

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

BAY-DELTA COMMITTEE

January 25, 2022

Committee Chair Ackerman called the teleconference meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Members present: Chair Ackerman, Vice Chair Faessel, Directors Apodaca, Atwater, Blois, Cordero, Kurtz, Lefevre, McCoy, Morris, Peterson, Pressman, and Sutley.

Members absent: Director Repenning.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Abdo, De Jesus, Dick, Erdman, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Jung, Luna, Miller, Ramos, Record, Smith, and Tamaribuchi.

Committee Staff present: Arakawa, Hagekhalil, Horton, Upadhyay, Winn, and Zinke.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

1. Caty Wagner, Sierra Club California, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP), and supports local solutions.
2. Nancy Boscoes spoke in opposition to the DCP and supports local water resources and conservation.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Bay-Delta Committee held on November 23, 2021

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

Director Sutley made a motion, seconded by Director Pressman to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A:

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Apodaca, Atwater, Blois, Cordero, Faessel, Kurtz, Lefevre, McCoy, Morris, Peterson, Pressman, and Sutley.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Repenning.

The motion passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstention, 1 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Update on Delta Stewardship Council Activities
Presented by: Jennifer Nevills, Bay-Delta Initiatives Principal Resource Specialist

Ms. Nevills provided background information on the Delta Reform Act and the Delta Stewardship Council's organizational structure. She presented collaboration highlights and updated the committee on key activities, such as Delta Plan Amendments, Delta Plan Certification of Consistency, and Delta Adapts – Creating a Climate Resilient Future.

The following Director provided comment or asked a question.

1. Lefevre

Staff responded to the Director's question.

- b. Subject: Update on Delta Conveyance
Presented by: Nina Hawk, Bay-Delta Initiatives Policy Manager

Ms. Hawk provided key updates on the California Department of Water Resources Planning process. She also reported on the December 2021 Stakeholder Engagement Committee meeting, the January 2022 Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority meeting, and the January 2022 Delta Conveyance Finance Authority meeting.

The following Director provided comments or asked a question.

1. Ackerman

Staff responded to the Director's question.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. Subject: Bay-Delta Manager's Report

Presented by: Steve Arakawa, Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager

Mr. Arakawa presented an overview of the Proposition 1 California Department of Fish and Wildlife Multi-Benefit Restoration Planning Grant. He noted the objectives and identified the grant manager, the facilitators, stakeholder advisory participants, and the expert engagement participants. Mr. Arakawa mentioned that he plans to bring back a more detailed update later this year.

The following Directors provided comments or asked a question.

1. Luna
2. Record

Staff responded to the Directors' question.

Director Record also thanked Committee Chair Ackerman for her leadership and acknowledged that this is the last Bay-Delta Committee Meeting.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Linda Ackerman
Chair