



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE

February 9, 2012

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Dion called the Special Water Planning Committee Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Committee members present were Chair Dion, Vice Chairs Price and Saunders and Directors Boyle, Hogan, Jungreis, Lamb, Linden, Pocklington*, Steiner*, Watton and Williams. Director Heidel was absent. Also present were Directors Arant, Bond, Brady, Croucher, Dailey, Hilliker, Knutson, Lewinger, Miller, Morrison, Mudd*, Saxod, Smith, Topolovac, Tu, Weston and Wilson. At that time, there was a quorum of the Board.

Staff present was General Manager Stapleton, General Counsel Hentschke, Deputy General Managers Belock and Kerl, Director of Water Resources Weinberg, Water Resources Managers Purcell and Roy, Principal Water Resources Specialist Frieauf, Principal Engineer Chamberlain, and Senior Water Resources Specialists Bombardier, Gebert and Gage.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments made by the public.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Dion advised that much material would be covered at this meeting. With respect to the 2012 Regional Water Facilities Optimization and Master Plan update, he advised the material should be regarded as an overview and more information would be presented at future meetings. Regarding the proposed modifications to the Water Authority's Supply Allocation Methodology, Chair Dion remarked that while the existing allocation methodology system has worked overall, modifications would be required to adapt to legislation, the future direction of water supply and to align with the MWD Water Supply Allocation Plan.

*Director Pocklington and Director Steiner arrived at 1:35 p.m. and 1:38 p.m. respectively.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

There were no Directors' comments.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no Consent Calendar items.

II. ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. Proposed modifications to the Water Authority's Supply Allocation Methodology.

Mr. Weinberg provided an overview of the allocation methodology and modification process, providing context with current precipitation conditions. Ms. Frieauf presented background information on the allocation review process. Following a description of the allocation methodology concept, Ms. Frieauf and Mr. Bombardier reviewed seven proposed modification areas including base period definition, growth adjustment, loss of local supply adjustment, conservation adjustment, MWD's Water Supply Allocation Plan adjustment and carryover storage program allocation.

*Director Mudd arrived at 1:45 p.m.

Staff responded to comments and clarifying questions posed by Directors Bond, Tu, Weston, Lewinger, Jungreis, Pocklington, Saunders, Arant, and Croucher.

Chair Dion called for a break at 2:30 p.m., and the meeting resumed at 2:40 p.m.

2. 2012 Regional Water Facilities Optimization and Master Plan update.

Chair Dion advised the most important thing about the plan going forward was that it embodies adaptive management strategies including cost and risk assessments of varying scenarios. He added more information and analysis would be provided over the course of the next year for further understanding and input.

Mr. Weinberg provided introductory remarks concerning the development of the plan and the significance that it would be based on factors such as changing demands, optimizing existing facilities and operations and linking to the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan and the Capital Improvements Plan. Mr. Chamberlain provided an orientation to existing facilities, current planning perspectives and Urban Water Management Plan elements. Mr. Gebert reported on key challenges, planning consideration, facilities evaluation, the planning process, scenario development, evaluation metrics, adaptive planning, and initial modeling observations.

Staff responded to comments and clarifying questions posed by Directors Saunders, Jungreis, Lewinger, Arant and Weston related to treated and untreated water supply, linking the Master plan update to the Long Range Finance plan, and maintaining flexibility.

Mr. Gebert provided additional information on the planning process including identifying and analyzing four scenarios of supply and demand, and system requirements and constraints. Staff responded to comments and questions from Directors Lewinger, Tu and Arant. Director Mudd requested, and Directors Jungreis, Wilson and Watton supported, including in the plan an analysis that incorporated a fifth scenario of accessing water from the east by using past Water Authority studies updated for current technology. Staff responded to additional questions posed by Director Lewinger.

Mr. Weinberg provided a schedule of upcoming activities that would likely change by adding additional scenario planning as requested. He added that information on the Environmental Impact Report components of the plan would be included at a future meeting.

III. INFORMATION

There were no Information items.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Dion adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Mitchell S. Dion, Chair