

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

Chair Cordero called the teleconference meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

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

Members absent: Directors Ackerman and Repenning.

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

Committee 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 December 8, 2020.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

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

The vote was:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Ackerman and Repenning

The motion passed by a vote of 11 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 an update on COVID-19 financial assistance efforts including water affordability and shutoffs; a brief overview of the 117th Congress; legislative agenda, executive orders by President Biden, and agency staff nominations and appointments.

- 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 the Governor's proposed FY 2021-22 budget spending plan; the 2021 legislative session calendar; update on COVID-19 financial assistance efforts including water affordability and shutoffs; the proposed Climate Resiliency Bond; Metropolitan-sponsored legislation; legislative leadership and committee assignments; and Newsom Administration appointments.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Goldberg
2. Cordero

7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Susan Sims, External Affairs Group Manager

External Affairs Manager Sims provided updates including the first Spanish language virtual tour scheduled for the Regional Recycled Water Center on February 25; social media activities to commemorate Black History month and Professional Engineers week; Metropolitan's partnership with LADWP and Southern California Gas Company for an online teacher training program on environmental education; and the Solar Cup Program.

The following Director provided a comment or asked questions:

1. Cordero

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on March 8, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Gloria Cordero
Chair