

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

March 7, 2016

Director Ackerman called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Camacho, Galleano, Lefevre, Lewinger, Morris, Murray, and Tu.

Members absent: Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Apodaca, Ballin, Barbre, Friedman, Peterson, and Vasquez.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Blois, Dear, Dick, Hogan, McKenney, Ramos, Steiner, and Touhey.

Staff present: Acuña, J. Carrillo, Coffey, Cole, Donovan, Escuadro-Dailey, Ghaly, Green, Hasencamp, Hightower, Hiltcher (via videoconference), Kightlinger, Lee, Man, Martinez, Philp, Pitman, Purkiss, Rojo, Schaffer, Scully, Sims, Stites, Westford, 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 FEBRUARY 8, 2016

Motion:	Carried		
Moved:	Director Camacho	Seconded:	Director Morris
Ayes:	Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Camacho, Galleano, Lefevre, Lewinger, Morris, Murray, and Tu		
Noes:	None		
Abstentions:	None		
Absent:	Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Apodaca, Ballin, Barbre, Friedman, Peterson, and Vasquez		

The motion passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 8 absent.

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 federal matters which included:

- Budget and Appropriations oversight hearings
- Water policy hearings
- Legislation to address water and energy conservation tax parity
- Federal calendar

b. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Cole, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Cole reported on state legislative matters including:

- Legislative calendar
- Joint hearing on “No Blank Checks” Initiative
- Delta conveyance
- New bill introductions
 - Foothill Feeder
 - Water supply and stormwater infrastructure finance
 - Water markets and transfers
 - Plumbing retrofits for greater water use efficiency
 - Land use and water supply
- Informational hearings
- Legislative outreach

7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Sue Sims, Group Manager, External Affairs

Ms. Sims reported on the following items:

- Math and science educational outreach events
- Conservation activities
- Online digital art contest
- Business outreach events
- Legislative briefing
- Member Agency PIO meeting
- Member Agency Inspection Trip Coordinators meeting

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on April 11, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Linda Ackerman
Director