

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ONE WATER AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

April 10, 2023

Chair Quinn called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Members present: Chair Quinn, Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Cordero, De Jesus, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Kurtz, Lefevre, Miller, M. Petersen (entered after roll call) Peterson, and Sutley (entered after roll call)

Members Absent: Directors Chacon, Erdman, and Goldberg.

Other Board members present: Directors Abdo, Atwater (teleconference posted location), Camacho, Dennstedt, Dick, Fellow, Garza, Jung (teleconference posted location), Morris, Ortega, Pressman (teleconference posted location), Ramos, Seckel, and Smith.

Committee staff present: Coffey, Hagekhalil, 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))

Public speakers included:

1. Charming Evelyn, Sierra Club California spoke in opposition to items 6a, 6b, and 6c.
2. Caty Wagner, Sierra Club California, spoke in opposition to item 6b.
3. Doug Obegi, National Resources Defense Council, spoke in opposition to items 6a and 6b.

Following public speakers, Chair Quinn announced that the meeting would move on to the Consent Calendar and reminded the committee that item 7-7 was deferred to May.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the One Water and Stewardship Committee for March 14, 2023.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

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

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Cordero, De Jesus, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Kurtz, Lefevre, Miller, Peterson, and Quinn.

Noes: None.

Abstentions: Sutley

Absent: Directors Chacon, Erdman, Goldberg, and Petersen.

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstention, and 4 absent.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

9-2 Update on Chino Basin Program Development with Metropolitan and Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Presented by: Areeba Syed, Associate Engineer

Mr. Brad Coffey, Manager, Water Resource Management gave background information and introduced Ms. Syed. She gave a presentation on activities pertaining to the Chino Basin Program (CBP) and explained that staff has been working with Inland Empire Utilities Agency to facilitate the CBP. She described how the CBP accomplishes three main goals for how it stores advanced treated recycled water, allows for environmental pulse flows for fishery benefit, and provides a replacement water supply to facilitate the exchange. Ms. Syed concluded her presentation by proving the next steps.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Peterson
2. Fong-Sakai
3. Miller

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Update on Delta Conveyance Project

Presented by: Dee Bradshaw, Program Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives

Mr. Randal Neudeck, Manager, Bay Delta Programs provided introductory comments and introduced Ms. Bradshaw. Ms. Bradshaw's presentation discussed updates on the environmental planning and governance structure of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority and the Delta Conveyance Finance Authority, as well as updates on the Draft Environmental Impact Report and Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Smith

- b. Subject: Update on Voluntary Agreement

Presented by: George Nishikawa, Resource Specialist/ Alison Collins, Sr. Resource Specialist

Mr. Randal Neudeck, Manager, Bay Delta Programs provided introductory comments and introduced Mr. Nishikawa and Ms. Collins. This presentation was given in two parts. The first part was given by Mr. Nishikawa. He provided an overview of the Voluntary Agreements, and he explained the schedule. Next, Ms. Collins provided the results of the 2023 Draft Scientific Basis Report.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

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| 1. Sutley | 5. Peterson |
| 2. Lefevre | 6. Ortega |
| 3. Seckel | 7. Quinn |
| 4. Fong-Sakai | |

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

c. Subject: Update on results from Household Water Use Study

Presented by: Elise Goldman, Resource Specialist

Mr. Brad Coffey, Manager, Water Resource Management gave background information and introduced Ms. Goldman. Ms. Goldman gave a presentation on the Household Water Use Study and how residential use has changed during the drought. Her presentation detailed the background, methodology, considerations, and analysis of the study.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Faessel
2. Fong-Sakai
3. Armstrong
4. Seckel
5. Quinn
6. Ackerman
7. Dick
8. Petersen

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

d. Subject: Update on Metropolitan's activities related to non-functional turf

Presented by: Krista Guerrero, Resource Specialist

Mr. Brad Coffey, Manager, Water Resource Management gave background information and introduced Ms. Guerrero. Ms. Guerrero provided an update on Metropolitan's activities and how it can manage non-functional turf.

Chair Quinn announced that the committee would skip items 6e and 6f, and would move on to Management Reports.

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

Not given.

- f. Subject: Update on Conservation

Not given.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Colorado River Manager's Report

Presented by: Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources

Mr. Hasencamp provided an update on Colorado River activity including Department of Interior's impending release of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the 2007 Guidelines.

- b. Subject: Bay-Delta Manager's Report

Presented by: Randal Neudeck, Manager, Bay Delta Programs

Mr. Neudeck reported that National Fisheries Service closed salmon fisheries for this coming year, and reported on Bay-Delta Subcommittee activities.

- c. Subject: Water Resource Management Manager's Report

This item was given.

- d. Subject: Quarterly Update from the Chief Sustainability Resiliency and Innovation Office

Presented by: Liz Crosson, Chief Sustainability, Resiliency and Innovation Officer

Ms. Crosson provided an overview of the new office, and she explained the programmatic vision of sustainability, resiliency, and innovation.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

Chair Quinn announced the naming of the Demand Management Subcommittee, which Director Armstrong will chair and solicited for interest in serving on that subcommittee that will meet for the first time in May.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on May 8, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Tracy Quinn
Chair