

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA

APRIL 25, 2023

Chair Quinn called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Erdman, Lefevre, Luna, Miller, Quinn, and Smith.

Members absent: None.

Other Board Members present: Board Chair Ortega, Directors Atwater (teleconference posted location), , Camacho, Dennstedt Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Garza, Goldberg, McCoy, McMillan, and Seckel.

Committee Staff present: Hagekhalil, Hawk, Horton, Upadhyay, and Winn.

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

3. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Delta Conveyance Authority Representatives Update

Presented by: Directors Miguel Luna and Russell Lefevre

Committee Chair Quinn introduced the speakers.

Director Luna reported on the first two Delta Conveyance Design and Construction (DCA) meetings he attended as Metropolitan's appointed representative on its Board of Directors. He included five key topics (summary of work, community engagement, budget, contracts, and schedule) that were discussed at the second DCA meeting, which took place just one week prior to this meeting.

Director Lefevre reported on the Delta Conveyance Finance Authority Board (DCFA) meeting held on Jan 19. He reported on the action item, which was the election of officers of the DCFA. He also provided highlights on a report from the DCFA's Executive Manager, and he noted that a trial in the Department of

Water Resources' bond validation action will take place in May 2023, and he will report back in June 2023.

The following Director provided comments or asked questions.

1. Miller

Director Luna responded to the Director's question.

- b. Subject: Science Update: Delta Smelt Preservation Project
Presented by: Dr. Shawn Acuña, Bay-Delta Initiatives Senior Resource
Specialist

Ms. Nina Hawk, Bay-Delta Initiatives Group Manager introduced the speaker and provided some background on the Delta smelt pilot study.

Dr. Acuña described the Pilot Propagation Study, provided information about why it is being conducted, and why it is important for Metropolitan to be involved in the study along with its study partners. He showed a brief video, titled "The Delta Smelt Deployment Exploring the Expansion of Fish Populations and Culturing Opportunities," and described the method, results, and next steps.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Miller
2. Lefevre
3. Luna
4. Armstrong
5. Ortega
6. Quinn

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

- c. Subject: Update on Delta Island Collaborative Landscape Planning Effort
Presented by: Russell Ryan, Bay-Delta Initiatives Senior Engineer

Ms. Hawk introduced the speaker and provided some information about the topic.

Mr. Ryan provided an overview of the Metropolitan owned Delta Islands, focused on the collaborative landscape planning that evaluates land use, habitat opportunities and climate change resiliency through a California Department of Fish and Wildlife grant, highlighted planning activities schedule, and noted next steps.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Lefevre
2. Miller

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

- d. Subject: Proposed Grant Opportunity for Webb Tract
Presented by: Malinda Stalvey, Bay-Delta Initiatives Senior Environmental
Specialist

Ms. Hawk introduced the Ms. Stalvey and noted the relationship between this presentation and the previous one. She also noted that Ms. Stalvey is the project manager for Metropolitan's Climate Action Plan.

Ms. Stalvey shared information about the location of the Webb Tract, access to it, and past land use. She described the current grant opportunity, grant goals, details, highlights, and next steps.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Smith
2. Miller
3. Ortega
4. Seckel
5. Fong-Sakai
6. Goldberg
7. Luna
8. Fellow
9. Ackerman

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Luna suggested that Metropolitan have a "Delta Day." This would be an open house for the public to attend with presentations in order to engage ourselves and the public.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Tracy Quinn
Chair