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Representing the City of Fullerton, California

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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**

### **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 4, 2013 – Coastkeeper Garden Event
- May 7, 2013 – Council Meeting – Water Rate Study
- May 9, 2013 – OC Caucus
- May 13, 14, 2013 – MWD Committee meetings and Board of Directors Meeting
- May 28, 2013 – Other MWD Committee Meetings

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

### **Planned June 2013 Events:**

- June 5, 2013 – MWDOC meeting
- June 6, 2013 – OC Caucus
- June 10, 11, 2013 – MWD Committee meetings and Board of Directors Meeting
- June 25, 2013 – Other MWD Committee Meetings

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
Board Meetings  
May 14, 2013**

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

None. (Agenda Item 5E)

**FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

Set a Public Hearing for the June 2013 Board Meeting to consider suspending Section 124.5 of the Metropolitan Water District Act to maintain the ad valorem tax rate at current levels, and instructed the Board Executive Secretary to provide notice of the Public Hearing, as provided in Section 124.5. (Agenda Item 8-1)

Adopted the resolution to continue the water standby charge for fiscal year 2013/14. (Agenda Item 8-2)

Approved the Official Statement substantially in the form attached to the board letter, with changes approved by the General Manager and General Counsel; authorized the General Manager to execute the Official Statement; and authorized distribution of the Official Statement in connection with the issuance of the Special Variable Rate Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2013 Series D. (Agenda Item 8-3)

**ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Appropriated \$6.3 million; awarded \$3,032,940.84 contract to Val-Matic Valve & Manufacturing to furnish rubber-lined butterfly valves; awarded \$281,550.85 contract to DeZURIK to furnish high-performance butterfly valves; authorized final design for installation of filter valves at the Diemer plant; and authorized agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$243,000, for preliminary design to replace filter valves at the Weymouth plant. (Approps. 15436 and 15369). (Agenda Item 8-4)

Appropriated \$2.7 million; authorized final design to refurbish filters at the F. E. Weymouth plant; authorized preparation of environmental documentation for planned Weymouth plant improvements; authorized agreement with MWH Americas, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,275,000; and authorized increase of \$400,000 to the existing agreement with Environmental Science Associates, for a new not-to-exceed total of \$1.15 million. (Approp. 15477). (Agenda Item 8-5)

Authorized increase of \$5 million for capital projects costing less than \$250,000 for fiscal years 2012/13 and 2013/14. (Agenda Item 8-6)

**REAL PROPERTY AND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Authorized entering into a long-term lease with the Metropolitan Water District Federal Credit Union at Metropolitan Headquarters Building and F. E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant in Los Angeles County. (Agenda Item 8-7)

## **LEGAL AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

Authorized amendment of the contract with Caufield & James, LLP for special counsel services in connection with existing and potential litigation alleging Metropolitan is legally responsible for plumbing leaks allegedly caused by copper corrosion: (1) Lennar Homes of California, Inc. v. MWD, et al., Case No. 30-2012-00543908; (2) Briosa Owners Association v. Moulton Niguel Water District, et al., Case No. 30-2012-00586258; (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; (5) Lisa Williams and Shawn Williams v. Irvine Ranch Water District, et al., Case No. 30-2012-00616648; (6) Shapell v. Moulton Niguel Water District, et al., Case No. 30-2011-00519887; and one Government Code Claim; to increase in the maximum amount payable by \$400,000 to a maximum amount of \$500,000. **(Agenda Item 8-8)**

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

Authorized the General Manager to pay the listed expected membership dues/assessments for FY 2012/13 as listed in the Board letter. **(Agenda Item 8-9)**

Authorized the General Manager to express Metropolitan's opposition, unless amended, to AB 145, as amended April 24, 2013; and, in addition to the potential amendments articulated in the Board letter, the motion was amended to add language that would require, in the event of a transfer of the Safe Drinking Water SRF to the State Water Resources Control Board, an independent evaluation of the program's performance and report of the results to the public. **(Agenda Item 8-10)**

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

In other action, the Board:

Granted conditional approval for Meadowood Annexation concurrently to San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) and Metropolitan, conditioned upon receipt in full of annexation fee of \$1,172,420 to Metropolitan if completed by December 31, 2013, or if completed later, the current annexation charge applies; approved SDCWA's Statement of Compliance with the current Water Use Efficiency Guidelines (Attachment 2 of the Board letter); and adopted the resolution of intention to impose water standby charge within the proposed annexation territories, substantially in the form of Attachment 3 of the Board letter. **(Agenda Item 7-1)**

Authorized the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program agreement for the Leo J. Vander Lans Water Treatment Facility Expansion Project with the city of Long Beach and the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, to provide up to 3,475 acre-feet per year of additional recycled water under terms included in the Board letter. **(Agenda Item 7-2)**

Appropriated \$1.36 million; and award \$415,000 contract to Environmental Construction, Inc. for valve structure modifications on West Valley Feeder No. 1. **(Agenda Item 7-3)**

Appropriated \$255,000; and authorized final design of chemical containment upgrades at the Jensen plant. **(Agenda Item 7-4)**

## **OTHER MATTERS**

The Board approved a 30-day leave of absence for Director Gail Pringle, effective May 13, 2013. **(Agenda Item 5C)**

Director Suja Lowenthal, representing the city of Long Beach, received a 5-year service pin.

**(Agenda Item 5D)**

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