

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ONE WATER AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

May 13, 2024

Vice Chair Faessel called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Members present: Directors Ackerman, Armstrong, De Jesus (teleconference posted location), Erdman, Faessel, Goldberg, Lefevre (entered after rollcall, teleconference posted location), Miller, Peterson (entered after rollcall), Pressman (entered after rollcall, teleconference posted location).

Members absent: Committee Chair Quinn, Alvarez, Cordero, Fong-Sakai, Kurtz, and Sutley.

Other Board Members present: Directors Garza (AB 2449 just cause), Gray (teleconference posted location), Luna, Morris, Ramos (teleconference posted location) Seckel, and Smith (AB 2449 just cause).

Directors Garza and Smith indicated that they were participating under AB 2449 “just cause” due to contagious illness. Directors Garza and Smith appeared by audio and on camera and stated that they were alone in the room.

Committee Staff present: Crosson, Goshi, Hasencamp, Hawk, Schlotterbeck, Upadhyay, Wheeler, and Winn.

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

None

It was announced that the consent calendar item would be heard later in the meeting because there was no quorum.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS -- ACTION

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Stewardship Meeting for April 8, 2024

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

The vote on this item was heard after item 6c.

Director Peterson made a motion, seconded by Director Miller, to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A.

Ayes:	Directors Ackerman, Armstrong, De Jesus, Erdman, Faessel, Goldberg, Lefevre, Miller, Peterson, and Pressman.
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent	Directors Alvarez, Cordero, Fong-Sakai, Kurtz, Quinn, and Sutley

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 6 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. COMMITTEE INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6 COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Update on State and Federal Bay-Delta Regulatory Processes

Presented by: Jennifer Nevills, Program Manager, Bay-Delta Resources

Ms. Nina Hawk, Bay-Delta Resources Chief introduced Ms. Nevills and noted the importance of the presentation.

Ms. Nevills provided a brief regulatory processes overview and highlighted the following:

- The Reinitiation of the Consultation on Long-Term Operations of the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project, which she referred to as LTO during the remainder of the presentation.
- The Water Quality Control Plan Update and the proposed Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program (also known as Voluntary Agreements)
- Next steps

Ms. Hawk explained that the timelines are coming to closure, she noted that the process provides clarity and alignment of existing permits, and she also noted upcoming items that will be coming to the Board.

Mr. Upadhyay, Executive Officer/Assistant General Manager Water Resources, commented on the timeframe for the release of the statewide Delta Conveyance

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

- a. Subject: Bay-Delta Resources, Colorado River Resources, Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation, and Water Resource Management activities

Presented by: Deven Upadhyay, Executive Officer/Assistant General Manager, Water Resources

Mr. Upadhyay commented on the Glen Canyon Dam, two things that came out of the ACWA conference, and, announced that Metropolitan may invite the new head of the State Water Project to come down to present at a future committee meeting.

Ms. Hawk introduced a new member of our Metropolitan family, Maureen Martin, Manager of Bay-Delta Science and Regulatory Strategy and shared some information about Dr. Martin's background.

Ms. Crosson, Chief Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation Officer, announced that the 2023 Climate Action Plan Implementation Second Annual Progress Report had been made available for the Committee at this meeting and made brief comments about the report.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Meeting

Director Luna provided a report on the meeting held on April 18, 2024.

- b. Report on Delta Conveyance Finance Authority Meeting

Director Lefevre reported on the meeting held on April 18, 2024.

- c. Report on Bay-Delta Ad Hoc Meeting

Director Ackerman reported on items discussed at the April 15 and the April 29, 2024 Bay-Delta Ad Hoc meetings.

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a. Discuss and provide direction to Subcommittee on Demand Management and Conservation Programs and Priorities

None

10. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on June 10, 2024

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Stephen Faessel
Vice Chair