THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

January 13, 2020

Chair Cordero called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Cordero, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Barbre (entered the meeting at 1:50), Butkiewicz, Galleano, McKenney, Morris, Murray, Peterson, Quinn (entered the meeting at 1:48), Record (entered the meeting at 1:48), and Smith.

Members absent: Vice Chair Kurtz and Director Treviño.

Other Board Members present: Atwater, Blois, Goldberg, Hogan, McCoy, Ortega, Ramos, Repenning, and Williams.

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 COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD DECEMBER 9, 2019

Motion:	Carried		
Moved:	Director Peterson	Seconded:	Director McKenney
Ayes:	Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Butkiewicz, Cordero, Galleano, McKenney, Morris, Murray, Peterson, Quinn, and Smith		
Noes:	None		
Abstentions:	None		
Absent:	Directors Barbre, Kurtz, and Record		

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 3 absent.

Director Barbre entered the meeting at 1:50 p.m.
Director Quinn entered the meeting at 1:48 p.m.
Director Record entered the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM – ACTION

None

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-4	Subject:	Adopt Updated State Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2020; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
	Presented by:	Chair Cordero
	Substitute Motion:	Table adoption of the updated State Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2020 and bring them back to the Board next month, addressing the comments made at committee

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Butkiewicz
2. McKenney
3. Morris
4. Ortega
5. Quinn
6. Smith

Moved:	Director Barbre	Seconded:	Director Peterson
Ayes:	Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Barbre, Butkiewicz, Cordero, Galleano, McKenney, Morris, Murray, Peterson, Quinn, Record, and Smith		
Noes:	None		
Abstentions:	None		
Absent:	Directors Kurtz and Treviño		

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

8-5	Subject:	Adopt Updated Federal Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2020; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA
	Presented by:	Lana Haddad, Legislative Services Section Manager, External Affairs

Substitute Motion:	Table adoption of the updated Federal Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2020 and bring them back to the Board next month, addressing the comments made at committee

Moved:	Director Barbre	Seconded:	Director Peterson
Ayes:	Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Barbre, Butkiewicz, Cordero, Galleano, McKenney, Morris, Murray, Peterson, Quinn, Record, and Smith		
Noes:	None		
Abstentions:	None		
Absent:	Directors Kurtz and Treviño		

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

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Overview of Metropolitan's Legislative Review Process

Presented by: Lana Haddad, Legislative Services Section Manager, External Affairs

Legislative Services Section Manager Lana Haddad provided an overview of Metropolitan's legislative review process. The report included an overview of state and federal legislative processes, Metropolitan's process for bill review and advocacy, and how Metropolitan's Legislative Representatives coordinate advocacy and engagement.

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

Presented by: Brad Hiltscher, Executive Legislative Representative

Executive Legislative Representative Brad Hiltscher reported on activities from Washington, D.C. including updates legislation on PFAS, the Water Resource Development Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act reform, FY 2020 appropriations, and the federal legislative calendar.

c. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Viatella, Executive Legislative Representative

Executive Legislative Representative Kathy Viatella reported on activities from Sacramento including key dates in the legislature, the Climate Resiliency Bond, updates from the Newsom Administration, and new appointments.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Susan Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

External Affairs Manager Sims reported that the annual report was completed, Metropolitan's coordination with the Smithsonian on an exhibit, and that the conservation advertising campaign won two national awards – the Tellys.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on February 10, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Gloria Cordero
Chair