

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**October 10, 2016**

Chair Kurtz called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

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

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

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Dake, Faessel, McKenney, Paskett, and Steiner.

Staff present: Acuña, Arakawa, J. Carrillo, Coffey, K. Cole, Donhoff, Donovan, Green, Hightower, Hiltcher (via videoconference), Horn, G. Johnson, Kear, Kightlinger, T. Lee, Man, Y. Martinez, Philp, N. Purkiss, Riss, Rojo, Schaffer, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Stites, Tonsick, Upadhyay, 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 SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Ballin

Ayes: Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Ballin, Galleano, Gold, Lefevre, Morris, and Murray

Noes: None

Abstentions: Director Lewinger

Absent: Directors Apodaca, Barbre, Camacho, Friedman, Peterson, and Vasquez Wilson

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstain, and 6 absent.

### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

### 4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-2 Subject Adopt CEQA determination and Policy Principle on Watershed Management

Presented by: Nathan Purkiss, Legislative Services Section Manager

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not  
Amended defined as a project under CEQA, and Adopt the Legislative Policy Principle on Watershed Management

Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Ballin

Ayes: Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Ballin, Galleano, Gold, Lefevre, Morris, and Murray

Noes: Director Lewinger

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Apodaca, Barbre, Camacho, Friedman, Peterson, and Vasquez Wilson

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 1 no, 0 abstain, and 6 absent.

### 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:

- Action on FY 2017 spending
- Water Resources Development Act of 2016
- Progress on Indian Water Settlement Agreement legislation
- Federal legislative calendar

b. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Cole, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Cole gave a recap of the 2016 state legislative year which included:

- Legislative highlights including final action on Metropolitan-sponsored legislation and on bills supported/opposed by Metropolitan.
- Budget actions
- Potential legislatives and policy issues for 2017

## **7. MANAGEMENT REPORT**

a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Sue Sims, Group Manager, External Affairs

Ms. Sims reported on the following items:

- Conservation outreach campaign
- Partnership with L.A. Galaxy (video)
- Additional outreach materials for CA WaterFix

## **8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on November 7, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Cynthia Kurtz  
Chair