

**BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY  
BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE**

**June 11, 2008 – 1:30 p.m.  
155 Bovet Road, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order: 1:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by committee Chair, John Fannon at 1:35. All members of the committee were present, constituting a quorum. A list of directors present (9) and members of the community attending is attached.

**2. Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**3. Reports:**

General Manager's Reports:

- A. Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) – Status Report: Mr. Jensen reported that the Quarterly Progress Report on the WSIP for the period ending March 31, 2008 was released recently. The July BAWSCA board agenda packet will put forward, for the board members' review, issues on the WSIP that are important to the customers outside of San Francisco.

As required by AB 1823, the SFPUC reported the adopted WSIP changes to the California Seismic Safety Commission (CSSC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). CSSC and CDPH shall examine the program changes for increased risks to public health and safety. CDPH's review of the WSIP changes was recently released, and it supported BAWSCA's recommendations.

CSSC's response may be delayed due to the lack of information from the SFPUC in regards to the schedule changes and seismic safety factors that CSSC would like to examine in order to fully understand whether there are increased risks to public health and safety.

The new Crystal Springs Bypass Tunnel project is included in the program change. The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for that project was certified by the San Francisco Planning Commission on June 5, 2008, and its design packet has been released.

- B. Program Environmental Impact Report Process - Update: The San Francisco Planning Department continues to look at the Alameda Creek fisheries issue and how it might affect the Calaveras Dam, and the SFPUC's variant that would limit water purchases to 184mgd up to 2018. Mr. Jensen emphasized that the SFPUC is not limited to discrete alternatives, and may choose any alternatives as long as an analysis has been done. BAWSCA encourages consideration of all alternatives.

The revised release date of the PEIR is September. Mr. Jensen stated that it is important to know that the decision-making body will change by the end of the fiscal year when terms of

some members of the Board of Supervisors end. The review and appeal process of the PEIR, if completed by the end of December, can be acted upon by currently seated members of the Board of Supervisors.

The San Francisco voters passed Measure E, which requires 1) the dismissal of all currently seated commissioners on August 1, 2008, 2) appointment of five new commissioners by the mayor and 3) confirmation or rejection of each appointee by a simple majority of the Board of Supervisors prior to assuming office. There is no time limit within which the Board of Supervisors must act, creating the possibility of a hiatus during which time a quorum of the commission might not exist.

Mr. Jensen reported that SFPUC General Manager, Ed Harrington is working hard to ensure that Measure E causes no delays or interruptions in the way SFPUC conducts business.

- C. Legislative Update: AB 2437 (Ruskin) passed the Senate committee on Natural Resources and Water on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The bill amends AB 1823, extending the sunset from 2010 to 2015.

AB 2175 (Laird and Feuer) is in the Senate Rules Committee. The bill has some controversy in the agricultural and urban sectors, and BAWSCA is working with the authors' staff to address some concerns. The bill is expected to go before the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

AB 2153 (Krekorian) failed to pass the Assembly Rules Committee.

- D. Water Conservation: BAWSCA's annual water conservation report will be distributed in the summer. The committee was presented with a summary of achievements made in FY 07-08. The joint Washing Machine Rebate Program with PG&E has approved 1,326 rebates since the program launched in January 2008. The commercial Washing Machine Rebate Program is ongoing and has generated 95 rebates to date. The new landscape contractor training workshop was successfully held. Attendance for this year's residential landscape classes increased by 8%, and the agency participation in the school education program increased 36%. The database program for the efficient administration of the WMRP is live and is working as anticipated.

A Regional High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program is expected to launch in the summer.

- E. Water Conservation Implementation Plan: Mr. Jensen reported that BAWSCA is working with agency representatives to clarify objectives of the plan and to develop a draft scope of work. Conservation plans developed by local agencies will be reviewed and used to the maximum extent possible. An authorization to release the Request for Proposals will be requested from the board at its July meeting.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) recently released a new draft Water Use Efficiency Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) as a result of AB 1420. Comments on the draft PSP were due June 10<sup>th</sup>, and concept proposals are due August 20<sup>th</sup>. A total of \$15 M is available through Proposition 50, and eligibility requirements for potential grant applicants have been updated to reflect the provisions of AB 1420.

Grant eligibility requires completion of Urban Water Management Plans and/or implementation of Foundational Best Management Practices (BMP's). BAWSCA member agencies are encouraged to follow up with DWR on the status of outstanding UWMPs.

The State set aside \$11M to aid agencies unable to comply with Foundational BMPs, to successfully implement them. Foundational BMPs' are a subset of California Urban Water Conservation Council (CUWCC) BMP's. The PSP is not a part of the integrated plan, and gives agencies the flexibility to apply individually or with other agencies. Further information on grant requirements will be provided to the TAC, and BAWSCA will continue to seek grant-funding partnership opportunities to benefit the membership.

Peter Drekmeier stated that Tuolumne River Trust is prepared to write a letter to DWR in support of BAWSCA member agencies' application.

Chair Fannon reported that the Town of Hillsborough recently completed a water conservation report. Nicole Sandkulla stated that the report is succinct, and shows the amount of conservation Hillsborough is doing. The report can serve as a template for other member agencies' use.

**4. Action Calendar:**

A. Approval of the Minutes from the April 9, 2008 Meeting:

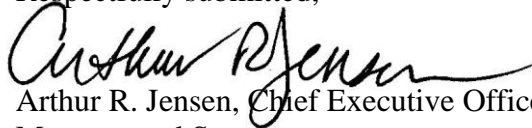
**M/S/C (O'Mahony/Kolstad/Unanimous) that the minutes of April 9, 2008 be approved and filed.**

**5. Comments by Committee Members:** There were no comments from the committee members.

**6. Adjournment to Closed Session:** Public Employee Performance Evaluation. There were no actions taken during closed session.

**7. Adjournment:** The committee adjourned at 3:15 pm. A special meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2008, immediately following the adjournment of the BAWSCA Board meeting, subsequent to the 7pm Board meeting of the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Water System Financing Authority (RFA). The BPC meeting will be held in Port room of the Foster City Community Building, located at 1000 East Hillsdale Blvd., Foster City.

Respectfully submitted,



Arthur R. Jensen, Chief Executive Officer/General Manager and Secretary

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Attachments: 1) Attendance Roster

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**Attendance Roster**

**Committee Members Present:**

|                          |                                       |
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| John Fannon, Chair       | Town of Hillsborough                  |
| Robert Craig, Vice Chair | Westborough Water District            |
| Cyril Bologoff           | City of Brisbane                      |
| Kelly Fergusson          | City of Menlo Park                    |
| Rob Guzzetta             | California Water Service Company      |
| Patrick Kolstad          | City of Santa Clara                   |
| Rosalie O'Mahony         | City of Burlingame                    |
| Chris Reynolds           | Skyline County Water District         |
| Rick Wykoff              | Estero Municipal Improvement District |

**BAWSCA Staff Members Present:**

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| Arthur Jensen    | Chief Executive Officer/General Manager |
| Nicole Sandkulla | Senior Water Resources Engineer         |
| Lourdes Enriquez | Assistant to the CEO/General Manager    |
| Ray McDevitt     | Hanson, Bridgett, Marcus et al.         |

**Guests:**

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| Peter Drekmeier  | Tuolumne River Trust                      |
| Nicolas Procos   | City of Palo Alto                         |
| Sharyn Saslafsky | San Francisco Public Utilities Commission |