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San Diego County Water Authority

SPECIAL IMPORTED WATER COMMITTEE

April 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Lewinger called the Special Imported Water Committee meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Committee members present were Chair Lewinger, Vice Chairs Barnum and Cherashore, and Directors Evans, Fong-Sakai, Hall, Hogan, Madaffer, Morrison, Preciado, Saxod, and Scalzitti. Committee member absent was Director Guerin. Also present were Directors Arant, Bebee, Boyle, Butkiewicz, Cate, Croucher, Hedberg, Hilliker, Kennedy, Leonard, Miller, Mosca, Murtland, Smith, Steiner, Udry, Watkins, Wilson, and MWD Delegate Goldberg. At that time, there was a quorum of the Board and the meeting was conducted as a meeting of the Board; however, only committee members participated in the vote.

Staff present was Acting General Manager Kerl, General Counsel Hattam, Assistant General Manager Denham, MWD Program Director Chen, and Colorado River Program Director Rodgers.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Lewinger gave a brief update on the Drought Contingency Plan and ongoing work by the Bureau of Reclamation and Basin States. He announced additional details would be discussed during the staff presentation.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

There were no Directors' comments.

Colorado River Issues

Colorado River Work Group Chair Croucher reviewed the purpose of the Work Group and efforts to provide guidance and make recommendations for Board consideration on various issues related to the Colorado River. He stated the presentation would cover the Basin States side, Lake Mead storage, Salton Sea, and the proposed Regional Conveyance System Study.

Mr. Denham explained Drought Contingency Plan key deadlines, Lake Mead Storage, and the State Salton Sea Management Program.

Staff responded to questions and comments posed by the Board.

Mr. Denham continued with the Regional Conveyance System Study covering the Colorado River Work Group and MWD Delegates recommendations.



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Ms. Rodgers presented information from the March 29, 2019 Special Member Agency General Manager's meeting. She explained the Colorado River Regional Conveyance System Study including purpose, the reason for the study, results of past studies, the original plan of Phase A and Phase B, the revised plan, and costs.

Mr. Denham explained the elements of a conveyance decision, and next steps.

Staff responded to questions and comments posed by the Board.

CLOSED SESSIONS

Mr. Hattam took the committee into Closed Session at 4:16 p.m.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
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Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)
SDCWA v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California;
San Francisco Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510830; CPF-12-512466; CPF-14-514004; CPF-16-515282; CPF-16-515391; CGC-17-563350; CPF-18-516389;
California Court of Appeal (1st District) Case Nos. A146901; A148266; A154325;
California Supreme Court Nos. S243500; and S251025
2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)
California Department of Water Resources v. All Persons Interested; Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2017-00215965-CU-MC-GDS; and JCCP 4942
3. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)
Food & Water Watch and Center for Food Safety v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and All Persons Interested in the Matter; Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 720692

Mr. Hattam brought the committee out of Closed Session at 4:25 p.m. and stated there was no reportable action.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Special Imported Water Committee, Chair Lewinger adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.