

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

ADJOURNED COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

August 19, 2019

Chair Cordero called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

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

Members absent: Directors Barbre and Murray.

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

Staff present: Kightlinger, Rojo, 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 8, 2019

Motion for Carried

Moved: Director Peterson Seconded: Director Morris

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Butkiewicz, Cordero, Galleano, Kurtz, McKenney, Morris, Peterson, Record, Smith, and Treviño

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Barbre and Murray

The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

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 Brad Hiltcher reported on activities from Washington, D.C. which included updates on: FY2020 budget and appropriations, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) drinking water legislation, CAL OES appeal of FEMA funding decision on repairs at Oroville Dam, energy and climate legislation, and the federal legislative calendar.

- b. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Viatella, External Affairs, Executive Legislative Representative

Executive Legislative Representative Kathy Viatella reported on activities from Sacramento which included updates on: the legislative calendar, legislation on groundwater storage, monitoring requirements for PFAS substances, water treatment and water distribution operator certification, environmental regulations and worker safety standards, funding for subsidence on the federally-owned Friant-Kern Canal, quagga mussel control plans, billion dollar infrastructure project requirements, and 2020 wildfire and water bond proposals.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

- a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Dee Zinke, AGM/CEAO

AGM/CEAO Zinke invited directors to the Annual Water Solutions conference, announced upcoming community leader briefings, introduced new inspection trip manager Greg Widman and invited directors to submit legislative proposals for 2020.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on September 9, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Gloria Cordero
Chair