

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MAY 14, 2015**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Weston called the Special Board of Directors' meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Secretary Madaffer called the roll. Directors present were Arant, Ayala, Barnum, Boyle, Brady, Evans, Fong-Sakai, Gallo, Guerin, Hall, Hilliker, Hogan, Kennedy, Lewinger, Linden\*, Madaffer, Miller, Morrison\*, Muir, Murtland, Olson, Preciado\*, Razak, Saxod, Simpson, Steiner, Tu, Verbeke, Watkins, Watton, Weston, Williams, Wilson, Wornham, and Representative Roberts. Director Croucher was absent.

Staff present included General Manager Stapleton, General Counsel Hentschke, Deputy General Manager Kerl, Assistant General Manager Cushman, Public Outreach and Conservation Director Foster, and Water Resources Manager Frieauf.

\*Directors Linden arrived at 1:36 p.m., Morrison at 1:51 p.m., and Preciadio at 1:50 p.m.

2-A **Report on proxies received.** There were no proxies received.

Chair Weston provided background information regarding the Governor declaring a water emergency and implementing state mandated restrictions and reductions of water delivery throughout the state of California. He thanked the County Water Authority staff, member agencies and the business community for providing responses to draft regulations proposed by the state.

Ms. Stapleton explained staff would provide a series of recommendations to address and respond to the statewide drought.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

4. **ACTION/ DISCUSSION**

4-A. **Approval of Shortage Management Actions in Response to Metropolitan Water District Supply Cutbacks and State Water Resources Control Board Emergency Regulation for Statewide Urban Water Conservation.**

Ms. Frieauf provided a presentation on recommended shortage management actions and recommended the Board adopt an ordinance allocating water pursuant to the Water Authority's drought management plan, impose additional requirements upon Water Authority member agencies relating to the use and conservation of water, and establish penalties for violations of allocations and requirements.

Ms. Friehauf reported a handout was provided for a revised staff recommendation on item 4 of the proposed ordinance which included an additional proposal for specified watering days with exemptions available to member agencies to minimize facility or operational impacts.

Jimmy Knott III, City of Oceanside Public Utilities Commission, thanked Director Boyle for representing the City of Oceanside and for the County Water Authority Boards' interest in Sacramento last week. Mr. Knott asked the Board to demand the state lift all non-health related restrictions on potable reuse of recycled water if they refuse to allow cities to use all the recycled water that can be produced.

Chair Weston called for Directors' comments on the item. Directors provided comments and discussed proposed specific watering days, the time limit duration for the 2 days per week watering restriction, that drought conditions have been created by nature but the water supply shortage had been created by state government, and a unified regional message was needed.

Directors concurred to the following: 1) restricting irrigation of ornamental landscape to no more than two days per week with member agencies having flexibility to set their own watering days; 2) to remove item 4 from the proposed ordinance to be discussed and voted on separately; 3) that member agencies remain proactive and stay united in planning for future years; and 4) to continue advocating to Sacramento for consideration of a regional demand offset framework for drought periods in coordination with member agencies and to facilitate greater water production and storage capacities.

Director Steiner moved, Director Wornham seconded, and the motion carried at 97.23% of the vote, to approve the revised staff recommendation adopting Ordinance No. 2015-02, except item 4 which would be voted on separately.

Director Steiner moved, Director Worham seconded, to approve the addendum handed out at the meeting, a proposal for specified watering days and to allow for exemptions to minimize facility or operational impacts. Ms. Stapleton clarified the motion was to approve the handout provided entitled "proposal for specified watering days." The motion failed at 52.22% of the vote. 45.01% voted yes. 2.77% was absent. The following Board members voted no: Arant, Barnum, Brady, Evans, Gallo, Guerin, Hall, Hilliker, Hogan, Kennedy, Lewinger, Linden, Miller, Morrison, Muir, Murtland, Olson, Preciado, Verbeke, Watton, Weston, Wilson, and Watkins.

Directors comments in opposition of item 4 included: 1) the Water Authority should not become a policing agency or impose additional penalties; 2) member agencies should have the flexibility to set their own watering days; 3) the proposed specified watering days will not work for rural agricultural communities; 4) it would not be a good policy for 1/3 or 1/2 of the member agencies to request a variance from the proposed watering schedule; and, 5) districts should be permitted to use the water in any way needed as long as their allocation is not exceeded.

Directors discussed and concurred that the Water Authority should not become a policing agency imposing additional fines, exemptions should be considered for operational peak demand impacts, and specific watering days will provide less confusion for citizens within different districts.

Director Lewinger moved, seconded by Director Muir, and the motion carried at 97.23% of the vote, to adopt the revised staff recommendation with the elimination of subparagraph c of item 4 contained in the ordinance. 2.77% was absent.

Mr. Hentschke clarified that the ordinance passed with the revised section 4 to eliminate subparagraph c of the proposed staff recommendation and the vote on the ordinance as a whole, without section 4, was unanimous. The vote with section 4 was carried with 97.23% of the vote.

4-B Approve Extraordinary Drought Response Outreach and Water Conservation Measures.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve the additional resources, programs and actions for drought response outreach and water conservation described in this report to help the Water Authority and its 24 member agencies achieve new state mandated reductions in water use scheduled to take effect starting June 1, 2015.

Ms. Stapleton reported Mr. Foster would provide a presentation on enhanced conservation measures and programs.

Mr. Foster provided a presentation on extraordinary drought response outreach and water conservation measures to help member agencies achieve state-mandated conservation standards by increasing awareness of state-mandated reductions, motivate users to conserve immediately, direct customers to local restrictions and resources, and continue to educate on value of supply reliability investments.

Director Steiner moved, seconded by Director Watton, and the motion carried at 97.23% of the vote, to approve extraordinary drought response outreach and water conservation measures to assist the Water Authority and its 24 member agencies achieve state mandated water reductions taking effect on June 1, 2015.

Directors discussed and recommended the following: 1) a stronger outreach message be provided relating to overwatering and educate the public on the small amount of watering required for plants; and, 2) create a working group of NAIOP, BIA, labor, and larger homeowner associations to meet monthly in an effort to keep them apprised of real time solutions and incentives they can share with their members.

Jimmy Knott, III, City of Oceanside Public Utilities Commission, stated that many San Diego County apartment complexes, condos, and mobile home parks are not metered per resident but should be. Mr. Knott discussed washing machine gray water use

and suggested the Water Authority consider assisting with permit costs or with gray water system costs.

Chair Weston requested staff provide pros and cons of the turf replacement program at the June 25, 2015 Board meeting.

Director Steiner moved, seconded by Director Wornham, and the motion carried at 97.23% of the vote, to include in the original motion on item 4-A, declared implementation of the mandatory supply cutback stage of the Water Authority's water shortage and drought response plan and directed staff to investigate the potential of a regional demand offset framework for drought periods in coordination with the member agencies.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Weston adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.



Mark Weston, Chair



Mark Muir, Vice Chair



Melinda Cogle, Clerk of the Board