

# THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## MINUTES

### WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 11, 2017

Chair Gray called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. in Committee Room 2-145 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Committee Members present: Chair Gray and Vice Chairman Atwater, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Camacho (entered at 11:08 a.m.), Dick, Morris, Peterson, Pressman, Quiñonez (entered at 10:47 a.m.), and Steiner.

Committee Members absent: Directors De Jesus, Lewinger, and Paskett.

Other Directors present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Barbre, Ballin, Beard, Blois, Cordero, Dake, Dear, Faessel, Gold, Hogan, Kurtz, McKenney, Murray, Ramos, Saxod, Treviño, and Vasquez-Wilson.

Staff present: Arakawa, Benito, Bradshaw, Breaux, R. Castro, G. L. Chan, Coffey, K. Cole, Donhoff, Donovan, Goshi, J. Green, Hasencamp, Hines, Hughes, Kightlinger, Kuo-Brinton, T. Lee, B. McDonnell, Mokhtari, Munguia, Nevills, Neudeck, Nobriga, Patterson, Philp, Pitman, Polyzos, Riss, Safely, Schaffer, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Skillman, Sumi, M. N. Ti, Tilikian, Tonsick, Upadhyay, Velasco, von Haam, Westford, E. Wong, Yamasaki, E. Young, and Zinke.

#### **1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION**

1. Dr. Tom Williams, Sierra Club
2. Dr. Lea Garland, Los Angeles Resident

#### **2. PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. Review of Metropolitan's achievements in conservation, recycling and groundwater recharge.

Grace L. Chan, Interim Manager, Resource Implementation Section

Ms. Chan gave a briefing of the 2018 Regional Progress Report to the California State Legislature on Achievements in Conservation, Recycling and Groundwater Recharge.

Director Quinonez entered the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Public Hearing Speakers included:

1. Dr. Jennifer Ayala Jay, Professor and Vice Chair of Graduate Studies, UCLA Civil and Environmental Engineering
2. Wendy Butts, Chief Executive Officer, Los Angeles Conservation Corps
3. Bo Savage, Los Angeles Conservation Corps
4. Erick Pedraza, Los Angeles Conservation Corps
5. Ladona Stovall, Los Angeles Conservation Corps
6. Mary Ann Dickinson, President & CEO, Alliance for Water Efficiency
7. Conner Everts, Executive Director, Southern California Watershed Alliance
8. Douglas Kent, Principal, Douglas Kent and Associates
9. Michael Lotito, Engineering Manager, The J. Paul Getty Trust
10. Terrence McCarthy, Manager of Water Conservation and Recycling Policy Group, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
11. Jack Simes, Area Planning Officer, United States Bureau of Reclamation
12. Dr. Tom Williams, Sierra Club
13. Dr. Lea Garland, Los Angeles Resident

Director Camacho entered the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion: Director Atwater                      Seconded: Director Morris  
Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Camacho, Dick, Gray, Morris, Peterson, Pressman, and Quinonez,  
Noes: None  
Abstentions: Director Steiner  
Absent: Directors De Jesus, Lewinger, and Paskett.

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 1 abstain, and 3 absent.

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

None

**7. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

a. Subject: Oral report on water surplus drought management

Presented by: Demetri J. Polyzos, Sr. Engineer, Imported Supply Unit

Mr. Polyzos gave an update on 2017 hydrological conditions, initial State Water Project water allocation, potential impacts from Oroville operations, and supply and demand balance and storage project update.

Staff responded to questions related to 2017 water storage projections.

**8. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Matters

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

Mr. Patterson gave an update on Delta Smelt surveys, State Board Proceedings of the Phase II of impacts of California WaterFix on fisheries, and California WaterFix.

b. Subject: Colorado River Matters

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp reported on Colorado River activity.

c. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's report

Presented by: Kevin A. Donhoff, Interim Manager, Water Resource Management

Mr. Donhoff announced that copies of the audit report by Richardson & Company were available and he reported on Lake Perris seismic retrofit project nearing completion.

**9. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on January 8, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Gloria Gray  
Chair