THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

BAY-DELTA COMMITTEE

October 27, 2020

Committee Chair Ackerman called the teleconference meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Members present: Chair Ackerman, Vice Chair Faessel, Directors, Atwater, Blois, Cordero, Hogan, Kurtz, Lefevre, McCoy, McKenney, Peterson, and Repenning.

Members absent: Directors Apodaca, Morris, Murray, Jr., and Pressman,.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Abdo, Butkiewicz, De Jesus, Dick, Galleano, Goldberg, Ortega, Quinn, Ramos, 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

1. Caty Wagner, Sierra Club California, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
2. Patricia McPherson, Grass Roots Coalition, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
3. Name not given, Airport Marina Group, Sierra Club, spoke in support of caller number one and caller number two
4. Conner Everts, Environmental Water Caucus, Southern California Watershed Alliance, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
5. Jill Coffey, Sierra Club California, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
6. Liz Brooking, No affiliation given, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
7. Christina Bertia (sic), Graywater Action, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
8. Martha Camacho Rodriguez, allied with Sierra Club, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
9. Carlin Black, San Jose resident, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
10. Kim Floyd (sic), of Riverside County, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
11. Roseanne Whitt, Biologist, Thousand Oaks, Ventura County, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
12. Sarah Patricia Winsom (sic), Paramount Resident, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
13. Charming Evelyn, Vice-Chair, Environmental and Social Justice Committee, Sierra Club, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR – OTHER ITEMS -- ACTION

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Bay-Delta Committee held on September 22, 2020

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

Director Faessel made a motion, seconded by Director Blois to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A:

The vote was:

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

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, 5 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 provided a recap of the September Bay-Delta Committee meeting, including very preliminary costs and benefits information related to a Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) for consideration when making a board decision on the planning funding agreement. He also discussed the State Water Project/DCP Contract Agreement in Principle, draft planning funding agreement provisions, provisions for changes to the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority board governance, and next steps in the board process.

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

1. Hogan
2. Repenning
3. Lefevre
4. Quinn
5. Smith

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. He also mentioned that staff is proposing a three-step approach to funding the project, and that only a two year funding action for Delta Conveyance Project planning is being considered at this time.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on November 10, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Linda Ackerman
Chair