

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

BAY-DELTA COMMITTEE

September 28, 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, Lefevre, McCoy, Murray, Jr., Morris, Peterson, and Pressman.

Members absent: Director Repenning.

Other Board Members present: Directors Abdo, Butkiewicz, De Jesus, Dick, Erdman, Goldberg, Hawkins, Quinn, Ramos, Record, Smith, and Tamaribuchi.

Committee Staff present: Arakawa, Hagekheilil, 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 July 27, 2021

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

Director Morris 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, Lefevre, McCoy, Morris, Murray Jr., Peterson, and Pressman.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Repenning

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, 1 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Update on Salmon Initiatives

Presented by: Alison Collins, Bay-Delta Initiatives Senior Resource Specialist
Steve Arakawa, Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager introduced the speaker.

Ms. Collins provided information on salmonids including: how their status affects water supply reliability, the need for a long-term approach to rebuilding the salmonid population, science investigation priorities, and a description of one of the collaborative projects.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Peterson
2. Committee Chair Ackerman
3. Record

Staff responded to the Directors questions.

- b. Subject: Update on Delta Conveyance

Presented by: Nina Hawk, Bay-Delta Initiatives Policy Manager

Ms. Hawk provided updates on the Department of Water Resources' planning activities including the last three informational webinars and the Community Benefits Workshop which took place the previous day. She also reported on September's Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority and Stakeholder Engagement Committee meetings, and the August Delta Conveyance Finance Authority meeting.

The following Directors provided comments or asked a question.

1. Committee Chair Ackerman
2. Lefevre

Staff responded to the Director's question.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Bay-Delta Management Report

Presented by: Steve Arakawa, Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager

Mr. Arakawa informed the committee of an upcoming committee item, and reported on drought conditions in the Delta watershed and drought management planning by the state.

The following Director asked a question:

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 October 26, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Linda Ackerman
Chair