



SPECIAL IMPORTED WATER COMMITTEE

March 12, 2020

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Barnum called the Special Imported Water Committee meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Committee members present were Vice Chair Barnum, and Directors Fong-Sakai, Guerin, Hogan, Madaffer, Preciado, Saxod, and Scalzitti. Committee members absent were Chair Lewinger, Vice Chair Cherashore, and Directors Evans, Hall, and Mosca. Also present were Directors Arant, Bebee, Boyle, Cate, Croucher, Hedberg, Heinrichs, Hilliker, Katz, Kennedy, Miller, Murtland, Smith, Udrys, and Wilson. At that time, there was a quorum of the Board and the meeting was conducted as a meeting of the Board; however, only committee members participated in the vote.

Staff present was General Manager Kerl, General Counsel Hattam, Deputy General Manager Denham, Colorado River Program Director Rodgers, MWD Program Director Chen, Rate & Debt Manager Rossum, Project Manager Poursadighi, and Kevin Davis of Black & Veatch.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

Colorado River Work Group Update - Regional Conveyance System Study.

Vice Chair Barnum announced the Board would receive a detailed report from the Colorado River Work Group regarding the Regional Conveyance System Study (RCSS).

Colorado River Work Group Chair Croucher made opening remarks, including describing the Work Group's role to provide guidance on Colorado River issues such as the RCSS, past meeting outcomes, and key elements of the update. He expressed the importance of what the Board would learn from the presentation, including the potential partnerships identified along the conveyance routes that could provide multiple benefits to the region.

Mr. Denham reviewed the background of the RCSS, described drivers of the study, scope development, areas analyzed thus far, expectations going forward, and potential partnership opportunities.

Mr. Davis provided a technical analysis overview and discussed key accomplishments, information learned from recent technical workshops, the risk analysis process and key takeaways. He also reviewed the integration of the Regional Conveyance System with the Water Authority aqueduct system and Imperial Irrigation District canal systems, treatment in Imperial Valley, tunneling through steep terrain, and next steps to finalize Phase A. He described the



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approach to the financial and economic analysis, changes since the 2017 study, and financial inputs to the economic analysis.

Mr. Rossum presented an economic analysis overview covering key assumptions, components of the economic analysis, and preliminary results including the cost competitiveness of the Regional Conveyance System option. He concluded with key takeaways and additional analysis to be performed should the Board approve moving forward with Phase B.

Mr. Denham concluded the presentation with a review of Phase A schedule.

Staff responded to questions and comments posed by the Board.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Special Imported Water Committee, Vice Chair Bannum adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.