

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

BAY-DELTA COMMITTEE

September 22, 2020

Committee Chair Ackerman called the teleconference meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

Members present: Chair Ackerman, Vice Chair Faessel, Directors Apodaca, Atwater, Blois, Cordero, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McCoy McKenney, Morris, Murray, Jr., Peterson, and Pressman.

Members absent: Director Repenning.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairwoman Gray, Directors Abdo, Ballin, Butkiewicz, De Jesus, Dick, Galleano, Goldberg, Ortega, Quinn, Quiñonez, Record, Smith, Tamaribuchi, Treviño, and Williams.

Committee Staff present: Arakawa, Horton, Kightlinger, Patterson, Upadhyay, Winn, and Zinke.

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

Caty Wagner, Sierra Club California, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project

Charming Evelyn. Chair, Water Committee, Sierra Club Angeles Chapter, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project

Deeta Depp (sic) private citizen, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — ACTION

2. CONCENT CALENDAR – OTHER ITEMS -- ACTION

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Bay-Delta Committee held on July 28, 2020

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

Director Pressman made a motion, seconded by Director Morris to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Apodaca, Atwater, Blois, Cordero, Faessel, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McCoy, McKenney, Morris, Murray, Jr., Peterson, and Pressman
Noes: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Director Repenning

The motion passed by a vote of 15 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, 1 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Update on Delta Conveyance
Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa presented information on the status of the Delta Conveyance Project including preliminary cost assessment, preliminary benefits assessment, the agreement in principle developed in public negotiations with the California Department of Water Resources on cost and benefit allocation, the planning funding agreement, and topics that will be covered at upcoming Bay-Delta Committee meetings. He reported on the August and September Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority meetings as well as provided an update on recent Stakeholder Engagement Committee meetings.

Staff addressed questions and comments from the following directors on this topic:

1. Peterson
2. Hogan
3. Smith
4. Lefevre
5. Goldberg
6. Record
7. Quinn
8. Ortega
9. Quiñonez

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- a. Subject: Bay-Delta Management Report
 Presented by: Assistant General Manager Strategic Water Initiatives
 Roger Patterson

Mr. Patterson thanked the Committee members for their input, and mentioned that staff will respond to questions that were raised.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on October 27, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Linda Ackerman
Chair