

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**July 12, 2021**

Chair Cordero called the teleconference meeting to order at 1:48 p.m.

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

Members absent: Directors Luna and Repenning.

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

Committee Staff present: Hagekhalil, Rojo, Scully, Sims, and Zinke.

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

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION**

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Communications and Legislation Committee held June 7, 2021.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

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

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Butkiewicz, Cordero, Erdman, Kurtz, Morris, Murray, Quinn, Record, and Smith.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Not Voting     Director G. Peterson

Absent:           Directors Luna and Repenning

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, 1 not voting and 2 absent.

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

### **4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

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

None

### **6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

a.                Subject:                Report on Solar Cup 2021

Presented by:     Julie Miller Kalbacher, Public Affairs Representative  
                         Joseph Chavez, Administrative Analyst III

Ms. Kalbacher and Mr. Chavez provided a report on the 2021 Solar Cup Program and its new virtual format, with participation statistics, examples of the type of challenges and results.

b.                Subject:                Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by:     Kathy Viatella, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Viatella reported on activities from Sacramento including meetings with legislators on Metropolitan sponsored bills and legislative priorities, the budget package for 2021-22, key legislative dates, actions taken at the joint legislative audit committee, and special elections.

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

Presented by:     Abby Schneider, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Schneider reported on activities from Washington, D.C. including an update on appropriations, the Large-Scale Water Recycling Project Investment Act, the INVEST in America Act, the infrastructure package, and nomination updates.

## **7. MANAGEMENT REPORT**

a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Susan Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

Ms. Sims reported on Metropolitan's collaborative work with member agencies on the Pilots and Trials event to feature new technologies for the water industry, outreach for the Regional Recycled Water Program, education activities, conservation presentation at the WaterSmart Innovations Conference, and docent appreciation activities at Diamond Valley Lake.

## **8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on August 16, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Gloria Cordero  
Chair