

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

September 9, 2019

Vice Chair Kurtz called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Vice Chair Kurtz, Directors Abdo, Butkiewicz, Galleano, McKenney, Murray (entered at 2:11 p.m.), Peterson, Record, Smith, and Treviño.

Members absent: Chair Cordero, Directors Ackerman, Barbre and Morris.

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

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

None

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADJOURNED COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2019

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director McKenney Seconded: Director Peterson

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Barbre, Cordero, Morris, and Murray

The motion passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 5 absent.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-1 Subject: Approve Metropolitan’s membership in the California African American Water Foundation for three years and authorize payment of \$25,000 per year for a total of \$75,000; the General Manager determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Yvette Martinez, External Affairs, Conservation and Community Services Section Manager

Motion: Approve Metropolitan’ s membership in the California African American Water Education Foundation for three years and authorize payment of dues for \$25,000 per year, with a three-year total amount of \$75,000

AGM Zinke noted for the record that if Metropolitan becomes a member of the California African American Water Education Foundation, it will receive a seat on the board of that organization, which the Chairwoman has been invited to fill.

Moved: Director Treviño

Seconded: Director Butkiewicz

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Butkiewicz, Galleano, Kurtz, McKenney, Peterson, Record, Smith, and Treviño.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Ackerman, Barbre, Cordero, Morris, and Murray

The motion passed by a vote of 9 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 5 absent

Director Murray entered the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

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, CAL OES appeal of FEMA funding decision on repairs at Oroville Dam, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) drinking water 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, multiple bills that are now two-year bills, legislation on groundwater storage, quagga mussel control plans, 2020 wildfire and water bond proposals, SB1, and senate confirmations.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

- a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Susan Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

External Affairs Manager Sims announced a partnership with LADWP and Las Virgenes to host a delegation of Israeli Innovation companies, shared that two Metropolitan outreach projects would be honored at a nationwide communications award in New York, and reported that staff was partnering with multiple public utilities and several community organizations on two events that focused on veterans and on climate change and sustainability.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on October 7, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Cynthia Kurtz
Vice Chair