

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

## **MINUTES**

### **BAY-DELTA COMMITTEE**

**October 26, 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, Kurtz, Lefevre, McCoy, Morris, Peterson, and Pressman.

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

Other Board Members present: Directors Abdo, Butkiewicz, Dick, Erdman, Fellow, Luna, Quinn, Ramos, Smith, and Tamaribuchi.

Committee Staff present: Arakawa, Hawk, Horton, Winn, and Zinke.

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

1. No name was provided, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project and Voluntary Agreements; and suggested alternatives, such as local recycling and conservation projects.
2. Caty Wagner, Sierra Club California, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project, Voluntary Agreements, and agenda item 6b.
3. Barbara Ravines, (sic), spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance project and supports statements made by the two previous callers.
4. Melanie Cohen, Redondo Beach, California, California Activist, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project and supports statements made by the three previous callers.
5. Josephine Coffey, Northern California, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project and the Voluntary Agreements, urged local alternatives, and supports statements made by the previous callers.
6. Ann Shippy (sic), Northern California, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conservation Project, Voluntary Agreements, and agenda item 6b.
7. Jan Warren, Walnut Creek, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project and item 6b on the agenda; urged groundwater restoration and fallowing farmland.
8. Vicky (sic), Burbank, California, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project and supports conservation and local projects as alternatives.
9. Rossane Whitt, Thousand Oaks, Ventura County, Biologist, Taxpayer, MWD Rate Payer, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project and Voluntary Agreements, supports conservation and local projects as alternatives.
10. Sydney, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project, supports previous callers, and expressed concern for the environmental impacts.

11. Nancy (sic), Redlands, California, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project; mentioned alternatives.
12. (sic), a Water Sustainability Practitioner, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project, supports alternative local projects.
13. Lester (sic), Resident of Los Angeles, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project and Voluntary Agreement, and supports statements made by the previous callers.
14. Elisabeth Reed (sic), Center for Biological Diversity, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance project and supports local conservation and recycling projects.

### **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 September 28, 2021

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

None

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

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Ackerman, Apodaca, Atwater, Blois, Faessel, Kurtz, Lefevre, McCoy, Morris, Peterson, and Pressman.
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Directors Cordero, Hogan, Murray Jr., and Repenning.

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, 0 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 Stewardship Council Activities

For the sake of time, Committee Chair Ackerman rescheduled this item to next month.

- b. Subject: Update on Sites Reservoir

Presented by: Randall Neudeck, Bay-Delta Initiatives Bay-Delta Program Manager

Mr. Neudeck noted the focus of today's presentation and announced that at next month's committee meeting, the Sites Reservoir Authority Executive Director is scheduled to present and answer questions. He reviewed the history and changing priorities of California's reservoir system, discussed Sites Reservoir storage planning accomplishments, and sharing information about the Sites 2022-2024 Workplan. Mr. Neudeck also highlighted previous and potential upcoming Board decisions regarding Sites Reservoir planning.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions.

1. Butkeiwicz
2. Lefevre
3. Smith

Staff responded to the Director's questions.

**7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

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

Presented by: Steve Arakawa, Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager

Mr. Arakawa announced that in response to the committee's request to review and update the Bay-Delta Board policies, staff is planning to kick off committee discussions of that review process at the next Bay-Delta Committee meeting on November 23. The review and update process will include both committee meetings and workshops with the goal of developing a revised set of Bay-Delta Board policies in the first half of 2022.

He also reported on the impact the recent rain had on the water supply runoff in the Feather River Watershed and provided other hydrologic information.

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on November 23, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Linda Ackerman  
Chair