

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

**JOINT MEETING OF THE ADJOURNED WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP
COMMITTEE**

AND

CONSERVATION AND LOCAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

September 14, 2020

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee Chair Atwater called the teleconference meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee Members present: Chair Atwater, Vice Chair Kurtz, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Goldberg, Hogan, Lefevre, McKenney, Morris, Peterson, Pressman, Quiñonez, and Record.

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee Members absent: None

Conservation and Local Resources Committee Members present: Chair Abdo, Vice Chair Quinn, Directors Ackerman, Atwater, Blois, Cordero, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McKenney, Morris, and Pressman.

Conservation and Local Resources Committee Members absent: None

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Ballin, Butkiewicz, Faessel, Galleano, Murray, Smith, Tamaribuchi, and Treviño.

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

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

None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEM – ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Adjourned Water Planning and Stewardship Committee and the Conservation and Local Resources Committee held August 17, 2020.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-5 Subject: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action was addressed in prior environmental documentation and authorize amendment to agreement with California Department of Water Resources to purchase surface water supplies from Yuba County Water Agency. (Jt WP&S and C&LR)

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action was addressed in prior environmental documentation and authorize the General Manager to execute an amendment to the Agreement with DWR to purchase surface water supplies from Yuba County Water Agency consistent with the key terms sheet and in a form approved by the General Counsel.

A presentation was given on 7-5. Director Morris made a motion on 2A and 7-5, seconded by Director Ackerman (item 2A) and Director Pressman (item 7-5) to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A and 7-5:

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Blois, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Goldberg (item 7-5), Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McKenney, Morris, Peterson, Pressman, Quiñonez, Quinn, and Record.

Noes: None

Abstentions: Goldberg (item 2A)

Absent: None

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 17 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstain, and 0 absent.

The motion for item 7-5 passed by a vote of 18 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 0 absent.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Hogan
2. Peterson

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

Director Atwater then passed the meeting over to Director Abdo, Chair of the Conservation and Local Resources Committee.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Conservation Update

Presented by: Bill McDonnell, Manager, Water Use Efficiency Team

Bill McDonnell provided an update on the Conservation expenditures and activities.

b. Subject: Leak Detection Assistance Program and Flow Monitoring Device Pilot Program Proposal

Presented by: Alice Webb-Cole, Pr. Resource Specialist, Water Use Efficiency Team

Alice Webb-Cole provided an overview of the new Leak Detection Assistance Program. She gave background on two types of leak detection programs; residential and municipal. She described the benefits of the flow monitoring pilot program and a grant opportunity. She also explained the residential leak detection funding options.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Hogan
2. Quinn
3. Pressman
4. Peterson
5. Dick
6. Abdo

- c. Subject: Update on Binational Cooperation in the Colorado River Basin through Minute 323

Presented by: Laura Lamdin, Assoc. Engineer, Imported Supply Unit

Bill Hasencamp gave an update on the partnership and cooperation between the two countries (Mexico and United States) and the current agreement. He introduced Laura Lamdin who provided a presentation on Minute 323. She presented a timeline of the cooperative relationship with Mexico. She displayed cost sharing for both Minute 319 and 323 and an overview of Minute 319 accomplishments and Minute 323 benefits.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Smith
2. Cordero

Following this presentation, Conservation and Local Resource Committee Chair Abdo turned over the meeting to Water Planning and Stewardship Committee Chair Atwater.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters

Presented by: Roger Patterson, Assistant General Manager, Strategic Water Initiatives

Mr. Patterson informed the committee of an upcoming action item requesting continued participation for the Sites Reservoir in October.

- b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp provided an update on the Colorado River activities which included Paradox Valley EIS, Lake Powell Pipeline EIS, and climate change related to the Colorado River basin.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Peterson

c. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report

Presented by: Brad Coffey, Manager Water Resource Management

Mr. Coffey reported on the developing water orders for SWP and Colorado River diversion and Water Surplus and Drought Management update with supply demand balances.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be held on October 12, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

Richard Atwater and Judy Abdo
Chairs