THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ADJOURNED COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

August 15, 2016

Chair Kurtz called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Abdo, Ballin, Barbre, Camacho, Galleano, Gold (entered at 1:20 p.m.), Lefevre (entered meeting at 1:28 p.m.), Lewinger, Morris, Murray, and Peterson (entered meeting at 1:15 p.m.).

Members absent: Directors Ackerman, Apodaca, Friedman, and Vasquez Wilson.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Atwater, Beard, Blois, Dake, Dear, Dick, McKenney, Ramos, and Steiner.

Staff present: Acuña, Arakawa, Beatty, Breaux, R. Castro, Chan, Cole, Escuadro-Dailey, Ghaly, Green, Hightower, Hiltscher, Kightlinger, T. Lee, A. Man, Philp, N. Purkiss, Rojo, Schaffer, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Stites, Vanderhorst, 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 JULY 11, 2016

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Camacho Seconded: Director Ballin

Ayes: Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Abdo, Ballin, Barbre, Camacho,

Galleano, Lewinger, Morris, and Murray

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Apodaca, Friedman, Gold, Lefevre, Peterson, and

Vasquez Wilson

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 7 absent.

Director Peterson entered the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

Director Gold entered the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Director Lefevre entered the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-3 Subject Adopt CEQA determination and adopt Policy Principle on

Watershed Management

Presented by: Nathan Purkiss, Section Manager, Legislative Services

Substitute The Communications and Legislation Committee voted to postpone

Motion: voting on Item 8-3 until the September meeting.

Moved: Director Murray Seconded: Director Abdo

Ayes: Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Abdo, Ballin, Camacho, Galleano, Gold,

Lefevre, Lewinger, Morris, Murray, and Peterson

Noes: None

Abstentions: Director Barbre

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Apodaca, Friedman, and Vasquez Wilson

The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstain, and 4 absent.

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

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

Presented by: Brad Hiltscher, Executive Legislative Representative

Mr. Hiltscher reported on federal matters which included:

• Water Resources Development Act

- Energy bill conference
- Drought assistance legislation
- FY 2017 Appropriations
- Tax parity for water conservation
- 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 deadlines

- AB 2488 (Dababneh) Metropolitan-sponsored legislation
- Legislation regarding regionalization of western grid
- Little Hoover Commission hearing on special districts
- Joint Legislative Audit Committee audit regarding CA WaterFix

c. Subject: Presentation on Focus Groups on Water Conservation Messaging

Presented by: Carolyn Schaffer, Section Manager, Member Services & Public

Outreach

Ms. Schaffer reported on recent focus groups that were conducted by ACWA for the Save Our Water campaign.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Sue Sims, Group Manager, External Affairs

Ms. Sims reported on the following items:

- Social media and digital advertising
- Bi-weekly PIO updates on conservation program
- Drone video on solar panel program at La Verne facility
- Legislative Proposal form
- Education Unit launching new technology for the classrooms
- Partnering with LADWP and LA Times on their education in the classroom program on energy and water nexus
- Updating Metropolitan's high school program to Updating Metropolitan's high school curriculum for water policies
- Improvements at DVL

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on September 12, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Cynthia Kurtz Chair