



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE**

March 14, 2013

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Douglas called the Special Water Planning Committee Meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Committee members present were Chair Douglas, Directors Brady, Kern, Linden, Miller, Murtland, Sanford and Saxod. Also present were Directors Arant, Dailey, Hilliker, Lewinger, Muir, Pocklington, Topolovac, Tu, Watkins, Wight, Williams, Wilson and Wornham. 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, Assistant General Manager Cushman, Director of Water Resources Weinberg and Principal Water Resources Specialists Chamberlain and Frieauf.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Douglas advised the meeting would be entirely devoted to the Regional Water Facilities Optimization and Master Plan.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no Consent Calendar items.

II. ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. Workshop on development of a draft Regional Water Facilities Optimization and Master Plan.

Mr. Weinberg advised the purpose of the workshop would be to present information on the development of the Master Plan, to provide answers to supply reliability questions posed at prior meetings, and to answer questions and receive input of the Committee and Board members present. Mr. Weinberg provided a summary of highlights of the prior meetings held on this topic. Ms. Frieauf presented detailed information on the Urban Water Management Plan and its function as the Water Authority's foundational document for supply planning and preparing the Master Plan update.

Staff responded to questions posed by Directors Wight, Tu, Lewinger, Arant and again Wight, who expanded on Director Lewinger's request for staff to post all Master Plan presentations in a central location by subject on the Water Authority's website. Staff responded to additional questions posed by Directors Wilson, Topolovac, and Williams, who requested staff

in future Master Plan presentations present scenario information classified as risks and opportunities.

Mr. Chamberlain presented information on the Water Authority's physical water supply system, hydrogeologic opportunities for energy management, and environmental compliance to be addressed within the Master Plan.

Staff responded to emergency capacity, planning and reliability questions posed by Director Madaffer with a commitment to bring additional storage operation information to future Master Plan meetings. Staff responded to questions raised by Directors Arant and Wight, who requested that staff provide advance information to Directors on including the Twin Oaks Valley Water Treatment Plant expansion in the forthcoming Capital Improvements Plan Budget and information on what sort of return on investment the Water Authority has realized on the Water Authority's solar energy project.

Mr. Weinberg commented that staff would also prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) as part of the Master Plan to look at the regional impacts of the Master Plan and for use with future projects. The formal CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) process would begin with the release of a Notice of Preparation and a 30-day public review period, public scoping document and related public meeting. Mr. Weinberg closed with a general schedule of remaining tasks and meetings.

III. INFORMATION

There were no Information items.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Douglas thanked staff for the information presented and Committee and Board members for their questions. With no further business, Chair Douglas adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Farrah Douglas, Chair