**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

**August 15, 2022**

Chair Atwater called the teleconference meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Members present: Chair Atwater, Vice Chair Kurtz, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Goldberg, Lefevre, Miller, Morris, Petersen, Peterson, Pressman, and Record.

Member absent: Director Luna.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Blois, Cordero, Dennstedt, Erdman, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, McCoy, Ortega, Quinn, Ramos, Smith, and Tamaribuchi.

Committee staff present: Coffey, Hagekhalil, Hughes, Munguia, 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))**

1. Caty Wagner, Sierra Club California, spoke in opposition of Item 9-2
2. Sydney, Lemon Grove resident, spoke in opposition of Item 9-2
3. Shiri Klima, City of Oxnard, CA, spoke in support of Item 9-13
4. Tony Trembly, Camarillo City Council, spoke in support of Item 9-13
5. David Pederson, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District spoke in support of Item 9-13
6. Sherry Roth, San Diego, spoke in opposition of Item 9-2

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

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

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Bay-Delta Committee held January 25, 2022, and Water Planning and Stewardship Committee held July 12, 2022

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM – ACTION**

7-11 Subject: Approve Metropolitan's membership in the California Water Data Consortium and authorize annual membership dues of $20,000 per year; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: None

Motion: Approve Metropolitan's membership in the California Water Data Consortium and authorize payment of dues of $20,000 per year on an ongoing basis.

7-12 Subject: Authorize payments, by a two-thirds vote, of up to $3.75 million for participation in the State Water Contractors for FY 2022/23; the General Manager has determined the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: None.

Motion: By a two-thirds vote, authorize the General Manager to make payments of up to $3.75 million to the State Water Contractors for FY 2022/23.

7-13 Subject: Adopt resolution affirming Metropolitan's call to action and commitment to regional reliability for all member agencies; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Brad Coffey, Manager, Water Resource Management

Motion: Adopt the Resolution shown in Attachment 1 committing to regional reliability for all member agencies.

Mr. Coffey gave a presentation that explained the current drought impact and limitations to Metropolitan's water supply infrastructure. He included historical information and provided an expanded explanation of the four main areas in the proposed Resolution that addresses the water reliability crisis.

Committee Vice Chair Kurtz noted that Pasadena Water and Power submitted an amendment proposal letter to be included as part of this meeting's record.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Peterson
2. Kurtz
3. Smith
4. Fellow
5. Goldberg
6. Blois
7. Miller
8. Fong-Sakai
9. Abdo
10. Petersen
11. Ackerman
12. Pressman
13. De Jesus

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

Following a group discussion, Director Peterson made a motion, seconded by Director Lafevre to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A, 7-11, 7-12, and 7-13.

The vote was:

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| Ayes: | Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Goldberg, Lefevre, Miller, Morris, Petersen, Peterson, Pressman, and Record. |
| Noes: | None |
| Abstentions: | None |
| Absent: | Directors Kurtz and Luna. |

The motion for item 2A, as it related to the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee Meeting minutes, and items 7-11, 7-12, and 7-13 passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent.

The motion for item 2A as it related to the Bay-Delta Committee meeting minutes failed by a vote of 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

Note: Staff will seek approval of these Bay-Delta Committee meeting minutes at the next Board Meeting.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

9-2 Review of Policy Principles Regarding the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Bay-Delta

Presented by: Nina Hawk, Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives Policy

Ms. Hawk's presentation provided a background overview, and she described the revised
Bay Delta policy framework, examples of policy applications of the revised applications, and the next steps.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Atwater
2. Ortega
3. Miller
4. Peterson
5. Erdman
6. Record
7. Goldberg
8. Smith

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

**6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

a. Subject: Update on Water Surplus and Drought Management and Water Shortage Emergency Condition

Presented by: Noosha Razavian, Associate Resource Specialist, Resource Planning Team

Ms. Razavian provided a brief update on Metropolitan's water demand balance and the Emergency Water Conservation Program.

The following director provided comments or asked questions:

1. Smith

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

## 7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Subject: Colorado River Manager's Report

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp's report included highlighting Metropolitan's Board Workshop and noted that staff received input and requests. He also discussed anticipated actions at an upcoming Colorado River Commission Meeting.

b. Subject: Bay-Delta Manager's Report

Presented by: Steve Arakawa, Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives

Mr. Arakawa's report included an update on Delta Conveyance relating to the Public Draft Environmental Impact Report, and to the timeline of the next steps.

c. Subject: Water Resources Management Manager's Report

Presented by: Kevin Donhoff, Manager, Resource Implementation Section

Mr. Donhoff briefly discussed board-approved Reverse Cyclic Programs and noted that Metropolitan has entered into an agreement with Calleguas Municipal Water District.

## 8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be held on September 12, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Richard Atwater
Chair