

# **THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

## **MINUTES**

### **SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-TERM REGIONAL PLANNING PROCESSES AND BUSINESS MODELING**

**January 18, 2024**

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Ortega addressed the committee and announced that there would be a reordering of the meeting agenda. He recognized Rick Callender, General Manager of Santa Clara Valley Water District and Tony Estremera, Director at Santa Clara Valley Water District. Next, he introduced Nai Hsueh, Board President of Valley Water, who shared their planning process, challenges, and opportunities.

Chair Ortega recognized Director Castulo Estrada, Board Vice President of the Coachella Water District.

Chair Petersen presented Director McMillan and introduced Patrick Hume.

3b. Subject:	Financial discussion Bay Delta improvements; presented by supervisor Patrick Hume, Chair Delta Counties coalition and Sacramento County supervisor
Presented by	Director McMillan

Mr. Hume addressed the committee and shared the planning process, collaboration, challenges, and opportunities. Mr. Hume recognized Oscar Villegas, Supervisor County of Yolo County; Tom Patti and Steve Ding, Supervisors of San Joaquin County; Diane Burgis and Ken Carlson, Supervisors of Contra Costa County; and Mitch Mashburn, Supervisor of Solano County.

Chair Petersen announced that the meeting would now return to its originally scheduled order as listed on the agenda.

Members present: Directors Alvarez, Armstrong, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, McMillan, Petersen, Quinn, Seckel, and Sutley.

Members absent: None.

Other Board Members present: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Bryant, Chacon, Dennstedt (teleconference posted location), Fellow, Garza, Goldberg, Kurtz, Lefevre (teleconference posted location), Luna, McCoy, Miller (teleconference posted location), Morris, Ortega, and Peterson.

Committee Staff present: Crosson, Kasaine, Mortada, Quilizapa, and Ros.

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

Darcy Burke, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, commented on item 3c and how water is accounted for at Metropolitan, and no clear policy.

Cynthia Cortez, Restore the Delta, commented on long-term planning around climate change and water availability.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION**

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling for December 19, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions)

Director Erdman made a motion, seconded by Director Fong-Sakai, to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Alvarez, Armstrong, Erdman, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, McMillan, Petersen, Quinn, Seckel, and Sutley.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

The motion for Item 2A passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 0 absent.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

**3. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS - CAMP4W TASK FORCE**

- a. Subject: Task Force Discussion

Alex Rojas, Central Basin Municipal Water District  
Cesar Barrera, City of Santa Ana  
Nina Jazmadarian, Foothill Municipal Water District  
Shivaji Deshmukh, Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Dave Pedersen, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District  
Anatole Falagan, Long Beach Water Department  
Anselmo Collins, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
Harvey De La Torre, Municipal Water District of Orange County  
Dan Denham, San Diego County Water Authority  
Tom Love, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District  
Craig Miller, Western Municipal Water District

Presented by: No presentation was given.

Task Force Members present: Member Agency Manager Members Barrera, Collins, De La Torre, Deshmukh, Falagan, Jazmadarian, Litchfield, Love, Miller, Mouawad, Pedersen, Rojas, and Takeguchi.

- c.     Subject:               Climate Decision-Making Framework: Evaluative Criteria and Time-Bound Targets  
         Presented by:       Elizabeth Crosson, Chief Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation Officer

Ms. Crosson presented the committee with an overview of the climate decision-making framework, which included evaluative criteria and time-bound targets. Her presentation included the role of time-bound targets, examples of time-bound targets from other agencies and organizations, and key findings for the South Coast region. Next, she reviewed Metropolitan's draft CAMP4W targets, potential additional time-bound targets, an initial set of time-bound targets, and evaluative criteria scoring options.

The following Directors and Member Agency Managers asked questions and provided comments:

1. Petersen
2. Goldberg
3. Armstrong
4. Quinn
5. Love
6. Falagan
7. De La Torre
8. Fong-Sakai
9. Miller
10. Alvarez
11. Anatole
12. Pederson
13. Mouawad
14. Jazmadarian
15. Deshmukh
16. Miller
17. Rojas
18. Seckel
19. Litchfield
20. Takeguchi
21. Collins
22. Luna
23. Pedersen

Staff responded to Directors' and Member Agency Managers comments and questions.

- d.     Subject:                    Update on Member Agency Dashboard
- Presented by           Elizabeth Crosson, Chief Sustainability, Resilience, and Innovation  
   Officer

Ms. Crosson presented the committee with an update of access instructions for the Member Agency Dashboard and forthcoming updates and future projections. The beta dashboard is available to Joint Task Force Members, Board Members, and Member Agency Managers.

The following Directors and Member Agency Managers asked questions and provided comments:

1. De La Torre
2. Anatole

Staff responded to Directors' and Member Agency Managers comments and questions.

#### **4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

Ms. Crosson requested the committee for additional written comments for the Working Memo no. 5 and Time-Bound Targets by February 9, 2024.

Director Fong-Sakai requested a Response to Comments related to the development of Working Memo #5. Staff will provide.

Several Task Force Members suggested that the Reliability, Resilience, and Financial Sustainability evaluative criteria be weighted more heavily in the overall scoring in the Climate Decision-Making Framework. Staff is implementing this request.

#### **5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None to report.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on February 5, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Matt Petersen

Chair