MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Rob Beste called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M. on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at the Carson Community Center. Nina Tarnay recorded the minutes.

Mr. Beste determined there was a quorum of the WBWA Board of Directors. Mr. Beste welcomed the WBWA members and asked for self-introductions.

The following WBWA directors were in attendance:

Rob Beste
Kate Nutting
Stephanie Katsouleas
Denis Kurt
Mark McAvoy
Barmeshwar Rai
Ron Sorensen
Lifan Xu

The following representatives were also in attendance:

Dan Medina
Thomas Lee
Chuck Schaich
Joey Garcia
Penny Wirsing
Scott Houston
Donald Dear
Carol Kwan
Fernando Paludi
Ted Johnson
Esther Rojas
Scott Hungerford
Shawn Igoe

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- The May Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

WEST BASIN WATER WATERMASTER REPORT

Water Rights Panel Update:

- The membership unanimously selected Ron Sorensen and Denis Kurt to serve as representatives on the West Basin Water Rights Panel.
- Rob Beste reported: Stephanie Hastings has reviewed the meter-testing contract. The WBWRP will complete the contracting process with DWR so that meter testing can hopefully begin soon.

Administrative Body:

Ted Johnson Reported:

- The closing administrative year is at the end of June. If any party is interested in conversion, please notify WRD by August 15 to pay the RA.
- WRD is working on new strategies for storage and carry-overs. Please reach out to Ted Johnson or Esther Rojas if you would like more information.

WRD REPORT

Ted Johnson Reported:

- Mr. Johnson provided a review of the monthly production report dated June 5, 2017. Production is down roughly 18.5% over previous year. A copy of the report is available online or by request to Nina Tarnay.
- Sea Barrier Well—10,000 AF of imported and recycled water has been injected into the sea barrier (70% of which was recycled water, with the objective of eventually getting to 100% recycled water usage).
- Mr. Johnson also provided a GRIP update and shared a handout—"Hydrostatic Testing" with the membership. Progress continues and the project is moving forward as planned. The project is funded by a combination of state grants and loans: roughly $15 million in grant and $80 million in loan at 1%.
- An estimated 2,400 people attended Water Harvest Festival, making it the largest attendance to date. The festival was well received and successful.

WBMWD/MWD REPORT

Fernando Paludi reported:

- Mr. Paludi provided a handed out containing the water supply update as of May 31. A copy of the report is available on line or by request from Nina Tarnay.
- This winter and spring were record setting periods for precipitation. We received 93.5 inches of precipitation in Northern California. The 89-inches record was set in 1983-84, but that was followed by record dry years so there is still much uncertainty about whether we are in for a continued period of rain or will head back into dryer times.
- Met is currently focused on storage issues in preparation for the next dry cycle.
- Twin Tunnel Project: Discussions and considerations are currently being made on financial contributions for the project. Met has laid out a schedule that will culminate in September. It's likely that Met will contribute to the California Water Fix, but Met is waiting to see how other parties (e.g. agriculture industry) will contribute and decide. Met will perform an analysis once all parties have weighed in.
- San Diego Canyon Water Authority: There has been a lot of noise regarding Met's operations, with some allegations that Met as mismanaging its authority. Please let Met know you if have any questions or if you know of any meetings being set up. The SD Canyon Water Authority is spending a lot of money in outreach. This could be an indication that there may be a lawsuit in the makings. This may also be in response to the California Water Fix because the SD Canyon Water Authority has not been supportive of the project. San Diego water rates are among the highest around so the SD Canyon Water Authority may be trying to place blame on Met. Met is currently working on a rebuttal.
- Debra Mann is retiring this week.
- On the State level: Conversations and negotiations regarding conservancy standards are ongoing. Likely that each water agency must meet water use standard—mostly driven by outdoor water use standards. It will likely be more stringent than 20% reduction by 2020.
- West Basin is pressing for credit for recycled, ocean desalination, and brackish water. We are pushing for an all drought resilient supply: indirect potable reuse credit and a preservation of credit for drought cut back. Drought resilient supply should not be subjected to cutbacks.
- West Basin is currently focusing on engineering and maintenance at the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility and Hyperion reliability feed.
- The Brewer Desalter is down right now and currently being rehabbed.
- Ocean Desalination EIR is ongoing. Conditional support is being sought.

LADWP REPORT

Scott Hungerford reported

- Scott Hungerford provided an LADWP update and reviewed the handout he shared at the meeting. A copy of the update is available online or by request from Nina Tarnay.

BAC/TAC REPORT

- No report.

RATIFICATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- The slate of Board of Directors and Executive Officers for 2017-18 were presented and ratified by all members in attendance. The 2017-18 Board of Directors and Executive Officers are as follows:

President, Rob Beste
City of Torrance
Vice President, Katherine Nutting
Golden State Water
Treasurer, Stephanie Katsouleas
City of Manhattan Beach

Barmeshwar Rai
City of Inglewood
Ron Sorensen
California Water Service Company
Denis Kurt
Tesoro Corporation
Mark McAvoy
City of Lomita
Lifan Xu
City of El Segundo
Chris Repp
LA Department of Water and Power

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Stephanie Katsouleas presented the May, 2017 financials.
- The membership considered the Proposed 2017-18 Budget and voted unanimously to approve the budget.
- Ms. Katsouleas reported that the IRS Audit has concluded and the WBWA's nonprofit status has been preserved.

Upcoming Meetings:

- WBMWD Caucus Meeting: June 7, 12:30 P.M at WBMWD Headquarters
- WRD Board Meeting: June 8, 4:00 P.M. at WRD Headquarters
- WRD Board Meeting: June 15, 3:00 P.M. at WRD Headquarters
- WBMWD Board Meeting: June 26, 1:00 P.M. at WBMWD Headquarters

Next WBWA Meeting:

- There will not be a WBWA meeting in July. The next WBWA meeting will be held jointly with the Central Basin Water Association at the Rio Hondo Center on August 10, 2017. Formal meeting invitations will be sent via email.

Adjournment:

- President Beste adjourned the meeting at 12:47 P.M.

Rob Beste, President	Date
Nina Tarnay, Executive Administrator	Date