

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

December 11, 2017

Chair Kurtz called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

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

Member absent: Directors Barbre, Camacho, Lefevre, Lewinger, and Vazquez-Wilson.

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

Staff present: Arakawa, G. Breaux, J. Carrillo, L. Carrillo, M. Castillo, Coffey, Cole, Donhoff, Donovan, Escuadro-Dailey, Frey, B. Garcia, J. Green, Hasencamp, Hightower, Hiltcher, Kightlinger, Horton, Kuo Brinton, T. Lee, A. Lopez, Y. Martinez, McNutt, Patterson, Philp, Purkiss, Riss, Rojo, Schaffer, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Stites, R. Thompson, Tomer, Tonsick, Tubbs, Upadhyay, E. Wong, E. Young, 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 NOVEMBER 13, 2017

Motion: Carried
Moved: Director Saxod Seconded: Director Peterson
Ayes: Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Ballin, Galleano, Gold, Morris, Murray, Peterson, and Saxod.
Noes: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Directors Barbre, Camacho, Lefevre, Lewinger, and Vasquez-Wilson.

Mr. Hiltcher reported on federal matters which included:

- Income tax reform legislation
- Infrastructure package
- Trump Administration update
- Presidential appointments
- Safe Drinking Water Act
- Appropriations
- Federal calendar

b. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Cole, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Cole reported on state matters which included:

- Leadership changes
- Wildfire impacts in Southern California and related legislation
- Delta Caucus meeting
- Recent activity on two-year bills
- Legislative Analyst Office Report on state's fiscal condition
- Legislative calendar for 2018

7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Sue Sims, Group Manager, External Affairs

Ms. Sims reported on the following items:

- Insert from LA Times featuring articles on MWD and member agencies on the proposed regional recycled water project groundbreaking and education and outreach activities.
- American Airlines ran Metropolitan's Innovation video on their inflight business channel for two months earlier this year and have extended running the video through December and January because of high interest.
- GM filmed an upcoming PBS segment on "Ten Things that Changed America." This will be shown sometime in the spring or summer.
- Metropolitan's Public Attitudes and Awareness Survey began.
- Issued the RFP on the water conservation advertising campaign.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on January 8, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Cynthia Kurtz
Chair