

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

July 12, 2022

Chair Cordero called the teleconference meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Members present: Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Kurtz (entered after roll call) Directors Abdo, Erdman, Morris, G. Peterson, Quinn and Record.

Members absent: Directors Ackerman, Kassakhian, Luna, Repenning and Smith.

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

Committee Staff present: Hagekhalil, Novoa, 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 June 13, 2022.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

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| 7-5 | Subject: | AB 2108 (Rivas, D-Hollister and Garcia, D-Bell Gardens): Water policy: environmental justice: disadvantaged and tribal communities. |
| | Motion: | Express support, if amended, for AB 2108 (Rivas, D-Hollister and Garcia, D-Bell Gardens): Water policy: environmental justice: disadvantaged and tribal communities. |

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Cordero

2. Dennstedt
3. Morris
4. G. Peterson
5. Quinn

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

After completion of the presentation, Director Quinn made a motion, seconded by Director Peterson to approve items 2A and 7-5:

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Cordero, Erdman, Kurtz, Morris, Peterson, Quinn and Record
Noes: None
Not Voting: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Directors Ackerman, Kassakhian, Luna, Repenning and Smith

The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 noes, 0 not voting, 0 abstain, and 5 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 provided a written report on activities from Washington, D.C. with a legislative update including the National Defense Authorization Act of 2023, the House Interior and Environment bill, and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources hearing.

- b. Subject: Report on Activities from Sacramento.

Presented by: Kathy Viatella, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Viatella provided a written report on activities from Sacramento including an update on the changes to committee leadership positions, legislative calendar, the FY 2022/23 state budget, drought & water resilience funding highlights, and other legislative priorities.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

None

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 and climate-resiliency messaging and outreach activities, including the next phase of advertising, a press conference with State Secretary for Natural Resources Wade Crowfoot and officials from the city of Pasadena, new conservation ads, updated talking points and conservation partnerships.

The following Director provided a comment or asked a question:

None

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on August 15, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Gloria Cordero
Chair