



San Diego County Water Authority

SPECIAL MEETING
WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE

Board Room

January 10, 2013

1:30 p.m.

Mark Weston – Chair
Farrah Douglas – Vice Chair
Mark Watton – Vice Chair
Brian Boyle
Brian Brady
Mitch Dion
John Linden

Jim Madaffer
Marty Miller
Dennis Sanford
Javier Saunders
Elsa Saxod
John Simpson
Fern Steiner

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call – determination of quorum.
3. Public comment – opportunities for members of the public to address the Committee on matters within the Committee’s jurisdiction.
4. Chair’s report.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

II. ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. Workshop on Climate Change and the Climate Action Plan.
(Discussion)

Ken Weinberg

III. INFORMATION

IV. CLOSED SESSION



V. ADJOURNMENT

Doria F. Lore
Clerk of the Board

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January 3, 2013

Attention: Water Planning Committee

Workshop on Climate Change and the Climate Action Plan

Purpose

A special meeting of the Water Planning Committee is scheduled for January 10, 2013. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an overview on climate science, current climate legislation, incorporating the information into the planning process, and an update on development of the Water Authority's Climate Action Plan.

Background

The approved CIP budget for FY 2012 and FY 2013 includes funds to complete work on the Water Authority's 2012 Regional Water Facilities Optimization and Master Plan Update, the Climate Action Plan, and the corresponding Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Previous Board action: On August 17, 2011, the Board approved a professional services contract with HCG, LLC for environmental support in preparing a Climate Action Plan and Program EIR for the 2012 Regional Water Facilities Optimization and Master Plan Update.

Discussion

As a water supplier, the Water Authority must plan for the potential impacts of climate change to supply and demand. This requires an understanding of climate science, current federal and state climate regulations, incorporating the information into the Water Authority's long-range planning process, and ultimately into planning documents. The 2010 Urban Water Management Plan included analysis of potential impacts from climate change, with assistance from Scripps Institution of Oceanography. The Climate Action Plan will address impacts to climate change and is being prepared as part of the Master Plan Update process to comply with the requirements of CEQA. There are several advantages to preparing a Climate Action Plan, including providing comprehensive analysis on Water Authority greenhouse gas emissions and identifying program-wide mitigation measures. A comprehensive approach will save time and cost in the future as individual Master Plan projects are implemented, avoiding duplicative analysis during subsequent CEQA reviews.

At the workshop, experts from Scripps Institution of Oceanography and AECOM Consultants will update the committee regarding local climate science studies and the federal and state regulations that shape compliance requirements for the Water Authority. Staff will describe how climate science and regulations are already being incorporated into the Water Authority's adaptive-style planning process, and will explain the purpose and benefits of an agency Climate Action Plan. Staff will also discuss next steps in the development of the 2012 Master Plan Update, Climate Action Plan and Program EIR process.

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