

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ADJOURNED COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

August 21, 2012

Vice Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Vice Chair Peterson, Directors Barbre, Brick, Camacho, Friedman, Griset, Heidel, Montalvo, Morris, and Record.

Members absent: Chair Ackerman, Directors Abdo, Ballin, Fleming, Gray, Lewinger, Lowenthal, and K. Murray.

Other Board Members present: Directors Blake, Brown, Dick, Evans, Foley, Grandsen, Hawkins, Little, Millard, J. Murray, Steiner, Wilson, and Wright.

Staff present: Acuña, Beatty, Bell, Bennion, Breaux, Burman, J. Carrillo, Cole (via video conference), Gabelich, Green, Hiltcher (via video conference), Kightlinger, T. Lee, Man, Martinez, Patterson, Philp, Scully, M. Stewart, Upadhyay, Waade, E. Wong, T. Wong, and Zinke.

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

None

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JULY 10, 2012

Approved

Motion Carried

Moved: Director Camacho

Seconded: Director Morris

3. COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Chair Peterson reported that Governor Brown and Secretary Salazar announced the proposed framework for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). He stated that while

meetings and discussions were in process, the final framework was not confirmed until the July 25 press conference.

He stated that Metropolitan is organizing meetings with local, state, and federal representatives to update them on the BDCP.

Vice Chair Peterson also reported that on July 12–15, Metropolitan sponsored and staff attended the Independent Cities Association’s Annual Summer Conference. Director Friedman moderated a panel on alternative transportation and Director Lowenthal served as a panelist on that discussion.

He stated that on July 16, Metropolitan staff joined Director Griset at the Orange County Business Council’s Legislative Luncheon featuring Congressman Kevin McCarthy (R-CA). The Congressman gave a Washington update to community and business leaders.

Vice Chair Peterson mentioned that on July 25, Metropolitan sponsored and participated in the Riverside County’s 5th District Water, Transportation and Economic Development Symposium. Board Vice Chair Randy Record and General Manager Jeff Kightlinger participated in a water panel to discuss state, regional and local water issues.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-5 Subject: Approve amendments to Metropolitan’s Source Water Quality Protection policy principle to address hydraulic fracturing

Presented by: Chris Gabelich, Environmental Specialist

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and adopt the amended Source Water Quality Protection Policy Principle as found in Attachment 5 to the board letter.

Motion Carried: Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Brick

Director Barbre voted no.

Votes: 9 = Yes; 1= No

8-6 Subject: Approve increased dues for memberships in the Building Industry Association of Southern California, Inland Empire Economic Partnership, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, and Orange County Business Council; and approve new memberships in the Association of California Cities – Orange County, and the League of California Cities – Los Angeles County Division

Presented by: Linda Waade, Deputy General Manager, External Affairs

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and authorize the General Manager to pay the above-listed expected membership dues/assessments for FY 2012/13.

Motion Carried: Moved: Director Record Seconded: Director Camacho

Director Heidel voted no.

Votes: 9 = Yes; 1= No

6. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

7. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Report on activities from Washington, D.C.

Presented by: Brad Hiltcher, Executive Legislative Representative

Mr. Hiltcher reported on a number of federal matters which included:

- Congress is on recess and will return on September 10
- The proposed Continuing Resolution for the 2013 budget
- H.R. 6247 Hydropower Legislation introduced by the House Natural Resources Chairman Doc Hastings (R-WA)

b. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Cole, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Cole reported on activities in Sacramento including legislative updates on:

- State legislation, including legislation related to the Delta
- Pension reform proposals
- New Assembly Committee assignments
- Legislative and administration efforts related to Green House Gas regulations

8. MANAGEMENT REPORT

Ms. Dee Zinke, Group Manager, External Affairs, reported that External Affairs is working on initiating the legislative proposal process for 2013. She also discussed current outreach efforts related to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

Ms. Linda Waade stated that the proposed Water Bond will be brought back to the Board for discussion later in the year.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on September 11, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Glen Peterson
Vice Chair