

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**June 11, 2013**

Chair Ackerman called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

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

Members absent: Directors Lowenthal and K. Murray.

Other Board Members present: Directors Babcock, Brown, Dick, Edwards, Little, Pringle, Steiner, Touhey, Wright, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: H. Beatty, Bennion, Breaux, Burman, J. Carrillo, L. Carrillo, Clairday, Cole, Escuadro-Dailey, Ghaly, Green, Hasencamp, Hiltcher (via videoconference), Ivey, Kear, Kightlinger, T. Lee, Man, Martinez, Patterson, Philp, Purkiss, Rego, Scully, M. Stewart, Stites, Upadhyay, Vanderhorst, Waade, Wolfe, 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 MAY 14, 2013**

Motion Carried    Moved: Director Camacho    Seconded: Director Griset

Votes: Unanimous

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

- 8-3            Subject:            Support and seek amendments to AB 803 (Gomez, D – Los Angeles) – Water Recycling Act of 2013
- Presented by:        Mic Stewart, Water Quality Section Manager
- Motion:             Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not subject to CEQA and authorize the General Manager to express Metropolitan’s support and seek amendments to AB 803.
- Motion Carried     Moved: Director Lewinger        Seconded: Director Morris
- Votes: Unanimous

**5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**6. 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:
- Appropriations
  - Farm Bill
  - Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)
  - Tax-exempt bonds
  - EPA report on nationwide needs for water infrastructure funding
  - Congressional calendar

- 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:

- Legislative deadlines
- State legislation
- 2014 water bond
- Special election update
- Oversight hearings
- State Budget

**7.       MANAGEMENT REPORT**

None

**8.       FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Griset requested a report on H. R. 1927 (Costa, D-CA) - More Water and Security for Californians Act.

Next meeting will be held on July 9, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Linda Ackerman  
Chair