Board of Directors

Facilities Naming Ad Hoc Committee

6/25/2019 Committee Meeting

Subject

Approve naming The Lake Mathews Multiple Species Reserve in honor of former Metropolitan Board Chairwoman Lois B. Krieger; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Executive Summary

Metropolitan’s Facilities Naming Policy Principle establishes approved standard criteria and procedures to submit a naming request for consideration by Metropolitan’s Board. The Facilities Naming Ad Hoc Committee in January 2019 approved naming a Metropolitan facility after former Board Chairwoman Lois B. Krieger. This Board action is to approve this nomination and to select and name a specified Metropolitan facility in honor of the nominee.

Details

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is responsible for its facilities including construction of new facilities, and operations and maintenance of existing facilities. A Metropolitan facility may be named or renamed after an individual, group of individuals, or an organization. The primary criteria for naming or renaming a Metropolitan facility is to honor an individual, group of individuals or organization that has or have had a substantial, important and positive impact upon Metropolitan as a member of its Board or as an employee, and/or demonstrated civic achievements of the highest distinction while maintaining close ties with and providing significant support to Metropolitan, and/or the water industry.

Lois B. Krieger Nomination

Lois B. Krieger served 25 years on Metropolitan’s Board of Directors as a representative of the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County and served as the first Board Chairwoman. Krieger joined the Board in 1976, and two years after being elected vice chair, she was unanimously voted Chair of the Board in 1989, holding that position through 1992. Krieger also served as the first woman president of the Association of California Water Agencies from 1988-1989, where her consensus-based approach proved instrumental in developing a comprehensive water policy, “Water for Californians.”

Krieger was a trailblazer with a passionate commitment to solving the state’s water problems. She helped Metropolitan’s Board navigate the 1987-92 drought and spearheaded efforts to address challenges in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. She was an advocate for building Diamond Valley Lake, developing water transfers and storage agreements and modernizing the State Water Project.

Under Krieger’s leadership, the Board crafted Metropolitan’s mission statement to provide “adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water in an environmentally and economically responsible way.” She also served as a board member for the California Water Resources Association and the Water Education Foundation and received the Citizen Award from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Previous Committee Action

In voting at the January 7, 2019 committee meeting to authorize naming a Metropolitan facility after Lois B. Krieger, the committee directed staff to work with Western Municipal Water District to identify a facility in southwest Riverside County for such an honor. The subsequent Metropolitan-Western collaboration identified
The Lake Mathews Multiple Species Reserve (Reserve) as the recommended facility to name in Lois B. Krieger’s honor.

The Reserve encompasses 5,110 acres of land surrounding Lake Mathews that is managed for native habitat and sensitive plant and animal species through ongoing partnerships between Metropolitan, the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency, United States Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. On May 24, 2019, the Reserve Management Committee comprised of Metropolitan and the three other agencies charged with managing the Reserve, approved Metropolitan’s request and use of the name: The Lake Mathews Multiple Species Reserve in honor of Lois B. Krieger. For the purposes of administering the various Reserve-related agreements, the Reserve’s legal name will remain The Lake Mathews Multiple Species Reserve. If the name change is approved by the Board, an event will be planned later this year to celebrate the naming of The Lake Mathews Multiple Species Reserve in honor of Lois B. Krieger.

Attachment 1 provides a map of Lake Mathews and the surrounding Reserve and designates the recommended signage for The Lake Mathews Multiple Species Reserve in honor of Lois B. Krieger. Attachment 2 provides a preliminary design of the signage for The Lake Mathews Multiple Species Reserve in honor of Lois B. Krieger. Attachment 3 provides Western Municipal Water District’s Lois B. Krieger nomination packet.

Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 11104: Delegation of Responsibilities

By Minute Item 51324, dated September 11, 2018, the Board adopted the proposed Metropolitan Facilities Naming Policy Principle as a Board-Adopted Policy Principle

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA determinations for Option #1:

The proposed action involves the naming of a facility and as such is not defined as a project under CEQA (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378) because the proposed action involves organizational and administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment (Section 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines). Also, the proposed action is not subject to CEQA because it can be seen with certainty that designating a name for a facility will not cause a significant effect on the physical environment (Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines).

CEQA determinations for Option #2:

None required.

Board Options

Option #1

Approve naming The Lake Mathews Multiple Species Reserve in honor of former Metropolitan Board Chairwoman Lois B. Krieger.

**Fiscal Impact:** Minimal costs consisting of the estimated cost to provide signage at the relevant facility. Staff work would be required to update the name of the facility on documents and information materials.

**Business Analysis:** Approval of naming a selected Metropolitan facility in honor of Lois B. Krieger will demonstrate the important and positive impact of this individual in shaping Metropolitan’s history.

Option #2

Take no action.

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Business Analysis:** If the nomination is not approved, Metropolitan would forgo the opportunity to acknowledge the impact and importance Lois B. Krieger had in shaping Metropolitan’s history.
Staff Recommendation

Option #1

Attachment 1 – Proposed Sign Installation Locations Map
Attachment 2 – Preliminary Design of Signage
Attachment 3 – Lois B. Krieger Nomination Packet

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Krieger Proposed Sign Installation Locations Map
Lois B. Krieger served as the first Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California from 1989 to 1992. She represented the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County on the Board from 1976 to 1992. Krieger was a trailblazer with a passionate commitment to solving the state’s water problems. She helped the Board navigate the 1987-92 drought and spearheaded efforts to address challenges in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. She was an advocate for building the Diamond Valley Lake reservoir, championed water transfers and storage agreements, and supported the modernization of the State Water Project.

Under Krieger’s leadership, the Board crafted Metropolitan’s mission statement to provide “adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water in an environmentally and economically responsible way.” Krieger also served as the first woman president of the Association of California Water Agencies.

On XXXX, 2019, the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California voted to name the Lake Mathews Multiple Species Reserve in honor of Lois B. Krieger with profound gratitude for the enduring contributions she made to provide Southern California with a safe and reliable supply of water.
November 15, 2018

Director John Morris  
Chair, Facilities Naming Committee  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
700 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2944

FACILITIES NAMING REQUEST IN HONOR OF LOIS B. KRIEGER

Dear Chairman Morris and Committee members:

On behalf of Western Municipal Water District (Western) staff and our Board of Directors, we are pleased to submit a letter in support of naming a Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) facility in honor of long-time Western and Metropolitan board member Lois B. Krieger. Ms. Krieger’s lasting contributions and leadership left a mark throughout the Inland Empire and the State of California.

Ms. Krieger served as Western’s representative on Metropolitan’s Board of Directors for more than two decades, serving from 1976 to 2001. She made history as the first female chairperson on the Metropolitan Board. Her tenure as board chair took place during a critical time in Metropolitan’s history, when the state was locked in a multi-year drought and engaged in hearings that would lead to the 1994 Bay-Delta Accord. Ms. Krieger was an advocate of Diamond Valley Lake, water transfers and storage agreements. She also pushed for modernization of the State Water Project.

Lois was also honored by the Bureau of Reclamation with its Citizen Award for her commitment to the needs of the water community in Southern California and partnership with the Bureau. Holding the position as the first woman president for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), serving in 1988 and 1989, Lois was instrumental in developing a comprehensive water policy, “Water for Californians.”

While Ms. Krieger passed away in 2014, her 25 years of stellar career contributions to our region and the water industry are long lasting. Western and our customers have greatly benefitted from Ms. Krieger’s solid leadership, and we respectfully request your consideration in naming a Metropolitan facility in honor of Ms. Krieger.

Sincerely,

BRENDA DENNSTEDT  
Board President

CRAIG MILLER  
General Manager
MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 15, 2018

TO: Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors

FROM: Craig Miller, General Manager

SUBJECT: Metropolitan Facilities Naming Request – Lois B. Krieger

Western Municipal Water District (Western) is honored to submit a facilities naming request to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) Board of Directors, in honor of Lois B. Krieger. Ms. Krieger left a long-lasting legacy of transforming water policy in the Inland Empire and throughout the state.

Career Serving Metropolitan Water District

1976 - 2001 Metropolitan Water District Board Member on behalf of Western Municipal Water District
1989-1992 Metropolitan Chair of the Board

Notable Accomplishments

- Metropolitan tenure as board chair took place during a critical time in Metropolitan history, when the state was locked in a multi-year drought and engaged in hearings that would lead to the 1994 Bay-Delta Accord
- Advocated for Diamond Valley Lake, water transfers and storage agreements
- Advocated for modernization of the State Water Project
- Honored in 1993 by the Bureau of Reclamation with its Citizen Award for her commitment to the needs of the water community in Southern California and partnership with the Bureau
- Maintained an instrumental role in developing a comprehensive water policy with ACWA, “Water for Californians” that was published in 1989

Rationale

Ms. Krieger was instrumental in the development of water policy for the state of California as well as the Inland Empire. She was a pioneer in the water industry, serving on Western's Board of Directors for more than 20 years. She left her mark on California water history as the first female board chair of Metropolitan and first female president for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA).
MEMORANDUM

Western Municipal Water District respectfully requests to name a Metropolitan facility after Ms. Lois Krieger to honor her commitment to water and the communities she served. We thank you for your consideration in this matter.
November 15, 2018

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Chair, Facilities Naming Committee  
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Subject: Facilities Naming Request in Honor of Lois B. Krieger

Dear Chairman Morris and Committee members:

On behalf of Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) and its Board of Directors, we would like to state our support of naming a Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) facility in honor of longtime MWD Board Member Lois B. Krieger for her contributions to the water industry and our region.

Director Krieger served the MWD Board of Directors from 1976 until 2001, becoming the first female Chairperson in MWD’s history. Her leadership came during pivotal times in California’s water history, including hearings that ultimately became the Bay-Delta Accord. She also advocated for Diamond Valley Lake, water transfers, and storage agreements, all of which have created a region that is better equipped to manage California’s changing water cycles and population growth.

For these efforts and others, we respectfully request your consideration in posthumously naming a facility in honor of Ms. Krieger.

Sincerely,

Randy A. Record, Director, and Chairman of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Paul D. Jones II, P.E.  
General Manager
Nov. 16, 2018

Director John Morris
Chair, Facilities Naming Committee
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
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RE: FACILITIES NAMING REQUEST IN HONOR OF LOIS B. KRIEGER

Dear Chairman Morris and Committee members:

On behalf of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), I would like to extend my full support for naming a Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) facility in honor of former ACWA Board President and long-time MWD board member Lois B. Krieger for her many lasting contributions and achievements in the California water industry.

During the early years of my career, Lois was a treasured mentor to me. From her, I learned the importance of listening to others and trying to be a statesman through collaboration, instead of focusing narrowly on your own interests. This ethic of collaboration has followed me throughout my 40-year career in water and has been instrumental in many of the successful outcomes I have achieved at both MWD and ACWA.

Lois was actively involved in ACWA and became the association’s first female Board President, serving in the role in 1988 and 1989. At ACWA, Lois worked with her Board colleagues on many statewide and federal water issues of great importance. She was particularly instrumental in developing a consensus-based, comprehensive water policy titled “Water for All Californians” that was published in 1989.

In addition to her involvement at ACWA, Lois served on MWD’s Board of Directors for more than 20 years. Not long after her tenure as ACWA President, Lois made history again by being chosen as the first female chairperson of the MWD Board. During her time on the board, she advocated for many critical water issues, including the 1994 Bay-Delta Accord, construction of Diamond Valley Lake as part of a multi-billion Capital Improvement Program, storage agreements, and the modernization of the State Water Project.
Lois was a great leader and dear friend to everyone she worked with. Her 25 years of valuable contributions to the water industry will not soon be forgotten. I join my colleagues in respectfully requesting your consideration in naming a MWD facility in honor of Ms. Krieger.

Sincerely,

Timothy Quinn
ACWA Executive Director