

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**June 7, 2021**

Chair Cordero called the teleconference meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

Members present: Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Kurtz, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Butkiewicz, Morris, G. Peterson, Record, and Smith.

Members absent: Directors Erdman, Luna, Murray, Quinn, and Repenning.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Atwater, Blois, De Jesus, Dick, Fellow, Goldberg, Hogan, Jung, Ramos, and Tamaribuchi.

Committee Staff present: Kightlinger, Morris, Rojo, 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 May 10, 2021.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

Director Morris made a motion, seconded by Director Kurtz to approve the consent calendar item consisting of item 2A.

The vote was:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Erdman, Luna, Murray, Quinn, and Repenning

The motion passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 noes, 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: Service Recognition of the Diamond Valley Lake Docents

Presented by: Blanca Biller, Public Affairs Representative

Public Affairs Representative Biller provided a report on the Diamond Valley Lake Docent program. She gave a brief history, a short summary of the services docent's assisted with, and introduced one of the many docents who help the community learn about Metropolitan and water.

b. Subject: Update on Metropolitan Website Redesign Project

Presented by: Sue Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

External Affairs Group Manager Sims provided a brief history on the Website Redesign Project and introduced Creative Design Manager Sass and Graphic Designer Au to preview the redesign website. IT Group Manager Eckstrom also spoke on the benefits of the new website from a technical and security standpoint.

c. Subject: Report on activities from Washington, D.C.

Presented by: Abby Schneider, Executive Legislative Representative

Executive Legislative Representative Schneider reported on activities from Washington, D.C. including an update on appropriations, the House National

Resource Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife hearing on drought, and Biden Administration nominations.

d. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Viatella, Executive Legislative Representative

Executive Legislative Representative Viatella reported on activities from Sacramento including meetings with legislators on Metropolitan sponsored bills and legislative priorities, the budget package for 2021-22, the Governor's June 15 plan to lift restrictions related to Covid-19, and special elections.

**7. MANAGEMENT REPORT**

a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Susan Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

External Affairs Manager Sims reported on Metropolitan's conservation social media campaign as well as the many honors and awards Metropolitan received including a Telly for "The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: The Heart of California's Water Supply" and NAGC awards in the categories of grassroots marketing, photography, technical report, graphic design, and employee communications.

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on July 12, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Gloria Cordero  
Chair