

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

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

**AND**

**CONSERVATION AND LOCAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**March 8, 2021**

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee Chair Atwater called the teleconference meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

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

Conservation and Local Resources Committee Members absent: Fellow

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Butkiewicz, Camacho, Faessel, Jung, Ramos, Smith, and Tamaribuchi.

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 February 8, 2021 and Approval of the Joint Minutes of the Adjourned Water Planning and Stewardship Committee and Conservation and Local Resources Committee held January 11, 2021 (Conservation and Local Resources Committee only)

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-4 Subject: Authorize the General Manager to enter into a Coordinated Operating Agreement with San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and delegate authority to the General Manager to enter into related future agreements with member agencies and local agencies, as needed, for extraordinary supply consistent with the terms approved by the Board; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

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

Motion:

- a. Authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District consistent with key terms outlined herein and in **Attachment 1**, and in a form approved by the General Counsel; and
- b. Delegate authority to the General Manager to enter into related future agreements with member agencies and local agencies consistent with the terms outlined herein and in **Attachment 2**, and in a form approved by the General Counsel.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Smith
2. Atwater
3. Lefevre

Director Morris made a motion, seconded by Director Lefevre to approve the consent calendar items 2A and 7-4:

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee held February 8, 2021 and item 7-4.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Goldberg, Hogan (voted yes on item 7-4 subject to the county water authority's letter placed on record), Kurtz, Lefevre, Morris, M. Petersen, G. Peterson, Pressman, and Record.

Noes: None

Abstentions: Directors Goldberg and Hogan (Item 7-4)

Absent: None

The motion for item 2A (Minutes of the meeting of the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee held February 8, 2021) passed by a vote of 15 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 0 absent

Director Hogan, from San Diego County Water Authority, requested that the San Diego County Water Authority letter, dated March 7, 2021, addressed to Marcia Scully, General Counsel, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, regarding Board Letter 7-4, be added to the record.

Corrected

The motion for item 7-4 passed by a vote of 15 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstain, and 1 absent

Approval of the Joint Minutes of the Adjourned Water Planning and Stewardship Committee and Conservation and Local Resources Committee held January 11, 2021. (Conservation and Local Resources Committee only)

The vote was:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Fellow

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

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

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

None

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

None

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

- a. Subject: Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management Plan  
Presented by: Tiffany Tran, Assistant Resource Specialist II, Resource Planning Team

Ms. Tran provided an update on the State Water Project supply, the Colorado River supply, weather forecast and an update on the 2021 supply and demand balances.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Lefevre

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

- b. Subject: Conservation Update  
Presented by: Tina Andry, Assistant Resource Specialist II

Ms. Andry provided an update on the Conservation expenditures and activities and a short overview of the water affordability study in collaboration with the Alliance for Water Efficiency.

- c. Subject: Update on Implementation of Statutes Making Conservation as a  
California Way of Life  
Presented by: Lindsay McPhail, Assistant Resource Specialist II

Ms. McPhail provided an update on the conservation legislation, Making Conservation as a California Way of Life, codified by AB 1668 and SB 606, signed in May 2018.

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: Colorado River Matters  
Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp provided an update on the Colorado River activities. Year 2021 is headed for another warm dry spring and the forecast indicates Lake Mead water levels will drop 20 feet by the end of 2021 if weather conditions remain the same. The eighty two percent snowpack is predicted to result in forty seven percent run off into Lake Powel, due to warm temperatures. There is the potential for a wet and cold spring, however all indicators are for a warm dry spring. Interstate and intrastate negotiations anticipated to start the summer of 2021 and last over the next three years.

b. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report

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

Mr. Coffey briefly reported on the Urban Water Management Plan Public Hearing, planned for the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee in April, a collaboration with international peer agencies, HERA Group and Mekerot, and the Probability Management for Water Finance and Resource Managers publication in the AWWA Journal.

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting will be held on April 12, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Richard Atwater and Judy Abdo  
Chairs