



West Basin Water Association

Membership Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 2020
11:30 AM

Via Zoom:

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AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Quorum
- Approval of September, 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
- The next WBWA Quarterly meeting will be held on November 3 at 11:30 A.M.
- Adjourn

President Shawn Igoe

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**QUARTERLY MEETING
MINUTES
VIA ZOOM**

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Shawn Igoe called the meeting to order at 11:35 A.M. on Tuesday, September 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	Mark Andersen
Chuck Schaich	

The following representatives were also in attendance:

Stephanie Katsouleas	Russ Lefevre
Ted Johnson	EJ Caldwell
Rob Beste	Gloria Gray
Charles Campbell	Chuck Schaich
Esther Rojas	Andy Darlak
Scott Houston	Carla Dillon
Patrick Shields	Don Dear
Carol Kwan	Doug Chambliss
Harold Williams	Rudy Terriquez

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Following review, Katherine Nutting moved to approve the June 2020 Meeting Minutes. Mark Andersen seconded and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

WEST BASIN WATER WATERMASTER REPORT

Water Rights Panel Update

Shawn Igoe reported:

- The Panel met last month. Meter testing is ongoing. The Panel is still putting together its list of authorized contractors for meter testing in addition to the main meter testing contractor, DWR. Invoices have been sent for the 2020-21 assessment. Please be on the lookout and make payments upon receipt of invoice.

Administrative Body

Esther Rojas reported:

- Ms. Rojas reviewed the West Basin groundwater pumping data. Pumping in 2020 is up at the beginning of the water year. Pumping in the West Coast Basin for AY 2020-21 for the month of July was 2,720.92, which is 468.88 acre-feet higher (or 20.9% more) than the same period last year.
- Four leases have been processed with flex, transferring 3,203.50 acre-feet. There have been no water right sales or storage processed so far for the 2020-21 AY.
- The Administrative Body mailed out reminder letters to parties with outstanding consolidated invoices for AY 2020-21 on August 12, 2020. The invoices were originally mailed out on June 3, 2020. If you have not submitted your payment, please do so.
- The Administrative Body staff is working on drafting the annual Watermaster Report for AY 2019-20, which summarizes the basins transactions and activities. A draft will be made available to the Water Rights Panel by October 15.
- The Pumper Portal will roll out in the next few weeks. Users can obtain their monthly production reports through the portal. Pumpers who volunteered to beta test the new Portal, prior to releasing the final version to all pumpers, will be contacted soon for training. Subsequently, WRD will provide virtual training for all pumpers, and expect to roll-out the new Pumper Portal to all parties this Fall. This new tool will make monthly reporting much simpler for users and for WRD and will allow users to readily obtain the most current information on their water rights.

WRD REPORT

Rob Beste reported:

- WRD's brackish groundwater reclamation feasibility study 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 2020.
- The WRD and the LADWP 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 are now working to negotiate scope for the Phase 2 of the work which will develop projects.
- WRD prepared a draft PFAS Action Plan and presented it during the TAC/BAC meetings. WRD received comments, including support for phased funding, performance provision, and prioritization of wells. The updated Action Plan was adopted on August 20th, 2020. Applications for PFAS support are anticipated to be posted on the WRD website by September 10, 2020.

- The next WRD Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 3 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.

Ted Johnson reported:

- For the current Water Year (beginning October 1st), the WRD index shows 14.56 inches of precipitation has been received to date versus a normal of 15.51 inches, or 94% of normal.
- Depth to water in the Carson Key Well was 64.6 feet on August 28th, which is 0.4 foot lower than what was reported last month and 0.2 foot lower than this time last year. Depth to water in the Lawndale Key Well was 50.2 feet on August 28th, which is 0.4 foot lower than reported last month and 1.2 feet higher than this time last year.
- Preliminary numbers for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 (July) show that the West Coast Barrier had injected approximately 1,088 acre-feet of replenishment water, of which 99% was recycled water and 1% was imported water. The Dominguez Gap Barrier injected approximately 652 acre-feet of replenishment water, of which 73% was recycled water and 27% was imported water.
- For the Fiscal Year 2020-21 approximately 7,350 acre feet of storm water was captured by the County for spreading in the Montebello Forebay. In addition, WRD purchased approximately 3,548 acre-feet of recycled water for spreading. This has helped bring the groundwater basin operating range to nearly 52%, up from a low of 33% at the start of the Water Year.

WBMWD REPORT

EJ Caldwell reported:

- Met is maxing out its water supply and doing well. The State Water Project is at 20%.
- Efforts are being made to ramp up the Cash for Kitchen, Free Rain Barrel and Turf Replacement programs again.
- Senate Bill 625, the Bradford Bill, is on track and moving forward.
- The next MWD Caucus meeting is on September 9th.
- The next WBMWD Board meeting is on September 28th.

LADWP REPORT

- Christ Caldwell reviewed the LADWP report included in the meeting packet.

BAC/TAC REPORT

- There were no updates for the BAC/TAC report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Chuck Schaich presented the Treasurer's Report. The Report was received and filed. Invoices for the 2020-21 year will be sent out in the coming weeks. Please be on the lookout for them.

Next WBWA Meeting:

- The next WBWA quarterly meeting will be on November 3rd at 11:30 A.M. via Zoom.

Adjournment:

- Mr. Igoe adjourned the meeting at 12:06 PM.

Shawn Igoe, President

Nina Tarnay, Executive Administrator

West Basin Water Association Update



WEST BASIN SERVICE AREA PRODUCTION

Reporting Month	April 2020		May 2020		June 2020		July 2020	
Supplier Short Name	Production	% Saved	Production	% Saved	Production	% Saved	Production	% Saved
Cal Water	1,170.0	56.3%	1,718.0	16.0%	1,814.0	19.3%	1,969.0	19.8%
CWS Dominguez	2,121.0	28.7%	2,362.2	19.3%	2,362.2	18.1%	2,472.6	28.5%
CWS Hermosa	786.3	30.6%	786.3	42.8%	981.4	16.2%	1,085.3	8.8%
CWS PV	1,134.6	52.0%	1,541.1	30.3%	1,743.3	16.7%	1,931.5	12.0%
El Segundo	430.6	47.7%	404.1	58.0%	411.7	45.8%	407.1	57.0%
GSW Culver City	317.7	50.6%	395.6	28.9%	414.6	24.9%	439.4	22.3%
GSW Southwest	1,908.2	29.3%	2,256.3	17.2%	2,315.8	16.4%	2,457.3	14.3%
Hawthorne	316.7	9.4%	339.4	13.8%	339.4	10.6%	340.1	15.7%
Inglewood	657.5	26.4%	766.2	15.8%	796.9	14.4%	867.6	8.7%
LACWWD #29	509.7	26.3%	619.4	20.4%	783.4	-3.4%	707.2	16.8%
Lomita	148.4	38.1%						
Manhattan Beach	347.1	29.4%	416.6	20.5%	441.2	14.9%		

IMPORTED WATER UPDATE

MWD imported water supplies are very healthy for this time of year. The SWP is delivering 20% of Table A, while MWD is receiving 88% of its full CRA deliveries. MWD storage reserve levels have equaled its record “put” last year, with 3.1 million-acre feet in reserve. Both Diamond Valley Lake and Castaic Lake are near capacity, 87% and 89% respectively.

CALIFORNIA RESILIENCE BOND

As wildfires rage throughout the state, it is expected that the California State Legislature will work diligently this fall to come up with a Bond or infrastructure proposal for next year or the 2022 ballot.

In a press conference with the backdrop of remains from the Bear Fire, Governor Newsom said that he has tasked CalEPA Secretary Jared Blumenfeld and Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crowfoot “to go down every prescriptive goal that the state has, to go down that list and to dust off our current processes, our current strategies, and accelerate all of them, across the board. In terms of the work we’re doing — to not just broadly decarbonize our economy, but to specifically adapt strategies to get more electric vehicles out on the street, to electrify our transportation, to focus on our land-use efforts in this state in a much more dynamic and deliberative manner. To look at our soils policies in the state of California — our industrial and agricultural policies . . . Across the entire spectrum,

our goals are inadequate to the reality we're experiencing.”

Although AB 3256 (Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia), a \$6.98 billion general obligation bond, and SB 45 (Senator Ben Allen) of \$5.51 billion in general obligation bonds both failed to pass in 2020, both authors have expressed their intent to reintroduce the respective bills. As proposed, these bills were multi-faceted, seeking to finance projects for economic recovery, wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, climate resilience, drought preparation and flood protection.



WATER USE EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS - COVID-19

West Basin annually offers numerous water use efficiency programs to the residential, and commercial, industrial and institutional (CII) sectors in the West Basin service area. During the COVID-19 pandemic, West Basin's staff originally placed several programs on temporary hold, as we analyzed new implementation strategies to achieve our water use efficiency goals, while ensuring the safety of staff, our program partners, and the public. In the new fiscal year, West Basin staff is ready to re-launch several programs. This includes West Basin's Cash for Kitchens Program, the Change and Save residential program for regional disadvantaged communities, numerous virtual classes and education opportunities, and West Basin's free rain barrel program. To learn more about West Basin's updated water use efficiency program offerings, please visit www.westbasin.org, or contact Gus Meza, West Basin's Senior Water Use Efficiency Program Manager at gusm@westbasin.org or (310)660-6200.

MWD CHAIR ELECTION

At MWD's October Board Meeting, scheduled for October 13, at noon, the MWD Board will hold its Nomination and Election for MWD Board Chair. West Basin's Board President and current MWD Chairwoman, Gloria Gray, is seeking re-election as Chair. If elected, Chairwoman Gray would serve a two-year term effective January 1, 2021.

West Basin Municipal Water District Upcoming Meetings

West Basin Metropolitan Caucus: October 7, 2020 12:30 -1:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Board & Committee Meetings: October 12 and 13, 2020

West Basin Board Meeting: October 26, 2020 1:00 p.m.

West Basin Water Association LADWP Update – October 6, 2020

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	
September	46,471	46,548	
October	44,606	46,449	
November	40,637	40,302	
December	35,872	33,014	

2. COVID-19 – Most staff continue to telecommute, and report to the office, now, two days/week.

3. Operation NEXT

- Kicked off Outreach Program within the City, delivering Op. NEXT presentations throughout the City in conjunction with the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP).
- Request for Proposals (RFPs) proposal still open:
 - Expert Panel RFP
 - Owners Agent RFP