Energy, Water & Environmental Sustainability Council

February 21, 2014
10-11:30 am

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

2. L.A.'s Drought Response

   *Special Guests:* Debra Man, Assistant General Manager/Chief Operating Officer, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
   
   Martin Adams, Director of Water Operations, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

   California is experiencing one of the worst droughts in state history. Gov. Jerry Brown recently declared a state of emergency and asked Californians to reduce their water usage by 20 percent. Many businesses in Los Angeles need a reliable source of water to run their business, and the ongoing drought is creating uncertainty about L.A.'s water future.

   L.A.'s water officials will discuss the severity of the drought, the impact it could have on L.A.'s businesses and the longer term investments needed to improve the reliability of L.A.'s water supply.

3. Announcements

   **Upcoming Events:**
   - ACCESS DC: Los Angeles on the Hill: March 10th-12th

   **Next Meeting:**
   Tuesday, April 18th, 10-11:30 am
Debra C. Man is the assistant general manager and chief operating officer for Metropolitan. She is responsible for managing the operational business functions of the district, which include system operations, engineering, planning and resources management. In this position, one of her primary duties is to implement the Chief Executive Officer's Business Plan and initiatives, as well as, to oversee the application and operational practice of the Board's policies and directives.

She brings to her position 20 years of experience at Metropolitan in various aspects of business and water management. During this tenure, she was responsible for securing water supplies through agreements and partnerships with other water and agricultural interests in San Joaquin Valley and Southern California and demonstrated Metropolitan's water supply reliability in compliance with current laws. She was also responsible for major initiatives adopted by Metropolitan's board, such as the Integrated Resources Plan, new rate structure, and facility plans and environmental review for the district's major expansion of its distribution system and water filtration plants.

Man began her career at Metropolitan in 1986 as an engineer in the district's resources division, developing groundwater storage programs. She advanced to become a principal engineer in the planning division in January 1990 with the responsibility of overseeing facility plans for the district's capital improvement program. She progressed to assistant director of planning in September of 1990, director of planning in November 1992, and chief of planning and resources in July 1994. She became Vice President for Water Transfers and Exchanges in July 1999. She was named the Chief Operating Officer in December 2003.

A native of Honolulu, Man earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Hawaii and a master's degree in civil/environmental engineering from Stanford University.

Prior to joining Metropolitan, she was a project engineer for a private engineering firm in Southern California for four years, planning and designing water and wastewater treatment and distribution facilities.

A registered professional civil engineer in California and Hawaii, Man is a member of the American Water Works Association and the Association of California Water Agencies.
Mr. Martin Adams  
Director of Water Operations  
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Mr. Martin Adams is the Director of Water Operations for the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power. A civil engineer by training, Adams is a native of Glendale and attended Loyola Marymount University. He has been involved in Los Angeles and regional water issues for 30 years, with a career that has touched on most every aspect of Los Angeles' water system, including planning, design, and operation.

In his current capacity, Adams heads the division that is charged with day-to-day control of Los Angeles' water supply and its extensive water delivery and treatment systems. His responsibilities include operation and maintenance of the Los Angeles Aqueduct, which stretches 300 miles north to catch eastern Sierra snowmelt from the Owens Valley and Mono Basin. Operation of the Aqueduct is intertwined with on-going political and environmental negotiations and construction of major environmental mitigations needed to protect delivery of this critical water supply.

Adams' duties also include day-to-day operation of the Los Angeles city water system, including treatment, disinfection, and water system security. The Los Angeles water system serves 4 million residents from the San Fernando Valley to San Pedro is considered to be one of the most complex systems in the world.

Prior to operations, Adams oversaw the planning and implementation of sweeping changes to the L.A. water system, centered around the removal of open distribution reservoirs to meet water quality and security concerns. Those efforts involved negotiating with community groups to hammer out details and innovative solutions for the large-scale projects needed to satisfy new water quality regulations. Adams continues with community negotiations today regarding new water quality projects as well as the use and upkeep of water system properties. His role at the helm of Water Operations follows an earlier stint during which he oversaw operations during the 1994 Northridge earthquake and the 1992 Los Angeles riots.

Adams also serves on the Water and Power Board for the City of Burbank, where he currently resides with his family.
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Past trips have included meetings with high profile elected officials, such as
and Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives John Boehner.

2014 Trip Schedule

Monday, March 10
Travel Day
6:30 p.m. Welcome Reception

Tuesday, March 11
7:45 - 9 a.m. Delegation Breakfast with Sen. Dianne Feinstein*
10 a.m. White House Briefing
1 - 2 p.m. Delegation Meeting with Sen. Barbara Boxer*
All Day Administration/Agency and Capitol Hill Advocacy Meetings
5:30 - 7 p.m. Reception

Wednesday, March 12
8 - 9:30 a.m. Delegation Breakfast with Department of Transportation Sec. Anthony Foxx*
All Day Administration/Agency and Capitol Hill Advocacy Meetings
6 p.m. Closing Night Dinner

* invited guests. Schedule subject to change

The trip includes large group briefings, events and small group meetings on Capitol Hill. Participants can choose one of the following advocacy tracks:

- Education
  - Early Education
  - K-12
  - Higher Education
- Health Care
- Housing & Homelessness
- Regional Economy
- Technology
- Transportation & Goods Movement Infrastructure
- Water
- Workforce Development

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