

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

## **MINUTES**

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**April 11, 2022**

Chair Cordero called the teleconference meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Members present: Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Kurtz, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Erdman, Morris, Peterson, Quinn, Record, and Smith.

Members absent: Directors Luna and Repenning.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Atwater, Blois, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Dick, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Jung, Lefevre, McCoy, Miller, Pressman, Tamaribuchi, and Williams.

Committee Staff present: Hagekhalil, Perry, Scully, Sims and Zinke.

#### **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. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Communications and Legislation Committee held March 7, 2022.

#### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

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| 7-16 | Subject: | Express support for SB 991 (Newman, D-Fullerton): Public contracts: progressive design-build: local agencies; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA |
|      | Motion:  | Express a support position on SB 991 (Newman, D-Fullerton): Public contracts: progressive design-build: local agencies   |

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Cordero
2. Peterson

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

After completion of the presentation, Director Peterson made a motion, seconded by Director Smith to approve item 2A and 7-16:

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Cordero, Kurtz, Morris, Peterson, Quinn, Record, and Smith.  
Noes: None  
Abstentions: Director Quinn abstained from 2A only.  
Not Voting: Erdman  
Absent: Directors Luna and Repenning

The motion passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstain, 1 not voting, and 2 absent.

#### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

#### **4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

#### **5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

#### **6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

a. Subject: Report on Activities from Washington, D.C.

Presented by: Abby Schneider, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Schneider reported on legislative activities from Washington, D.C. including fiscal year 2022 appropriation bills, Safety of Dam Construction and other infrastructure funding, and cybersecurity issues



b. Subject: Report on Activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Viatella, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Viatella reported on activities from Sacramento including the proposed FY 2022/23 state budget and legislative initiatives on drought, water quality, conservation, infrastructure investments, climate change and resiliency.

## **7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

a. Subject: External Affairs Management's Report

Presented by: Sue Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

Ms. Sims provided an update on water conservation, climate-resiliency messaging and outreach activities. Media coverage has increased, and the multi-lingual campaign is expanding via digital, radio and social media. Staff is developing new creative for a spring/summer advertising campaign and a new Wasting Water Is commercial was previewed for the committee.

The following Director provided a comment or asked a question:

1. Quinn

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

## **8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Peterson would like an update on inspection trips.

Next meeting will be held on May 9, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Gloria Cordero  
Chair