

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**ADJOURNED COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**August 20, 2018**

Chair Kurtz called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan’s Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Abdo, Barbre, Camacho, Galleano, Gold, Morris, Murray, Peterson, and Vazquez-Wilson.

Members absent: Directors Ackerman, Ballin, and Lefevre.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Atwater, Blois, Butkiewicz, Hogan, Paskett, Ramos, and Steiner.

Staff present: J. Carrillo, Sims, Stites, Upadhyay, and Zinke.

**1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE’S JURISDICTION**

None

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JULY 9, 2018**

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Camacho                      Seconded: Director Peterson

Ayes: Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Abdo, Barbre, Camacho, Galleano, Gold, Morris, Murray, Peterson, and Vasquez-Wilson.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Ballin, and Lefevre.

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 3 absent.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

#### 4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-5 Subject: Adopt CEQA determination and express a watch position on Section 437 of H.R.6147, the Interior, Environment, Financial Services and General Government, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act of 2019, as proposed by U.S. Representative Ken Calvert (R-CA), related to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta California WaterFix.

Presented by: Brad Hiltcher, Executive Legislative Representative

Motion: Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not defined as a project under CEQA, and take a watch position on Section 437 of H.R.6147

Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Galleano

Ayes: Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Barbre, Camacho, Galleano, Morris, and Peterson

Noes: Directors Abdo, Gold, Murray, and Vasquez-Wilson

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Ballin, and Lefevre

The motion passed by a vote of 7 ayes, 4 noes, 0 abstain, and 3 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

Executive Legislative Representative Hiltcher reported on federal matters which included:

- Federal legislative calendar
- FY 2019 Appropriations issues

b. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Cole, Executive Legislative Representative

Executive Legislative Representative Cole reported on state matters which included:

- State legislative deadlines
- SB 844 and 845 (Monning, D-Carmel)
- State Water Project contract extension hearing
- Senate Rules Committee confirmation hearing for DWR Director Karla Nemeth
- Wildfire conference committee deliberations

c. Subject: Update on Metropolitan's Water Education Program

Presented by: Adrian Hightower, Unit Manager - Education

Unit Manager Hightower reported on the following items which included:

- Expanding working and jobs pipeline programs
- Education Unit activity in 2017
- GIS story map of education activities
- Education technology programs
- 35 years of water education programs

## 7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Sue Sims, Group Manager, External Affairs

Group Manager Sims reported on the following items:

- Introduced a new press officer Maritza Fairfield
- Assemblymember Nazarian Annual Water Forum in the San Fernando Valley
- Advertising and outreach campaign
- Bewaterwise night at Dodger Stadium
- Update on conservation rebate applications and reservations
- Native garden resources on the [www.bewaterwise](http://www.bewaterwise) website

**8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on September 10, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Cynthia Kurtz  
Chair