

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

BAY-DELTA COMMITTEE

November 10, 2020

Committee Chair Ackerman called the teleconference meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

Members present: Chair Ackerman, Vice Chair Faessel, Directors, Atwater, Blois, Cordero (entered after roll call), Hogan, Lefevre, McCoy, Morris, Murray, Jr., Peterson, Pressman, and Repenning.

Members absent: Directors Apodaca and Kurtz.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Abdo, De Jesus, Dick, Goldberg, Record, Smith, and Tamaribuchi.

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

Director Atwater left the meeting.

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, and asked that the vote be delayed until after the Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) has been approved
2. Sarah Wiltfong, Los Angeles County Business Federation, spoke in support of the Delta Conveyance Project
3. Conner Everts, Environmental Water Caucus, Southern California Watershed Alliance, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project, and asked that the decision be delayed until after the IRP has been approved
4. Charlie Wilson, Southern California Water Coalition, spoke in support of the Delta Conveyance Project
5. Charming Evelyn, Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter Water Committee, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project, and asked that the vote be delayed until the IRP has been approved

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Bay-Delta Committee held on October 27, 2020

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

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

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Ackerman, Blois, Cordero, Faessel, Hogan, Lefevre, McCoy, Morris, Murray, Jr., Peterson, and Repenning.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Apodaca, Atwater, Kurtz, and Pressman

The motion passed by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, 4 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Update on Funding Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for Metropolitan's proportionate share of the Delta Conveyance Project planning and pre-construction costs and amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement for the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa provided an update on the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) and focused on the approach for moving forward to the December 2020 action on the funding agreement and the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Joint Powers Agreement Amendment regarding governance. He noted that a written report was provided to the committee on this topic, described participation levels, planning costs and budget, and the DCA Joint Powers Agreement Amendment regarding governance.

He also reported on the October 26 DCA meeting and the November 5 Stakeholder Engagement Committee meeting.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Smith
2. Goldberg
3. Cordero

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

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

Mr. Patterson informed the committee that the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) released a report on the previous day related to Oroville Dam Spillway failure and noted that it can be found on DWR's website. Regarding the storage system, he reported on the major reservoirs in the north, and he gave a brief update on the Voluntary Agreements. Mr. Patterson also thanked the committee for their questions on the DCP.

The following directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Ackerman

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Director Smith requested that during the upcoming December Delta Conveyance discussion, staff provide assumptions of the amount of acre-feet of water that will be preserved with the Delta Conveyance Project, and based on the current DCP cost estimates, provide information on what the unit cost of that water would be.

Director Record requested that when the proposed Delta Conveyance Project is discussed at Board, staff should include an update on the cost per acre-feet of other sources of water such as ocean desalination, recycled water, and stormwater capture to put it in perspective.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on December 7, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Linda Ackerman
Chair