**MEETING NOTES**

**WATER & POWER ASSOCIATES HYBRID BOARD MEETING – April 10, 2024**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

William Barlak, Phyliss Currie, Willaim Engels, Jack Feldman, Jerry Gewe, George Higgins,

Lawrence Kerrigan, Saif Mogri, Scott Munson, Susan Rowghani, Donald Sievertson,

Kenneth Silver, Robert Yoshimura, Walter Zeisl

**OTHER MEMBERS & GUESTS PRESENT:**

Nicholas Alexander, Steve Boyer, Grant Hoag, Steven McCann, Denis Obiang (presenter), Kjell Ostensen, Jack Waizenegger, Alejandro Zaragoza

**CALL TO ORDER: 10:12 AM** by President Jerry Gewe.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Minutes:** The March 2024 Board meeting notes were transmitted to all Board members before today’s meeting. Jack Feldman moved and Phyliss Currie seconded the motion to approve. **The meeting notes were approved unanimously.**
2. **Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s January and February 2024 reports were transmitted to all Board members before the meeting. Phyliss Currie moved and Jack Feldman seconded the motion to approve. **The treasurer’s reports were approved unanimously.**

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Jerry Gewe reported on plans for future meetings

May 8 Ben Wong Water Resources Development

2024 Water Supply Situation for Los Angeles

June 12 Mark Young - General Manager, Glendale Water & Power (Invited)

Keys to their recent successful rate increase & Challenges facing Glendale

July 10 Raphael Villagas Manager of Operation NEXT – (Tentative)

Update on Plans for Operation Next

September 11 LADWP Board Member (to be invited)

October 9 Field trip to Headworks Reservoir Site - (Tentative)

**RECENT ACTIONS AND REPORTS:**

The April 9 snowpack report shows snowpack is slightly above normal for the year.

Jerry Gewe reported MWD rates will go up 5.5% and property tax assessment will double.

Bill Barlak reported on LADWP’s 2024 Strategic Long-Term Resource Plan (SLRTP) effort.

A kick-off meeting of the advisory group was held on March 21. The advisory group has greatly expanded to 84 members representing eight Stakeholder Categories: Academia, Business and Workforce, City Government, Neighborhood Councils, Environmental Groups, Community-Based Groups, Premier Accounts and Key Customers, and Utilities. Of these eight categories, representatives from two, City Government and Community-Based Groups, make up 60% of the 84 members. Each organization shared some thoughts with equity being a major topic.

SLTRP staff reviewed the goals, assumptions, and results of the 2022 Study. Of three potential cases meeting the City Council goal, LADWP recommended Case 1 be adopted as the blueprint to achieve 100% renewables by 2035. Case 1 assumed 80% RPS by 2030, high level of DER’s, medium level of transmission additions, natural gas phase out by 2035, and green H2 as backup. The 2022 SLTRP results show the build rates for Case 1 to be 1,100 MW per year between 2022 and 2035, which is double the build rate for the SB 100 case in the same period, and more than five times the historic build rate. This build rate is for resources only and does not include transmission and distribution improvements required to accommodate the new resources. Funding the additions and betterments required for Case 1 to reach zero carbon emissions by 2035 will require an average annual retail rate increase of almost 8% between 2022 and 2035, with the average customer bill increasing by around 160% between 2022 and 2035.

The results of the Equity Strategies Study performed as part of the original LA100 Study were also presented. The five priorities identified in the Equity effort are: affordability and energy burdens; access to and use of energy technologies, programs, and infrastructure; health, safety, and community resilience; jobs and workforce development; and inclusive community involvement. The presentation is available at LADWP.com/SLTRP in the SLTRP LA100 Equity Strategies Presentation link.

The Power System Strategic Vision was also presented. There are 34 major transmission-related projects, representing 558 miles of transmission, under development in existing rights-of-way. All of these projects are scheduled to be completed by 2030. Plans for the Distribution System include:

1. Expanding the 34.5kV system to accommodate more EV chargers.
2. Shift large customer loads from the 4.8kV system to the 34.5kV system to relieve 4.8kV loading.
3. Reduce the number of new Distribution Stations.
4. Upgrade Port of LA distribution system to accommodate electric trucks
5. Continue the support of LAX with their future energy needs.

There will be five more Advisory Group meetings are scheduled in 2024. Public meetings will be held to get community input. Final approval is planned for February 2025.

Grant Hoag shared current LADWP rate information. Power rates are down approximately 2% for the next period while water rates are up 11-13%.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Denis Obiang – LADWP Director, Power System Planning was the guest speaker. Denis provided an update on Power System Transmission & Distribution plans (See Attachment 1).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM by Jerry Gewe.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Kenneth Silver, Secretary**