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Representing the City of Fullerton, California

May 2, 2013

To: Mayor Bruce Whitaker
Mayor Pro Tem Doug Chaffee
Council Member Greg Sebourn
Council Member Jennifer Fitzgerald
Council Member Jan Flory

Report on MWD Director activities

April 2013 Events:

- April 2, 2013 – City Council Meeting
- April 4, 2013 – MWDOC Orange County Caucus meeting
- April 5, 2013 – Fullerton State of The City Address
- April 8, 9, 2013 – MWD Committee meetings and Board of Directors Meeting
- April 23, 2013 – Other MWD Committee Meetings
- April 24, 2013 – meeting with resident regarding MWD water issues at Mayor's request
- April 25, 26, 2013 – MWD Inspection Trip of Central Valley Agriculture (Itinerary attached)

I have also included the April summary report of Board meetings.

Planned May 2013 Events:

- May 1, 2013 – MWDOC meeting
- May 2, 2013 – Fullerton Rotary presentation by MWD Representative
- May 2, 2013 – MWD Spring Employee Awards Luncheon
- May 3, 2013 – CSUF, Dr. Garcia Reception
- May 7, 2013 – Council Meeting – Water Rate Study
- May 13, 14, 2013 – MWD Committee meetings and Board of Directors Meeting
- May 28, 2013 – Other MWD Committee Meetings



INSPECTION TRIP of the STATE WATER PROJECT and CENTRAL/SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AGRICULTURE

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Thursday – Friday, April 25-26, 2013

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Thursday, April 25

- 6:00 a.m. - Assemble at Union Station Headquarters rotunda
"To go" breakfast provided
- 6:15 a.m. - Depart Union Station for Burbank
- 6:45 a.m. - Arrive Burbank Airport
- 7:40 a.m. - Depart on Southwest Flight #2968 to San Jose
- 8:50 a.m. - Arrive San Jose International Airport
Meet at baggage claim
- 9:30 a.m. - Depart San Jose Airport for San Luis Reservoir, Los Banos, California
Presentation en route
Ara Azhderian, Water Policy Administrator, San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority

Westside 101
- 10:45 a.m. - Arrive San Luis Reservoir & Romero Visitor Center for brief stop
31426 W. Hwy. 152, Santa Nella
(209) 827-5353
- 11:15 a.m. - Depart for Los Banos
- 11:45 a.m. - Lunch at España's Southwest Bar and Grill
1460 E Pacheco Blvd, Los Banos
(209) 826-4041
Mike Wade, Executive Director
California Farm Water Coalition

The Changing Business of Agriculture
- 12:45 p.m. - Depart for Mendota
- 1:15 p.m. - Arrive Panoche Water District
Dennis Falaschi, General Manager
Panoche Water District

52027 W. Althea Ave., Firebaugh
(209) 364-6136

Tour of Jose Tall Wheat Grass Project

2:15 p.m. - Depart for Sagouspe Almond Orchard, Firebaugh

2:45 p.m. - Arrive Sagouspe Almond Orchard
Skip Sagouspe, Westlands Almond Grower
S. Fairfax Ave. & W. North Ave., Firebaugh
(209) 826-0342

Tour of almond orchard and computerized irrigation monitoring system

3:15 p.m. - Depart for Joe Del Bosque Farms, Firebaugh

3:45 p.m. - Arrive Joe Del Bosque Farms
Joe Del Bosque, President
Del Bosque Farms
Russell Ave. and Nees Ave., Firebaugh
(209) 364-6428

View asparagus packing shed process

5:00 p.m. - Depart for Fresno

6:15 p.m. - Arrive Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
2233 Ventura St., Fresno
(559) 268-1000

7:00 p.m. Depart for dinner at Manhattan
1731 W Bullard Ave., Fresno
(559) 449-1731

7:15 p.m. Dinner with Westlands Water District and San Luis and Delta-Mendota
Water Authority board members and executive staff

Friday, April 26

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast at the Radisson
David Zoldoske, Director
California State University, Fresno
Center for Irrigation Technology

Innovation and the Water/Energy Nexus

8:00 a.m. - Depart hotel for California State University, Fresno
International Center for Water Technology

- 8:30 a.m. - Arrive California State University, Fresno
International Center for Water Technology
5370 N. Chestnut Avenue, Fresno
(559) 278-2066

*Visit to the Water/Energy Technology Center (WET) hydraulics lab
and incubator; demonstration of the Mobile Education Center*

- 9:30 a.m. - Depart for Delano; presentation en route
James Bodnar, Sr. Engineer
Water Resources Management Group, MWD

Metropolitan's State Water Project Groundwater Storage Programs

- 11:00 a.m. - Arrive Paramount Citrus
1701 Lexington St., Delano
(661) 720-2500
Pete McKenzie, Paramount Citrus representative

Tour of California Cuties facility

- 12:00 p.m. - Depart for Bakersfield

- 12:30 a.m. - Arrive Bakersfield for lunch at Uricchio's Trattoria
1400 17th St., Bakersfield
(661) 326-8870
Jim Beck, General Manager, Kern County Water Agency
Curtis Creel, Water Resources Manager
Kern County Water Agency

Overview of Water Management in Kern County

- 1:30 p.m. - Depart for Mettler

- 2:15 p.m. - Arrive Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
Steve Collup, Engineer-Manager
Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
(661) 854-5573

Tour of South Canal and Intertie Pumping Plant

- 3:00 p.m. - Depart for Los Angeles; discussion en route
Steve Arakawa, Manager, Bay-Delta Initiatives, MWD

- 5:30 p.m. - Arrive Union Station

In case of emergency during this trip, telephone contact to our group may be made through MWD's 24-hour Security Watch Center, (800) 555-5911. Inform the operator that you are calling for an inspection trip guest with Inspection Trip Specialist Marty Hundley. You may also reach the group directly by calling (951) 206-3900 or emailing at mhundley@mw dh2o.com.

Participation on this inspection trip by certain California governmental officials will constitute a reportable gift under California and local ethics laws. The estimated reportable expense for this trip is \$700. The trip expenses are reportable, but pursuant to subpart (b) of FPPC Regulation 18950.1, may not be subject to the gift limits. Please contact Stacy Spencer at (213) 217-7054 or email her at sspencer@mw dh2o.com to receive the actual expenses if you are required to report gifts.

**Summary Report for
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Board Meetings
April 9, 2013**

INDUCTION OF NEW DIRECTOR

Director Cynthia Kurtz was inducted to the Board of Directors representing the City of Pasadena. **(Agenda Item 5C)**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Director Kurtz was assigned to the Communications and Legislation Committee and the Finance and Insurance Committee; Director Babcock was assigned to the Special Committee on Bay-Delta. **(Agenda Item 5F)**

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Approved the resolution to impose the Readiness-to-Serve Charge and the resolution to impose the Capacity Charge, both effective January 1, 2014. **(Agenda Item 8-1)**

Approve contracting with the California Employees' Retiree Benefit Trust Program to administer and invest Metropolitan's pre-funding of Other Post Employment Benefits. **DEFERRED BY COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 8-2)**

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Appropriated \$3.3 million; authorized preliminary design, permitting, and right-of-way planning for access improvements and pipeline protection in the Orange County region; authorized professional services agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$400,000; and authorized professional services agreement with Riggs and Riggs, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. (Approp. 15474) **(Agenda Item 8-3)**

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Approved the proposed Foundational Actions Funding Program; and directed staff to issue a Request for Proposals. **(Agenda Item 8-4)**

COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Authorized the General Manager to express Metropolitan's support, in concept, for SB 135 (Padilla, D-Pacoima) – Earthquake Early Warning System, with the added caveat that there be no authorization for Metropolitan to fund the warning system authorized by the legislation. **(Agenda Item 8-5)**

Adopted the California Environmental Quality Act Modernization Policy Principles as found in Attachment 1 of the Board letter. **(Agenda Item 8-6)**

Authorized the General Manager to express Metropolitan's support for AB 1156 (V. Perez, D-Coachella) - Palo Verde Irrigation District Act. **(Agenda Item 8-7)**

LEGAL AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Received a report on the status of existing and anticipated litigation regarding plumbing leaks allegedly caused by copper corrosion: (1) Lennar Homes of California, Inc. MWD, et al., Case No. 30-2012-00543908; (2) Briosa Owners Association v. Moulton Niguel Water District, et al., Case No. 30-2012-005862a58; (3) Cantora community Association v. MWD, et al., Case No. 30-2012-00619294; (4) Cypress Point Condominium Association v. MWD, et al., Case No. 30-2012-00619476; and (5) Lisa Williams and Shawn Williams v. Irvine Ranch Water District, et al., Case No. 30-2012-00616648. **(Agenda Item 8-8 heard in closed session)**

CONSENT CALENDAR

In other action, the Board:

Appropriated \$310,000; and authorized preliminary design to refurbish or replace eight radial gates on the Colorado River Aqueduct. (Approp. 15438). **(Agenda Item 7-1)**

Appropriated \$300,000; and authorized final design of a cathodic protection system for the Allen-McColloch Pipeline. (Approp. 15441) **(Agenda Item 7-2)**

Appropriated \$135,000; and authorized preliminary design of inlet flash mix chemical containment for Modules Nos. 3 and 4 at the Henry J. Mills Water Treatment Plant. (Approp. 15452) **(Agenda Item 7-3)**

Appropriated \$1.52 million; authorized preliminary design of repairs to the Lakeview Pipeline; and authorized agreement with LSA Associates, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, for preparation of environmental documentation. (Approp. 15480) **(Agenda Item 7-4)**

Appropriated \$1.39 million; and authorized the PeopleSoft HCM and ELM upgrade. (Approp. 15484) **(Agenda Item 7-5)**

Agenda Item 7-6 was withdrawn.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board approved a 30-day leave of absence for Director Keith Lewinger, effective May 8, 2013. **(Agenda Item 5D)**

Director Linda Ackerman, representing the Municipal Water District of Orange County, received a 5 - year service pin. **(Agenda Item 5E)**

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