

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

BAY-DELTA COMMITTEE

December 7, 2020

Committee Chair Ackerman called the teleconference meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

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

Members absent: None

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

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

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

1. Katy Wagner, Sierra Club California, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
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
4. Geva Iglasias (sic), San Francisco Bay area, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
5. Jennifer Coffey, Sierra Club, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
6. Caren Spillsbury Executive Director, Gateway Chambers Alliance, spoke in support of the Delta Conveyance Project
7. Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director, California Contract Cities Association, spoke in support of the Delta Conveyance
8. Susan Warden, Rio Vista, California Resident, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
9. Kendal Asuncion (sic), Senior Policy Manager, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the Delta Conveyance Project
10. Rose Ann Whitt, Biologist, Wolsey fire survivor California taxpayer, Metropolitan rate payer, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
11. Lane Pigeot (sic), Student at UC Berkley, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
12. Jay Ungos, Tag Network, spoke in support of the Delta Conveyance Project
13. Charlie Wilson, Southern California Water Coalition, spoke in support of the Delta Conveyance Project

14. Diana Coronado, Building Industry Association of California, spoke in support of the Delta Conveyance Project
15. Carolyn Wheeler, Lifetime Resident of California, spoke in opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project
16. Peter Weinberger, Southern California Resident, 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 November 10, 2020

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-4 Subject: Authorize execution of a Funding Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources, commit funds for Metropolitan's share of the Delta Conveyance Project planning and pre-construction costs, and authorize execution of an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement for Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to Execute the following Agreements having terms as described in this board letter:

- a. Funding Agreement for recommended share of 47.2 percent for planning and pre-construction costs for Delta Conveyance Project; and
- b. Joint Powers Agreement Amendment for the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

- Mr. Arakawa reviewed the recent committee meeting topics regarding today's Action item. He focused on the Delta Conveyance Project planning needs; participation levels, board actions by other participating agencies; planning costs and budget; and the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Joint Powers Formation Agreement Amendment. Mr. Arakawa discussed resource costs in response to Committee requests and recommended Board Option #2.
- General Manager Jeff Kightlinger explained why staff recommendation evolved from Option #1 to Option #2.

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

1. Morris
2. Peterson
3. Lefevre
4. Smith
5. Ortega
6. Quinn
7. Blois
8. Repenning
9. Goldberg
10. Cordero
11. Hogan
12. Atwater
13. Butkiewicz

After completion of the presentation, Director Morris made a motion, seconded by Director Peterson, to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A and 7-4:

The vote was:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

None

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

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

Mr. Patterson stated that he did not have a report, given that he had provided one at the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee meeting earlier that day.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Hogan requested that staff, when appropriate and at the appropriate Board Committee, provide a report on the impact the new federal administration might have on Metropolitan's Endangered Species related litigation. Will it change the status of Metropolitan's litigation?

Next meeting will be held on January 26, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Linda Ackerman
Chair