

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

October 10, 2022

Chair Cordero called the teleconference meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

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

Members absent: Directors Kassakhian, Luna, and Repenning.

Other Board Members present: Directors Abdo, Atwater, Blois, De Jesus, Dennstedt, Faessel, Fellow, Fong-Sakai, Jung, Lefevre, McCoy, Miller, Pressman, Ramos, Sutley, Tamaribuchi and Williams.

Committee Staff present: Hagekhalil, Zinke, Horton, 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 September 12, 2022.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

Director Morris made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Kurtz to approve item 2A

The vote was:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Kassakhian, Luna, Quinn and Repenning

The motion passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 noes, abstain, and 4 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Director Quinn entered the meeting.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Update on Outreach and Research for Pure Water Southern California

Presented by: Rupam Soni, Team Manager-Community Relations

Ms. Soni provided a presentation on focus group and survey results about Pure Water Southern California and community support, messaging, the notice of preparation of an environmental impact report, and qualitative research.

The following Directors provided a comment or asked a question:

1. Quinn
2. Smith
3. Erdman
4. Morris
5. Fong Sakai
6. Tamarabuchi

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 provided an oral report on Activities from Washington, D.C. including an update on FY 2022/2023 budget negotiations and appropriations, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee; Clean Water Act and critical infrastructure preparedness and resilience.

- 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, the FY 2022/23 state budget, and the year in review: Delta/SWP, governance, regulatory reform, water conservation, water quality, affordability and water and drought resilience funding.

The following Directors provided a comment or asked a question:

1. Fellow
2. Sutley
3. Cordero

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 Director inspection trips, the annual legislative planning meeting with member agencies, review of the legislative priorities and policies process for 2023, water conservation events, and social media "Saving Water is Spooky" videos.

The following Director provided a comment:

1. Cordero

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on November 07, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Gloria Cordero
Chair