

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

September 12, 2022

Chair Cordero called the teleconference meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

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

Members absent: Directors Kassakhian, and Repenning.

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, 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 August 15, 2022.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

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

The vote was:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Kassakhian and Repenning

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, abstain, and 2 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Update on Water Conservation Advertising Campaign

Presented by: Sue Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

Ms. Sims provided a presentation on the execution of Board-authorized media and outreach campaign to increase public awareness about drought, the need for more conservation and rebate information.

The following Directors provided a comment or asked a question:

1. Luna

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

- c. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento.

Presented by: Kathy Viatella, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Viatella provided a oral report on activities from Sacramento including an update on policy bills, legislative calendar, the FY 2022/23 state budget, drought and water resilience funding.

The following Directors provided a comment or asked a question:

1. Luna

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 the Upper Feeder repair shutdown and a highlights reel of that event.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on October 10, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Gloria Cordero
Chair