



West Basin Water Association

Membership Meeting
Tuesday, December 1, 2020
11:30 AM

Via Zoom:

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AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Quorum
- Approval of November, 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
- Setting of 2021 WBWA Meeting Schedule
- Adjourn

President Shawn Igoe

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**QUARTERLY MEETING
MINUTES
VIA ZOOM**

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Shawn Igoe called the meeting to order at 11:35 A.M. on Tuesday, November 3, 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
Chuck Schaich	Mark Andersen
Lifan Xu	

The following representatives were also in attendance:

Stephanie Katsouleas	Russ Lefevre
Ted Johnson	EJ Caldwell
Rob Beste	Andy Darlak
Esther Rojas	Andrew Thomas
Patrick Shields	David Clive
Martha Rodriguez	Rudy Terriquez
Harold Williams	Manuel Aguilar
Toby Moore	Gloria Gray
John Cruikshak	Chuck Campbell
Lyndsey Bloxom	Carol Kwan
Rob Katherman	Robb Whitaker
Russ Lefevre	Scott Houston
Don Dear	Michael Hurley

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Following review, Katherine Nutting moved to approve the October 2020 Meeting Minutes. Chuck Schaich seconded and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

WEST BASIN WATER WATERMASTER REPORT

Water Rights Panel Update

Shawn Igoe reported:

- The Panel did not meet last month. There will be a Water Rights Panel meeting immediately following the WBWA meeting for those interested in attending.

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 through the month of September was 8,472.10 AF, which was an increase of roughly 20% over the same period last year. This increase was attributable to an increase in pumping by Golden State Water, Tesoro 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. The Watermaster Report summarizes the basin's transactions and activities. A draft will be available for review and comments on the Administrative Body's website. Please review and provide comments or edits by November 6th. The WRP will review and approve it by December 15th as required by the Judgment.
- The Pumper Portal kicked off on October 20th. Volunteers will test the site for two weeks and provide feedback to staff. Once feedback is received, updates and fixes will be made before the full rollout is made in December. Training will be provided to all users interested. The portal will make monthly reporting much easier and pumpers can obtain their monthly production reports at any time.

WRD REPORT

Rob Beste reported:

- WRD's brackish groundwater reclamation feasibility study is going well. Currently working with the City of Torrance to identify potential sites. WRD has received permission to reach out to the community and will seek input from residents about the use of the City Yard site. This project will continue for the following year.
- 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.

Robb Whitaker reported:

- WRD prepared a draft PFAS Action Plan and presented it during the TAC/BAC meetings. The updated Action Plan was adopted on August 20th, 2020 with an approval of \$30 million. WRD

is looking to fund half of that program's budget by re-appropriating existing bond funds and other capital projects that can be deferred at this time. WRD is also exploring grant options to help fund the program if possible. Following the approval in August, WRD staff created the PFAS Treatment Funding Application which is posted on the WRD website. Applications were due on September 30th and WRD received 15 applications. On October 19th in a joint BAC/TAC meeting, the details of the applications were reviewed and discussed. Thirteen of the applications meet the qualifications of the program. Of those applications there were applications for \$32 million for wells that were currently at or above the response level representing annual production of 32,000 AF. WRD also received applications for wells that were within 25% of the response level. This isn't part of the program right now, but WRD is trying gauge the interest and needs rights now. WRD will consider whether to recommend an increase in funding for the program as it receives additional feedback.

Ted Johnson reported:

- Groundwater Basin: New Water Year started on October 1. For previous water year ending in October 31, the region hasn't received any rain so we are at 0% of normal.
- Seawater Barrier: At WC Barrier wells, about 3,300 AF have been injected since July, 96% of which was recycled water. At the Dominguez Gap Barrier, about 2,000 AF have been injected of which 56% was recycled water. Just this past Monday, however, LA was able to increase the recycled water injection from 4 million gallons a day to 6 million gallons a day.
- Groundwater levels. The depth to water level at Carson Key Well was 65 feet, about 2 feet lower than this time last year. In the Lawndale Key Well, the depth to water level was 50.6 feet, which is the same as last month and about 4.5 feet higher than this time last year.
- 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 another 10,000 AF of recycled water.
- The next WRD Board meeting is scheduled for 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:

- Urban Water Management Plan: Staff has recommended a consultant for the Plan. WB will hold a stakeholder meeting in December and will provide more information shortly.
- Met held its Chair election and unanimously reelected Chairwoman, Gorias Gray for a new 2 year term, beginning on January 1st.
- Regional Water Recycling program: MWD will provide an update on the Regional Water Recycling program at this month's Caucus Meeting.
- At November's Bay Delta meeting, MWD will provide an update on the funding agreement with the California Water Resources for MWD's proportionate share of the Delta conveyance project planning and preconstruction costs.
- The next MWD Caucus meeting is on November 4th at 12:30 PM. The WB Water Policy and Legislation Meeting will be held on November 17th. The WBMWD Board meeting will be held on November 23rd at 1:00 PM.

LADWP REPORT

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

BAC/TAC REPORT

- Shawn Igoe: The BAC/TAC meeting on the 19th focused on PFAS, as reported earlier by Rob Beste.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Chuck Schaich presented the Treasurer's Report. The Report was received and filed. Invoices for the 2020-21 have been sent out. Please be on the lookout for them and pay them as soon as possible. Expenses are down because we haven't been able to hold in person meetings. Financials look balanced and good.

Next WBWA Meeting:

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

Adjournment:

- Mr. Igoe adjourned the meeting at 12:02 PM.

Shawn Igoe, President

Nina Tarnay, Executive Administrator