

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

CONSERVATION AND LOCAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

May 8, 2018

Chair Gold called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Gold, Vice Chair Abdo, Directors, Ackerman, Blois, Gray (10:05 a.m.), Hogan, Kurtz, Pressman, Steiner, and Vasquez-Wilson (10:05 a.m.).

Members absent: Directors Lefevre and McKenney.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Atwater, Barbre, Beard, Cordero, Dake, Dick, Faessel, Lewinger, Morris, Murray, and Ramos.

Staff present: Abundez, Alonzo, Castro, Chapman, Bodnar, Coffey, Donhoff, Goshi, Hacker, Hardjadinata, Hiltcher, Kightlinger, T. Lee, Y. Martinez, McDonnell, Patterson, Philp, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Tonsick, Upadhyay, Velasco, Westford, E. Wong, E.S. Young, 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 APRIL 10, 2018.

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Kurtz Seconded: Director Blois

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Blois, Gold, Hogan, Kurtz, Pressman, and Steiner.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: Directors Gray, Lefevre, McKenney, and Vasquez-Wilson

The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 noes, 4 absent, 0 not voting, 0 abstain

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Gold commented that a rainy March provided a 24.2 percent reduction in water consumptions and residential gallons per capita per day (GPCD) down to 64.6 for the South Coast, compared to 24.8 percent reduction statewide and 64.8 for residential GPCD, which is within normal.

4. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Update on Conservation Program

Presented by: Bill McDonnell, Manager, Water Efficiency Team

Bill McDonnell provided a summary of conservation program expenditures and activities, an overview of consumer accessibility to rebates and Metropolitan's marketing campaign.

b. Subject: Presentation from Lee Alexanderson, P.E. of Los Angeles County Public Works on SCWC Task Force 2018 Stormwater White Paper

Presented by: Lee Alexanderson, P.E., Los Angeles County Public Works

Brandon Goshi, Manager, Water Policy & Strategy, introduced and provided background on the guest speaker, Lee Alexanderson. He explained stormwater capture and reuse has been in various stages of development, but is not included in Metropolitan's approaches to local resources at this time.

Lee Alexanderson, P.E. from Los Angeles County Public Works gave a presentation on the stormwater whitepaper produced by the Stormwater Taskforce of the Southern California Water Coalition. The whitepaper provided background, purpose and analytical approaches. It includes research findings on stormwater and provides further knowledge of stormwater capture projects.

Mr. Alexanderson reviewed historic capture trend, project types, data review/assessed data, and analysis that include annual capture and rainfall; increasing capture ability; cost per unit of stormwater captured; and range of project costs. He offered a summary, data challenges, and next steps.

5. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

In response to encouraging conservation in disadvantaged communities, Metropolitan staff is researching approaches for consideration. Brad Coffey, Manager, Water Resource Management, informed the committee of the first Disadvantage Communities Workgroup meeting on May 22, 2018 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and noted a request for participation in the workgroup went to member agencies. An update will be provided at the June committee meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be held on June 10, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Mark Gold
Chair