



West Basin Water Association

Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, March 2, 2021
11:30 AM

Via Zoom:

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AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Quorum
- Approval of February, 2021 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 and Extended Legislative Update – 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, February 2, 2021

Shawn Igoe called the meeting to order at 11:35 A.M. on February 2, 2021 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	Denis Kurt
Mark Andersen	Chuck Schaich
Ron Sorensen	

The following representatives were also in attendance:

Vera DeWitt	Patrick Shields
Harold Williams	Carla Dillon
Katherine Fugate	Rudy Terriquez
Rob Beste	Manuel Aguilar
Andy Darlak	Gloria Gray
Gloria Gray	Chuck Campbell
Esther Rojas	Carol Kwan
EJ Caldwell	Rob Katherman
Russ Lefevre	Ted Johnson
Don Dear	Scott Houston
Chuck Campbell	Michael Hurley
Toby Moore	Brian Partington
Rob Katherman	Matthew Vee

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Following review, Ron Sorensen moved to approve the February 2021 Meeting Minutes. Chuck Schaich seconded and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

WEST BASIN WATER WATERMASTER REPORT

Water Rights Panel Update

Shawn Igoe reported:

- The Water Rights Panel will hold a meeting immediately following the WBWA meeting. Please stay on the Zoom if you are interested in attending. Discussions will include meter testing updates and an intervention request by International Plant Growers.

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 December was 16,960.38 AF, which was an increase of 2,483.21 AF, or roughly 17.2% higher, 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.
- The Pumper Portal is launching this month for pumpers to report their January production. Trainings via the Teams app has been conducted thus far. There will be two more training opportunities: February 9th and February 17th at 9:00 AM. Emails for the trainings were sent with your monthly pumping statements. New emails will be sent out this week to parties that typically process the monthly reports so they may have access to the site. The Pumper Portal will make reporting much easier and pumpers can obtain their monthly production reports at any time.
- The Annual Watermaster Report for AY 2019-20 is available on the District's website under the Watermaster-Administrative Body tab. The District has limited hard copies for anyone who would like a copy.

WRD REPORT

Rob Beste reported:

- WRD's Brackish Groundwater Reclamation Feasibility Study: The study is moving forward and is going well. Currently, the study is completing groundwater modeling to assess plume remediation and replenishment scenarios. WRD will continue with this additional work through March 2021.
- PFAS Remediation Program: The 13 valid applicants for the first round of funding should receive their agreements for review this week. The Board approved \$34 million of funding for the first round of well-head treatment support.
- 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. That phase kicked off on October 23, 2020 and is set to be complete by mid-2021.
- The budget process has started. There will be a Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 17th at 2:00 to review the mid-year budget and next year's budget and Replenishment Assessment alternatives.

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, February 4th at 11:00 am via conference call. Call-in information is printed on the agenda, which is available on WRD's website. All Board and Committee meetings continue to be by teleconference only during the Covid-19 restrictions.

WBMWD REPORT

Don Dear spoke: Mr. Dear announced the reorganization of the Board and introduced Harold William as the new Chair.

EJ Caldwell reported:

- Mr. Caldwell reported on MWD's Rate Refinement Process, noting West Basin's MWD Caucus meeting which will include Ms. Katano Kasaine (Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer, MWD) who will present on the topic.
- Mr. Caldwell thanked the members of the WBWA for working with West Basin staff on the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan. A customer workshop will be scheduled in early March.
- Mr. Caldwell provided an overview of West Basin's upcoming meetings/calendar.
- February 19 is the deadline for bill introductions in the CA state legislature. Mr. Caldwell will provide a legislative update at the March WBWA meeting.

LADWP REPORT

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

BAC/TAC REPORT

- Shawn Igoe reported: A BAC meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2021.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Chuck Schaich presented the Treasurer's Report. The Report was received and filed.

DISCUSSIONS:

- Mr. Beste announced that Stephanie Katsouleas retired from the City of Manhattan Beach. The Board acknowledged and thanked Ms. Katsouleas for her years of service on the WBWA Board.

Next WBWA Meeting:

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

Adjournment:

- Mr. Igoe adjourned at 12:07 PM to a Closed Session.

Shawn Igoe, President

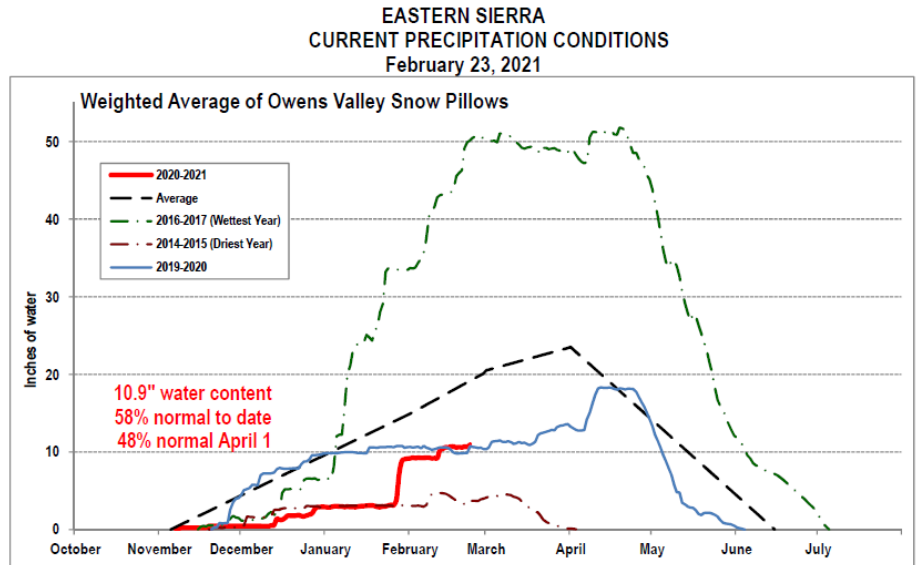
Nina Tarnay, Executive Administrator

West Basin Water Association LADWP Update – March 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	39,408



2. Recent Precipitation

- Looking ahead, there is much disagreement in the forecast models but they generally agree that the next month will be dry overall. That will take us almost all the way to April 1 so we'd be facing a less than 50% of normal year.

3. COVID-19 – Most staff to report back 1 to 2 days per week starting this week.

4. Operation NEXT

- Ongoing Outreach within the City, delivering Op. NEXT presentations to Council Districts within LA.
- Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) – Notice of Preparation (NOP) schedule to be released to the public in the 1st Quarter of 2021, tentative for sometime this month.
- To begin working on a Program Management Plan internally.
- Water Engineering Hydraulics teams to begin studying the potential and need for storage handle day/night demands in the Harbor area to accommodate additional WRD desalter flows.