

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**June 13, 2022**

Chair Cordero called the teleconference meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

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

Members absent: Directors Kassakhian, Luna, and Repenning.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Atwater, Blois, Dennstedt, Fellow, Fong Sakai, Lefevre, Miller, Sutley and Tamaribuchi.

Committee staff present: Hagekhalil, Scully, Zinke, Stites, Sims and Novoa.

**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 May 9, 2022.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

Director Morris made a motion, seconded by Director Ackerman to approve item 2A

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Erdman, Kurtz, Morris, Quinn, Record, and Smith.

Noes: None

Abstentions: Chair Cordero

Absent: Directors Kassakhian, Luna, Peterson and Repenning

The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstain, and 4 absent.

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

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

None

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

None

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

- a.           Subject:           Inspection Trip Update
- Presented by:   Carolyn Schaffer, Section Manager Member Services and Public Outreach

Ms. Schaffer gave an overview on the inspection trip program. This includes informing and educating on water issues and MWD's operations, programs, and objectives. Sponsoring trips, trip options, planning and scheduling and FFPC Reporting.

The following Directors provided a comment or asked a question:

1. Lefevre
2. Dennstedt

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

- b.           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 2023 appropriation bills, the newly introduced Water efficiency, Conservation and Sustainability Act, Water Resources Development Act and other infrastructure funding, and Equity Action Plans.

c. Subject: Report on Activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Viatella, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Viatella reported on activities from Sacramento including policy committee deadlines, fiscal bills deadlines, Metropolitan sponsored bills, state budget and legislative initiatives on drought, water quality, conservation, infrastructure investments, climate change and resiliency.

The following Director provided a comment or asked a question:

1. Record

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

## **7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Sue Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

Ms. Sims provided an update on, water conservation and drought-resiliency messaging, outreach activities, awards, media coverage and new in house produced television commercials streaming on YouTube.

The following Director provided a comment or asked a question:

1. Cordero

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

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

None

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on July 11, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Gloria Cordero  
Chair