

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

**May 10, 2021**

Chair Atwater called the teleconference meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

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

Member absent: Director Pressman.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Blois, Erdman, Faessel, Jung, Murray, Quinn, Smith, and Tamaribuchi.

Committee staff present: Coffey, Hasencamp, Kightlinger, Munguia, Schlotterbeck, and Upadhyay.

**1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION (AS REQUIRED BY GOV. CODE SECTION 54954.3(A))**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION**

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee held April 12, 2021

Director Abdo read a disclosure statement related to Item 7-6 that involves a contract with the City of Santa Monica.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

7-6 Subject: Review and consider the city of Santa Monica's two Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declarations and Addenda and take related CEQA actions; authorize the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program Agreement with the city of Santa Monica for the Santa Monica Sustainable Water Supply Project

Presented by: Carlos De Leon, Resource Specialist, Water Resource Management

Motion: Review and consider the city of Santa Monica's CEQA documents and take related CEQA actions, and authorize the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program Agreement with the city of Santa Monica for the Santa Monica Sustainable Water Supply Project for up to 2,300 AFY of advanced treated recycled water under the terms included in this letter.

Mr. De Leon gave a presentation on a Local Resources Program (LRP) Agreement with the city of Santa Monica (Santa Monica) for the Santa Monica Sustainable Water Supply Project (Project). He explained how the Project would provide up to 2,300 acre-feet per year of recovered groundwater for potable use in Santa Monica's service area. He also described how the Project helps Metropolitan comply with a legislative direction under Senate Bill 60 (SB 60) to expand water conservation, recycling, and groundwater storage and replenishment.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Kurtz

Chair Atwater re-ordered the agenda to hear Item 6b before items 7-7 and 7-8.

## **6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

b. Subject: Oral Update on Water Surplus Drought Management

Presented by: Tiffany Tran, Assistant Resource Specialist II, Water Resource Management

Ms. Tran's presentation reviewed the hydrologic conditions associate with imported supply watersheds, the Governor's Drought Proclamation, 2021 dry year Water Supply and Drought Management actions underway, and projected end of year 2021 storage balance.

Mr. Deven Upadhyay, COO, added commentary related to decreased water allocation and State Water Project system allocated water.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Lefevre
2. G. Peterson
3. Hogan

Director M. Peterson entered the meeting.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM – ACTION

7-7 Subject: Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreement with participating member agencies to provide a credit to offset the increased costs and impacts incurred by a member agency associated with shifting deliveries to different service connections at the request of Metropolitan during calendar years 2021 and 2022; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Kira Alonzo, Manager, Water Acquisition Team

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements to provide a cost-offset credit of up to \$332 per AF in CY 2021 and \$349 per AF in CY 2022 for net increased costs incurred by a member agency from shifting operations to improve regional reliability, consistent with the terms in **Attachment 1**.

Ms. Alonzo presented on the proposed agreements to provide a cost-offset credit for net increased costs incurred by a member agency from shifting operations to improve regional reliability.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. G. Peterson
2. Lefevre

7-8 Subject: Adopt Metropolitan’s 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, Appendix 11 Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan, Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and their corresponding resolutions for submittal to the State of California; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Edgar Fandialan, Principal Engineer, Water Resource Management

Motion: Adopt the 2020 UWMP and its resolution for submittal to the State of California in order to comply with the Urban Water Management Planning Act in the California Water Code;  
Adopt Appendix 11 Addendum to the 2015 UWMP and its resolution for submittal to the State of California in order to include in Metropolitan’s 2015 UWMP all of the elements described in Delta Plan Policy WR P1, Reduce Reliance on the Delta Through Improved Regional Water Self-Reliance (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 5003, subd. (c)(1)) to support a certification of consistency for one or more future water supply covered actions in the Delta.

Adopt the WSCP and its resolution for submittal to the State of California in order to comply with the Urban Water Management Planning Act in the California Water Code.

Mr. Fandalian provided a detailed explanation the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, Appendix 11 Addendum to the 2015 UWMP, and Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Chair Atwater acknowledged that Metropolitan was in receipt of a letter from San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) from Mark Hattam, General Counsel, SDCWA, dated May 9, 2021, that was received on May 9, 2021, at 6:49 p.m.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Hogan
2. G. Peterson

After completion of the presentations, Director Morris made a motion, seconded by Director G. Peterson 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, Hogan, Kurtz, Luna, Morris, G. Peterson, M. Peterson, and Record.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Not voting: Director Lefevre

Absent: Director Pressman

The motion for items 2A,7-6, 7-7, and 7-8 passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, 1 not voting, and 1 absent.

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

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

None

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

None

## 6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Interstate Efforts to Conserve Colorado River Water

Presented by: Laura Lamdin, Associate Engineer, Water Resource Management

Ms. Lamdin gave a presentation on Interstate efforts to conserve Colorado River water. She explained the programs and projects where Metropolitan has partnered with other states to increase the elevation in Lake Mead and Lake Powell. Some of those projects include the Yuma Desalting Plant Pilot Run, Brock Reservoir, and the System Conservation Pilot Program.

- c. Subject: Update on potential refinements to the performance provisions within the Local Resources Program

Presented by: Noosha Razavian, Assistant Resource Specialist II, Water Resource Management

Ms. Razavian provided an update on potential refinements to the performance provisions within the Local Resources Program. She gave an overview of current performance provisions and she explained how the proposed refinement could further encourage local resource development.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Hogan
2. Dick
3. G. Peterson
4. Smith
5. Kurtz

## 7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp's report included updates on Colorado River hydrology, snowpack peak, runoff conditions, and Lake Mead forecast.

- b. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report

Presented by: Brad Coffey, Manager Water Resource Management

Mr. Coffey gave an update on conservation activity and expenditures.

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting will be held on June 7, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Richard Atwater  
Chair