

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

July 9, 2024

Chair McCoy called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Members present: Cordero, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Fellow, Gray (teleconference location posted), McCoy, and Sutley.

Members absent: Directors Dick, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Garza, and Luna.

Other Members present: Abdo, Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Bryant, Erdman, Goldberg, Kurtz, Miller, Morris, Ortega, and Seckel.

Committee Staff present: Chapman, Kasaine, Rohen, Ros, and Wheeler.

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

- a. Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee for May 14, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions)

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

Director Fellow made a motion, seconded by Director De Jesus, to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Cordero, De Jesus, Dennstedt, , Fellow, Gray, McCoy, and Sutley.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Dick, Faessel, Fong-Sakai, Garza, and Luna.

The motion for item 2a passed by a vote of 7 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 5 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Panel Discussion on Spanish Language Inspection Trip and Outreach Opportunities

Panelists:

Cristina Ivens, Ethnos

Genesis Lopez, Andres y Maria Cardenas Family Foundation

Patty Lopez, City of San Fernando Commissioner

Raul Macias, Anahuak Youth Sports Association

Presented By: Dee Zinke, Assistant General Manager/Chief External Affairs Officer.

Ms. Zinke introduced the item, provided background, and introduced Eduardo Garcia, who led the inspection trip and provided translation for the panel. Next, Chair Ortega provided additional background and explained what initiated this inspection trip. Ms. Zinke introduced the panelists: Cristina Ivens, Liderazgo Comunitario Ethnos; Gennesis Lopez, Executive Director Andres y Maria Cardenas Family Foundation; Patty Lopez, Commissioner for City of San Fernando; Raul Macias, Presidente Anahuak Youth Sports Association.

Next, Ms. Zinke asked the panel the following questions: 1. What is your favorite memory of this trip and what did you learn? 2. How will you share what you learned with your community? 3. How did your experience change with the trip being conducted in Spanish? 4. What strategies are effective in reaching Spanish-speaking communities? 5. How should we design future trips to better engage the Spanish-speaking community? 6. How can we use our inspection trips to strengthen a grassroots network for water? Lastly, Ms. Zinke provided an overview of expanding outreach and future potential trips with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Ortega
2. McCoy

Staff responded to the Directors' comments and questions.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- a. Subject: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion activities

No report was given.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Tana McCoy
Chair