

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**September 10, 2013**

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

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

Members absent: Directors Barbre, Lewinger, Lowenthal, K. Murray, and Record.

Other Board Members present: Directors Babcock, Brown, Dick, Edwards, Evans, Little, J. Murray, and Wunderlich.

Staff present: Acuña, Bennion, H. Beatty, J. Carrillo, Clairday, Cole (via videoconference), Coffey, Escuadro-Dailey, Green, Hiltcher (via videoconference), Kightlinger, T. Lee, Man, Y. Martinez, Pitman, Purkiss, Rego, Scully, Stites, O. Tucker, Upadhyay, 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**

No members responded.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2013**

Motion Carried Moved: Director Friedman Seconded: Director Morris

Votes: Unanimous

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

**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:

- Farm Bill
- Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)
- Quagga mussel legislation and proposed U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service guidance
- Pechanga water rights settlement legislation
- Habitat conservation legislation
- Rio Grande legislation potential impacts to Colorado River
- Nominations

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
- Transfer of Drinking Water Program
- 2014 Water Bond
- California Environmental Quality Act
- Gubernatorial appointments
- Special elections

**7. MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Ms. Dee Zinke, Interim Deputy General Manager of External Affairs, reported on the following items:

- 2014 Board of Directors Legislative Proposal Form and deadlines
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diemer Facility

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on October 8, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Linda Ackerman  
Chair