



QUARTERLY MEETING

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Location: Carson Community Center

MINUTES

Chairperson Katherine Nutting called the meeting to order at 12:52 P.M. Nina Tarnay recorded the minutes.

Ms. Nutting determined there was a quorum of the West Basin Water Rights Panel and asked for self-introductions.

The following West Basin Water Rights Panel members were in attendance:

Katherine Nutting, Golden State Water
Shawn Igoe, City of Manhattan Beach
Ron Sorenson, California Water Service Co.
Denis Kurt, Marathon Petroleum Corp.

The following persons were also in attendance:

Ted Johnson, Water Replenishment District
Esther Rojas, Water Replenishment District
Stephanie Katsouleas, City of Manhattan Beach
Lifan Xu, City of El Segundo
Chris Repp, LADWP
Chuck Schaich, City of Torrance
Jesse Sira, City of Inglewood

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the October 23rd meeting were submitted for approval. Ron Sorensen moved to approve the Minutes. Denis Kurt seconded and the Minutes were approved as submitted.

WATERMASTER UPDATES

Administrative Body Update:

Esther Rojas reported:

- Ms. Rojas reviewed the Administrative Body Report included in the meeting packet.
- Invoices for FY 2018-19 have been sent out, as well as reminder notices to delinquent accounts.
- The draft Annual Watermaster Report for FY 2017-18 has been submitted to the WRP for review and has been posted online on the Watermaster's page of WRD's website. Comments are due by November 16th.
- WRD is working with the Department of Water Resources to reconcile information of well owners and to determine which wells are inactive.

WBWRP Updates:

Katherine Nutting reported:

- The WBWRP met on October 23 to reconsider WRD's Motion to Amend the Judgment. After lengthy discussions, which are reflected in the Minutes from the meeting, the Panel voted to support WRD's Motion with changes added by the Panel. The Panel also voted to support the Goldsworthy Desalter project, subject to Court approval.

DISCUSSIONS

- Review of Watermaster Report: Ms. Nutting requested Panel members to review the draft 2017-18 Watermaster Report, submit any questions or revisions by the November 16th comment period deadline and to be ready to take action by the next WBWRP meeting on December 4th. WRD will provide the Panel with a redline version of any changes made to the draft Report prior to that meeting.
- Meter Testing Update: The Panel members reviewed the Department of Water Resource's summary of their testing efforts. The Panel identified some issues with the testing process and discussed ways to remedy the problems encountered. The Panel members agreed on the need to establish a protocol for testing, notification and enforcement.
 - DWR's list shows inactive wells, but they are only required to test active wells. Panel members discussed the need to update the list and clearly identify active and inactive wells, as some wells have been destroyed but are not reflected on DWR's list. Under WRD's guidelines, any well that has been used within the last three years is deemed active. The Panel members instructed Nina Tarnay to work with DWR and WRD to reconcile the list of active and inactive wells. WRD will work with the DWR and the WRP to communicate with well owners, requesting confirmation of inactivity and requiring that such wells be destroyed or requiring that wells be maintained in good condition and subjected to testing.
 - Contact information: WRD will work with DWR to reconcile the contact information of well owners to ensure proper communication.
 - The Panel instructed Nina Tarnay to work with representatives from the DWR to package results by well owners and to copy owners of their results when the information is emailed to the Panel. DWR will be asked to request updated email

information from well owners at the time of testing to ensure the proper delivery of test results. WRP can follow up with DWR if it appears that well owners are not properly receiving their test results.

- The Panel will develop a compliance letter that will be sent to owners whose wells fail meter testing and provide a deadline by which the failure must be remedied and the well retested (likely within 30 days). The Panel will seek input from its counsel and WRD will inquire about Central Basin's procedures as part of the Panel's development of its compliance protocol and notice procedures.
- Development of Bylaws: The Panel discussed the need to establish Bylaws for the WRP and instructed Nina Tarnay to contact counsel, Stephanie Hastings, to prepare the Bylaws.

NEXT MEETING:

- The next WBWRP Quarterly Meeting will be on February 5, 2019 at 12:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

- Chairperson Nutting adjourned the meeting at 1:33 P.M.

Katherine Nutting, Chairperson

Dated

Nina Tarnay, Executive Administrator

Dated