

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

April 8, 2019

Chair Cordero called the meeting to order at 2:59 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 (entered the meeting at 3:07 p.m.), and Treviño.

Members absent: Director Barbre.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Blois, Goldberg, Hall, Hogan, and Ortega.

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

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 MARCH 11, 2019

Motion for Carried

Moved: Director Peterson Seconded: Director Treviño

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Butkiewicz, Cordero, Emrani, Galleano, Gold, Kurtz, McKenney, Morris, Murray, Peterson, Record, and Treviño.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Barbre and Smith

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

Director Smith entered the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

- 7-2 Subject: Authorize a professional services agreement with Sensis, Inc. not to exceed \$1,500,000 to design, develop and deploy the new mwdh2o.com website; the General Manager has determined that the proposed actions are exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
- Presented by: Robert Muir, External Affairs, Media Services Section Manager
- Motion: Authorize a \$1,500,000 agreement with Sensis, Inc. to redesign mwdh2o.com website and implement a Content Management System

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Cordero
2. Emrani
3. Morris
4. Murray
5. Ortega
6. Smith
7. Treviño

- Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Abdo
- Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Butkiewicz, Cordero, Emrani, Galleano, Gold, Kurtz, 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 no, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

- 8-7 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: Kathy Viatella, External Affairs, Executive Legislative Representative
- Substitute Take no position on SB 1: California Environmental, Public Health,

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Report on SB 332 (Hertzberg, D-Van Nuys; Weiner D–San Francisco) Wastewater treatment: recycled water

Presented by: Raymond Jay, Resource Specialist

Resource Specialist Raymond Jay reported on Senate Bill 332 (Hertzberg, D-Van Nuys; Weiner D–San Francisco) Wastewater treatment: recycled water, its goals, areas of concern and areas for further evaluation.

- b. Subject: Report on activities from Washington, D.C.

Presented by: Susan Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

External Affairs Group Manager Susan Sims in Brad Hiltcher’s absence reported on activities from Washington, D.C. which included updates on: the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan, funding for Indian Water Settlement agreements, Sites Reservoir, NPDES permit extension, Title XVI, and important federal dates.

- c. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Viatella, Executive Legislative Representative

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

7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

- a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Susan Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

This item was deferred to next month’s meeting.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on May 13, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Gloria Cordero
Chair