

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 8, 2020

Chair Cordero called the teleconference meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

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

Members absent: Director Repenning.

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

Staff present: Kightlinger, Carrillo, Stites, 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 November 9, 2020.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

7-3 Subject: Adopt Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2021; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

 Motion: Adopt the Legislative Priorities and Principles for 2021

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Morris
2. Record
3. Smith

After completion of the presentation, Director Morris made a motion, seconded by Director Glen Peterson to approve the consent calendar consisting of items 2A and 7-3:

The vote was:

Ayes: Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Butkiewicz, Cordero, Galleano, Kurtz, Morris, Murray, Peterson, Record, Smith, and Treviño

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Quinn and Repenning

The motion passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 2 absent.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. 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 election updates, update on appropriations bills, COVID-19 relief, federal legislation of interest to Metropolitan, and the 2020 and 2021 federal legislative calendar.

b. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Viatella, Executive Legislative Representative

Executive Legislative Representative Kathy Viatella reported on activities from Sacramento including final November election results, Newsom Administration activities and appointments, and the 2021 legislative session calendar.

7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

 Presented by: Susan Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

External Affairs Manager Sims provided updates on three items that included the issuance of a request for qualifications for on-call services for public outreach during the environmental phase of the Regional Recycled Program; the early success of the new California Friendly Landscape sustainable and native plant outreach campaign; and the student art calendar reception for the student artists featured in the 2021 Water is Life calendar.

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on January 11, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Gloria Cordero
Chair