THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

October 12, 2020

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee Chair Atwater called the teleconference meeting to order at 1:00 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, and Record.

Members absent: Director Quiñonez

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Blois, Butkiewicz, Camacho, Galleano, McCoy, Murray, Quinn, Ramos, Smith, Tamaribuchi, Treviño, and Williams.

Staff present: Bodnar, Coffey, Goldman, Hasencamp, Kightlinger, Patterson, Schlotterbeck, Neudeck, Posadas, Upadhyay, and Webb-Cole.

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

1. Katy Wagner, with the Sierra Club of California, spoke in opposition of the Delta Tunnels Project.
2. Liz Bucking, a resident of San Fransicso, spoke in opposition of the Delta Tunnel Project.
3. David Solensky, on behalf of the Sierra Club, spoke in opposition of the Sites Project and the Delta Tunnel Project.

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 September 14, 2020 (Water Planning and Stewardship Committee only)

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM – ACTION

7-6 Subject: Appropriate $5 million, and authorize an amendment to the 2019 Reservoir Project Agreement with the Sites Project Authority to allow participation in the Sites Reservoir Project Phase 2 Workplan; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Randal Neudeck, Special Projects Manager, Bay Delta

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to sign the Second Amendment to the 2019 Project Reservoir Agreement with the Sites Project Authority and other participants for participation in the Phase 2 Workplan for an amount not to exceed $5,000,000; and

Appropriate $5,000,000 for the Phase 2 Workplan based on reserving an option for 50,000 AF of water supply yield.

7-7 Subject: Approve the Multi-Family Property Toilet Replacement Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Elise Goldman, Resource Specialist

Motion: Authorize the use of up to $2.75 million annually from the Conservation Budget for the Multi-Family Property Toilet Replacement Program.

7-8 Subject Approve implementation of the Flow Monitoring Device Pilot Program; adopt resolution to support Metropolitan's application for United States Bureau of Reclamation grant funding of $996,300 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; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Alice Webb-Cole, Principal Resource Specialist

Motion: Approve implementation of the Flow Monitoring Device Pilot Program;

a. Adopt the resolution;
b. Authorize the General Manager to accept grant funds, if awarded; and
c. Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract for the grant funds.

After completion of the presentations, Director LeFevre made a motion, , seconded by Director McKenney to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A, 7-6, 7-7, and 7-8.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Goldberg , HoganKurtz, Lefevre, McKenney, Morris, Peterson, Pressman, and Record.
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	Goldberg (item 7-6 only) and Hogan (item 7-6 only).
Absent:	Quiñonez

The motion for items 2A, 7-7, and 7-8 passed by a vote of 15 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

The motion for item 7-6 passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 noes, 2 abstain, and 1 absent.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:
1. Goldberg
2. Cordero
3. Hogan
4. McKenney
5. Peterson, G.
6. Pressman
7. Record
8. Abdo

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Overview of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Water Transfer and the Santa Ana River Conservation Conjunctive Use Program

Presented by: James Bodnar, Program Manager, Water Transfers and Exchange Issues

James Bodnar provided an overview of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Water Transfer and the Santa Ana River Conservation Conjunctive Use Program

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 invitation Metropolitan received from the Delta Protection Commission, to provide an update on the Delta Islands.

b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorad River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp provided an update on the Colorado River activities, which included Lake Powel Pipeline EIS and the State of Utah postponing moving forward with the final EIS. Summer 2020 is on record for the hottest summer for five of the basin states. Metropolitan issued a fallowing call with Bard Water District.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:
1. McKenney

c. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report

Presented by: Brad Coffey, Manager Water Resource Management

Mr. Coffey reported on Conservation budget activity, the State Water Project Amendment and the preparation of the Urban Water Management Plan.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be held on November 9, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Richard Atwater
Chair