MINUTES OF THE FORMAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MARCH 23, 2017

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
Chair Heinrichs called the Engineering and Operations Committee meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Committee members present were Chair Heinrichs, Vice Chair Miller, and Directors Boyle, Brady, Fong-Sakai, Hogan, Olson, Razak, Smith, and Watkins. Committee members absent were Vice Chair Hilliker, and Directors Butkiewicz, Morrison, Preciado, and Simpson. Also present were Directors Arant, Ayala, Barnum, Cherashore, Hedberg, Gallo, Guerin, Hall, Kennedy, Madaffer, Saxod, Steiner, Tu, Weston, and Wilson. 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 General Manager Stapleton, General Counsel Hattam, Deputy General Manager Kerl, Assistant General Manager Cushman, Director of Operations and Maintenance Fisher, Director of Engineering Reed, Energy Program Manager Rodgers, Senior Engineering Manager Bousquet, and Senior Engineer Fountain.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
There were no additions to the agenda.

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

DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS
There were no Directors’ comments.

CHAIR’S REPORT
Chair Heinrichs reported that the Emergency and Carryover Storage Project received two more awards: 2017 Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award of Merit; and 2017 Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Mr. Reed received the award on behalf of the Water Authority in Arlington, Virginia on March 16, 2017. Mr. Reed thanked the entire team including staff and consultants who worked on the project, the Board for their vision, and Ms. Stapleton and management at the Water Authority for the opportunity to work on and execute such a tremendous program.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR
There were no Consent Calendar items.
II. ACTION/DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION


Committee Chair and Vice Chairs’ recommendation: Adopt the Engineering and Operations Committee Work Plan for Calendar Years 2017 and 2018.

Chair Heinrichs reported that based on comments submitted after the Board meeting on February 23, 2017, item number 13 was added to the Committee Work Plan, regarding the Energy Program, to ensure the committee remains engaged on energy related activities.

Director Miller moved, Director Hogan seconded, and the motion to approve the Committee Chair and Vice Chairs’ recommendation passed unanimously.

2. Professional services contract with Infrastructure Engineering Corporation for design of the San Diego 12 Flow Control and Alvarado Hydroelectric Facilities Rehabilitation project.

Staff recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to award a professional services contract for a not-to-exceed amount of $1,895,536 to Infrastructure Engineering Corporation to provide design services for the San Diego 12 Flow Control and Alvarado Hydroelectric Facilities Rehabilitation project for a duration of three years.

Mr. Fountain gave an update on the project including project location, historical background, modifications, and two phases of project delivery. He also reported on hydroelectric rehabilitation, flow control rehabilitation, and the selection process for the professional services contract.

Director Brady moved, Director Smith seconded, and the motion to approve staffs’ recommendation passed unanimously.

3. Energy Program.

3-A Energy Task Force Update.

Director Hogan presented an update regarding the San Vicente Energy Storage Study, including the Request for Letters of Interest process, meetings with interested parties, next steps, and the schedule for future meetings. In addition, Director Hogan reported that several Task Force members would be attending the ACWA-CESA Energy Storage Summit on March 30, 2017 and he would provide an update at the April 27, 2017 Board meeting.

3-B Energy Program Update.
Ms. Rodgers gave an update on the Energy Program. She reviewed the existing energy facilities, new energy initiatives, energy procurement and transmission, and regulatory engagement. She also noted that the Energy Program would continue to collaborate with industry professionals, discuss new initiatives and the Energy Management Policy with the Energy Task Force, and provide updates to the Task Force and the Committee.

III. INFORMATION
There were no Information items.

IV. CLOSED SESSION
There were no Closed Session items.

V. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the Engineering and Operations Committee, Chair Heinrichs adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE
CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Chair Cherashore called the Water Planning Committee meeting to order at 9:53 a.m. Committee members present were Chair Cherashore, Vice Chairs Boyle and Evans, and Directors Ayala, Bamum, Brady, Hedberg, Kennedy, Muir*, Razak, Smith, Tu and Weston*. Committee members absent were Directors Lewinger and Preciado. Also present were Directors Arant, Fong-Sakai, Gallo, Guerin, Hall, Heinrichs, Hogan, Miller, Olson, Saxod, Scalzitti, Steiner and Watkins. 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 General Manager Stapleton, General Counsel Hattam, Deputy General Manager Kerl, Assistant General Manager Cushman, Public Outreach and Conservation Director Foster, Water Resources Director Yamada, Principal Water Resources Specialist Bombardier, Principal Water Resources Specialist Michelon, and Senior Water Resources Specialist Mooney.

ADDITIONS TO THE 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 Cherashore welcomed those present and reviewed the meeting agenda. He announced that SDG&E recently provided the Water Authority with a $19,000 grant to help fund water efficiency programs; he extended congratulations to the San Diego Botanic Garden for recent recognition by the Canadian Garden Council and the American Public Gardens
Association; and he reminded all of the upcoming Special Meeting of the Water Planning Committee on April 13, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., to discuss updates to the Water Shortage and Drought Response Plan.

DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS
There were no Directors’ comments.

* Chair Muir and Director Weston arrived at 9:55 a.m. and 9:58 a.m., respectively.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR
1. Authorize WaterSMART Grant application to the Bureau of Reclamation for a Water Conservation Project.
   Staff recommendation: Adopt Resolution 2017-05 authorizing and directing the General Manager to apply to the Bureau of Reclamation for a small-scale water efficiency grant and to commit the Water Authority to the financial and legal obligations associated with the receipt of grant funds.

   Director Tu moved, Director Kennedy seconded, and the motion to approve staffs’ recommendation passed unanimously.

II. ACTION/DISCUSSION/PRESENTATIONS
   Committee Chair’s and Vice Chairs’ recommendation: Adopt the Water Planning Committee Work Plan for Calendar Years 2017 and 2018.

   Vice Chair Evans moved, Vice Chair Boyle seconded, and the motion to approve the Committee Chair’s and Vice Chair’s recommendation passed unanimously.

   2. Update on water supply conditions and drought response activities.

   Mr. Bombardier presented graphs and information on regional, state and local precipitation, storage, and forecasts through March 22, 2017, including a report on the damage and expected repairs to the spillway at Lake Oroville. Staff responded to questions and comments posed by Directors Hall and Hogan.


   Ms. Mooney presented information on the process and proposed schedule, following the State’s release of its long-term water use efficiency framework, for gathering input on the Water Authority’s current portfolio of water use efficiency programs and updating its Water Use Efficiency Policy Principles. Staff responded to questions and comments posed by Directors Saxod and Arant.

Mr. Michelon presented information on results achieved by the WaterSmart Landscape Efficiency Program, made possible in partnership with SDG&E and a grant from the Department of Water Resources’ Proposition 50 Drought Response and Outreach Program. Staff responded to questions and comments posed by Directors Evans, Hedberg, Kennedy, Smith, and Hogan.

III. INFORMATION
The following information item was received and filed:

IV. CLOSED SESSION
There were no Closed Session items.

V. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Cherashore adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Chair Guerin called the Legislation and Public Outreach Committee to order at 10:45 a.m. Committee members present were Chair Guerin, Vice Chairs Hall and Tu, Directors Arant, Croucher, Evans, Gallo, Hilliker, Muir, Scalzitti and Steiner. Committee members absent were Director Butkiewicz, Madaffer, Morrison and Supervisor Gaspar. Also present were Directors Ayala, Barnum, Boyle, Brady, Cherashore, Fong-Sakai, Hedberg, Heinrichs, Hogan, Kennedy, Murtland, Olson, Preciado, Razak, Smith, Watkins and Weston. 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 General Manager Stapleton, General Counsel Hattam, Deputy General Manager Kerl, Director of Public Outreach and Conservation Foster, Government Relations Manager Farrel, Water Resources Manager Friehauf, Public Affairs Senior Manager Vedder, Senior Public Affairs Representative Lee, Water Resources Specialist Shumate and Public Affairs Representative Balben.

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 Guerin reported that on February 28, 2017, she and Board Secretary Croucher traveled to Sacramento with the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce for the annual advocacy visit to the State Capitol where they heard from the entire San Diego legislative delegation.

She also stated that on February 28, 2017, Director Tu traveled to Washington, D.C. on behalf of the Water Authority for the ACWA DC Conference.

Chair Guerin thanked Director Tu and staff for serving as judges at the 2017 Greater San Diego Science Fair on March 15, 2017, where they judged 53 entries. She added that the winners of the Water Authority scholarships would be present at the April 27, 2017, Formal Board meeting.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Adopt positions on various state bills:
   Staff recommendation:

   1-A Adopt a position of Support if Amended on AB 18 (Garcia), relating to parks and resources bonds.

   1-B Adopt a position of Support if Amended on AB 196 (Bigelow), relating to use of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds.

   1-C Adopt a position of Support on AB 554 (Cunningham), relating to statewide desalination goals.

   1-D Adopt a position of Support on AB 574 (Quirk), relating to potable reuse.

   1-E Adopt a position of Support on AB 869 (Rubio), relating to disposition of recycled water production within the long-term water use efficiency framework.

   1-F Adopt a position of Oppose Unless Amended on AB 1041 (Levine), relating to urban water shortage contingency analyses.

   1-G Adopt a position of Support if Amended on SB 5 (De Leon), relating to parks, resources, and water bonds.

   1-H Adopt a position of Support on SB 214 (Atkins), relating to San Diego River Conservancy.

   Director Steiner moved, Director Tu seconded, and the motion to approve staffs’ recommendation passed unanimously.
II. ACTION/DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

   Committee Chair and Vice Chair’s recommendation: Adopt the Legislation and Public Outreach Committee Work Plan for Calendar Years 2017 and 2018.

   Director Evans moved, Director Scalzitti seconded, and the motion to approve staffs’ recommendation passed unanimously.

2. Legislative Issues.
   2-A Washington Report by Ken Carpi. (written report only)

   2-B Sacramento Report.

   1. Long-Term Water Use Efficiency.

   Mr. Farrel provided a Sacramento update, he stated that 2,600 bills were introduced and that committees were starting to meet to discuss the introduced bills. He provided a review of Water Authority sponsored bill AB 1323 (Weber) to provide stakeholder workgroup process through the Department of Water Resources to develop long-term water-use efficiency standards, and SB 701 (Hueso) relating to state natural resources obligations providing the funds necessary through an election for the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California and for the handling and disposition of those funds.

   Ms. Friehauf and Mr. Farrel provided an overview of the State Water Resources Control Board’s draft framework proposal for “Making Conservation a Way of Life”.


   Mr. Balben provided an overview of the planned 2017 Public Opinion Poll. He presented the purpose for the poll, timeline and possible topics.


   Mr. Lee provided an outreach update, he reported on the “Fix a Leak Week” campaign, special water efficiency assemblies, Citizens Water Academy and the 2016 Annual Report. He also reported that staff secured a new partnership with the Union-Tribune which would introduce a regular feature in the Home & Garden section where it would share successful turf retrofit case studies beginning April 8, 2017.

   Ms. Schumate provided an update on conservation activities for the past quarter including the Sustainable Landscapes Program, WaterSmart Landscape Makeover Program, plant fairs, WaterSmart checkups, and an $800,000 federal grant for agricultural partnerships that the Water Authority helped secure by providing match funding.
5. Water Authority Sponsored Legislation.

Mr. Farrel provided an overview of Water Authority bill sponsorship history. He stated that since 1991 the Water Authority had 37 sponsored bills signed into law. Of those bills, 14 sponsored bills addressed water conservation and water use efficiency, 9 sponsored bills addressed new water supply development, and 14 sponsored measures addressed a variety of topics including energy, voting and contracts.


Director Evans reported that on February 14, 2017, Director Boyle, Mr. Foster and herself, met with Elyssa Robertson, Executive Director of the Garden, to introduce themselves. She also reported that on April 20, 2017, the JPA Board and the Garden would meet regarding updates to the operating agreement and would bring it for review to the Board at the May 25, 2017, Water Planning Committee Meeting. She reported on recent upgrades to the Garden’s gazebo and stated that the education program has included a Spanish-speaking Ms. Smarty Plants.

III. INFORMATION
The following information item was received and filed:
1. Government Relations Update.

IV. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the Legislation and Public Outreach Committee, Chair Guerin adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
Chair Saxod called the Administrative and Finance Committee meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Committee members present were Chair Saxod, Vice Chairs Arant and Wilson, and Directors Ayala, Cherashore*, Gallo, Guerin, Hall, Hedberg, Heinrichs, Murtland, and Watkins. Committee members absent were Directors Croucher and Simpson. Also present were Directors Barnum, Brady, Evans, Fong-Sakai, Hilliker, Hogan, Kennedy, Miller, Muir, Olson, Preciado, Razak, Scalzitti, Smith, Steiner, Tu, and Weston. At that time, there was a quorum of the Board and the meeting was then conducted as a meeting of the Board; however, only committee members participated in the vote.

Staff present was General Manager Stapleton, General Counsel Hattam, Deputy General Manager Kerl, Assistant General Manager Cushman, Chief Innovation Officer Eaton, Director of Finance/Treasurer Harris, Director of Administrative Services Brown, and Controller Woidzik.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
There were no additions to the agenda.
PUBLIC COMMENT
Meena Westford, Metropolitan Water District Special Projects Manager, provided feedback on a presentation provided at the Imported Water Committee meeting held on February 23, 2017. In response to the presentation, Ms. Westford outlined MWD’s long-range financial planning and forecasting process.

* Director Cherashore joined the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

CHAIR'S REPORT
There was no Chair’s report.

DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS
There were no Directors’ comments.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR
   Staff recommendation: Note and file the monthly Treasurer’s report.

   Director Ayala moved, Director Guerin seconded, and the motion to approve staffs’ recommendation passed unanimously.

II. ACTION/DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION
   Committee Chair and Vice Chairs’ recommendation: Adopt the Administrative and Finance Committee Work Plan for Calendar Years 2017 and 2018.

   Chair Saxod stated that the draft work plan was provided for review and comment at the February 23, 2017 committee meeting. She clarified, in response to comments received, that audit activities fall under the Audit Committee and not the Administrative and Finance Committee as established by the Administrative Code.

   Director Ayala moved, Director Murtland seconded, and the motion to approve the Committee Chair and Vice Chairs’ recommendation passed unanimously.

   2. Innovation Program Review.

   Mr. Eaton began his presentation by stating the Water Authority and its member agencies have a long history in innovation. He outlined the program’s drivers; focus areas and objectives; and process. He provided examples of initiatives from each of the program’s focus areas, including initiatives that involve collaborations with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Navy, AWWA, the University of California San Diego, and San Diego State University. In closing, he highlighted two current initiatives: 1) micro-wind turbines at Olivenhain Dam and 2) an optical advanced metering infrastructure pilot study known as ‘Water Pigeon’.
Ms. Stapleton stated that the Innovation Program benefits the Water Authority as well as the member agencies through advancing technology and sharing knowledge across the agencies. Directors asked questions and Ms. Stapleton and Mr. Eaton provided answers. Director Muir requested that long-term financial benefits of the program be periodically reported to the Board.

Chair Saxod and Directors Evans, Muir, and Watkins congratulated Mr. Eaton and staff on the success of the program.

III. INFORMATION
The following information items were received and filed:
2. Board Calendar.

IV. CLOSED SESSION
There were no Closed Session items.

V. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the Administrative and Finance Committee, Chair Saxod adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

IMPORTED WATER COMMITTEE
CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
Chair Weston called the Imported Water Committee meeting to order at 1:48 p.m. Committee members present were Chair Weston, Vice Chairs Fong-Sakai and Kennedy, Directors Hogan, Madaffer, Miller, Murtland, Olson, Saxod, Scalzitti, Steiner, Wilson, and Supervisor Gaspar. Committee members absent were Directors Barnum and Lewinger. Also present were Directors Arant, Ayala, Brady, Cherashore, Evans, Gallo, Guerin, Hall, Hedberg, Heinrichs, Hilliker, Morrison, Muir, Preciado, Razak, Smith, Tu, and Watkins. 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 General Manager Stapleton, General Counsel Hattam, Deputy General Manager Kerl, Assistant General Manager Cushman, MWD Program Director Chen, and Colorado River Program Director Denham. Also present was Chris Frahm, Legal Counsel for Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, and Gordon Hess of Hess and Associates.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Meena Westford, Metropolitan Water District Special Projects Manager, made several comments regarding a presentation made at the Water Authority February 23, 2017, Board meeting.
CHAIR’S REPORT
Chair Weston announced on March 15, 2017, the Imperial Irrigation District and Imperial County jointly filed a motion with the State Water Resources Control Board requesting an evidentiary hearing by mid-July on their Salton Sea petition from 2014. He continued to say with their motion IID and the County requested that the California Natural Resources Agency be required to submit a final Salton Sea Management Program by October 1, 2017, that would include a ten-year roadmap for the Sea with identified funding, and a statement affirming the state’s obligation to restore the Salton Sea. He explained the motion would coincide with the public release of the State’s draft ten-year Salton Sea Management Plan, which would describe the first phase of projects planned through the Salton Sea Management Program.

Chair Weston mentioned Director Scalzitti had the opportunity to attend the MWD Board meetings in March and asked Director Scalzitti to share his experience.

Director Scalzitti thanked him for the opportunity and made several comments regarding the meetings.

DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS
There were no Directors’ comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR
There were no Consent Calendar items.

I. ACTION/DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

1. **Imported Water Committee Work Plan for Calendar Years 2017 and 2018.**
   **Committee Chair and Vice Chairs’ recommendation:** Adopt the Imported Water Committee Work Plan for Calendar Years 2017 and 2018.

   Chair Weston pointed out that recommended changes had been made to the Work Plan that were not included in the supplemental materials, but they were included in the presentation packet.

   Vice Chair Fong-Sakai moved, Director Steiner seconded, and the motion to approve the Committee Chair and Vice Chairs’ recommendation passed unanimously.

2. **Use of Water Authority’s Recharge Capacity at Semitropic Water Bank during calendar year 2017.**
   **Staff recommendations:**
   1) Authorize the General Manager to enter into a recharge capacity use agreement with Homer LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Homer) to allow Homer to use the Water Authority’s recharge capacity in Semitropic Water Storage District’s Stored Water Recovery Unit and Original Water Bank in calendar year 2017 via assignment of shares and/or subcontracting as applicable, subject to Semitropic Water Bank consent; and
2) Find that the proposed recharge capacity use agreement is not a new project under CEQA that would cause a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

Ms. Chen presented the history of the groundwater programs and explained the assessments, opportunities, and agreements associated with the program.

Board members asked several questions and made comments.

Director Saxod moved, Director Scalzitti seconded, and the motion to approve staffs’ recommendation passed unanimously.


Ms. Chen reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. She discussed issues such as project cost, cost allocation, uncertainty, benefits, impact, and next steps.

Board members asked several questions and made comments.

4. MWD Issues and activities update.

4-A Metropolitan Water District Delegates’ Report.

Director Steiner introduced Mr. Steve Blois, Calleguas Municipal Water District Director, who had come to visit the Water Authority.

The Metropolitan Delegates reported on discussion and action taken at recent MWD board meetings.

Chair Muir requested a response from Water Authority staff be sent to the Board regarding Ms. Westford’s comments made in the public speaker’s portion of the meeting. Ms. Stapleton responded that could be provided with a copy sent to MWD.

4-B Comparison of Metropolitan Water District’s and its Member Agencies’ 2015 Urban Water Management Plans.

Ms. Chen reviewed background information on the Urban Water Management Plans and introduced Gordon Hess of Gordon Hess & Associates, to present to the Board.
Mr. Hess provided an extensive presentation and explained the report methodology of MWD's forecasted demands for MWD water, compared to member agencies' projections. He also reviewed key findings and conclusions.

Ms. Chen explained how MWD's flawed assumptions and unnecessary spending would impact MWD rates.

Board members asked several questions and made comments.

5. Colorado River Programs.

5-A Colorado River Board Representative’s Report.

Director Wilson announced that Chris Harris was appointed as the new Executive Director on the Colorado River Board.

6. Imperial Irrigation District Conservation and storage Update.

III. INFORMATION

The following information item was received and filed:
1. Metropolitan Water District Program Report.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Hattam announced that there would be no Closed Session for item IV-1 and that Closed Session item IV-2 would be handled in its entirety by outside special counsel Scott Slater from Brownstein Hyatt Farber Shreck. At 3:20 p.m. Mr. Hattam recused himself and reported that the General Counsel's office would not attend or participate in the Closed Session. At that time, Mr. Slater joined via teleconference.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
   Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)
   SDCWA v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
   Case Nos. CPF-10-510830; CPF-12-512466; CPF-14-514004; CPF-16-515282;CPF-16-515391; A146901; and A148266

2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
   Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)
   State Water Resources Control Board Petition of Imperial Irrigation District for Modification of Revised Water Rights Order 2002-0013

Mr. Slater brought the committee out of Closed Session at 3:40 p.m. and stated there was no reportable action.
V. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the Imported Water Committee, Chair Weston adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

FORMAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2017
1. CALL TO ORDER Chair Muir called the Formal Board of Directors’ meeting to order at 3:47 p.m. and welcomed Supervisor Gaspar to the meeting.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG Supervisor Gaspar led the salute to the flag.

3. ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
Vice Chair Madaffer called the roll. Directors present were Arant, Ayala, Cherashore, Evans, Fong-Sakai, Gallo, Guerin, Hall, Hedberg, Heinrichs, Hilliker, Hogan, Kennedy, Madaffer, Muir, Murtland, Olson, Preciado, Razak, Saxod, Scalzitti, Smith, Steiner, Tu, Watkins, Weston, and Supervisor Gaspar. Directors absent were Barnum (p), Boyle, Brady, Butkiewicz, Croucher, Lewinger, Miller, Morrison, Simpson and Wilson.

3-A Report on proxies received. Director Weston was the proxy for Director Barnum.

4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
There were no additions to the agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Director Kennedy moved, Director Gallo seconded, and the motion carried at 81.30% of the vote to approve the minutes of the Formal Board of Directors’ meeting of February 23, 2017.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON MATTERS WITHIN THE BOARD’S JURISDICTION
Mr. Steve Blois of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Board spoke regarding issues with the Metropolitan Water District and further engagement and communication between the agencies.

7. PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. REPORTS BY CHAIRS
8-A Chairs report: Chair Muir announced that he had established an Outreach Oversight Committee consisting of two of the longest tenured MWD Delegates Directors Steiner and Lewinger. Also on the committee were Imported Water Chair Weston, Legislative and Public Outreach Chair Guerin, Vice Board Chair Croucher, Board Secretary Madaffer, and himself. The committee would reevaluate the financial and strategic elements of the outreach plan. He added that an update would be given to the Board at a later date.
Chair Muir reported on his attendance at a news conference on March 22, 2017, where the County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a resolution raising awareness and attention to concerns regarding MWD methods and their unsustainable financial practices. He stated the press conference was well supported with attendance of many regional leaders including County Board of Supervisors Chair and Vice Chair Dianne Jacob, Supervisor Gaspar, and many other elected officials and business and community leaders.

He announced that the eighth Citizens Water Academy class had graduated, which was the largest class to-date with 53 people who participated, and the next class would begin on May 17, 2017, with deadlines for nomination due by April 12, 2017.

8-B Report by Committee Chairs:
    Engineering and Operations Committee. Director Heinrichs reviewed the meeting and the action taken.
    Water Planning Committee. Director Cherashore reviewed the meeting and the action taken.
    Legislation and Public Outreach Committee. Director Guerin reviewed the meeting and the action taken.
    Administrative and Finance Committee. Director Saxod reviewed the meeting and the action taken.
    Imported Water Committee. Director Weston reviewed the meeting and the action taken.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR
   Director Evans moved, Director Murtland seconded, and the motion carried at 81.30% of the vote to approve Consent Calendar. Directors voting no or abstaining are listed under the item number.

    The Board adopted the Engineering and Operations Committee Work Plan for Calendar Years 2017 and 2018.

9-2. Professional services contract with Infrastructure Engineering Corporation for design of the San Diego 12 Flow Control and Alvarado Hydroelectric Facilities Rehabilitation project.
    The Board authorized the General Manager to award a professional services contract for a not-to-exceed amount of $1,895,536 to Infrastructure Engineering Corporation to provide design services for the San Diego 12 Flow Control and Alvarado Hydroelectric Facilities Rehabilitation project for a duration of three years.
9- 3. Authorize WaterSMART Grant application to Bureau of Reclamation for a Water Conservation Project. The Board adopted Resolution 2017-05 authorizing and directing the General Manager to apply to the Bureau of Reclamation for a small-scale water efficiency grant and to commit the Water Authority to the financial and legal obligations associated with the receipt of grant funds.


9- 5. Adopt positions on various state bills:

A) The Board adopted a position of Support if Amended on AB 18 (Garcia), relating to parks and resources bonds.

B) The Board adopted a position of Support if Amended on AB 196 (Bigelow), relating to use of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds.

C) The Board adopted a position of Support on AB 554 (Cunningham), relating to statewide desalination goals.

D) The Board adopted a position of Support on AB 574 (Quirk), relating to potable reuse.

E) The Board adopted a position of Support on AB 869 (Rubio), relating to disposition of recycled water production within the long-term water use efficiency framework.

F) The Board adopted a position of Oppose Unless Amended on AB 1041 (Levine), relating to urban water shortage contingency analyses.

G) The Board adopted a position of Support if Amended on SB 5 (De Leon), relating to parks, resources, and water bonds.

H) The Board adopted a position of Support on SB 214 (Atkins), relating to San Diego River Conservancy.


9-10. Use of Water Authority’s Recharge Capacity at Semitropic Water Bank during calendar year 2017. The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a recharge capacity use agreement with Homer LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Homer) to allow Homer to use the Water Authority’s recharge capacity in Semitropic Water Storage District’s Stored Water Recovery Unit and Original Water Bank in calendar year 2017 via assignment of shares and/or subcontracting as applicable, subject to Water Bank consent; and found that the proposed recharge capacity use agreement is not a new project under CEQA that would cause a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

10. ACTION/DISCUSSION

11. SPECIAL REPORTS

11-A GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT – Ms. Stapleton stated she had nothing further to report.

11-B GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT – Mr. Hattam stated he had nothing further to report.

11-C SANDAG REPORT – Chair Muir reported on his attendance at the March meeting, where they discussed multiple topics including a greenhouse gas reduction target setting process.

SANDAG Subcommittees:
Borders Committee – Director Croucher was absent and did not provide a report. Director Olson was the alternate and stated that he had provided a written report on his attendance at the meeting, which was included in the Board Packet.
Regional Planning Committee – Director Olson provided a written report in the Board Packet.
11-D  AB 1234 Compliance Reports – No reports were given.

* Director Watkins left the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

12.  

**CLOSED SESSION(S)**
Mr. Hattam took the Board into Closed Session for items 12-C and 12-D at 4:02 p.m.

12-A  Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)
SDCWA v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California;
Case Nos. CPF-10-510830; CPF-12-512466; CPF-14-514004;
CPF-16-515282; CPF-16-515391; A146901; and A148266

12-B  Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)
State Water Resources Control Board Petition of Imperial
Irrigation District for Modification of Revised Water Rights Order
2002-0013

12-C  Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Government Code §54957 – Title: General Manager

Conference with Labor Negotiators, Government Code §54957.6
Designated Board Representatives: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary
Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

12-D  Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Government Code §54957 – Title: General Counsel

Conference with Labor Negotiators, Government Code §54957.6
Designated Board Representatives: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary
Unrepresented Employee: General Counsel

The Board came out of Closed Session at 4:31 p.m.

13.  

**ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**
Vice Chair Madiaffer moved, Director Preciado seconded, and the motion carried at 74.08% of the vote to approve the General Counsel’s contract be renewed for another year, with an annual salary increase to $250,000.00 per year and all other terms to remain the same, effective March 15 of this year.

Director Hedberg and Scalzitti abstained from the vote.
Director Arant moved, Director Cherashore seconded, and the motion carried at 74.08% of the vote to approve the General Manager receive salary increase effective July 1, 2017 in the amount of the annual Cost-of-Living increase that will be received by the represented employees in the 20th pay period 2017, being no less than 1.5% and no greater than 3.0%.

Director Hedberg and Scalzitti abstained from the vote.

14. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**
   There were no other communication items.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**
   There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Muir adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Mark Muir, Chair

Gary Croucher, Secretary

Melinda Cogle, Clerk of the Board