THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ADJOURNED COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

September 12, 2016

Chair Kurtz called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Galleano, Gold, Lefevre, Morris, Murray, and Peterson.

Members absent: Directors Apodaca, Ballin, Barbre, Camacho, Friedman, Lewinger, and Vasquez Wilson.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Beard, Dake, Dear, Dick, Faessel, Hogan, McKenney, Paskett, Ramos, and Steiner.

Staff present: Acuña, Arakawa, Beatty, Breaux, J. Carrillo, R. Castro, Coffey, B. Garcia, Green, Hassencamp, Hightower, Hiltscher, Horn, Kalbacher, Kightlinger, T. Lee, Man, Y. Martinez, Philp, N. Purkiss, Rojo, Schaffer, Scully, Sims, Stites, Tonsick, R. Thompson, Upadhyay, Vanderhorst, 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

No members responded.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 15, 2016

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Lefevre

Ayes: Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Galleano, Gold,

Lefevre, Morris, Murray, and Peterson

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Apodaca, Ballin, Barbre, Camacho, Friedman, Lewinger, and

Vasquez Wilson

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

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

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

Withdrawn Watershed Management

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:

- Action on Water Resources Development Act legislation
- Appropriations action and federal fiscal timeline
- Indian Water Settlement Agreement legislation
- Forest Service, wildfire and watershed reform proposals
- Energy reform conference update
- Tax parity for water conservation
- Federal calendar

b. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Rosalie Thompson, Principal Legislative Representative

Ms. Thompson reported on state legislative matters including:

- Legislative deadlines
- Pending legislation and policy matters:
 - AB 2488 (Dababneh, D-Encino)
 - AB 1755 (Dodd, D-Napa)
 - AB 2022 (Gordon, D-Menlo Park)
 - SB 554 (Wolk, D-Davis)
 - Greenhouse gas emission reductions/cap-and-trade program

- Little Hoover Commission hearing on special districts

c. Subject: Update on World Water Forum

Presented by: Benita Horn, Principal Public Affairs Representative

Ms. Horn reported the following items:

- Grants to college and universities
- Program sponsors
- Inter-disciplinary teams
- CA Polytechnic University, Pomona
- Loma Linda University
- California State University, Long Beach
- Funding cycle timeline

7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Sue Sims, Group Manager, External Affairs

Ms. Sims reported on the following items:

- Introduced Bart Garcia who joined the Inspection Trip Team
- Launch of new microsite focusing on the Delta Islands
- Information video on the Delta Islands
- Update on water conservation advertising campaign including sponsorship activities with LA Galaxy
- Day without Water project

Ms. Zinke reported on the California WaterFix Communications Plan.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on October 10, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Cynthia Kurtz Chair