

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**BAY-DELTA COMMITTEE**

**January 26, 2021**

Committee Chair Ackerman called the teleconference meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

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

Members absent: Directors Blois and Repenning.

Other Board Members present: Chairwoman Gray, Directors Abdo, Camacho, De Jesus, Galleano, Goldberg, Hawkins, Quinn, Ramos, Record, Smith, and Tamaribuchi.

Committee Staff present: Arakawa, Horton, Kightlinger, Upadhyay, Winn, 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 Bay-Delta Committee held on December 7, 2020

Director Murray, Jr. entered the meeting.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

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

The vote was:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Blois, Kurtz, and Repenning.

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

### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

#### **4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION**

None

#### **5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

#### **6. COMMITTEE ITEMS**

a. Subject: Update on In-Delta Freshwater Pathway

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Special Projects Manager Randall Neudeck

Mr. Neudeck provided an update of the progress on actions to meet the Board's policies related to securing the levees along the in-Delta freshwater pathway. He described risk assessments, risk mitigation options, emergency response plans, levee improvements, and other completed actions.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Lefevre
2. Hogan
3. Faessel
4. Smith
5. Ackerman
6. Record

Director Kurtz entered the meeting.

- b. Subject: Update on Delta Conveyance

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Policy Manager Nina Hawk

Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa introduced the speaker and provided the committee with some information about her background in the water industry.

Ms. Hawk presented information on the Delta Conveyance Program (DCP) funding agreement execution, 2020 DCP activities, planned DCP activities for 2021, upcoming Bay-Delta Committee meeting topics, as well as updates from the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority and Stakeholder Engagement Committee meetings held at the end of last year.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Lefevre
2. Peterson

## **7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- a. Subject: Bay-Delta Manager's Report

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa provided a report on Delta operations, Delta Stewardship Council vulnerability assessment that Metropolitan is tracking, and recent executive order issued by the Biden administration relating to review of the biological opinions for operations of the State Water Project and federal Central Valley Project.

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

None

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on February 23, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.