

# **THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

## **MINUTES**

### **SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-TERM REGIONAL PLANNING PROCESS AND BUSINESS MODELING**

**December 19, 2023**

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Members present: Directors Alvarez, Armstrong, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, McMillan (teleconference posted location), Petersen, Quinn, and Seckel.

Members absent: Director Sutley.

Other Board Members present: Directors Ackerman, Bryant, Camacho, De Jesus (teleconference posted location), Dennstedt (AB 2449), Goldberg, Kurtz (AB 2449), Lefevre (teleconference posted location), Miller (AB 2449) and Peterson (teleconference posted location).

Director Miller indicated he is participating under AB 2449 “just cause” due to illness. Director Miller appeared by audio and on camera.

Director Dennstedt indicated she is participating under AB 2449 “just cause” due to illness. Director Dennstedt appeared by audio and on camera.

Director Kurtz indicated she is participating under AB 2449 “just cause” due to health issue. Director Kurtz appeared by audio and on camera.

Committee Staff present: Crosson, Kasaine, Mortada, Quilizapa, and Ros.

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

Brandi Vanderjagt, Metropolitan Water District Recurrent Employee commented on workplace concerns.

Vivian Wilson, Metropolitan Water District Recurrent Employee commented on workplace concerns.

Darcy Burke, Elsinore Valley municipal Water District Board of Directors commented on item 3b.

Susie Miller, Metropolitan Water District Recurrent Employee commented on workplace concerns.

Caty Wagner, Sierra Club California commented on the Delta tunnel.

Sydney, no affiliation commented on the Delta tunnel.

Wesley Cho, California Resident commented on the Delta tunnel.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION**

**2.      CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION**

- A.**      Approval of the Minutes of the Subcommittee on Long-Term Regional Planning Processes and Business Modeling for November 27, 2023 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions)

Director Fong-Sakai made a motion, seconded by Director Quinn, to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes:              Directors Alvarez, Armstrong, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, McMillan, Petersen, Quinn, and Seckel.  
Noes:              None  
Abstentions:      None  
Absent:            Director Sutley.

The motion for Item 2A passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

**3.      SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS - CAMP4W TASK FORCE**

- a.      Subject:              Task Force Discussion

Alex Rojas, Central Basin Municipal Water District  
Cesar Barrera, City of Santa Ana  
Nina Jazmadarian, Foothill Municipal Water District  
Shivaji Deshmukh, Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Dave Pedersen, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District  
Anatole Falagan, Long Beach Water Department  
Anselmo Collins, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
Harvey De La Torre, Municipal Water District of Orange County  
Dan Denham, San Diego County Water Authority  
Tom Love, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District  
Craig Miller, Western Municipal Water District

Presented by:      No presentation was given.

Task Force Members present: Member Agency Manager Members Barrera, De La Torre, Deshmukh, Falagan, Jazmadarian, Love, Miller, Mouawad, Pettijohn (in for Anselmo), Pedersen, Rojas, and Takeguchi.

The following Directors and Member Agency Managers asked questions and provided comments:

1. Goldberg
2. Petersen
3. Seckel

Staff responded to Directors' and Member Agency Managers comments and questions.

- b.      Subject:                      Review Proposed Evaluative Criteria and Climate Decision Making Framework  
                 Presented by              Elizabeth Crosson, Chief Sustainability, Resiliency, and Innovation Officer

Ms. Crosson acknowledged Inland-Orange County Caucus Manager's letter dated December 8, 2023, San Diego County Water Authority's letter dated December 10, 2023, and the Northern Agency Manager's letter dated December 14, 2023. These letters commented on item 6b and will be made part of the record.

Ms. Crosson presented the committee with a summary of the outcome goals of the meeting. Her presentation included Board processes, process for decision making framework, and an overview of the November 19, 2023, meeting. Next, she summarized revisions made, revised draft evaluative criteria, scoring, time-bound targets, and schedule of next steps.

Director Peterson entered the meeting.

The following Directors and Member Agency Managers asked questions and provided comments:

1. Petersen
2. Fong-Sakai
3. Kurtz
4. Miller
5. Rojas
6. Love
7. De La Torre
8. Pettijohn
9. Mouawad
10. Takeguchi
11. Peterson
12. Quinn
13. Armstrong

- 14. Pedersen
- 15. Deshmukh
- 16. Seckel
- 17. Jazmadarian
- 18. Miller
- 19. Litchfield
- 20. Falagan
- 21. Erdman
- 22. Goldberg

Staff responded to Directors' and Member Agency Managers comments and questions.

**4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Matt Petersen

Chair