THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA

April 23, 2019

Committee Chair Ackerman called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Committee Chair Ackerman, Committee Vice Chair Pressman, Directors Apodaca, Atwater, Blois, Cordero, Dake, Hogan (entered at 10:43 a.m.), Kurtz (entered at 9:55 a.m.), Lefevre, Morris, and Murray, Jr. (entered at 9:39 a.m.).

Member absent: Directors McKenney, Paskett, and Peterson.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairwoman Gray, Directors, Barbre, Butkiewicz, Dick, Faessel, Galleano, Gold, Hall, Record, Smith, and Williams.

Committee Staff present: Arakawa, Kear, Kightlinger, Patterson, Upadhyay, and Winn.

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 SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BAY-DELTA HELD FEBRUARY 26, 2019.

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Blois Seconded: Director Morris

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Atwater, Blois, Cordero, Dake, Lefevre, Morris, and

Pressman.

Noes: None

Abstentions: Director Apodaca

Absent: Director Hogan, Kurtz, McKenney, Murray, Jr., Paskett, and Peterson.

The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstention, and 6 absent.

Committee Chair Ackerman announced the reordering of the meeting. Item 3c would be heard first.

3. COMMITTEE ITEMS

c. Subject: Update on Delta Conveyance

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa reported that the state is conducting discussions and planning how they will move forward with the Delta conveyance project.

Mr. Arakawa asked Director Atwater to introduce the special guest.

Director Atwater introduced the new Executive Director of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Kathryn Mallon. He provided information on her background and mentioned her start date.

Ms. Mallon spoke briefly and noted that she is looking forward to working with the DCA members and the California Department Water Resources on the Delta conveyance project.

Committee Chair Ackerman announced that the meeting would now return to its originally scheduled order as listed on the agenda.

a. Subject: Science Update: Collaborative Science and Adaptive

Management Program

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Principal Resource Specialist Lynda Smith

Ms. Smith provided background information on the purpose of the program. She listed the participating agencies, described the structure of the organization, Metropolitan's involvement, and highlighted some of the science activities.

Staff addressed questions and comments on this topic from directors Gold and Record.

Director Murray, Jr. entered the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Director Lefevre withdrew from the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

b. Subject: Update on Delta Levees Emergency Preparedness and Response

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Special Projects Manager Randall Neudeck

Mr. Neudeck described the background and purpose of the Delta Levees Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan. He noted Delta seismic risks, risk mitigation options, the ongoing implementation plan, and next steps.

Staff addressed questions on this topic from the following committee directors:

- 1. Dick
- 2. Gold
- 3. Committee Chair Ackerman
- 4. Lefevre

Director Lefevre returned to the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Director Kurtz entered the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

d. Subject: Bay-Delta Manager's Report

Presented by: Assistant General Manager Roger Patterson

Mr. Patterson reported on the status of the State Water Resources Control Board Voluntary Settlement Agreements. He gave an estimate for when the matter would be brought to the Board. He also provided an update on Delta water operations and noted a recent report on climate change and sea level rise in the Delta.

Staff addressed comments and questions from directors Dake and Smith.

Director Hogan entered the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on May 28, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Linda Ackerman Chair