



West Basin Water Association

***Carson Community Center, 3 Civic Plaza, Carson
Adult Lounge***

**Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 4, 2020
11:30-12:00 Lunch and Social
12:00 Meeting**

AGENDA

- Call to Order / Quorum / Introductions
- Approval of January 2020 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 – EJ Caldwell/Alex Heide
- LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – EJ Caldwell
- LADWP Report – Chris Repp
- BAC/TAC Report – Katherine Nutting
- Treasurer’s Report – Chuck Schaich
- Special Presentation: Carla Dillon, Public Works Director, City of Lomita
City of Lomita Water Infrastructure
- Discussions
- Upcoming Meetings
 - ❖ WBMWD Caucus Meeting: February 5, 12:30 P.M. at WBMWD Headquarters
 - ❖ WRD Board Meeting: February 13, 9:30 A.M. at WRD Headquarters
 - ❖ WBMWD Board Meeting: February 24, 1:00 P.M. at WBMWD Headquarters
- The next WBWA quarterly meeting will be held on February 4, 2020, at the Carson Community Center.
- Adjourn to Closed Session

President, Katherine Nutting

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Ms. Katherine Nutting called the meeting to order at 12:07 P.M. on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at the Carson Community Center. 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 asked for self-introductions.

The following WBWA directors were in attendance:

Katherine Nutting	Mark Andersen
Andrew Darlak	Barmeshwar Rai
Lifan Xu	Shawn Igoe
Chris Repp	

The following representatives were also in attendance:

Ted Johnson	Russ Lefevre
Diane Gatza	Patrick Shields
Chuck Schaich	Rob Beste
Thomas Lee	Alex Heide
Donald Dear	Rob Katherman
Ric Roda	Dan Medina
Stephanie Katsouleas	Charles Campbell
E.J. Caldwell	Harold Williams
Scott Houston	Esther Rojas
Vera DeWitt	Barkev Meserlian

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Following review, Barmeshwar Rai moved to approve the December 2019 Meeting Minutes. Andy Darlak seconded and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

WEST BASIN WATER WATERMASTER REPORT

Water Rights Panel Update

Katherine Nutting reported:

- The WBWRP met in December and approved the Annual Watermaster Report and Stipulation for Intervention with Moon Valley Nurseries. The Amended Rules of the Watermaster was filed and approved by the Courts.

Administrative Body

Esther Rojas reported:

- Ms. Rojas reviewed the West Basin groundwater pumping data on the handout included in the meeting packet (a copy of the handout is available upon request).
- West Basin pumping for the period between July-November 2019 was 12,260 AF as compared to 11,738 over the same period in 2018. Three leases have been processed with flex. No water rights sales have been made or processed.
- The Annual Watermaster Report was approved by the WBWRP and filed with the courts. Hard copies of final 2018-19 Annual Watermaster Report are available upon request.
- All past annual reports, including the 2018-19 Annual Watermaster Report and templates, are available on WRD's Watermaster site.
- The December 12th Groundwater Storage workshop went well. Follow-up meetings will be held in the coming months.

WRD REPORT

Rob Katherman reported:

- The Budget Advisory Committee will meet on January 29th and another meeting will be held approximately 2 weeks after that date.

Rob Beste reported:

- Brian Partington is leading the newly formed PFAS working groups. The last meeting was well attended. These workshops will be ongoing and will be a great source of information.

Diane Gatze reported:

- Brackish Water Reclamation Project: The feasibility study is wrapping up and a working group will be formed shortly thereafter to carry out next-steps.
- Assessments: WRD is currently reviewing water rights assessments and ways to ensure water rights are being put to use.
- Masterplan with LADWP: WRD is continuing to work with LADWP on a masterplan for using replenishment water as groundwater recharge. The parties are looking at various sources, including Hyperion wastewater and reclaimed water as a recharge

source. Modeling of storage and replenishment options are currently being studied. The Masterplan is expected to be completed this June.

Esther Rojas Reported: Ms. Rojas reviewed the handout included in the meeting packet. A copy is available on WRD's website and is also available upon request.

WBMWD REPORT

EJ Caldwell Reported:

- Mr. Caldwell reviewed the information contained in the handout included in the meeting packet. A copy of the handout is available upon request.
- Tomorrow's Met Caucus meeting will focus mainly on drought resilience.

Russ Lefevre spoke:

- In October, the Feds issued a new biological opinion, but the State didn't follow federal suggestions and released a draft EIR. This could be a potentially huge issue. The Feds and State are in negotiations right now over how to proceed.
- In November, Met sent an offer to compromise in the San Diego lawsuit— negotiations have been in closed session but now a 998 proposal has been made public. The Water Authority sent a letter rejecting Met's 998 offer and countered with its own offer (the counter is available for review if anyone is interested).
- The State Water Project is considering a 10% allocation right now, but that number is expected to increase because all storage is way up. We are expecting more storms in the next couple of weeks so more water is expected.

LADWP REPORT:

Chris Repp Reported: Mr. Repp reviewed the LADWP handout included in the meeting packet. Current precipitation conditions are roughly 96% of normal and with predictions of upcoming storms; this number is expected to increase.

BAC/TAC REPORT

- No update. The TAC and BAC did not meet but BAC will meet at the end of the month.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Andy Darlak presented the November Treasurer's Report which was received and filed. Invoices have gone out—please be on the lookout for them and assist in getting them paid in a timely manner.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ❖ WBMWD Caucus Meeting: January 8, 12:30 P.M. at WBMWD Headquarters
- ❖ WRD Board Meeting: January 16, 9:30 A.M. at WRD Headquarters
- ❖ WBMWD Board Meeting: January 27, 1:00 P.M. at WBMWD Headquarters

Next WBWA Meeting:

- The next WBWA quarterly meeting will be held on February 4, 2020, at 11:30 A.M. at the Carson Community Center.

Adjournment:

- Ms. Nutting adjourned the meeting at 12:32 PM.

Katherine Nutting, President

Nina Tarnay, Executive Administrator