THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

May 7, 2018

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Chair Kurtz called the meeting to order at 1:43 p.m. in Committee Room 2-456 at Metropolitan's Headquarters.

Members present: Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Ballin, Camacho, Galleano, Lewinger, Morris, and Murray.

Members absent: Director Barbre, Gold, Lefevre, Peterson, Saxod, and Vazquez-Wilson.

Other Board Members present: Board Chairman Record, Directors Blois, Dake, Hogan, Ramos, and Steiner.

Staff present: Arakawa, J. Carrillo, R. Castro, Cole (via videoconference), Donhoff, Donovan, Hightower, Hiltscher, Kightlinger, Kuo Brinton, T. Lee, Y. Martinez, B. McDonnell, Patterson, Philp, Riss, Rojo, Safely, Schaffer, Schlotterbeck, Scully, Shraibati, Sims, Stites, Tonsick, 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 APRIL 9, 2018

Motion:	Carried		
Moved:	Director Camacho	Seconded:	Director Morris
Ayes:	Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Ballin, Camacho, Galleano, Lewinger, Morris, and Murray.		
Noes:	None		
Abstentions:	None		
Absent:	Directors Barbre, Gold, Lefevre, Peterson, Saxod, and Vasquez-Wilson.		

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain, and 6 absent.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – ACTION

None

4. OTHER BOARD ITEMS – ACTION

8-13 Subject: Adopt CEQA determination and express opposition to AB 3045 (Gallagher, R-Yuba City), regarding State Water Project Commission

Presented by: Jack Safely, Water Resource Management, Imported Supply Unit Manager

Motion: Authorize the General Manager to express opposition to AB 3045.

Moved: Director Morris Seconded: Director Lewinger

Ayes: Chair Kurtz, Vice Chair Gray, Directors Abdo, Ackerman, Ballin, Camacho, Galleano, Lewinger, Morris, and Murray

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Directors Barbre, Gold, Lefevre, Peterson, Saxod, and Vazquez-Wilson

The motion passed by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 6 absent.

None

5. BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: Report on activities from Washington, D.C.

Presented by: Brad Hiltscher, Executive Legislative Representatives

Brad Hiltscher reported on federal matters which included:

- House Appropriations Committee oversight hearings
- Drinking water infrastructure legislation
- EPA financing—Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act or WIFIA
- California Mojave Desert Conservation legislation
- Federal legislative calendar

b. Subject: Report on activities from Sacramento

Presented by: Kathy Cole, Executive Legislative Representative

Ms. Cole reported on state matters which included:

- State legislative deadlines and highlights
- Budget trailer bill re drinking water
- Update on Metropolitan legislation portfolio
- California WaterFix oversight hearing
- Salton Sea oversight hearing

7. MANAGEMENT REPORT

a. Subject: External Affairs Management Report

Presented by: Sue Sims, Group Manager, External Affairs

Ms. Sims reported on the following items:

- Conservation and outreach activities
- Upcoming events, including Solar Cup
- California WaterFix Outreach

8. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Next meeting will be held on June11, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Cynthia Kurtz
Chair