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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

December 2012 Events:

- December 4 to 7, 2012 - ACWA Conference San Diego
Besides conference meetings and presentations, I attended a tour of the demonstration desalination water treatment plant in San Diego. The San Diego Water District has just approved going forward with a plan for a full-scale desalination plant. San Diego must import 85% of their potable water as the district does not have sufficient aquifer or reservoir capacity to service their rate-payers unlike Fullerton which imports 30% of their water.
Water rates in San Diego can and do exceed Fullerton rates by more than 100% for imported water, thus the need for other sources of water beside importation.
- December 10, 11, 2012 - Committee and Board of Directors meetings
- December 12, 13, 14, 2012 – Colorado River Water Users Conference in Las Vegas
During the Colorado River Water Users Conference there were discussions and presentations concerning the 7 states and 10 Indian tribes authorized to distribute water from the river. Included in the presentation were reports on climate modeling with regards to the replenishment of the Colorado River water in the future. Most of the models predict a decrease in river replenishment. This particular issue will make the final stage planning and implementation of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan this year more critical as the project is projected to take 10 years to complete.
- December 25, 2012 – no meetings due to Christmas Holiday

Planned January 2013 Events:

- January 2, 2013 – MWDOC workshop history presentation by Gordon Johnson, Chief Engineer of MWD on conditions and ongoing seismic retrofitting of the Diemer Water Treatment Plant in Yorba Linda.
- January 3, 2013 – Orange County Caucus meeting at Western Municipal Water District in Riverside
- January 7, 8, 2013 – Committee meeting and Board of Directors Meeting
- January 22, 2013 – Other committee meetings

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

**Summary Report for
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Board Meetings
December 11, 2012**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Director Vincent Mudd was assigned to the Legal and Claims Committee and the Communications and Legislation Committee. Director Gail Pringle was assigned to the Finance Committee and the Organization, Personnel and Technology Committee. **(Agenda Item 5E)**

WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Approved adjustments to member agency Tier 1 limits and elimination of the Replenishment Service program and authorized amendments to the Administrative Code as shown in Attachment 2 of the board letter. **(Agenda Item 8-1)**

ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Appropriated \$5.5 million; and awarded \$3,606,445 contract to W. M. Lyles Co. for seismic upgrades to the Diemer finished water reservoir and east washwater tank. **(Agenda Item 8-2)**

COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Adopted the Legislative Strategy for 2013. **(Agenda Item 8-3)**

LEGAL AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Authorized increase of \$300,000 for a total of \$900,000 in maximum amount payable under contract with Latham & Watkins LLP; and reported in closed session on State Water Quality Control Board permit proceedings for the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District's Wastewater Treatment Plant and *Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District v. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, et al.*, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2011-80001028. **(Agenda Item 8-4)**

CONSENT CALENDAR

In other action, the Board:

Authorized the General Manager to enter into a Local Resources Program agreement for the Cal Poly Pomona Water Treatment Plant with Three Valleys Municipal Water District and California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, for up to 250 acre-feet per year of recovered groundwater under terms included in the board letter. **(Agenda Item 7-1)**

Authorized the General Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Greater Los Angeles County Region Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan Leadership Committee; and authorized the General Manager to execute MOUs to participate in other IRWM groups in Metropolitan's service area if invited by member agencies and determined to be beneficial in implementing Metropolitan's Integrated Resources Plan. **(Agenda Item 7-2)**

Appropriated \$1.85 million; authorized final design of a pilot lining repair project on the Etiwanda Pipeline; and authorized agreement with Helix Environmental Planning, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, for preparation of environmental documentation for the full-scale repairs. **(Agenda Item 7-3)**

Appropriated \$1.35 million; authorized final design for replacement of wastewater systems at four Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants; and authorized professional services agreement with MWH Americas in an amount not to exceed \$900,000. **(Agenda Item 7-4)**

Appropriated \$640,000; and awarded \$323,580 contract to Team West Contracting Corporation to replace and relocate the standby generators at Temescal and Corona Power Plants. **(Agenda Item 7-5)**

Appropriated \$880,000; and awarded \$473,000 contract to Fibrwrap Construction, Inc. for prestressed concrete cylinder pipe joint repairs on the Sepulveda Feeder. **(Agenda Item 7-6)**

Appropriated \$770,000; authorized final design of a solids transfer system for the Jensen plant; authorized agreement with Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for use of solids lagoons at the Aqueduct Filtration Plant; and authorized agreement with Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks for its use of ball fields at the Jensen plant. **(Agenda Item 7-7)**

OTHER MATTERS

Director Gail Pringle was inducted to the Board of Directors representing Calleguas Municipal Water District. **(Agenda Item 5C)**

The Board authorized the preparation of Commendatory Resolution for former Director Lynn Heidel representing San Diego County Water Authority. **(Agenda Item 5D)**

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