

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

January 8, 2018

Chair Kurtz called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Barbre, Camacho (entered at 1:21 p.m.), Galleano, Gold, Lefevre, Lewinger, Morris, Murray, Peterson, Saxod, and Vazquez-Wilson.

Member absent: Director Ballin.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Beard, Blois, Dake, Dear, Dick, Gedney, Hogan, McKenney, Paskett, Steiner, and Treviño.

Staff present: Arakawa, Biller, G. Breaux, J. Carrillo, S. Chapman, Coffey, Cole, Donhoff, Donovan, B. Garcia, J. Green, Hasencamp, Hightower, Horn, Kalbacher, Kightlinger, Kuo Brinton, T. Lee, A. Lopez, Y. Martinez, B. McDonnell, K. McLaughlin, Muir, Patterson, Philp, Purkiss, Riss, Rojo, Schaffer, Schlang, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Soni, Stites, Benito, Upadhyay, Westford, E. Wong, and Zinke.

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

No members responded.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 11, 2017

Motion: Carried

Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Ackerman

Ayes: Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Barbre, Galleano, Gold, Lefevre, Morris, Murray, Peterson, Saxod, and Vasquez-Wilson.

Noes: None

Abstentions: Director Lewinger

Absent: Directors Ballin and Camacho.

The motion passed by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstain and 2 absent.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

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: Nathan Purkiss, Section Manager, Legislative Services

Brad Hiltcher was on vacation so Nathan Purkiss reported on federal matters which included:

- Water conservation tax parity
- Safe Drinking Water Act
- Forest Service and watershed management reform legislation
- Federal calendar

b. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Cole, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Cole reported on state matters which included:

- Changes to Assembly composition and Senate and Assembly committee assignments
- Dam safety oversight hearing on January 10

- Update on two-year bills
- Legislative calendar

Director Camacho (entered at 1:21 p.m.)

c. Subject: Update on Education Programs

Presented by: Adrian Hightower, Unit Manager, Education

Mr. Hightower along with Benita Horn, Principal Public Affairs Representative, and Blanca Biller, Principal Public Affairs Representative, reported on Education Programs which included:

- World Water Forum
- Diamond Valley Lake Education Programs

d. Subject: Report on Central Basin Municipal Water District legislative proposal on Metropolitan Board governance

Presented by: Kathy Cole, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Cole reported on the following item:

- CBMWD legislative proposal regarding methodology for appointments to Metropolitan's board of directors

7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Sue Sims, Group Manager, External Affairs

Ms. Sims reported on the following items:

- Appointment of Bob Muir as Media Services Section Manager
- Legislative briefings in district offices
- Member Agency Public Information Officer meeting
- Business outreach activities

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on February 12, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Cynthia Kurtz
Chair