

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

February 7, 2022

Chair Atwater called the teleconference meeting to order at 12:30p.m.

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

Members absent: Director Luna.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Blois, Dennstedt, Erdman, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, McCoy, Miller, Ramos, Smith, Tamaribuchi, and Williams.

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 January 10, 2022

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM – ACTION**

- 7-8 Subject: Authorize: (1) agreement with the State Water Contractors, Inc. to pursue 2022 Sacramento Valley water transfer supplies; and (2) \$5 per acre-foot initial administrative deposit not-to-exceed \$500,000; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA.

Presented by: James Bodnar, Manager, Program Manager, Water Resource Management

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the State Water Contractors, Inc. to pursue 2022 Sacramento Valley water transfer supplies, in a form approved by the General Counsel; and authorize making a \$5 per acre-foot initial administrative deposit and disbursements from that deposit consistent with the agreement not-to-exceed \$500,000.

Mr. Bodnar gave a presentation on a proposed agreement with the State Water Contractors, Inc. to pursue potential 2022 Sacramento Valley water transfer supplies.

7-9 Subject: Authorize General Manager to enter into a reverse-cyclic agreement with participating agencies to preserve the availability of State Water Project supplies to Metropolitan; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Anna Garcia, Assistant Engineer II, Water Resource Management

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to enter into reverse-cyclic agreements with participating agencies to preserve the availability of SWP supplies to Metropolitan consistent with the terms in the board letter.

Ms. Garcia gave a presentation on a proposed Reverse-Cyclic Program to preserve water for use in the portions of the service area where Metropolitan relies more on the State Water Project.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Lefevre
2. Goldberg
3. Miller

Brad Coffey, Manager, Water Resource Management, responded to comments and questions.

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

The vote was:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Luna and Petersen.

The motion for items 2A, 7-8, and 7-9 passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 2 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: Tiffany Tran, Associate Resource Specialist, Resource Planning Team

Ms. Tran reported on hydrologic conditions that included updates on Upper Colorado River Basin snowpack, Lake Mead elevation, Northern Sierra snowpack. Ms. Tran's report also discussed the State's actions and the supply and demand balances.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Smith
2. Lefevre

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Colorado River Management Report

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp

Mr. Hasencamp gave an update on Colorado River activity including hydrologic conditions, Colorado River Basin snowpack, and Lake Mead.

- 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.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Petersen

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Petersen requested a future agenda item on Conservation Program messaging and future budget.

General Manager Hagekhalil responded to Dir. Petersen's request.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be held on March 7, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Richard Atwater
Chair