THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

June 8, 2020

Chair Cordero called the teleconference meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Members absent: Director Repenning.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Atwater, Ballin, Blois, De Jesus, Dick, Goldberg, Hogan, Lefevre, and Williams.

Staff present: Kightlinger, Rojo, Scully, Sims, Upadhyay, and Zinke.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

Members of the public addressed the committee regarding SB 625.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MARCH 9, 2020

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Peterson

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Butkiewicz, Cordero, Galleano, Kurtz,

McKenney, Morris, Murray, Peterson, Quinn, Record, Smith, and Treviño

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Repenning

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM – ACTION

7-9 Subject: Express support and seek amendments to AB 3256 (E. Garcia, D-

Coachella) Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe

Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond

Act of 2020; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Kathy Viatella, Executive Legislative Representative

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Moved: Director Treviño Seconded: Director Kurtz

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Butkiewicz, Cordero, Galleano, Kurtz, McKenney,

Morris, Murray, Peterson, Quinn, Record, Smith, and Treviño

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Repenning

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

7-10 Subject: Watch and engage as needed to protect Metropolitan's interests on

SB 625 (Bradford, D-Gardena); Central Basin Municipal Water District: receivership; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Presented by: Kathy Viatella, Executive Legislative Representative

Motion: Watch and engage as needed to protect Metropolitan's interests on

SB 625 (Bradford; D-Gardena); Central Basin Municipal Water

District: Receivership

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

- 1. Ackerman
- 2. Butkiewicz
- 3. Galleano
- 4. McKenney
- 5. Peterson

Moved: Director McKenney Seconded: Director Morris

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Butkiewicz, Cordero, Galleano, Kurtz, McKenney,

Morris, Murray, Peterson, Quinn, Record, Smith, and Treviño

Noes: None Abstentions: None

Absent: Director Repenning

The motion passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 1 absent.

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: Abby Schneider, Executive Legislative Representative

Executive Legislative Representative Abby Schneider reported on activities from Washington, D.C. including updates on legislation of interest to Metropolitan, on COVID-19 response, and on the infrastructure stimulus bill.

b. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Viatella, Executive Legislative Representative

Executive Legislative Representative Kathy Viatella reported on activities from Sacramento including the legislature's compressed schedule, legislation of interest to Metropolitan, and the state budget.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Susan Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

External Affairs Manager Sims reported how Metropolitan is engaging with the community virtually, including how the Regional Recycled Water Advanced Purification Center had its first virtual tour, the wrap-up of the reimagined Solar Cup program, and the strong performance of Metropolitan's social media.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on August 17, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Gloria Cordero Chair