# THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# MINUTES

# COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

#### March 11, 2019

Chair Cordero called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Kurtz, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Butkiewicz, Emrani, Galleano, Gold, McKenney, Morris, Murray, Peterson, Record, Smith, and Treviño.

Members absent: Director Barbre.

Other Board Members present: Directors Blois, Dake, Goldberg, Hall, Hogan, Ortega, Quiñonez, and Ramos.

Staff present: Kightlinger, Rojo, Sims, Stites, Upadhyay, and Zinke.

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

Kevin Hunt, General Manager of Central Basin Municipal Water District, gave remarks on item 8-5: Express support, if amended to AB 1220 (C. Garcia, D-Bell Gardens): Metropolitan Water District.

# 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2019

Motion for	Carried		
Moved:	Director Murray	Seconded:	Director Morris
Ayes:	Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Kurtz, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Butkiewicz, Emrani, Galleano, Gold, McKenney, Morris, Murray, Peterson, Record, Smith, and Treviño.		
Noes:	None		
Abstentions:	None		
Absent:	Director Barbre.		

The motion passed by a vote of 15 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

#### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

#### 4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-2	Subject:	Express opposition, unless amended, to SB 1 (Atkins, D-San Diego; Portantino, D-La Canada Flintridge; and Stern, D-Agoura Hills): California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2019; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
	Presented by:	Robert Horton, General Council, Chief Deputy General Counsel, and Kathy Viatella, External Affairs, Executive Legislative Representative
	Motion:	Authorize the General Manager to express opposition, unless amended, to SB 1: California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2019
	Action on this item was	deferred to the April 8, 2019 meeting.
8-5	Subject:	Express support, if amended, to AB 1220 (C. Garcia, D-Bell Gardens): Metropolitan Water Districts; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not

- Presented by: Lana Haddad, External Affairs, Legislative Services Section Manager
  - Motion: Express support, if amended, to AB 1220 (C. Garcia, D-Bell Gardens): Metropolitan Water District

Moved: Director Record	Seconded:	Director Murray
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subject to CEQA

Ayes: Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Kurtz, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Butkiewicz, Emrani, Galleano, Gold, McKenney, Morris, Murray, Record, Smith, and Treviño.
Noes: Director Peterson.
Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Barbre.

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 1 no, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

8-6 Subject: Express support, if amended, to SB 62 (Dodd, D-Napa): Endangered Species: accidental take associated with routine and ongoing

		agricultural activities; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
	Presented by:	Kathy Viatella, External Affairs, Executive Legislative Representative
	Motion:	Express support, if amended, to SB 62, Endangered Species: accidental take associated with routine and ongoing agricultural activities
Moved:	Director Recor	rd Seconded: Director Peterson
Ayes:	Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Kurtz, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Butkiewicz, Emrani, McKenney, Morris, Murray, Peterson, Record, Smith, and Treviño.	
Noes:	None	
Abstentions:	Director Gold.	
Absent:	Directors Barb	re and Galleano.

The motion passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 no, 1 abstain, and 2 absent.

Director Galleano exited the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Cordero announced that there would be a reordering of the meeting agenda. Item 9-4 would be heard before 8-7 because both involve safe drinking water initiatives.

# 5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

9-4	Subject:	Report on Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Initiatives		
	Presented by:	Kathy Viatella, External Affairs, Executive Legislative Representative		
4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION (continued)				
8-7	Subject:	Express support to SB 669 (Caballero, D-Salinas): Water Quality: Safe Drinking Water Fund; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA		
	Presented by:	Lana Haddad, External Affairs, Legislative Services Section Manager		
	Motion:	Express support to SB 669 (Caballero, D-Salinas): Water Quality: Safe Drinking Water Fund		
Moved:	Director Morri	s Seconded: Director McKenney		

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Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Kurtz, Directors Ackerman, Butkiewicz, Emrani, McKenney, Morris, Peterson, Record, Smith, and Treviño.		
None.		
Directors Abdo,	Gold, and Murray.	
Directors Barbre	e and Galleano.	
ion passed by a v	ote of 11 ayes, 0 no, 3 abstain, and 2 absent.	
announced that t genda.	the meeting would now return to its originally scheduled order as	
TTEE ITEMS		
Subject:	Update on proposed new definitions of "Waters of the United States"	
Presented by:	Thomas Napoli, Environmental Specialist	
Environmental Specialist Thomas Napoli reported on proposed new definitions of 'Waters of the United States'' as well as the changes in coverage, potential impacts to Metropolitan and next steps.		
Subject:	Update on Metropolitan's 2018/19 Water Conservation Outreach	
Presented by:	Susan Sims, External Affairs Group Manager	
Water Conservation	Group Manager Susan Sims reported on Metropolitan's 2018/19 on Outreach which included: past advertising placement, the planned Focus, messaging and outreach components.	
Subject:	Report on activities from Washington, D.C.	
Presented by:	Brad Hiltscher, Executive Legislative Representative	
Executive Legislative Representative Hiltscher reported on activities from Washington, D.C. which included: House Committee and leadership assignmen hearings of interest, S.47 (Murkowski), a comprehensive public lands bill, propo of interest, and important federal dates.		
Subject:	Report on activities from Sacramento	
Presented by:	Kathy Viatella, Executive Legislative Representative	
	None. Directors Abdo, Directors Barbro on passed by a v announced that is genda. <b>TEE ITEMS</b> ubject: resented by: waters of the Ur fetropolitan and ubject: resented by: external Affairs O Vater Conservation pring campaign f ubject: resented by: executive Legisla vashington, D.C.	

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Executive Legislative Representative Viatella reported on Sacramento legislative issues including: the deadline for bill introductions, spring recess, Assembly and Senate committee meetings, and other legislation of interest to Metropolitan.

#### 7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Susan Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

External Affairs Group Manager Susan Sims reported on the Super blooms and wildflowers at Metropolitan's Diamond Valley Lake.

# 8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

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# 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on April 8, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Gloria Cordero Chair