

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

JOINT MEETING OF THE WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

AND

CONSERVATION AND LOCAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

January 11, 2021

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee Chair Atwater called the teleconference meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

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

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee Members absent: None

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

Conservation and Local Resources Committee Members absent: Vice Chair Quinn

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

Committee Staff present: Coffey, Goshi, Hasencamp, Kightlinger, 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 December 7, 2020 and Approval of the Joint Minutes of the Adjourned Water Planning and Stewardship Committee and Conservation and Local Resources Committee held September 14, 2020. (Conservation and Local Resources Committee only)

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

Director Pressman made a motion, seconded by Director Ackerman to approve the consent calendar item 2A:

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee held December 7, 2020.

The vote was:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

The motion passed by a vote of 16 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 0 absent

Approval of the Joint Minutes of the Adjourned Water Planning and Stewardship Committee and Conservation and Local Resources Committee held September 14, 2020. (Conservation and Local Resources Committee only)

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Blois, Cordero, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, Morris and Pressman.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Quinn

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

9-2 Municipal Leak Detection Assistance Demonstration Program

Presented by: Mark Graham, Resource Specialist, Water Efficiency Team

Mr. Graham provided information on Municipal Agency Leak Detection Program.

9-3 Update on the State Water Project Contract Amendment for Enhanced Water Management Tools and Actions

Presented by: Jack Safely, Manager, Imported Supply Unit

Mr. Safely provided an update on the State Water Project Contract Amendment for Water Management Tools

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Smith

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee Chair Atwater indicated Conservation and Local Resource Committee Chair Abdo would respond to questions regarding the following Conservation Update presentation.

- a. Subject: Conservation Update

Presented by: Bill McDonnell, Manager, Water Efficiency Team

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

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

b. Subject: State Water Project Statement of Charges and Audit

Presented by: David Reukema, Sr. Resource Specialist, Imported Supply Unit

Mr. Reukema provided an update on the State Water Project Statement of Charges and Audit.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. G. Peterson

c. Subject: Oral Report on Water Surplus Drought Management

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

Ms. Tran gave an update on the State Water Project allocation, hydrologic conditions, the 20/21 supply and demands and end of year storage balances.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Hogan
2. Smith

d. Subject: Update on Arvin-Edison Groundwater Banking Program

[Conference with legal counsel—potential litigation; portion of presentation concerning potential litigation may be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]

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

Mr. Bodnar gave part one of an update on the partnership with Arvin Edison and the benefits to Metropolitan, the impacts of 1, 2, 3-TCP detection in groundwater, an update on the performance of the storage program and an update on the program investments and costs.

Committee entered Closed Session for part two of the Update on Arvin Edison Groundwater Banking Program.

Committee returned from closed session and Director Atwater reported no action was taken during closed session.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters

Presented by: Stephen Arakawa, Manager, Bay Delta Initiatives

Mr. Arakawa gave an update on Delta operations and the impacts of trending dry weather conditions and below average precipitation, as well as an update on the upcoming Bay-Delta Meeting.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Smith

b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp provided an update on the Colorado River activities. Year 2021 represents a milestone year for the Colorado River. In 2003 the QSA agreements were signed to reduce reliance on the Colorado River and in 2021, all QSA parties, PVID, and Bard met the goals outlined in the agreements.

c. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report

Presented by: Brad Coffey, Manager, Water Resource Management Group

Mr. Coffey briefly reported on the preparation of Metropolitan's Achievements in Conservation, Recycling, and Groundwater Recovery Report to the California State Legislature and the preparation of Metropolitan's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be held on February 8, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Richard Atwater and Judy Abdo
Chairs