



West Basin Water Association

**Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
11:30 AM**

Via Zoom:

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AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Quorum
- Approval of December, 2020 Minutes
- West Basin Watermaster Report
 - ❖ WRP Update – Shawn Igoe
 - ❖ Administrative Body Update – Ted Johnson/Esther Rojas
- WRD Report – Ted Johnson/Esther Rojas
- WBMWD/MWD Report – E.J. Caldwell
- LADWP Report – Chris Repp
- BAC/TAC Report – Shawn Igoe
- Treasurer's Report – Chuck Schaich
- Discussions/Announcements
- Adjourn

President Shawn Igoe

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**QUARTERLY MEETING
MINUTES
VIA ZOOM**

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Shawn Igoe called the meeting to order at 11:38 A.M. on December 1, 2020 via Zoom teleconference. Nina Tarnay recorded the minutes.

Mr. Igoe determined there was a quorum of the WBWA Board of Directors. Mr. Igoe welcomed the WBWA members and asked for self-introductions.

The following WBWA directors were in attendance:

Shawn Igoe	Chris Repp
Katherine Nutting	Ron Sorensen
Mark Andersen	

The following representatives were also in attendance:

Stephanie Katsouleas	Russ Lefevre
Ted Johnson	EJ Caldwell
Scott Houston	Rudy Terriquez
Esther Rojas	Manuel Aguilar
Patrick Shields	Gloria Gray
Carla Dillon	Chuck Campbell
Harold Williams	Carol Kwan
Rob Katherman	Vera DeWitt
Chuck Campbell	EJ Caldwell
Russ Lefevre	

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Following review, Katherine Nutting moved to approve the November 2020 Meeting Minutes. Ron Sorensen seconded and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

WEST BASIN WATER WATERMASTER REPORT

Water Rights Panel Update

Shawn Igoe reported:

- There will be a Water Rights Panel meeting immediately following the WBWA meeting for those interested in attending and will report back at the next WBWA meeting. Discussions will

involve listing secondary meter testing contractors.

Administrative Body

Esther Rojas reported:

- Ms. Rojas reviewed the West Basin groundwater pumping data. Pumping in the West Coast Basin for AY 2020-21 July through October was 11,417.47 AF, which was an increase of roughly 12.7% over the same period last year. This increase was attributable to an increase in pumping by Golden State Water, Tesoro, Brewer Desalter and the City of Torrance.
- Four leases have been processed with flex, transferring 3,203.50 AF. There have been no water rights sales or storage processed so far for the 2020-21 AY.
- The Administrative Body staff emailed the draft Annual Watermaster Report for AY 2019-20 to the Panel on October 15th. A draft has been available for review and comments on the Administrative Body's website. Feedback was due by November 6th. All updates and requests were incorporated into the Watermaster Report, which was submitted to the Panel for review and approval consideration at the Water Rights Panel meeting that will begin immediately following this meeting.
- The Pumper Portal kicked off on October 20th. Volunteers tested the site for two weeks and provided feedback to staff. There was a follow meeting on November 10th following the test period. Staff reviewed the feedback received and made updates and fixes based on the feedback. WRD expects to roll out the portal in February for January production reporting. The portal will make monthly reporting much easier and pumpers can obtain their monthly production reports at any time. More information will be emailed to pumpers but reach out to Ms. Rojas if you have any questions.

WRD REPORT

Rob Katherman Spoke: The WRD Board will meet this coming Thursday to discuss the hiring of a new General Manager once Rob Whitaker retires.

Ted Johnson reported:

- WRD's brackish groundwater reclamation feasibility study is going well. The project will remove portions of the saline plume for treatment to potable standard. The consultant is working on ground water modeling to determine the best location for extraction wells. The study is going on through the end of March.
- The WRD and the LADWP continue to work on the Groundwater Master Plan to identify potential new replenishment projects using recycled water. The two main recycled water sources identified are the City's Hyperion Treatment Plant and the Sanitation District's Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant. The WRD and LADWP teams are now working to negotiate scope for the Phase 2 of the work which will develop projects. This was kicked off on October 23rd. This will continue until mid-2021.
- The PFAS remediation program is ongoing. WRD has received applications from pumpers who need wellhead treatment and financial assistance. The Board took the proposals to the BAC and TAC. In November, the Board approved up to \$34 million in funding for PFAS remediation assistance. Contracts are being drafted between WRD and the pumpers that qualify under the first round of financial assistance. Hopefully, those contracts will be completed in January so that remediation work can begin.

- Groundwater Basin: The new Water Year started on October 1. So far we are only about 11% of normal or less than .2 inches of precipitation so far. Normally, we would be at 2 inches by now.
- Groundwater levels. The groundwater level is pretty constant right now. The depth to water level at the Carson Key Well and Lawndale Key Well is only about a foot lower than the previous month, which is still higher than the level at this time last year.
- Seawater Barrier: At WC Barrier wells, about 4,500 AF have been injected, of which 97% was recycled water. At the Dominguez Gap Barrier, about 3,000 AF have been injected of which about half was recycled water. LA has been able to increase the recycled water injection from the Terminal Island Treatment Plant.
- At the Spreading Ground in the Montebello Forebay, we've gotten over 20,000 AF of storm water since July, mostly from snowmelt captured and released from reservoirs from the previous year. Additionally, WRD purchased 13,000 AF of recycled water.
- The next WRD Board meeting is scheduled for this Thursday at 11:00 AM via conference. All Board and Committee meetings continue to be by teleconference only during the Covid-19 restrictions.

WBMWD REPORT

EJ Caldwell reported:

- MWD Update: In September, MWD Board approved staff's proposal to develop a payment deferment program that would exempt penalties or interest from a member agency. Reports are delinquencies have increased. MWD doesn't typically see delinquencies directly, but it wants to check with member agencies to determine if they are experiencing high delinquencies. If so, please email Mr. Caldwell to let MWD know about your problems. Met is considering a 6 month deferral program whereby a portion of the MWD bill will be deferred. WBMWD would pay 100% of its bill but if member agencies are experiencing a high volume of delinquencies, WBMWD would consider adopting a similar deferment program.
- Imported Water: MWD storage is currently at 3.1 million AF. That's a healthy storage amount, but with the dry start to the water year, the Department of Water Resources is moving water out of Lake Orville and San Luis Reservoir to allow for snow melt capture.
- Meeting Update: Tomorrow is the MWD Caucus meeting. Jeff Kightlinger will be speaking about the payment deferral program as well as other significant issues related to the regional water recycling facility and possibly entering into an agreement with the State of Nevada. The meeting on Water Policy and Legislative Policy was held on December 15th. Election updates were given at the November meeting. At the December meeting, we'll get an overview and wrap up of the Federal election as well as the nuts and bolts of what to expect during a lame duck session. The next monthly Board meeting will be held on December 21st at 1:00 PM—it's a change of date from its usual time so that will be a Special Board Meeting.
- Gloria Gray spoke: At the December Met meeting, the EIR for the Single Tunnel option will be discussed. There will be four options to consider: (1) support up to 65% of MWD share; (2) support up to 40% of MWD share; (3) take no position; and (4) defer the vote. As for the GM recruitment, the notice will go out sometime in January. The recruitment period would likely last through February or March. WBMWD: Don Dear got re-elected. Ms. Gray thanked Carol Kwan for her services. A new Board member, Desi Alvarez, will be sworn in on December 4th.

LADWP REPORT

Chris Repp reported:

- The Operation Next website is up and running now.
- The snowpack is in grim shape right now—it's basically non-existent. Mr.

BAC/TAC REPORT

- Shawn Igoe reported: The TAC met on the 18th to focus on prioritizing projects that are ongoing right now.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Shawn Igoe presented the Treasurer's Report. The Report was received and filed.

Next WBWA Meeting:

- The next WBWA meeting will be on February 2 at 11:30 A.M. via Zoom.

Adjournment:

- Mr. Igoe adjourned the meeting at 12:04 PM.

Shawn Igoe, President

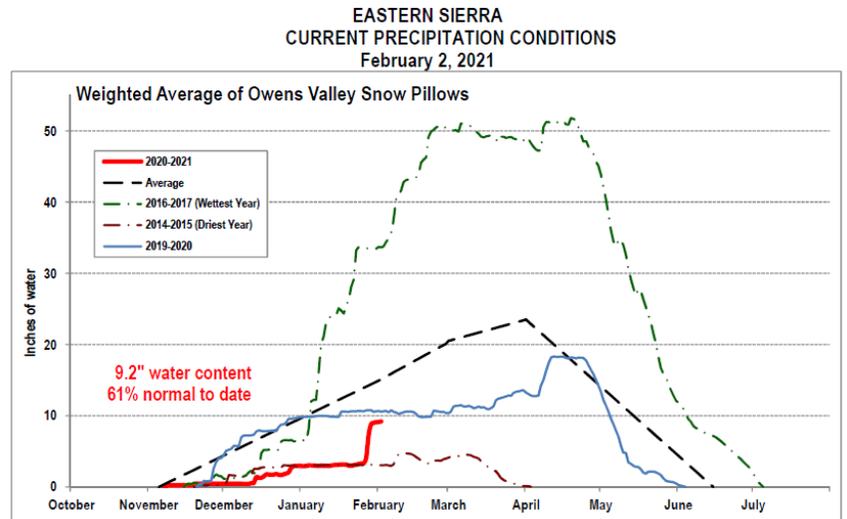
Nina Tarnay, Executive Administrator

West Basin Water Association LADWP Update – February 2, 2021

Update Provided by Chris Repp

1. Metered Demand (Approximate Values)

Acre-Feet	2018	2019	2020
January	39,557	34,207	30,469
February	37,194	27,957	33,947
March	34,805	33,767	31,779
April	40,388	39,996	33,077
May	43,065	39,612	41,561
June	45,486	42,195	43,759
July	51,494	47,610	47,328
August	51,452	48,851	48,091
September	46,471	46,548	46,252
October	44,606	46,449	45,946
November	40,637	40,302	40,259
December	35,872	33,014	



2. Recent Precipitation

- Last week’s storms delivered 6 inches of SWE (Snow Water Equivalent: the depth per unit area of water that would result if all the snow instantly melted) to our watersheds bringing us from a 20% of normal year up to a 60% of normal year. For us skiers and snowboarders, that’s about 5 feet of snow.
- Looking forward, the NOAA February forecast continues to call for drier and cooler than normal conditions though there is a storm system forming over Hawaii that may bring precipitation to California mid-month. This all depends on where the high-pressure ridge forming off the West Coast settles out.

3. COVID-19 – Most all staff continue to telecommute until further notice.

4. Operation NEXT

- Ongoing Outreach within the City, delivering Op. NEXT presentations in conjunction with the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) to various Alliance of Neighborhood Council meetings in the evenings.
- Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) – Notice of Preparation (NOP) schedule to be released to the public in the 1st Quarter of 2021, tentative for March 31st.
- New Waterworks Engineer, Johan Torroledo, joined our Operation NEXT team, and reports directly to Rafael Villegas.