**MEETING NOTES**

**WATER & POWER ASSOCIATES HYBRID BOARD MEETING – August 14, 2024**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Phyliss Currie, William Engels, Jack Feldman, Jerry Gewe, George Higgins, Jack Humphreville, Lawrence Kerrigan, James McDaniel, Saif Mogri, Scott Munson, Kenneth Silver, Robert Yoshimura

**OTHER MEMBERS & GUESTS PRESENT:**

James Enstrom, Grant Hoag, Steve McCann, David Oliphant, Arevik Petrosyan, Fred Pickell (presenter), Jack Waizenegger

**CALL TO ORDER: 10:20 AM** by Jerry Gewe, President.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Minutes:** The July 2024 Board meeting notes were transmitted to all Board members before today’s meeting. Jack Feldman moved and Jim McDaniel seconded the motion to approve. **The meeting notes were approved unanimously.**
2. **Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s July 2024 report was transmitted to all Board members before the meeting. Kenneth Silver moved and Jack Feldman seconded the motion to approve. **The treasurer’s reports were approved unanimously.**

**RECENT ACTIONS AND REPORTS:**

Several W&PA met with LADWP Water on the San Fernando Valley groundwater plans. The LADWP attendees seemed receptive to W&PA input. It was offered that the stormwater capture plan must coordinated with the groundwater pumping plan. The current plan lacks a cost-benefit analysis. Jerry commented that there may be value in tying up the park land now, even if it doesn’t make immediate sense. The program will not be fully approved until the bids are returned. Future construction projects must have water capture and zero runoff where possible. There was discussion that there would be difficulty getting water to the Northwest San Fernando Valley without imports.

It was pointed out that MWD funding is a combination of property tax and rates. Most MWD members are wholesale distributors and prefer property tax as a funding source so they can keep their rates down.

There was no meeting of the Strategic Long Term Resource Plan Advisory Committee since our last meeting. LADWP is holding an optional Distribution Meeting on Thursday August 15 for interested advisory group members. In a note to the group, Bill Barlak indicated he is continuing

to push for SLTRP technical analyses of the transmission system such as dynamic stability, voltage stability, and short-circuit duty.  He requested these studies be done, but was told the SLTRP team does not have the resources to perform them.  He pointed out that the current SLTRP effort is solely an effort to identify capacity and cost requirements.  DWP needs to thoroughly investigate the transmission system that is projected to exist in 2035 to ensure that it can meet electrical reliability standards. WP&A would like to review the document before a draft goes for public review.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Due to schedule conflicts, the Headworks tour has been postponed to October

September 11 Raphael Villegas – Manager of Operation NEXT – Plan update (tentative)

October 9 Field trip to Headworks Reservoir Site

November 13 Power Issue – To be determined

December 11 To be determined

**RECENT ACTIONS AND REPORTS (cont):**

Discussion on operation of Tillman Plant. There would be a benefit to increase flow into Tillman but infrastructure is lacking. There is also a requirement to release a certain amount of water into the LA River.

Discussion about redundancy in the water and power systems. The water system has redundancy in the downtown areas but other parts of the city lack redundancy. The power system has similar problems where the ability to supply power is constrained. Most renewables and hydroelectric power come into the northern part of the system and must flow through a constrained in-basin transmission system. Locational generation is critical. Periodic fires have caused loss of a large portion of the import capability.

It was noted that the DWP Commissioner indicated that distribution costs are not included in the LA100 plan. The NREL study assumed LADWP would have the distribution system up to date and only incremental costs for PV and charging were included.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Fred Pickell, Rate Payer Advocate, was the guest speaker. He provided a review of his time as RPA and status of his replacement. (See Attachment 1).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 PM by Jerry Gewe.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Kenneth Silver, Secretary**