of Los Angeles	Chair	Gloria Gray	Support	shawn.wallace@lacity.org	9/9/2020
2	9/2/2020	Michael Lawson	President, LA Urban League	Chair	Gloria Gray	Support	tca@sbcglobal.net	9/9/2020
3	9/3/2020	Hilda L. Solis	Co of Los Angeles Supervisor	Chair	Gloria Gray	Support	hildalsolis.org	9/9/2020
4	9/3/2020	James T. Butts	Mayor, City of Inglewood	Chair	Gloria Gray	Support	mayorjamesbutts@gmail.com	9/9/2020
5	9/10/2020	Janice Hahn	Supervisor, 4th District	Chair	Gloria Gray	Support	LOdendahl@bos.lacounty.gov	9/11/2020
6	9/10/2020	Reginald Byron Jones- Sawyer, Sr.	Assemblymember, 59th District	Chair	Gloria Gray	Support	Michael.Lucien@asm.ca.gov	9/11/2020
7	9/11/2020	Faulconer, Kevin L	Mayor, City of San Diego	Chair	Gloria Gray	Support	ABerenter@sandiego.gov	9/11/2020
8	9/11/2020	Friedman, Laura	Assemblymember, 43rd District	Chair	Gloria Gray	Support		9/11/2020
9	9/14/2020	Muñoz, Irma	President, Mujeres De La Tierra	Chair	Adan Ortega	Support	irmamunoz@yahoo.com	9/15/2020
10	9/14/2020	Napolitano, Grace	Congresswoman, 32nd District	Chair	Gloria Gray	Support	n/a	9/15/2020
11	9/15/2020	Holden, Chris R.	Asselmblymember, 41 District	Chair	Gloria Gray	Support	Matthew.Lyons@asm.ca.gov	9/21/2020
12	9/16/2020	Ridley-Thomas, Mark	Supervisor, 2nd District	Chair	Gloria Gray	Support	MarkRidley-Thomas@bos.lacounty.gov	9/21/2020
13	9/17/2020	Huffman, Alice A.	President, California State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People	Chair	Gloria Gray	Support	drhunter15@gmail.com	9/21/2020
14	9/18/2020	Silva, Jesus	Councilmember, City of Fullerton	Chair	Adan Ortega	Support	jesus.silva@cityoffullerton.com	9/21/2020
15	9/11/2020	Madaffer, Jim Croucher, Gary Guerin, Christy	Chair, San Diego County WA Vice Chair, San Diego County WA Secretary, San Diego County WA				MWDProgram@sdca.org	9/21/2020
16	9/18/2020	Kwan, Carol	Board Member, West Basin MWD	Chair	Adan Ortega	Support		9/21/2020
17	9/18/2020	Quirk-Silva, Sharon	Assemblymember, 65th District	Chair	Adan Ortega	Support	Amy.Ramos@asm.ca.gov	9/21/2020
18	9/21/2020	Fitzgerald, Jennifer Flory, Jan	Mayor, City of Fullerton Mayor Pro Tem, City of Fullerton	Chair	Gloria Gray	Support	council@ci.fullerton.ca.us	9/22/2020

Director Pressman made a motion, seconded by Director Treviño, to approve the consent calendar items 3A, 3B, 3C, and 3D.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Butkiewicz, Cordero, De Jesus, Gray, Hogan, Kurtz, McKenney, Murray, Pressman, Quiñonez, Record, Repenning, Smith, and Treviño

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Ramos

The motion for Items 3A, 3B, 3C, and 3D passed by a vote of 17 ayes; 0 no; 0 abstain; and 1 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Vice Chair De Jesus turned the meeting back over to Chairwoman Gray.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Gloria D. Gray
Chairwoman of the Board