

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

April 10, 2023

Director Fellow called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

Members present: Directors Dick, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Gray (teleconference posted location), Pressman (teleconference posted location), and Sutley.

Members absent: Directors Cordero, De Jesus, Luna, and McCoy.

Other Members present: Abdo, Ackerman, Armstrong, Dennstedt, Miller, Ortega, Peterson, Ramos, and Smith.

Committee Staff present: Hagekhalil, Kasaine, Redin, Ros, Scully, and Thomas.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Business Outreach Update

Presented by: John Arena, Section Manager

Ms. Katano introduced the item and Mr. Arena presented the committee with an overview of the business outreach annual report for 2021 through 2022. His presentation included core objectives, history and milestones, strategic business alliances, outreach and engagement, new initiatives, contract awards, and total SBE Utilization.

Item 7a was heard prior to item 6b.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

7a. Subject: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager's Report

Presented by: Liji Thomas, Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer

Ms. Thomas presented the committee with an update on the DE&I assessment and roadmap that will be brought back to the committee in the next few months.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS (CONTINUE)

b. Subject: Panel Discussion on Rubidoux Community Services District

Presented by: Adel Hagekhalil, General Manager
Craig Miller, General Manager of Western Municipal Water District
Sandy Kerl, General Manager of San Diego County Water District
Alex Rojas, General Manager of Central Basin

Director Fellow introduced the item and Mr. Hagekhalil presented the committee with an overview of the Rubidoux Community.

Mr. Miller provided a brief presentation of Western Municipal Water District's request and a brief overview of the agreement. Ms. Kerl and Mr. Rojas provided introductory comments.

Director Fellow opened the discussion.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Fellow
2. Ortega
3. Garza
4. Petersen
5. Fong-Sakai
6. Miller
7. Smith
8. Dick
9. Armstrong
10. Seckel

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Anthony Fellow
Director