



West Basin Water Association

Membership Meeting Via Zoom Teleconference

**Tuesday, June 1, 2021
11:30 AM**

Via Zoom:

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AGENDA

- Call to Order – Introductions
 - ❖ Quorum
- Approval of May 2021 Minutes
- West Basin Watermaster Report
 - ❖ WRP Update – Katherine Nutting
 - ❖ 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 – Katherine Nutting
- Treasurer’s Report – Chuck Schaich
- Action Items:
 - ❖ Adopt Proposed Budget for FY 2021-2022
 - ❖ Confirm WBWA Board of Directors for FY 2021-2022
- Discussions/Announcements
- Adjourn

Vice-President Katherine Nutting

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**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES
VIA ZOOM**

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Katherine Nutting called the meeting to order at 11:32 A.M. on March 2, 2021 via Zoom teleconference. Nina Tarnay recorded the minutes.

Ms. Nutting determined there was a quorum of the WBWA Board of Directors. Ms. Nutting welcomed the WBWA members and informed the members that Shawn Igoe has left the City of Manhattan Beach and introduced Lourdes Vargas as Shawn's replacement. Ms. Katherine asked for self-introductions.

The following WBWA directors were in attendance:

Katherine Nutting	Chris Repp
Lourdes Vargas	Chuck Schaich
Ron Sorensen	Thomas Lee

The following representatives were also in attendance:

Vera DeWitt	Carla Dillon
Harold Williams	Rudy Terriquez
Ted Johnson	Manuel Aguilar
Rob Beste	Brian Partington
Esther Rojas	Scott Houston
EJ Caldwell	Don Dear
Charles Campbell	Pat Shields
Matthew Vee	Toby Moore
Stephan Tucker	

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Following review, Ron Sorensen moved to approve the March 2021 Meeting Minutes. Chris Repp seconded and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

WEST BASIN WATER WATERMASTER REPORT

Water Rights Panel Update

Katherine Nutting reported:

- The Water Rights Panel will meet immediately following the WBWA meeting. The Panel will discuss issues related to the proposed budget and changes in Panel members. The Panel will also review its meter-testing contract with the Department of Water Services and consider extending that contact for another 2-year period.

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 February was 21,877.42 AF, which was an increase of 3,384.79 AF, or roughly 18.3% higher, over the same period last year. This increase was attributable to an increase in pumping by Golden State Water, Tesoro Refining, Brewer Desalter and the City of Torrance.
- As of April 29th, four leases have been processed, all with flex. The leases transferred 3,203.50 AF thus far. No sales or storage requests have been processed.
- The International Plant Growers has filed a Stipulation for Intervention, which was approved by the Panel, with the Court. IPG is leasing a parcel from the Sanitation District and they need to be a party in order to lease water for use on their parcel.
- The Administrative Body Staff is currently preparing its proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Staff is not proposing any changes to the budget; it will be the same as the previous year. The Panel will discuss its proposed budget for the next year at the meeting immediately following this one.
- The Pumper Portal is located at rights@wrp.org. Pumpers are encouraged to explore the site and provide any comments or recommended changes to WRD. The website is a work in process and updates are still being made based on feedback.
- Starting April 1, the District began pumping and remediating saline contaminated water at the Goldsworthy Desalter using the exemption it received under the Judgment Amendment. Since 2007 it has used the City of Torrance's rights. In 2018, the District filed a petition to amend the Judgment to allow it to pump contaminated water without adjudicated rights if certain criteria were met. Those criteria were met and the District began pumping water under the exemption instead of under Torrance's rights.

WRD REPORT

Rob Beste reported:

- The WRD and the Los Angeles DWP continue to work on the 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 have negotiated scope for the second phase of work to further develop implementable projects.

- PFAS Remediation Program: Discussions are on going. There are currently 13 applicants for funding. WRD is conducting one-on-one site visits to determine what the applicants' needs are.
- WRD's Brackish Groundwater Reclamation Feasibility Study: The study is moving forward and is going well. WRD is having stakeholder meetings to gather information and determine how to size the program.
- The budget process started in February and has gone through the RA process. The Board will hold a special meeting at 2:00 PM today to set the RA and approve the budget. The current amount is about a 3.1% increase, with 1% going to the PFAS program. The total RA will increase from \$382 to \$394.

Ted Johnson reported:

- Groundwater Basin Update: We've only had 6 and ¼ inches of rain so far this year. Normal is usually around 14.8 inches. We are in the second tier of drought conditions. Our basins are pretty stable so we are doing well on that front.
- Depth to groundwater levels at the Carson Key Well is 65' or 3' less than last year. The level here is pretty stable. As for the Lawndale Key Well, the depth to groundwater level there is 51'—it's also stable and close to last month and last year's number.
- Injections at barrier walls: At the West Coast Barrier, from July to March, about 10,000 AF were injected, 93% of which was recycled water from the Little Plant and 7% was imported water. At the Dominguez Gap Barrier, around 7,000 AF were injected, of which 43% was recycled water and 57% was imported. The aim is to increase the use of recycled water so we'll continue to see a trend in that direction.

WBMWD REPORT

EJ Caldwell reported:

- EJ Caldwell reviewed the WBMWD report that was included in the meeting packet.

LADWP REPORT

- Chris Repp reviewed the LADWP Report included in the meeting packet.

BAC/TAC REPORT

- Ms. Nutting reported that the TAC has not met recently.
- Rob Beste reported: The BAC had one meeting to share its budgeting process with interested parties.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Chuck Schaich presented the Treasurer's Report. The Report was received and filed.
- Chuck Schaich presented the Proposed Budget, which is similar to the current budget. The assessments will be the same. The dues will be reduced slightly because we have not had in person meetings—parties that pay an assessment will not be asked to contribute to membership dues for the next fiscal year. Non-pumpers will be assessed the usual \$500 dues to cover administration and meeting costs.

Discussions:

- Ms. Nutting proposed that the WBWA resume in-person meeting as soon as it's allowed and possible. Members voiced support for that possibility.

Next WBWA Meeting:

- The next WBWA meeting will be on June 1 at 11:30 A.M. via Zoom.

Adjournment:

- Ms. Nutting adjourned the meeting at 12:02 PM.

Katherine Nutting, Vice-President

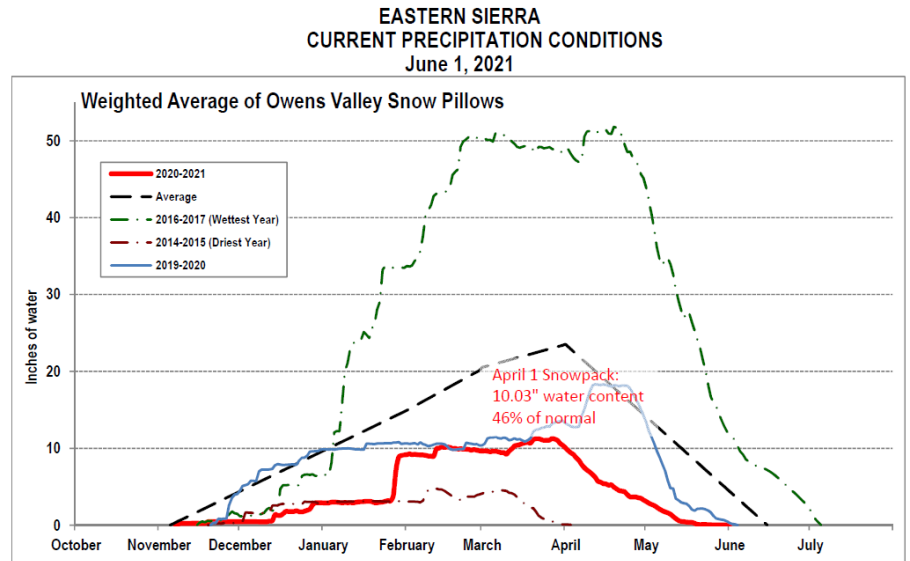
Nina Tarnay, Executive Administrator

West Basin Water Association LADWP Update - June 1, 2021

Update Provided by Manuel Aguilar

1. Metered Demand (Approximate Values)

Acre-Feet	2019	2020	2021
January	32,204	30,469	35,614
February	29,967	33,947	33,281
March	33,787	31,779	37,994
April	39,647	33,077	42,097
May	39,982	41,561	
June	42,360	43,759	
July	47,610	47,328	
August	48,851	48,091	
September	46,548	46,252	
October	46,449	45,946	
November	40,302	40,259	
December	33,044	39,408	



2. Recent Precipitation

- Ended snowpack year at 46% of normal.

3. COVID-19 – All staff reporting back to work full-time mid-June postponed until further notice.

4. Operation NEXT

- Ongoing Outreach within the City, delivering Op. NEXT presentations.
- Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) – Notice of Preparation (NOP) released on March 15 and comment period extended to May 15; Currently preparing draft Program description.
- Continuing ongoing work with WRD/Jacobs on Particle tracking analysis to determine Title 22 and Material Physical Harm (MPH) limitations on potential pilot injection wells in the Central Basin; we've recently received preliminary results.