

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

## **MINUTES**

### **SPECIAL WATER PLANNING AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

**April 26, 2022**

Chair Atwater called the teleconference meeting to order at 3:30p.m.

Members present: Chair Atwater, Vice Chair Kurtz, Directors Abdo, De Jesus, Dick, Lefevre, Miller, Morris, Petersen, Peterson, Pressman, and Record.

Members absent: Directors Ackerman, Cordero, Goldberg, and Luna.

Other Board Members present: Directors Blois, Dennstedt, Erdman, Jung, McCoy, Quinn, Ramos, Smith, Sutley, and Tamaribuchi.

Committee staff present: Coffey, Hagekhalil, Horton, Munguia, and Upadhyay

**1. Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee limited to the items listed on the committee's agenda (As required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))**

1. Caty Wager, Sierra Club California, spoke in opposition of item 2a.
2. Barry Nelson, Golden State Salmon Association, spoke in opposition of item 2a.
3. Valeria Garcia, Restore the Delta, spoke in opposition of item 2a.
4. Maura Monogan, Los Angeles Water Keeper, spoke in opposition of item 2a.

**2. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Subject: Review Term Sheet for the Bay Delta Watershed Voluntary Agreements

Presented by: Steve Arakawa, Manager, Bay Delta Initiatives

Mr. Arakawa provided an abbreviated presentation on the history of the State Water Resources Control Board's process to update the Water Quality Control Plan for the Bay-Delta and the term sheet for the Voluntary Agreements.

- b. Subject: Workshop on Voluntary Agreements and how they relate to Bay-Delta Watershed Management Issues with 1) Jared Blumfield, Secretary for Environmental Protection, California Environmental Protection Agency; 2) Jennifer Pierre, General Manager, State Water Contractors; 3) Doug Obegi; Senior Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council; and 4) Bryce Lundberg; Vice President of Lundberg Farms, Board Member of Western Canal Water District

Presented by: Jared Blumefeld, California Enviornmental Protection Agency  
Jennifer Pierre, State Water Contractors  
Doug Obegi, Natural resouces Defense Council  
Bryce Lundberg, Lundberg Farms and Western Canal Water District

Each of the four outside invited guests provided their perspectives on the Voluntary Agreement Terms Sheet.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Peterson
2. Lefevre
3. Record
4. Sutley

### **3. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

### **4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting will be held on May 9, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Richard Atwater  
Chair