

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATER POLICY COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT**

May 16, 2017

A meeting of the Water Policy Committee of Westlands Water District was held on May 16, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., at the District's Fresno Office, 3130 N. Fresno St., Fresno, California 93703.

Committee Members present:

Dan Errotabere, Chairman  
Gary Esajian  
Todd Neves  
Don Peracchi, ex-officio

Staff present:

Tom Birmingham, General Manager  
Dan Pope, Chief Operating Officer  
Jose Gutierrez, Deputy General Manager – Resources  
Bobbie Ormonde, Director of Finance and Administration  
Johnny Amaral, Deputy General Manager – External Affairs  
Gayle Holman, Public Affairs  
Phillip Williams, General Counsel  
Jeffery Mitchell, Special Counsel  
Shelley Ostrowski, Associate General Manager - Water Policy  
Russ Freeman, Supervisor of Resources

Approval of the Minutes

There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the Committee's Regular Meeting held on April 18, 2017 were accepted as circulated.

Consider Reauthorizing Cost Share Element of the Expanded Irrigation System Improvement Program (EISIP) using Public Purpose Program (P3) Funds

Mr. Freeman reported to the Committee that the Power and Water Resources Pooling Authority (PWRPA) administers P3 funds to finance projects that support energy efficiency. The District currently has about \$1,830,000 in P3 funds available through the end of 2017. The Board previously authorized using \$1 million of P3 funds to offer participants in the District's power programs a cost share incentive for purchasing drip/sprinkler systems through the EISIP. Based on the amount of P3 funds available, the District could provide funding assistance at the same level as previously authorized. The Committee directed staff to complete a follow up report and provide a prioritized list of District projects that could also utilize the P3 funds.

Projections of Water Supply and Use

Mr. Gutierrez updated the Committee on the status of the District's water use and supply.

Pending Action Items

None

Consider Board of Directors May 16, 2017 Agenda Items

7a: Consider Agreement with Contra Costa Water District for Storage and Exchange Demonstration Project, Utilizing Los Vaqueros Reservoir

7b: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update

Public Comment

Mr. Will Coit commented on charging fees to developers for easements regarding solar projects and for creating facilities to capture and store Kings River flows available at the Mendota Pool.

Closed Session

The Committee met in Closed Session. Upon returning from Closed Session it was reported that the Committee provided direction to real property negotiators.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.