

# **THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

## **MINUTES**

### **BAY-DELTA COMMITTEE**

**June 22, 2021**

Committee Chair Ackerman called the teleconference meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

Members present: Chair Ackerman, Vice Chair Faessel, Directors Apodaca, Atwater, Blois, Cordero, Kurtz, Lefevre, Morris, Peterson, and Pressman.

Members absent: Directors Hogan, McCoy, Murray, Jr., and Repenning.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Abdo, Butkiewicz, De Jesus, Dick, Erdman, Fellow, Jung, Luna, Record, Smith, Tamaribuchi, and Williams.

Committee Staff present: Arakawa, Horton, Kightlinger, Upadhyay, Winn, and Zinke.

#### **1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION**

Caty Wagner, Sierra Club California, indicated that the presentation on the tribes would be more effective if there were actual members of the tribe participating or contributing. Ms. Wagner encouraged the Committee to reach out to the leaders of the tribes independent from California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

Charming Evelyn, Sierra Club Water Committee, Environmental and Social Justice Committee, supported the previous speaker's comments.

Lydia Ponce, American Indian Movement, Quechua, also admonished Metropolitan for not having indigenous people included in the meeting.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION**

#### **2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS -- ACTION**

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Bay-Delta Committee held on April 27, 2021

#### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

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

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Apodaca, Atwater, Blois, Cordero, Faessel, Kurtz, Lefevre, Morris, and Peterson.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Hogan, McCoy, Murray Jr., Pressman, and Repenning.

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, 5 absent.

#### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

#### **4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

#### **5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

#### **6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- a. Subject: Presentation of Delta Conveyance Tribal Consultations  
External Presenter: Anecita Agustinez, DWR Tribal Policy Advisor

Presented by: Steve Arakawa, Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager

Mr. Arakawa introduced our guest speaker, and provided information about her background.

Ms. Agustinez shared the status of the DWR engagement and consultation with California Native American Tribes in connection with the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) by referring to state consultation policies, noting tribal participation in the DCP consultation process, discussing tribal concerns, and describing tribal cultural resources.

Committee Chair Ackerman thanked Ms. Agustinez for her detailed presentation.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Smith
2. Cordero

Ms. Agustinez responded to the Directors' questions.

- b.      Subject:            Update on Delta Conveyance Planning  
Presented by:   Nina Hawk, Bay-Delta Initiatives Policy Manager
- Ms. Hawk thanked the guest speaker for her presentation, and provided updates on recent meetings held by the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority. She also discussed information on the April 2021 Stakeholder Engagement Committee meeting, which included DWR's Environmental Justice Survey results and Delta Conveyance Community Benefits Program Workshop summary meeting results.
- Due to time constraints, Committee Chair Ackerman suggested that the Committee contact Steve Arakawa or Nina Hawk with any questions or comments that they may have regarding the presentation.
- c.      Subject:            Overview of Metropolitan's Bay-Delta Science Program  
Presented by:   Lynda Smith, Bay-Delta Initiatives Principal Resource Specialist
- Mr. Arakawa introduced the presenter, and provided information about her background at Metropolitan.
- Ms. Smith showed the relevance of science to Metropolitan's supply reliability objectives, listed science investigation priorities, described the science program approach. She also highlighted Metropolitan's science expertise, involvement in Delta science community, and what to expect as we move forward.
- Committee Chair Ackerman expressed appreciation for the presentation and mentioned its importance.

## **7.      MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a.      Subject:            Bay-Delta Manager's Report  
Presented by:   Steve Arakawa, Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager
- Mr. Arakawa thanked the Committee for allowing extra time to hear the science presentation and referred them to the written Bay-Delta Management Report and the GM Monthly Report regarding Bay-Delta activities for the month of June, and deferred his oral report.
- The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:
1.   Peterson
- Staff responded to the Director's question.

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on July 27, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Linda Ackerman  
Chair