

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**BAY-DELTA COMMITTEE**

**July 27, 2021**

Committee Chair Ackerman called the teleconference meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

Members absent: Directors Lefevre, McCoy, Murray, Jr., Pressman, and Repenning.

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

Committee Staff present: Arakawa, Hagekheilil, Hawk, Horton, Upadhyay, Winn, 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 Bay-Delta Committee held on June 22, 2021

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

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

The vote was:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Lefevre, 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 regarding Sacramento Regional County Sanitation  
District External Presenter: Prabhakar Somavarapu, District  
Engineer

Presented by:    Deven, Assistant General Manager and Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Upadhyay introduced our guest speaker, and provided information about his background, experience in water and wastewater, and noted that he will be retiring soon.

Mr. Somavarapu provided an overview of the treatment plant, including the service area and milestones in wastewater treatment. He also described the Sacramento Regional's EchoWater Project that removes 99 percent of the ammonia from the treated wastewater through a biological nutrient removal process. Mr. Somavarapu noted challenges, milestone accomplishments, and noted that the project may be completed about six months ahead of schedule.

Committee Chair Ackerman thanked Mr. Somavarapu for his presentation and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.

The following Directors provided comments or asked a question:

1. Peterson
2. Morris
3. Record
4. Chairwoman Gray

Mr. Somavarapu responded to the Director's question.

Adel Hagekhelil thanked and congratulated Mr. Somavarapu and wished him all the best.

Mr. Somavarapu congratulated Adel, invited the Board to tour the facilities, and commented on his hope for continued good relationship and collaboration between the two agencies in the future.

- b.      Subject:           Update on Delta Conveyance Planning  
Presented by:   Nina Hawk, Bay-Delta Initiatives Policy Manager  
Ms. Hawk provided updates on the July 2021 Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority meeting, the June 2021 Stakeholder Engagement Committee meetings, and on the California Department of Water Resources' Delta Conveyance public information webinars.

## **7.      MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a.      Subject:           Bay-Delta Manager's Report  
Presented by:   Steve Arakawa, Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager  
Mr. Arakawa provided status on the Voluntary Agreement discussions regarding updating the State Water Resources Control Board's Water Quality Control Plan for the Bay-Delta system. He also reported on California's drought situation and actions that have been taken to deal with it.  
The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:  
1.   Peterson  
2.   Hogan  
Staff responded to the Directors' questions.

## **8.      FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

## **9.      FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on September 28, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Linda Ackerman  
Chair