

# THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## MINUTES

### WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

**January 10, 2022**

Chair Atwater called the teleconference meeting to order at 12:11p.m.

Members present: Chair Atwater, Vice Chair Kurtz (entered after rollcall) , Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Goldberg, Lefevre, Luna, Morris, Petersen (entered after rollcall), Peterson, Pressman, and Record.

Members absent: None.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Blois, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Hawkins, Jung, McCoy, Miller, Quinn, Smith, Sutley, and Tamaribuchi.

Committee staff present: Coffey, Hasencamp, Hagekhalil, Munguia, Schlotterbeck, 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))**

None

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee held December 13, 2021

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM – ACTION**

- 7-6**      Subject:              Authorize modifications to the On-Site Retrofit Program; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Presented by:              Jessica Arm, Associate Resource Specialist, Water Resource Management
- Motion:                      Authorize modifications of the On-Site Retrofit Program to increase the \$195 per acre-foot incentive term from five to 10 years, and to also allow untreated imported water as eligible for retrofit under the Program.

Ms. Arm gave a presentation on the proposed action to increase the existing On-Site Retrofit Program incentive term and, in addition to potable water, include untreated imported water as eligible for retrofit under the Program.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. DeJesus
2. Dick
3. Pressman
4. Peterson

- 7-7**      Subject:            Authorize a three-year agreement for Inspection and Verification Services for Conservation Programs with WaterWise Consulting, Inc.; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Presented by:      Karina Sandique, Associate Resource Specialist, Water Resource Management
- Motion:                Authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc. for inspection and verification services for Metropolitan's water conservation programs.

Ms. Sandique gave a presentation on a proposed professional services agreement with WaterWise Consulting, Inc. that will provide inspection and verification services for Metropolitan's conservation rebate programs.

- 7-8**      Subject:            Authorize (1) renewal of the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Agreement between the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Contractors and participating urban State Water Project Contractors; and (2) renewal of the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Program Specific Project Agreement between the State Water Contractors and participating urban State Water Project Contractors; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Presented by:      None.
- Motion:                Authorize the General Manager to Execute a renewal of the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Agreement between the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Contractors, and participating urban State Water Project Contractors and continue the MWQI Program for an additional three-year term of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2025.

Execute a renewal of the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Program Specific Project Agreement between the State Water Contractors and participating urban State Water Project Contractors and continue the MWQI Program for an additional three-year term of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.

**7-9**      **Subject:**      Approve Agreement for Temporary Emergency Delivery of a Portion of the Mexican Treaty Waters of the Colorado River to the International Boundary in the Vicinity of Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, and for Operation of Facilities in the United States; the General Manager determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

**Presented by:**      Laura Lamdin, Engineer, Imported Water Supply Unit

**Motion:**      Authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreement for Temporary Emergency Delivery of a Portion of the Mexican Treaty Waters of the Colorado River to the International Boundary in the Vicinity of Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, and for Operation of Facilities in the United States for five years, subject to the proposed agreement being in a form approved by the General Counsel and further providing that the proposed agreement will become effective only upon approval and execution by the parties of Minute 327 to the Treaty and adoption of the joint engineering report that are both consistent with the terms of the proposed agreement.

Ms. Lamdin gave a presentation on a proposed agreement providing for delivery of Mexican Treaty water for Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico.

Director Smith provided a recusal statement with respect to item 7-9.

After completion of presentations, Director De Jesus made a motion, seconded by Director Peterson to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8, and 7-9.

The vote was:

**Ayes:**      Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Atwater, Cordero, De Jesus, Dick, Goldberg, Kurtz, Lefevre, Luna, Morris, Petersen, Peterson, Pressman, and Record.

**Noes:**      None

**Abstentions:**      None

Absent: None

Director Goldberg read a disclosure statement involving item 7-9.

The motion for items 2A, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8, and 7-9 passed by a vote of 15 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 0 absent.

#### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

#### **4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

#### **5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

#### **6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Subject: Oral update on Water Supply and Drought Management

Presented by: Demetri J. Polyzos, Manger, Resource Planning Team

Ms. Polyzos gave an oral report that included updates on the end of year storage balances, State Water Project allocation, and the hydrologic conditions since the beginning of the water year. He also provided an outlook as well as discussing the supply and demand balance for calendar year 2021.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Blois

Dee Zinke, Manager, Assistant General Manager and Chief External Affairs Officer added comments relating to water allocation and local messaging.

#### **7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a. Subject: Colorado River Management Report

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp

Mr. Hasencamp gave an update on Colorado River activity including the shortage declaration on the Colorado River, Lake Mead water levels, and conservation partnerships with various water agencies.

b. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report

Presented by: Brad Coffey, Manager Water Resource Management

Mr. Coffey gave an update on conservation activity and expenditures.

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

Director Peterson requested a report on AVEK Program, including the schedule and all phases of implementation.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting will be held on February 7, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Richard Atwater  
Chair