

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

BAY-DELTA COMMITTEE

April 27, 2021

Committee Chair Ackerman called the teleconference meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Members absent: Directors Apodaca, Murray, Jr. and Repenning.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Abdo, De Jesus, Dick, Erdman, Galleano, Goldberg, Jung, Quinn, 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, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project and urged investment in local projects that reduce reliance on the Delta.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR – OTHER ITEMS -- ACTION

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Bay-Delta Committee held on February 23, 2021

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

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

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Atwater, Blois, Cordero, Faessel, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McCoy, Morris, Peterson, and Pressman.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Apodaca, Murray Jr. and Repenning.

The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, 3 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Update on Delta Island Initiatives

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Special Projects Manager Randall Neudeck

Mr. Neudeck's presentation focused on strategies and actions on Metropolitan's islands to support system reliability and risk reduction efforts, which included information on levee integrity, subsidence, climate variability, and fishery and ecosystem conservation.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Ackerman
2. Smith
3. Peterson
4. Lefevre
5. Record

- b. Subject: Update on Delta Conveyance

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Policy Manager Nina Hawk

Ms. Hawk provided updates on recent meetings held by the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority, the Delta Conveyance Finance Authority, and the Stakeholder Engagement Committee. She also discussed information on the Delta Conveyance Community Benefits Program and drew the committee's attention to upcoming Bay-Delta Committee topics.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Bay-Delta Manager's Report

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa reported on Delta operations and hydrology.

General Manager Jeff Kightlinger provided a brief update on Voluntary Agreement.

Director Lefevre asked a question.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on May 25, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Linda Ackerman
Chair