

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

Chair Cordero called the teleconference meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

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

Members absent: Directors Butkiewicz, Repenning, and Treviño.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Atwater, Blois, Camacho, De Jesus, Dick, Faessel, Goldberg, Hogan, Lefevre, Pressman, and Tamaribuchi.

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**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS – ACTION**

A. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Adjourned Communications and Legislation Committee held September 14, 2020.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

Director Murray made a motion, seconded by Director Kurtz to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A:

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Cordero, Galleano, Kurtz, McKenney, Morris, Murray, Peterson, Quinn, Record, and Smith

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Butkiewicz, Repenning, and Treviño

The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 3 absent.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

#### 4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

#### 5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

#### 6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a. Subject: Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2021

Presented by: Lana Haddad, Legislative Services Section Manager

Legislative Services Section Manager Haddad provided an update on Metropolitan's legislative priorities and principles for 2021 including key changes and content, top priorities and Metropolitan-sponsored legislation, strategic policy areas, and next steps.

- b. Subject: Update on the California Resilience Challenge

Presented by: Susan Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

External Affairs Manager Sims provided an update on the California Resilience Challenge and grant recipients.

- c. 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 federal legislation of interest to Metropolitan, on COVID-19 response, FY2021 appropriations, water quality, and the federal legislative calendar.

- d. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Viatella, Executive Legislative Representative

Executive Legislative Representative Kathy Viatella reported on activities from Sacramento including preliminary election results, legislative issues including COVID-19 response, climate change/renewable energy, water quality, and a budget update.

## **7. MANAGEMENT REPORT**

a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Susan Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

External Affairs Manager Sims provided a brief update on Metropolitan's water conservation advertising campaign and budget.

## **8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

None

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on December 8, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Gloria Cordero  
Chair