

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

**November 9, 2020**

Chair Atwater called the teleconference meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Members present: Chair Atwater, Vice Chair Kurtz, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Goldberg, Hogan, Lefevre, McKenney, Morris, G. Peterson, Pressman, Quinonez, and Record.

Members absent: Director M. Petersen.

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

Committee staff present: Coffey, Hasencamp, Kightlinger, Patterson, Posadas, Schlotterbeck, 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 Water Planning and Stewardship Committee held October 12, 2020

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM – ACTION**

None

Director Record made a motion, seconded by Director Pressman to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A.

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Goldberg , Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McKenney, Morris, G. Peterson, Pressman, and Record.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director M. Petersen and Dick.

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 15 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

#### **4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

#### **5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

#### **6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

a. Subject: Report on Tijuana River Waste Water Issues

Presented by: Meena Westford, Special Projects Manager, External Affairs

Meena Westford provided an update on the Tijuana River Watershed.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Cordero
2. Dick
3. G. Peterson

#### **7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters

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

Mr. Patterson informed the committee of future Bay Delta meetings and the Sierra snow pack. Mr. Patterson also informed the committee of his resignation at the end of December 2020.

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 the selenity forum meeting and the forum's current two challenges, including the Paradox Valley Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); the forum is waiting for the Federal Government to issue the EIS. Additionally, the forum faces long term sustainability funding challenges. Additional reports were provided on the Department of Energy's removal of uranium from the Colorado River, as well as the Bureau of Reclamations issuance of a draft of their review of the 2007 guidelines to be used by stakeholders for recommended updates.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Record
2. Gray

c. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report

Presented by: Brad Coffey, Manager Water Resource Management

Mr. Coffey gave an update on the Conservation budget activity, as well as, reported on the published Public Policy Institute of California Report, related to conservation efforts and the partnership between cities and farms in Southern California and the San Joaquin Valley.

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting will be held on December 7, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Richard Atwater  
Chair