

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

December 7, 2020

Chair Atwater called the teleconference meeting to order at 9:51 a.m.

Members present: Chair Atwater, Vice Chair Kurtz, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Cordero (entered after roll call), De Jesus, Dick, Goldberg, Hogan, Lefevre, Morris, G. Peterson, M. Petersen, Pressman, Quiñonez, and Record.

Members absent: None

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Blois, Butkiewicz, Faessel, Galleano, Hawkins, McCoy, Murray, Ortega, Quinn, Smith, Tamaribuchi, and Treviño.

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

- a. Public Hearing for Achievements in Conservation, Recycling and Groundwater Recharge.

Ms. Nadia Hardjadinata, Resource Specialist, gave a briefing on the achievements in conservation, recycling and groundwater recharge.

Public Hearing Speakers included:

1. David Silva, on behalf of the California Landscape Contractors Association, spoke in support of Metropolitan's conservation efforts.
2. Liv O'Keefe, on behalf of the California Native Plant Society, spoke in support of Metropolitan's resource conservation efforts.
3. Dean Wang, on behalf of the Long Beach Water Department, in the City of Long Beach, spoke in support of Metropolitan's water savings incentive program.
4. Connor Everts, on behalf of the Southern California Watershed Alliance and Environmental Water Caucus, spoke in support of Metropolitan's local water programs.
5. Katy Wagner, on behalf of the Sierra Club, spoke in opposition of the partnership with Southern Nevada.
6. Jo Coffey, spoke in opposition of the partnership with the Southern Nevada.

- 7. Rosanne (inaudible), spoke in opposition of the partnership with Southern Nevada.
- 8. Jennifer West on behalf of the WaterReuse California, spoke in support of Metropolitan's SB60 report, Metropolitan's local resource efforts, the Onsite Retrofit Program, and Metropolitan's support of the Water Research Foundation.
- 9. Maryann Dickenson, on behalf of the National Alliance for Water Efficiency, spoke in support of Metropolitan's conservation efforts and the SB60 report.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

Director M. Petersen left the meeting.
Director Quiñonez left the meeting.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEM – ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee held November 9, 2020

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM – ACTION

- 7-5 Subject: Review and consider the City of Long Beach's certified Final EIR and Addenda and take related CEQA actions, and authorize the General Manager to enter into a Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program Agreement with the City of Long Beach and Rancho Los Cerritos
- Presented by: None
- Motion: Review and consider the information in the City of Long Beach's certified Final EIR and Addenda for the project and take related CEQA actions, and authorize the General Manager to enter into a Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program Agreement with the City of Long Beach and Rancho Los Cerritos for the Rancho Los Cerritos - Looking Back to Advance Forward Project for up to 1.05 AFY of captured stormwater and offset of existing potable on-site irrigation demands under the terms included in this board letter.

- 7-6 Subject: Review and consider the City of Culver City’s approved Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and take related CEQA actions, and authorize the General manager to enter into a Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program Agreement with the City of Culver City and West Basin Municipal Water District
- Presented by: None
- Motion: Review and consider information provided in the approved Final IS/MND and take related CEQA actions and authorize the General Manager to enter into a Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program Agreement with West Basin Municipal Water District and the City of Culver City for the Culver Boulevard Realignment and Stormwater Filtration and Retention Project for up to 7.4 acre-feet per year of captured stormwater and offset of existing potable irrigation demand under the terms included in this board letter.

No presentations were given, Director Morris made a motion, seconded by Director Lefevre, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A, 7-5, and 7-6.

- Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Goldberg , Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, Morris, G. Peterson, Pressman, and Record.
- Noes: None
- Abstentions: None
- Absent: Directors M. Petersen and Quiñonez.

The motion for item 2A, 7-5, and 7-6 passed by a vote of 14 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: Oral Report on Water Surplus Drought Management

Presented by: Tiffany Tran, Assistant Resource Specialist II, Resource Planning Team

Ms. Tran provided a water year 2019/20 recap, an update on 2020 supply/demand balances and storage distribution, and an outlook of hydrolic conditions and water management actions.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Lefevre
2. G. Peterson
3. Ortega

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters

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

Mr. Patterson updated the committee on Bay Delta activities. Beginning December 1, daily fish monitoring began to monitor how the fish are interfacing with the operation of the project.

b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp provided an update on Lake Mead and the Colorado River hydrology. Projected changes to Lake Mead's storage level in the next two years may trigger Metropolitan to make a contribution under the Drought Contingency Plan.

c. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report

Presented by: Brad Coffey, Manager Water Resource Management

Mr. Coffey gave an update on the Conservation activity and expenditures, the Innovation Conservation Program and the Urban Water Management Plan.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be held on January 11, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Richard Atwater
Chair