

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

CONSERVATION AND LOCAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

January 9, 2018

Chair Gold called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Gold, Vice Chair Abdo, Directors, Blois, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McKenney, Pressman, Steiner, and Vasquez-Wilson.

Members absent: Directors Ackerman, and Gray.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Atwater, Beard, Camacho, Cordero, Dake, Dear, DeJesus, Dick, Faessel, Gedney, Lewinger, Morris, Murray, Paskett, Ramos, Saxod, and Treviño.

Staff present: Arawaka, Alonzo, Bodnar, Breaux, Castro, G. Chan, Cole, Donhoff, Goshi, Green, Hacker, Harding, G. Johnson, Kightlinger, Kuo Brinton, McDonnell, Mohktari, Neudeck, Patterson, Philp, Riss, Safely, Schaffer, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Sumi, Ti, Tonsick, Upadhyay, Velasco, Westford, E. Wong, Yamaski, and Zinke.

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

No members responded.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION AND LOCAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD DECEMBER 12, 2017

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Blois Seconded: Director McKenney

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Blois, Gold, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McKenney, and Steiner

Noes: None

Abstentions:

Not Voting: Pressman

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Gray and Vasquez-Wilson

The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 noes, 3 absent, 1 not voting, 0 abstain

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Update on Conservation Program

Presented by: Bill McDonnell, Manager, Water Efficiency Team

Bill McDonnell's presentation provided a summary and review of conservation program activities. Mr. McDonnell also gave an overview of the Innovative Conservation Program (ICP) and highlighted the Unmanned Aerial Systems Study. In this study, drones were used to collect data for possible use in irrigation management and water savings.

- b. Subject: Report on Stormwater Capture and Flows to the Ocean

Presented by: Matt Hacker, Resource Specialist, System Analysis Unit

Brandon Goshi, Manager, Water Policy & Strategy, gave some perspective on proposed conservation modifications and local resource development. He described the overall framework for meeting IRP goals for local water supplies for the region.

Matt Hacker provided an overview of stormwater recharge and flows to the ocean in the service area. He described how precipitation and subsequent stormwater is used and flow out of the watersheds in the Metropolitan service area.

Staff responded to questions regarding watershed legislation, the study on stormwater capture being prepared by the Southern California Water Committee and the IRP goal from stormwater.

- c. Subject: Groundwater Conditions Update

Presented by: Matt Hacker, Resource Specialist, System Analysis Unit

Matt Hacker provided an update on groundwater conditions in the Metropolitan service area. He gave a summary of past groundwater board activities and reviewed current groundwater conditions which included groundwater production, recharge, basin levels and storage space. He identified that precipitation and natural or passive recharge have declined in the last 20 years and the current deficit in groundwater storage is approximately 1.2 MAF.

Staff was asked to define healthy storage levels and operating ranges and responded to questions regarding basin management and ways to increase passive recharge.

5. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Kevin Donhoff, Interim Group Manager highlighted 3 items to the committee:

- Southern Nevada Water Authority indicated they will agree to participate and contribute \$50,000 to Metropolitan's ICP Program, bringing the current funding total to \$450,000.
- Bill McDonnell as Metropolitan representative will be participating in the ASME A112 Committee Meeting on national plumbing standard's at the end of the month.
- Water Use Efficiency Team will be presenting at the Arizona Water User Authority on our commercial, industrial and institutional programs.

6. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be held on February 13, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Mark Gold
Chair