

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

April 23, 2024

Chair McCoy called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

Members present: Directors De Jesus, Dennstedt, Dick, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Gray (teleconference location posted), McCoy and Sutley (entered after rollcall).

Members absent: Directors Cordero and Luna.

Other Members present: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Armstrong, Camacho, Erdman, Goldberg, Kurtz, Lefevre (teleconference location posted), McMillan, Miller (teleconference location posted), Morris, Ortega, Petersen, Peterson, and Smith.

Committee Staff present: Hagekhalil, Kasaine, Redin, Ros, 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

- A. Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Equity, Inclusion, and Affordability Committee for February 12, 2024 (Copies have been submitted to each Director, Any additions, corrections, or omissions)

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

Director Dennstedt made a motion, seconded by Director Garza, to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors De Jesus, Dennstedt, Dick, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Gray, and McCoy.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Cordero, Luna, and Sutley.

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 3 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

Director Sutley entered the meeting.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Report on Water Affordability Panels and Recommended Actions

Presented By: Adrian Hightower, Special Projects Manager

Ms. Crosson introduced the item and Mr. Hightower provided the committee with a summary of observations from the EIA affordability panels, proposed near-term actions for calendar year 2024, and proposed mid-term actions for calendar year 2025 and beyond.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Dick
2. Fong-Sakai
3. De Jesus
4. Dennstedt
5. Ortega

6. Morris
7. Garza
8. Abdo
9. Fellow
10. Smith
11. Peterson
12. Sutley
13. Armstrong
14. Kurtz

Staff responded to the Directors' comments and questions.

7. MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

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

Ms. Thomas highlighted the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion activities for March 2024.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Tana McCoy
Chair