

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON PURE WATER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND REGIONAL
CONVEYANCE**

March 26, 2024

Chair Camacho called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Members present: Directors Alvarez, Camacho, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Lefevre (teleconference location posted), Luna, McMillan, Morris, Peterson, and Seckel.

Members absent: Directors Gaultieri and Smith.

Other Board members present: Directors Armstrong, Bryant, Dick, Douglas (teleconference location posted) Erdman, Gray (teleconference location posted), Kurtz, and Miller.

Committee staff present: Bednarski, Chapman, Collins, Hagekhalil, Lahouti, Quilizapa, Schlotterbeck and Upadhyay.

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

None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance for January 23, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, any additions, corrections, or omissions)

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

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Alvarez, Camacho, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Lefevre, Luna, McMillan, Morris, Peterson, Seckel.
Noes: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Directors Gaultieri and Smith.

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

3. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Pure Water Southern California Cost Recovery Alternatives Update

Presented by: Arnout Van den Berg, Section Manager - Revenue and Budget, Finance Group; and John Mastracchio, Consultant, Raftelis Professionals (via Zoom)

Ms. Katano Kasaine introduced Mr. Van den Berg and Mr. Mastracchio. Mr. Van den Berg and Mr. Mastracchio reported on the following:

- An update on the functional allocations for each of the cost recovery alternatives.
- Projection of overall rate impacts associated with each cost recovery option.
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- Examples of cost recovery approaches from other water agencies.
- Attributes of cost recovery Alternative 6 proposed by the FAIP Committee Chair.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Miller
2. Fong-Sakai
3. Peterson
4. Seckel

Staff responded to Directors questions and comments.

b. Subject: Pure Water Southern California Quarterly Update

Presented by: Bruce Chalmers, Program Manager-PWSC, Engineering Services Group

Mr. John Bednarski introduced Mr. Chalmers. Mr. Chalmers reported on the following:

- Pure Water Southern California independent review of regional reuse programs.
- Program outreach events.
- Pure Water Southern California Program schedule.
- Stakeholder agreements.
- Program costs and grants.
- Potential alternative approaches to Program phasing.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Seckel
2. Miller
3. Fong-Sakai
4. Lefevre
5. Erdman
6. Alvarez

Staff responded to Directors questions and comments.

- c. Subject: Pure Water Southern California Demonstration Testing and Activities Update

Presented by: Joyce Lehman, Team Manager, Treatment & Water Quality Group

Ms. Heather Collins introduced Ms. Lehman. Ms. Lehman reported on the following:

- Recent Pure Water Southern California Program demonstration testing and related activities.
- Role of Demonstration Testing.
- Science Advisory Panel workshop.
- Demonstration testing activities.
- Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) Update.
- Next steps.

- d. Subject: Pure Water Southern California Demand Projections

Presented by: Matt Hacker, Senior Resource Specialist, Water Resource Management Group

Mr. John Bednarski introduced Mr. Hacker. Mr. Hacker reported on the following:

- Pure Water Southern California Program demand objectives and projections.
- Other considerations taken into account for Program's water deliveries.
- Demand projections in Phase 1 of Program.
- Pure Water Southern California service connections and maintaining deliveries during wet periods.
- Program options and next steps.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Morris
2. Peterson
3. Dick

Staff responded to Directors questions and comments.

- e. Subject: State Water Project Dependent Areas Drought Mitigation Update
Item deferred.

4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

NONE

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on June 25, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Michael Camacho
Chair