

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**January 8, 2013**

Chair Ackerman called the meeting to order at 9:53 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Ackerman, Vice Chair Peterson, Directors Abdo, Ballin, Barbre, Camacho, Fleming, Gray, Griset, Friedman, Lewinger, Morris, Mudd, K. Murray, and Record.

Member absent: Director Lowenthal.

Other Board Members present: Directors Babcock, Dick, Edwards, Little, J. Murray, Pringle, and Wright.

Staff present: Acuña, Ardalan, Arena, H. Beatty, Benbow, Bennion, Breaux, J. Carrillo, Clairday, Cole, Green, Hiltcher (via videoconference), Kightlinger, T. Lee, Man, Martinez, Patterson, Philp, N. Purkiss, Rego, Riss, Scully, Stites, Upadhyay, Waade, Westford, Wolfe, E. Wong, and Zinke.

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

No members responded.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 11, 2012**

Motion Carried    Moved: Director Camacho    Seconded: Director Mudd

Votes: Unanimous

**3. COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT**

To allow adequate time for the remaining agenda items, Chair Ackerman decided to forego the Chair's report for this month.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**5. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**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:

- Budget Update
- House Committee Assignments for the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress
- Senate Committee Assignments for the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress
- House and Senate Calendars for 2013

b. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Cole, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Cole reported on a number of state matters which included:

- Senate and Assembly Leadership/Committee Assignments
- New bill introductions
- State Budget
- Political Landscape at the State Capitol

c. Subject: Report on 2014 Water Bond

Presented by: Kathy Cole, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Cole reported on the 2014 Water Bond which included:

- Legislative history of 2014 water bond
- Comprehensive overview of California's fiscal outlook
- Overview of fund balances for previously authorized water bonds

- Overview of programs within 2014 water bond
- Relevant 2013 bill introductions

- d. Subject: Report on Education Program
- Presented by: Yvette Martinez, Section Manager

Ms. Martinez reported on Metropolitan's Education Program which included:

- Program history, mission, goals and objectives
- Program resources, including curriculum, materials and webpage
- Education Programs: History, Mission, and Goals
- Key Objectives of the Program
- Key Education Programs
- Education Web Site Homepage

## **8. MANAGEMENT REPORT**

- a. Subject: External Affairs Management report
- Presented by: Dee Zinke, Group Manager, External Affairs

Ms. Dee Zinke reported that talking points are being prepared to assist the Board in briefing new and incumbent legislators on Metropolitan's mission and priorities and also reinforcing the value of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on February 12, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Linda Ackerman  
Chair