

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

LEGISLATION, REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

April 10, 2023

Chair Jung called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Members present: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Dennstedt, Fellow, Garza, Gray (teleconference posted location), Jung (teleconference posted location), McMillan, Phan (entered after roll call, teleconference posted location), Ramos (entered after roll call), Pressman (entered after roll call, teleconference posted location), and Smith.

Members absent: Directors Kassakhian and Luna.

Other Board Members present: Directors Atwater (teleconference posted location), Camacho, Goldberg, Kurtz, Reppening (AB 2449), McCoy, Morris, Ortega, Peterson, and Quinn

Director Repenning indicated that she was participating under AB 2449 “just cause” due to illness.

Director Repenning appeared by audio and on camera.

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

- 1.) Elvia Hernandez Resident of San Bernardino Valley, in support of item 7-14
- 2.) Katie Wagner of Sierra Club California, in support of item 7-14
- 3.) Lee Gerard of Greywater Corps Los Angeles, in support of item 7-14
- 4.) Maura Monigan of LA Waterkeeper, in support of item 7-14
- 5.) Luisa Lap Resident of Northern California, in support of item 7-14
- 6.) Lionel Morris Resident of Los Angeles, in support of item 7-14
- 7.) Nancy Blastos Resident of Redlands, in support of item 7-14
- 8.) Penelope Lapone Resident of the Mojave Desert (California), in support of item 7-14

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 March 13, 2023.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-14 Authorize the General Manager to co-sponsor, if amended, Assembly Bill 1572 (Friedman, D – Glendale): Potable water: nonfunctional turf

Presented by: Lana Haddad, Section Manager, Legislative Services

The following Directors provided a comment or asked a question:

- 1.) Jung
- 2.) Fellow
- 3.) Dennstedt
- 4.) Ramos
- 5.) Ackerman
- 6.) Quinn
- 7.) Reppening
- 8.) Kurtz
- 9.) Abdo
- 10.) Dick
- 11.) Faessel
- 14.) Armstrong
- 15.) Gray
- 16.) McMillan
- 17.) Smith

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

Director Smith made a motion, seconded by Director Phan to support if amended Assembly Bill 1572 (Friedman, D – Glendale): Potable water: nonfunctional turf, and to authorize the General Manager to co-sponsor if amended, without returning to the Board.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Garza, Phan, and Smith.

Noes: Directors Ackerman, Dennstedt, Fellow, Gray, Jung, McMillan, Pressman, Ramos

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Kassakhian and Luna

The motion failed by a vote of 4 ayes, 8 noes, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

Director Ramos made a motion, seconded by Director Jung to delay taking action on AB 1572 (Friedman): Potable water: nonfunctional turf, and return to the board as expeditiously as possible when the bill is amended.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Dennstedt, Fellow, Garza, Gray, Jung, McMillan, Phan, Ramos and Smith.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Kassakhian, Luna and Pressman

The motion for item 7-14 passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 3 absent.

Chair Jung left the meeting and Vice Chair of the Board Camacho took over.

7-15 Adopt Policy Principles for Modernization of Water Rights Administration
in California to Enhance Enforcement and Protect Supply Reliability

Presented by: Lana Haddad Section Manager, Legislative Services:

Motion: Adopt Policy Principles for Modernization of Water Rights Administration
in California to Enhance Enforcement and Protect Supply Reliability

The following Directors provided a comment or asked a question:

1. Smith
2. Dennstedt

Staff responded to the Directors' comments or questions.

After completion of the presentation, Director Smith made a motion, seconded by Director Garza to approve item 2A and 7-15.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Dennstedt, Fellow, Garza, Gray,
McMillan, Phan, Ramos, and Smith.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Jung, Kassakhian, Luna, and Pressman

The motion for item 2A and 7-15 passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 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: Report on Activities from Washington, D.C.

The item was not presented due to time restraints.

- b. Subject: Report on Activities from Sacramento

The item was not presented due to time restraints.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

The item was not presented due to time restraints.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Michael Camacho
Vice Chair, Board of Directors