

**THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES**

**BAY-DELTA COMMITTEE**

**February 23, 2021**

Committee Chair Ackerman called the teleconference meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

Members absent: Directors McCoy, and Murray, Jr.

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

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

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

Caty Wagner, Sierra Club California, stated concerns about the responses Metropolitan provided in the “Summary of Public Comments Received at the December 8, 2020 Board Meeting Regarding Item 7-4 on the Delta Conveyance Project” Board Report, and 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 meeting of the Bay-Delta Committee held on January 26, 2021

Director Kurtz entered the meeting.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION**

None

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

The vote was:

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

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors McCoy, and Murray Jr.

The motion passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, 2 absent.

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

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

None

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

None

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

a. Subject: Update on Bay-Delta Voluntary Agreement Activity

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa provided an update on the State Water Resources Control Board's Water Quality Control Plan process and the Voluntary Settlement Agreement approach. He also noted that additional updates to the Board will be provided as progress occurs.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Lefevre
2. Hogan
3. Goldberg
4. Ackerman
5. Butkiewicz

- b. Subject: Update on Delta Conveyance

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Policy Manager Nina Hawk

Ms. Hawk presented information on the new governing structure of the Joint Powers Authority of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA). She also provided an overview of the DCA's Stakeholder Engagement Committee, and described the Bethany Alternative in response to a request from the committee at last months meeting.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Director Lefevre

## **7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

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

Presented by: Bay-Delta Initiatives Manager Steve Arakawa

Mr. Arakawa informed the committee that at the request of the Committee, staff provided a written response to the public's comments regarding the Delta Conveyance Project action for planning funds at the December Board meeting. The response is titled "Summary of Public Comments Received at the December 8, 2020 Board Meeting Regarding Item 7-4 on the Delta Conveyance Project" Board Report. He also provided an update on Delta operations.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Director Smith

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

None

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

Next meeting will be held on April 27, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Linda Ackerman  
Chair