

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

March 12, 2013

Chair Ackerman called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Ackerman, Vice Chair Peterson, Directors Abdo, Apodaca, Ballin, Barbre, Camacho, Gray (via teleconference), Griset, Lewinger, Morris, and Record.

Members absent: Directors Fleming, Friedman, Lowenthal, Mudd, and K. Murray (entered at 10:45 a.m.)

Other Board Members present: Directors Babcock, Brown, Edwards, Evans, Little, Pringle, Touhey, Wilson, and Wright.

Staff present: Acuña, Ardalan, H. Beatty, Bennion, Breaux, Burman, J. Carrillo, Cole, Escuadro-Dailey, Hasencamp, Kightlinger, Man, Muir, Neudeck, Patterson, Philp, Stites, Upadhyay, Waade, Westford, 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

Chair Ackerman stated that all actions today require a roll call vote since Director Gray participated via teleconference. The Directors will need to announce their name and vote after the action item.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2013

Motion Carried Moved: Director Griset Seconded: Ballin

Votes: 11 = Yes; 1 = Abstain

Roll Call Vote:

Ackerman Yes
Peterson Yes
Abdo Yes
Apodoca Abstain

Ballin	Yes
Barbre	Yes
Camacho	Yes
Gray	Yes (via teleconference)
Griset	Yes
Lewinger	Yes
Morris	Yes
Record	Yes

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

Director K. Murray entered the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-1 Subject: Adopt Metropolitan 2014 Water Bond Priorities

 Presented by: Kathy Cole, Executive Legislative Representative

 Amended Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination and authorize the General Manager to advance Metropolitan’s priorities in future negotiations on 2014 water bond and to include equitable allocation of funding for local projects consistent with Proposition 84 criteria and funding for watershed and reservoir management for water quality protection.

Motion Carried Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Ballin

Votes: Unanimous

Roll Call Vote:

Ackerman	Yes
Peterson	Yes
Abdo	Yes
Apodoca	Yes
Ballin	Yes
Barbre	Yes
Camacho	Yes
Gray	Yes (via teleconference)
Griset	Yes

Lewinger	Yes
Morris	Yes
K. Murray	Yes
Record	Yes

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

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

Presented by: Dee Zinke, Group Manager, External Affairs

Ms. Zinke reported on behalf of Brad Hiltcher, Executive Legislative Representative, who was attending Access D.C. She reported on a number of federal matters which included:

- The potential impact of sequestration (budget cuts on federal agencies affecting water resources)
- Presidential appointments

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:

- Spring recess begins March 21 and reconvenes April 1
- Last day for bills to pass from house-of-origin is May 31
- New bill introductions
- Member Agency-sponsored legislation
- Super-majority status
- CEQA reform

7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on April 9, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Linda Ackerman
Chair