## Thomas S. Babcock Director to the Metropolitan Water District Representing the City of Fullerton, California

December 1, 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

#### **November 2013 Events:**

- November 1, 2013 WACO (Water Advisory Committee of Orange County)
- November 13, 2013 MWDOC Workshop
- November 14, 2013 OC Caucus meeting
- November 14, 2013 BDCP Presentation for FACT meeting
- November 18, 2013 MWD Committee meetings
- November 19, 2013 MWD Committee meetings and Board of Directors Meeting

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

#### Planned December 2013 Events:

- December 4, 2013 MWDOC workshop
- December 5, 2013 OC Caucus meeting
- December 9, 2013 MWD Committee meetings
- December 10, 2013 MWD Committee meetings and Board of Directors Meeting
- December 11, 12, 13, 2013 CRWUA Meeting Las Vegas

# Summary Report for The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Meetings November 19, 2013

#### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

The Board of Directors ratified the following committee assignments announced at the October board meeting: Director Dear was assigned to the Finance and Insurance Committee, Legal and Claims Committee, Audit and Ethics Committee and Real Property and Asset Management Committee; Director Lefevre was assigned to the Engineering and Operations Committee, Communications and Legislation Committee, and the Special Committee on Bay-Delta. (Agenda Item 5C)

#### ADJOURNED ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Appropriated \$8.2 million; and awarded a \$4,901,567 contract to J. F. Shea Construction, Inc. to replace the hydroelectric turbine at the Yorba Linda Power Plant. (Approp. 15446) (**Agenda Item 8-1**)

Appropriated \$4.5 million; and awarded a \$2,292,000 contract to Kiewit Infrastructure West Co. for PCCP repairs at two locations on the Second Lower Feeder. (Approp. 15471) (**Agenda Item 8-2**)

Authorized reimbursable agreement with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power in an amount not to exceed \$5 million; and authorized an agreement with MWH Americas in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for engineering services. (**Agenda Item 8-3**)

Adopted a resolution designating authorized agents to accept federal and state funding for declared disasters and sign official correspondence for disaster assistance as outlined in Attachment 1 of the Board letter. (Agenda Item 8-4)

#### ADJOURNED LEGAL AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Authorized increase in maximum amount payable under contract with Richard B. Deriso for expert consultant services and litigation support by \$100,000 to a maximum of \$600,000; and reported on Consolidated Delta Smelt Cases, USDC Case No. 1:09-CV-407 LJO-DLB, and Consolidated Salmonid Cases, USDC Case No. 1:09-CV-1053 LJO-DLB. . (**Agenda Item 8-5 heard in closed session by committee**)

Reported on existing litigation; San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case Nos. CPF-10-510830 and CPF-12-512466; and authorized increase in maximum amount payable under contracts with (1) Bingham McCutchen LLP for legal services by \$3 million to an amount not to exceed \$8 million; (2) Morrison & Foerster LLP for legal services by \$3 million to an amount not to exceed \$6 million; (3) Hanson Bridgett LLP for legal services by \$300,000 to an amount not to exceed \$1.1 million; and (4) Executive Presentations, Inc. for trial and other graphics services by \$600,000 to an amount not to exceed \$950,000. (Agenda Item 8-6 heard in closed session by committee)

#### ADJOURNED WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Following an oral report on the California Water Action Plan Public Review Draft, released by the State on October 31, 2013, the Committee voted to recommend that the board express support for the California Water Action Plan. The board approved the motion. (**Agenda Item 9-1**)

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

In other action, the Board:

Authorized the General Auditor to enter into a contract for external audit services with the firm of Macias Gini & O'Connell, LLP for annual audits covering the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014 through June 30, 2016. The amount payable under this three-year contract will not exceed \$915,096. (Agenda Item 7-1)

Appropriated \$680,000; and awarded a \$368,480 contract to Atlas-Allied, Inc. to replace the Weymouth backup water supply pipeline. (Approp. 15477) (**Agenda Item 7-2**)

Appropriated \$1.4 million; and awarded an \$835,000 contract to Kaveh Engineering & Construction, Inc. for rehabilitation of pipe expansion joints at Gene Pumping Plant. (Approp. 15374) (**Agenda Item 7-3**)

Appropriated \$1.48 million; and authorized gate replacement projects at the Weymouth plant's finished water reservoir and treatment basins. (Approp. 15369 and 15440) (Agenda Item 7-4)

Approved amendments to the Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code set forth in Attachment 2 of the Board letter to conform to current laws, practices and regulations. (**Agenda Item 7-5**)

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