

MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Jointly with the
PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
January 17, 2011, 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 101

Committee:

Director Hinman, Chairman
Director Clark
Director Dick

Staff: K. Hunt, K. Seckel, D. Cordero,
K. Davanaugh, D. Burke

Ex Officio Member: J. Finnegan

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public comments on agenda items and items under the jurisdiction of the Committee should be made at this time.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED - Determine there is a need to take immediate action on item(s) and that the need for action came to the attention of the District subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (Requires a unanimous vote of the Committee)

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. IMPLEMENTATION OF 2011/2012 WATER EDUCATION SCHOOL PROGRAM
2. UPDATE ON REGULATORY STREAMLINING WORKSHOP
3. UPDATE ON MWDOC'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

4. SUMMARY OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT DECISION REGARDING THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE'S BIOLOGICAL OPINION ON THE DELTA SMELT
5. UPDATE ON SACRAMENTO REGIONAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT'S WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

INFORMATION ITEMS - (THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY – BACKGROUND INFORMATION IS INCLUDED IN THE PACKET. DISCUSSION IS NOT NECESSARY UNLESS REQUESTED BY A DIRECTOR.)

6. ORANGE COUNTY WATER SUMMIT IV
7. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES
 - a. Washington Update (Barker)
 - b. State and Federal Political Update (Townsend)
 - c. Legislative Matrix
8. PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES REPORT
9. NUMBER OF STUDENTS TAUGHT ABOUT WATER IN THE MWDOC SCHOOL PROGRAM

OTHER ITEMS

10. REVIEW ISSUES RELATED TO LEGISLATION, OUTREACH, PUBLIC INFORMATION ISSUES, AND MET

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: At the discretion of the Committee, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated, and may be subject to action by the Committee. On those items designated for Board action, the Committee reviews the items and makes a recommendation for final action to the full Board of Directors; final action will be taken by the Board of Directors. Agendas for Committee and Board meetings may be obtained from the District Secretary. Members of the public are advised that the Board consideration process includes consideration of each agenda item by one or more Committees indicated on the Board Action Sheet. Attendance at Committee meetings and the Board meeting considering an item consequently is advised.

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DISCUSSION ITEM

January 17, 2011

TO: Public Affairs & Legislation Committee
(Directors Hinman, Dick, Clark)

FROM: Kevin Hunt
General Manager

Staff Contact: Jessica J. Hanley

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF 2011-12 WATER EDUCATION SCHOOL PROGRAM

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors discuss the proposed implementation of the 2011-12 Water Education School Program.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting):

SUMMARY

The Water Education School Program (School Program) will be transitioning to a “choice,” or elective, program during the 2011-12 fiscal year. Since funding will no longer be provided by MWDOC, agencies will have the option to participate in this program at the level of their choosing. MWDOC will maintain the master contract with Discovery Science Center, and agencies will participate in the program through the MWDOC contract.

MWDOC will need to get participation commitments from each agency by April, 2011. Participating agencies will be billed by MWDOC at the beginning of the 2011-12 fiscal year for their desired level of participation for the entire school year. Based on a total participation level of 50,000 students, a rate of \$2.90 per student is proposed for the 2011-12 fiscal year. This rate covers all program administration, marketing, overhead, and materials costs, including an allowance for MWDOC staff time and overhead costs. The

Budgeted (Y/N): N/A	Budgeted amount:
Action item amount:	Line item:
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):	

\$2.90 per student rate would be applied to all MWDOC member agencies as well as the cities of Fullerton, Santa Ana, and Anaheim.

DETAILED REPORT

Since the program began in 1973 until July, 2010, the Water Education School Program has been funded in full by MWDOC. During the 2010-11 fiscal year, the district was operating under a reduced budget and funding for the assembly program was reduced by approximately 33%. This created a situation where there was more demand for the program than could be met through the available MWDOC funding. To make up for the reduced funding and increase program participation levels, member agencies were given the opportunity to fund additional students in their service area. Ten member agencies opted to fund additional students.

During the 2011-12 fiscal year, it is proposed that there be no MWDOC funding provided for the Water Education School Program, as the program becomes a "choice" item. All MWDOC member agencies, plus the three cities (Santa Ana, Fullerton, and Anaheim), will have the option to continue to participate in the program at the level of their choosing. As such, each agency will determine at which funding level they will participate. MWDOC will continue to contract with Discovery Science Center (DSC) for implementation of the program, and MWDOC member agencies (plus the three cities) will be able to participate in the program through the MWDOC-DSC contract. Staff believes that the three cities will wish to continue accessing the MWDOC program due to the economies of scale achieved in serving all of Orange County through a single contract.

Based on past participation levels and continued support by the member agencies of the program, staff anticipates that the member agencies plus the three cities will fund a minimum of 50,000 students in the 2011-12 program. Discovery Science Center has proposed a charge of \$2.25 per student for their services; this includes program administration, marketing, and implementation. The DSC charge represents a 5% increase from the 2010-11 rate, to account for the additional staff time required to track students by each member agency. No increases were granted to DSC during the previous year.

In addition to these costs, there are costs associated with MWDOC's management of the program, printing of educational booklets and other educational handouts, and MWDOC's share of the printing costs for DSC's printed education program marketing brochures which are distributed to all Orange County schools. These costs total \$0.65 per student. This brings the proposed cost for fiscal year 2011-12 to \$2.90 per student. A breakdown of the program expenses is provided below.

2011/2012 School Program Costs		(based on 50,000 students)	
<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost/Student</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	
DSC Charge Per Student	\$ 2.25	\$ 112,500.00	
MWDOC Staff- Program Management	\$ 0.24	\$ 12,103.40	
Ricki Booklets	\$ 0.28	\$ 14,000.00	
Program Marketing Brochure	\$ 0.08	\$ 4,000.00	
Ricki Pencils	\$ 0.03	\$ 1,500.00	
Ricki Stickers	\$ 0.02	\$ 1,000.00	

Total	\$	2.90	\$	145,103.40
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MWDOC will need to get tentative commitments from participating agencies by March and firm commitments by April. At the start of the 2011-12 fiscal year, MWDOC will bill each agency based on their confirmed level of participation. At the end of the fiscal year, if an agency has paid for more students than were actually served, the agency will be given a credit on their water bill. This type of up-front billing reduces accounting costs that would be passed on to the program participants.



DISCUSSION ITEM

January 17, 2011

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
Directors Hinman, Clark and Dick

Kevin Hunt
General Manager

SUBJECT: Update on Regulatory Streamlining Workshop

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors review, discuss and take action as appropriate.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (to be determined at Committee Meeting)

DETAILED REPORT

We are targeting the Regulatory Streamlining Workshop for March 2011. Tentative dates are Tuesday, March 15, as a Special Board Workshop, or at the Monday, March 21, PAL Committee meeting.

The conceptual agenda is to concentrate on State of California environmental laws, regulations, and processes which impede the timely and efficient construction of water projects. The workshop will be built around the "White Paper" on Program to Evaluate Methods to Reduce Costs and Delays Related to Environmental Review of Water Conservation and Supply Projects" (sent to the Board in December, and also included herein).

The proposed format for the three-hour workshop:

1. Introduction – Goal of the workshop – MWDOC Board Member
2. Overview of Environmental and Regulatory Process – Rob Thornton
3. Case Studies of Southern California Water Projects
 - a. Poseidon Huntington Beach
 - b. GWRS Project
 - c. Inland Feeder

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- d. ?
- e. ?
- Panel discussion on common delay/cost factors for case study
 - Rob Thornton, Attorney, Nossaman LLP
 - Michael Benner, Environmental professional, AECOM
 - ?TBD
 - ?TBD
- 4. Discussion on Possible Solutions -Dick Ackerman, Moderator
- 5. Solutions Implementation -Chris Townsend, Moderator
 - a. Statutory Revisions
 - b. Regulatory Revisions
 - c. New or Revised Policies
- 6. Next Steps
 - a. Orange County Water Summit
 - b. Roundtable Discussion
 - c. Outreach

Municipal Water District of Orange County

Outline

Program to Evaluate Methods to Reduce Costs and Delays Related to Environmental Review of Water Conservation and Supply Projects

D R A F T

November 24, 2010

I. INTRODUCTION: STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM.

State and federal environmental regulations governing the review and approval of new water conservation and supply projects are extremely complex. Many state and federal agencies have regulatory jurisdiction over new water conservation and supply projects. In many cases, the regulatory requirements implemented by the agencies overlap or conflict. For example, most new water conservation and supply projects are required to comply with the following state and federal environmental laws:

- The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA);
- The federal Clean Water Act;
- The California water quality and streambed protection laws;
- The federal Endangered Species Act;
- The California Endangered Species Act;
- The California Coastal Act;
- The federal Coastal Zone Management Act;
- The National Historic Preservation Act;
- California laws concerning Native American cultural and sacred sites;
- The federal Clean Air Act; and
- The California Clean Air Act.

The number of laws is only part of the story. The applicable agencies have issued detailed regulations and other guidance documents to implement the laws. The regulation and guidance documents are subject to continual revision, making it difficult to clearly identify the environmental requirements that may be applicable to a water conservation or supply project.

The permit process is dominated by vertical and horizontal redundancy. In many instances, permits for the same or similar environmental impact are required from more than one agency. For example, impacts within any stream or lake in California, even one that only has water for a short period after a storm, usually require an agreement from the California Department of Fish and Game, and permits from the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. If the regulated activity is in the coastal zone, permits may also be required from the local land use agency, the California Coastal Commission and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

If the activity has an impact on an endangered and threatened species, different permits may be required from the California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. If the activity is in an area containing archaeological or other cultural resources, review of the activity by the California State Office of Historic Preservation is required. The state and federal agencies with jurisdiction over the same resource commonly have different, and sometimes conflicting, regulatory requirements. As just one example, the wildlife agencies generally require that projects not alter the pre-project flow of water into stream courses. The regional water quality control boards have recently adopted regulations that require development projects to hold and treat all runoff on the project site.

The above permit processes rarely occur at the same time. In many cases, one agency is prohibited from taking an action on a permit until another agency first approves the permit. For example, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers cannot issue a permit for the discharge of dredged material under the federal Clean Water Act unless the applicable regional water quality control board issues a “section 401” certification that the Corps of Engineers permit complies with state water quality requirements. The regional water quality control board often won’t issue the certification without first adopting a “waste discharge requirement” for the activity under the California Porter-Cologne Act and complying with CEQA (usually by relying on the lead CEQA agencies environmental document).¹ Decisions by the regional water quality control board may be appealed to the State Water Resources Control Board.

In some cases, agencies have adopted policies that prohibit the agency from **starting** the permit process until **all** other agencies have first issued permits for the project. In other cases, there is reluctance by one permit agency to act unless the agency understands that the other permitting agencies are also prepared to approve the project. The multiple, serial, permit processes often result in changes to the project by

¹ The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can issue a conditional permit, conditioned on obtaining the section 401 certification.

one or more of the permitting agencies that were not evaluated by other permitting agencies – causing another round of project reviews and demands for additional environmental analysis.

The analysis of environmental impacts of projects is technically complex – often employing sophisticated computer models approved by the regulatory agencies. The models simulate the effects of the project on air quality, water quality, traffic and other resources. The agencies with responsibility for the models are continually updating and improving the models. It is not uncommon for a technical model to go through more than one revision during the course of the environmental review of a single project. This results in demands by permitting agencies that the lead agency or the project applicant redo the environmental analysis to reflect changes to the technical models.

As a result of all of the above, the time required to comply with state and federal environmental laws applicable to new water conservation and supply projects often take a decade or more and cost tens of millions of dollars. While various efforts have been made over the years to “streamline” the environmental review processes in California, these efforts have generally failed to reduce the time and cost required to complete the environmental process. Over the last two decades, the time required to obtain environmental approvals of major infrastructure projects has materially increased.

For example, CEQA generally provides for the designation of a single lead agency and requires other agencies with authority over the project (responsible agencies) to utilize the environmental impact report certified by the lead agency. Exceptions to this general rule, however, provide an opportunity for responsible agencies to require additional environmental studies after certification of the EIR. NEPA encourages, but does not require, federal agencies to utilize the environmental impact statement approved by the federal lead agency.

Despite the elaborate requirements to include the public in the environmental review process, major infrastructure projects are frequently challenged in court. The frequency of environmental litigation has increased over the last two decades. Moreover, the multiple, serial, permitting process creates an opportunity for project opponents to “stage” lawsuits to maximize litigation delays. For example, while the California Environmental Quality Act includes a thirty day statute of limitations for challenges to most projects, the general statute of limitations applicable to challenges to most federal agency approvals is six years.

Major infrastructure projects are often subject to multiple judicial proceedings in state and federal court. Consolidation of the lawsuits in a single forum is generally not feasible. For example, state courts do not have jurisdiction to hear lawsuits that challenge a federal agency approval. Even though federal courts may hear certain state claims, they are generally reluctant to do so.

While the existing environmental regulatory process is designed to maximize public and regulatory agency review of projects, there is evidence that the process is

not resulting in improved decisions – especially when compared to similar projects in other industrialized nations.

II. DESCRIPTION OF STUDY.

The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) is conducting a study of methods to reform environmental regulations applicable to the review and approval of water conservation and supply projects. The objective of the program is to identify methods and procedures to reduce the cost and length of time required to comply with state and federal environmental laws while providing equal or better protection of the environment. This outline describes the elements of the study.

A. Identification of Case Studies.

The study will utilize a case study approach that evaluates and compares the regulatory experience of several water supply conservation projects. The project case studies will include the following:

- Poseidon Resources Desalination Project in Carlsbad;
- A desalination project in Australia;
- A desalination project in other states; and
- Two comparable water reclamation or conjunctive use projects.

B. Elements of Case Studies.

The case studies will evaluate the following elements:

- The time and cost required to complete the environmental review process and each element within the process (e.g., notice of preparation to circulation of draft environmental document, draft environmental document to draft of final document, circulation of final document to certification of document, certification of document to approval of the project by the lead agency, lead agency approval to approvals by other regulatory agencies);
- Issues raised during the environmental review process and contribution to project delays;
- Procedures used to resolve the issue (e.g., tiering of documents, joint state/federal documents, scoping of alternatives, collaboration with public and regulatory agencies in preparation of documents, use of facilitation; processing deadlines, applicability of permit streamlining act etc.);

- Issues regarding analytical techniques and contribution to project delays (e.g., scope and timing of field studies, modeling issues);
- Issues raised after certification of environmental impact report by lead agency and contributions to delay;
- Public involvement process issues and contribution to project delays;
- Litigation timing and result;
- Comparative analysis of mitigation measures and project features designed to address environmental impacts.

C. Summary and Evaluation of Existing Tools to Reduce Regulatory Delays.

This portion of the study will review the existing statutory and regulatory tools to streamline the environmental process and, based on literature sources, evaluate the effectiveness of the statutory and regulatory tools. The tools include the following:

- Joint environmental documents;
- Tiered documents;
- Project phasing;
- Lead agency designation and responsible agency obligations;
- Collaboration with other agencies on scope of analysis and alternatives and mitigation measures;
- Use of process agreements including timetables, appeal procedures etc.;
- Use of Permit Streamlining Act or other laws or executive orders targeted at reducing processing delays.
- Mitigation banking and in lieu mitigation;
- Use of regional planning programs to address regional impact issues such as cumulative impacts and growth-inducement (e.g., habitat conservation plans, regional transportation plans).

D. Recommendations.

This section will include a list of recommendations to reduce delays and cost required to comply with the state and federal environmental requirements

applicable to water conservation and supply projects. The recommendations will be organized into three categories: (1) recommendations that will require statutory revisions; (2) recommendations that could be implemented through regulatory revisions; and (3) recommendations that could be implemented through the adoption of new or revised policies.

same template as the MWDOC poster or choose one of the other two for the individual agency's posters. The cost for printing ten copies per agency is \$3,500.00.

Framing and matting for 50 posters is estimated to be an additional \$4,000.00.

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS:

Pins featuring the 60th logo would be produced and distributed at MWDOC events including Water Policy Dinners, Inspection Trips, legislative briefings, etc... The cost to produce 500 pins is estimated at \$1,125.

EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES:

ACWA Exhibits – Spring & Fall 2011

Participating in industry events, such as the ACWA Conferences, would raise awareness within the water industry about the activities and contributions MWDOC has made over the past six decades. In addition, the overall knowledge and understanding of the agency would be expanded. Costs for participating at each of ACWA's 2011 conferences as an exhibitor are estimated to be \$2,500.00 respectively, including travel, exhibit space and supplies. A professional booth would also need to be purchased. The booth could be used at ACWA Conferences as well as other exhibit opportunities. The cost of a professional booth is approximately \$3,500.00 including graphics and a travel case.

OC Fair – July/August 2011

As part of the effort to raise awareness regarding water supply, the Delta and other related issues, MWDOC participated in the 2009 OC Fair. During that period, over 12,000 individuals visited the booth. The estimated cost for participation in the 2011 OC Fair is \$15,000.00, which includes booth décor, staffing, give-away items and booth space.

INTERVIEWS:

Staff proposes a series of 10 interviews overall; six in 2010-2011 and the remaining four in 2011-2012. The objective of the interviews is to capture the institutional knowledge and experience that are a part of MWDOC's history. MWDOC leaders and other key people identified by the Board will be videoed in a documentary style format, capturing stories of their experiences and memories. This will assist in the chronicling some of the key moments in MWDOC's sixty years of operation. The estimated cost per interview is approximately \$930.00, including post production editing.

EVENTS:

Open House – July 2011

The open house will feature MWDOC programs and services, as well as provide an opportunity to have MWDOC member agencies participate. This event will be proposed in the 2011-2012 Budget, and will not impact the current 2010-2011 operating budget and is estimated to be \$7,500.00 including equipment rental, audio visual and catering.

Reception – November 2011

The second proposed event is a reception that would be held in conjunction with the November 2011 Water Policy Forum and Dinner. The cost of the reception would be included in the attendee registration fee and would not impact the budget.

eCURRENTS:

As part of the editorial calendar of eCurrents, each issue, beginning with the January issue, will feature articles and interviews with present and past leadership, staff and key stakeholders. There is no additional fee for this addition to eCurrents.

GIVE-AWAY ITEMS

At the direction of the General Manager, no executive level give-away gift items are being proposed at this time. Any give-away items proposed for exhibition opportunities are included in the current Water Awareness budget and include items such as poppy seeds, lip balm, etc.

Cost Summary:

The total estimated expense for all of the items outlined is summarize, by budget year in the following two tables:

2010-2011 Budget Year				
Item	Cost per Item	Quantity	Total Cost	Notes:
Logo	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	
MWDOC Poster Printing	\$4.00	250	\$1,000.00	
MWDOC Agency Posters	\$12.50	280	\$3,500.00	10 posters per agency
Framing & Matting	\$80.00	50	\$4,000.00	
Interviews	\$930.00	6	\$5,580.00	6 interviews/post production
ACWA Exhibit Space-Spring	\$2,500.00	1	\$2,500.00	Includes travel, space, give-away items
Commemorative Pin	\$2.25	500	\$1,125.00	
eCurrent Articles/Features	\$0.00	6	\$0.00	Included in the editorial calendar
Exhibit Booth	\$3,500.00	1	\$3,500.00	Includes custom graphics & case
TOTAL			\$20,205.00	

2011-2012 Budget Year				
Item	Cost per Item	Quantity	Total Cost	Notes:
Open House	\$7,500.00	1	\$7,500.00	Includes rentals, catering, AV
Interviews	\$930.00	4	\$3,720.00	4 interviews/post production
MWDOC Reception	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	Included in registration fee
eCurrent Articles/Features	\$0.00	5	\$0.00	Included in the editorial calendar
OC FAIR	\$15,000.00	1	\$15,000.00	Includes staff, space, give-away items
ACWA Exhibit Space - Fall	\$2,500.00	1	\$2,500.00	Includes travel, space, give-away items

TOTAL	\$28,720.00
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GRAND TOTAL	\$48,925.00
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Public Affairs and Legislation
Committee;
60th Anniversary Commemoration

Darcy M. Burke, M.B.A.
Director of Public Affairs



Today's Agenda

- Review Directive
- Logo Options
- Commemorative Poster Options
 - MWDOC
 - Member Agencies
- Exhibit Opportunities
- Events
- Interviews
- e-Currents



Directive

- **Develop a number of coordinated outreach efforts, events and activities to mark 60th Anniversary with cost estimates for the Board's consideration**
- **Efforts should reflect significant contribution and role MWDOC has provided to the overall success and water reliability enjoyed by Orange County water districts, residents and businesses for the past six decades and be cost effective.**



LOGO – Option 1



*“60 years of reliability through leadership, collaboration, and innovation”
(1951-2011)*



LOGO – Option 2



*“60 years of reliability through leadership, collaboration, and innovation”
(1951-2011)*



LOGO – Option 3



60th Anniversary (1951-2011)
“60 years of reliability through leadership, collaboration, and innovation”



Commemorative Posters

- Three distinct options have been developed for consideration.
- Individual posters for each MWDOC member agency under development
 - Featuring collaborative achievements , based on Board's preference and cost consideration
- Graphic design services were provided in-house by Public Affairs staff.





Municipal Water District of Orange County

60th Anniversary

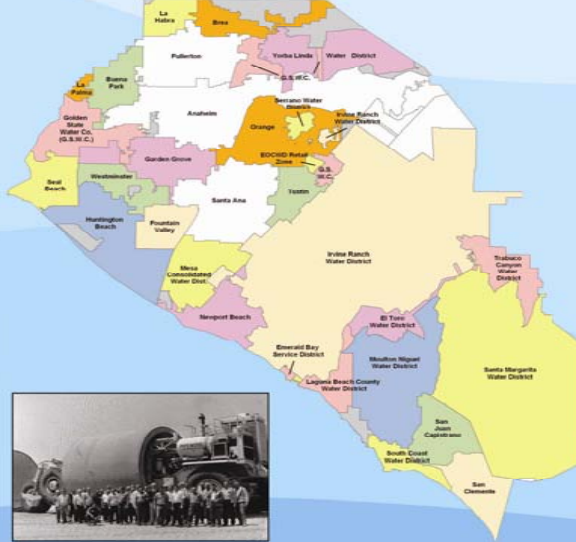
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MWDOC Member Agencies:



MWDOC Service Area Map:



Timeline of Events

- 1951 - Orange County Municipal Water District formed and annexed to Metropolitan as a member agency
- 1957 - Santiago lateral, lower Orange County and West Orange County feeders open
- 1959 - Tri-Cities Municipal Water District is formed
- 1961 - Construction begins on State Water Project facilities
- 1962 - Santiago Aqueduct (V.P. Baker Pipeline) and Tri-Cities Transmission Main open
- 1962 - East Orange County Feeder Number One begins operation
- 1964 - East Orange County Feeder Number Two begins operation
- 1969 - Orange County Municipal Water District (OCMWD) changes name to Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)
- 1971 - Second lower Orange County feeder opens
- 1972 - Aufdenkamp transmission main completed
- 1972 - Orange County receives first delivery of Water from State Water Project
- 1974 - MWDOC Begins Water Education School Program
- 1981 - Allen-McColloch Pipeline completed
- 1983 - Volunteer Emergency Preparedness Organization (VEPO) is formed
- 1989 - MWDOC Completes Flow Augmentation of the Allen-McColloch Pipeline
- 1991 - MWDOC Becomes Founding Signatory to California Urban Water Conserv. Council
- 1991 - South County Pipeline completed
- 1992 - South County Pump Station completed and deliveries begin
- 1995 - MWDOC Sells Allen-McColloch Pipeline to Metropolitan
- 1996 - Alta Laguna Reservoir begins operation
- 1997 - MWDOC Begins South Orange County Water Reliability Studies
- 1999 - VEPO Changes Name to Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County
- 2000 - Tri-Cities Municipal Water District consolidates with Coastal Municipal Water District
- 2001 - Coastal Municipal Water district consolidates with Municipal Water District of Orange County
- 2006 - MWDOC, OCWD, and IRWD Sign Emergency Services Program Agreement
- 2008 - Groundwater Replenishment System Begins Operation
- 2009 - Emergency Interconnection from IRWD to the ATM and JTM Pipelines
- 2010 - South Orange Coastal Ocean Desalination Project Pilot Facility Begins Operation
- 2011 - Upper Chiquita Canyon Reservoir Constructed



Other Orange County Water Providers:





60th Anniversary (1951-2011)

"60 years of reliability through leadership, collaboration, and innovation"



1951 Orange County Municipal Water District Formed; Annexed to Metropolitan as a Member Agency

MWDOC Member Agencies:



1957 Santiago Lateral, Lower and West Orange County Feeders Open

1959 Tri-Cities Municipal Water District Formed

1964 East Orange County Feeder Number Two Begins Operation



1951

1961

1962

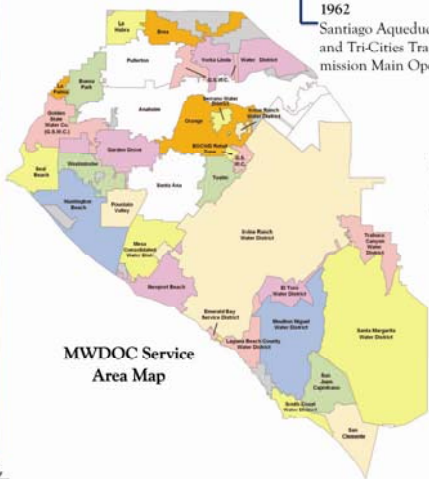
1971

1981

1991

2001

2011



MWDOC Service Area Map

1972 Orange County Receives First Delivery from State Water Project

1969 Orange County Municipal Water District Becomes Municipal Water District of Orange County



1981 Allen-McColloch Pipeline Completed



1992 South County Pump Station Completed, Deliveries Begin



2001 Coastal Municipal Water District Consolidates with Municipal Water District of Orange County

2000 Tri-Cities Municipal Water District Consolidates with Coastal Municipal Water District

2008 Groundwater Replenishment System Begins Operation

2009 Emergency Interconnection Constructed from IRWD to ATM and JTM Pipelines

2010 South Orange Coastal Ocean Desalination Project Pilot Facility Begins Operation

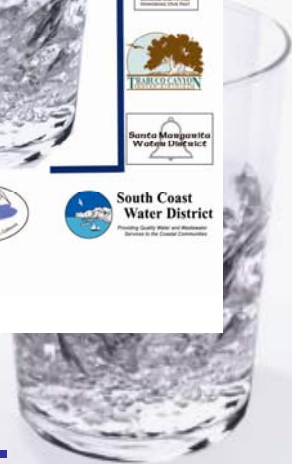
Other Orange County Water Providers:



Yorba Linda Water District

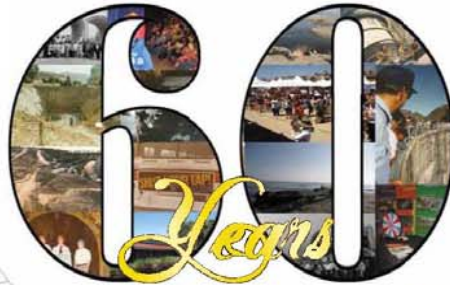


South Coast Water District





"60 years of reliability through leadership, collaboration, and innovation"



The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) is a wholesale water supplier and resource planning agency, and is committed to providing a reliable supply of high quality water for Orange County.

Our efforts focus on sound planning and appropriate advocacy, water education, and emergency preparedness.



MWDOC Service Area Map



WATER: DO MORE WITH LESS

Presented by the Municipal Water District of Orange County and the Family of Orange County Water Agencies

- 1951 Orange County Municipal Water District Formed; Annexed to Metropolitan as a Member Agency
- 1957 Santiago Lateral, Lower and West Orange County Feeders Open
- 1962 Santiago Aqueduct and Tri-Cities Transmission Main Open
- 1964 East Orange County Feeder Number Two Begins Operation
- 1969 Orange County Municipal Water District Becomes Municipal Water District of Orange County
- 1972 Orange County Receives First Delivery from State Water Project
- 1979 Tri-Cities Municipal Water District Formed
- 1981 Allen-McColloch Pipeline Completed
- 1991 South County Pipeline Completed
- 1992 South County Pump Station Completed, Deliveries Begin
- 2000 Tri-Cities Municipal Water District Consolidates with Coastal Municipal Water District
- 2001 Coastal Municipal Water District Consolidates with Municipal Water District of Orange County
- 2008 Groundwater Replenishment System Begins Operation
- 2009 Emergency Interconnection Constructed from IRWD to ATM and JTM Pipelines



Other Orange County Water Providers:



Yuca Linda Water District



Santa Margarita Water District

South Coast Water District
Publically Owned Water Utility

MWDOC Member Agencies:



Golden State Water Company



LAGUNA BEACH COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Mesa Consolidated Water District



Poster Expenses

- **MWDOC Poster**
 - **250 Printed - \$1,000.00**
- **MWDOC Member Agency Posters**
 - **10 posters for each agency, \$3,500.00**
- **Matting and Framing**
 - **50 Posters - \$4,000.00**



Exhibit Opportunities

- Professional Booth - \$3,500.00
- ACWA Spring Conference - \$2,500.00
- ACWA Fall Conference - \$2,500.00
- Orange County Fair - \$15,000.00



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Events

- **Open House**
 - Tentatively scheduled for July
 - Feature MWDOC programs and services
 - Opportunity to have MWDOC member agencies participate.
 - \$7,500.00
- **Reception**
 - Held in conjunction with the November 2011 Water Policy Forum and Dinner.
 - No additional expense.



Interviews

- **Documentary Style Video-taped interviews**
- **Staff proposes a series of 10 interviews**
- **The objective of the interviews is to capture the institutional knowledge and experience that are a part of MWDOC's history.**
- **MWDOC leaders and other key people identified by the Board will be videoed in a documentary style format, capturing stories of their experiences and memories.**
- **10 proposed;**
 - **6 in 2010-2011 Budget Year \$5,580.00**
 - **4 in 2011-2012 Budget Year \$3,720.00**



eCurrents

- Each issue to feature interviews and articles from individuals that have contributed to the past and present success of MWDOC
- January issue is scheduled to feature MWDOC's President and General Manager
- No additional cost incurred



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2010-2011 Cost Summary

Item	Cost per item	Quantity	Total Cost	Notes
Logo	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	In-house development
MWDOC Poster	\$4.00	250	\$1,000.00	Printing
MWDOC Agency Posters	\$12.50	280	\$4,000.00	10 per agency
Framing & Matting	\$80.00	50	\$4,000.00	
Interviews	\$930.00	6	\$5,580.00	Includes post production
ACWA Spring	\$2,500.00	1	\$2,500.00	Inclusive
Commemorative Pin	\$2.25	500	\$1,125.00	
eCurrent Feature	\$0.00	6	\$0.00	
Exhibit Booth	\$3,500.00	1	\$3,500.00	
Total			\$20,205.00	

2011-2012 Cost Summary

Item	Cost per item	Quantity	Total Cost	Notes
Open House	\$7,500.00	1	\$7,500.00	Inclusive
Interviews	\$930.00	6	\$5,580.00	Includes post production
MWDOC Reception	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	Cost in registration fee
Framing & Matting	\$80.00	50	\$4,000.00	
ACWA Fall	\$2,500.00	1	\$2,500.00	Inclusive
eCurrent Feature	\$0.00	5	\$0.00	
OC Fair	\$15,000.00	1	\$15,000.00	
Total			\$28,720.00	
GRAND TOTAL			\$48,925.00	



Next Steps

- **Select logo option**
- **Select items for further consideration**
- **Finalize design options**
- **Finalize pricing for selected items**



Questions?





DISCUSSION ITEM

January 17, 2011

TO: Public Affairs and Legislation Committee
(Directors Hinman, Dick, Clark)

FROM: Kevin Hunt
General Manager

Staff Contact: Harvey De La Torre
Warren Greco

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT DECISION REGARDING THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE'S BIOLOGICAL OPINION ON THE DELTA SMELT

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors review and discuss this information.

SUMMARY

On December 14, 2010, Judge Oliver Wanger of the United States District Court issued a decision in the Delta Smelt Biological Opinion case. His ruling finds that there were major scientific and legal flaws in the 2008 Biological Opinion which will require revisions by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

REPORT

On December 14, 2010, Judge Wanger of the United States District Court issued a 225-page decision in response to challenges to the 2008 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) Biological Opinion on the impacts of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP) on the threatened Delta Smelt. Judge Wanger ruled that the FWS failed to use the best available science to support certain elements that directly restrict Delta pumping. These restrictions impact water deliveries through the Delta by as much as 30% in some hydrologic conditions.

The 2008 Biological Opinion places restrictions on Delta pumping, known as Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives (RPA), using available data on Delta flows, turbidity levels, fish salvage rates, and other parameters that predict the location and movement of the Delta smelt population at the various times of the year. Judge Wanger found that several of these provisions are arbitrary, capricious, and unlawful. Under the Endangered Species Act

Budgeted (Y/N):	Budgeted amount:
Action item amount:	Line item:
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):	

(ESA), all the requirements in the Biological Opinion must be based on the best available scientific data.

The court identified several areas in which FWS failed to use the best available science. For example, the court found that FWS's use of raw salvage data for Delta smelt does not adjust for the relative size of the total smelt population. FWS has also been using two different Delta flow models without attempting to calibrate them. Additional elements include failure to consider factors such as predation on Delta smelt by Stripped Bass, and unsupported claims that CVP and SWP operations contributed to large toxic algae blooms.

The court agreed with the overall conclusion that SWP and CVP operations adversely affect the Delta smelt, and rejected some of the important arguments made against the restrictions in the Biological Opinion. However, the court has identified several deficiencies that FWS will need to address, either by finding new scientific justifications to support these provisions, or by easing the restrictions in the Biological Opinion.

In his decision, Judge Wanger concludes that the current Biological Opinion is overly restrictive and unjustified, and that FWS has an obligation to take into consideration water needs for human consumption and agricultural uses. His conclusion states that, "[D]espite the harm visited on California water users, FWS has failed to provide lawful explanations for the apparent over-appropriation of project water supplies for species protection. In view of the legislative failure to provide the means to assure an adequate water supply for both the humans and the species dependent on the Delta, the public cannot afford sloppy science and uni-directional prescriptions that ignore California's water needs." (page 218)

After two years of litigation Judge Wanger's decision represents a partial victory for the Plaintiffs, which include the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority, Westlands Water District, the Metropolitan Water District, the State Water Contractors, the Coalition for a Sustainable Delta, the Kern County Water Agency, Stewart & Jasper Orchards, Arroyo Farms, LLC, King Pistachio Grove, and Family Farm Alliance.

It will take time to analyze what the full impact of this decision will be on Delta water deliveries. It is also uncertain the extent to which CVP and SWP operations will be affected in the interim as FWS begins the process of issuing a new Biological Opinion. On January 4, 2011, a status conference was held for the participants in the case to address the next steps in the case and the possible need for future proceedings in light of the decision.

Judge Wanger's ruling can be found at the following location:
<http://plf.typepad.com/files/smelt-opinion.pdf>



DISCUSSION ITEM

January 17, 2011

TO: Public Affairs and Legislation Committee
(Directors Hinman, Dick, Clark)

FROM: Kevin Hunt
General Manager

Staff Contact: Harvey De La Torre
Warren Greco

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON SACRAMENTO REGIONAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT'S WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors review and discuss this information.

SUMMARY

On December 9, 2010 the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted a new wastewater discharge permit for the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District. The permit mandates advanced treatment upgrades for Sacramento's regional wastewater treatment facility aimed at protecting water quality in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta.

REPORT

On December 9, 2010, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) issued a final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Sac Regional) for the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. The new permit requires Sac Regional to begin the process to plan, pilot test, design, and build new treatment facility upgrades for ammonia removal, nitrate removal, filtration and disinfection. The permit requires new studies, the development of pollution prevention plans, significantly expanded monitoring programs and a time schedule which lays out firm deadlines for meeting these new conditions.

These upgrades will remove the overwhelming majority of ammonium and other constituents currently being discharged into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta (Delta). Sac Regional is the largest discharger of wastewater into the Delta, putting 14 tons of ammonia into Delta every day. This accounts for 99 percent of the total ammonia in the

Budgeted (Y/N):	Budgeted amount:
Action item amount:	Line item:
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):	

Delta, according to the Regional Board's research. Ammonia in the Delta alters the food web by interfering with the reproduction of a tiny phytoplankton at the base of the food chain. This has a detrimental impact on fish species in the Delta, including protected species, such as the Delta smelt. The new requirements in this permit are aimed at reversing some of the ecological challenges that currently exist in the Delta.

The Regional Board adopted the permit with a unanimous 5-0 vote, despite strong opposition from local elected officials, community leaders, and ratepayers that attended the 14-hour hearing. Officials from Sac Regional stated that the new requirements would cost \$2 billion in facility upgrades and would triple the rates charged to the 1.3 million residents in the greater Sacramento region.

Sac Regional must obtain a new discharge permit for their treatment plant every five years under the federal Clean Water Act. Their last permit dates to 2000, and the renewal has been delayed for several years due to the controversial nature of the permit. Sac Regional is one of the few remaining wastewater plants in the region that has not begun utilizing advanced treatment methods. Treatment of the sewage has not been upgraded since the plant was constructed in 1982.

Sac Regional continues to argue that the requirements adopted by the Regional Board exceed what is reasonable and necessary, and that they plan to appeal to the State Water Resources Control Board to review the decision. During this petition, Sac Regional must still begin to comply with the conditions of the permit.

This final decision reflects years of work by water users, state agencies, environmental groups, and others that have worked to bring the public health and environmental issues to the attention of the Regional Board and other regulatory agencies. The Regional Board received support for this action from United States Senator Dianne Feinstein and several state legislators, as well as a variety of organizations, including the Metropolitan Water District, the California Department of Public Health, the California Department of Water Resources, the California Department of Fish and Game, the Delta Stewardship Council, the Association of California Water Agencies, the State Water Contractors, the Contra Costa Water District, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Nature Conservancy, the California Farm Bureau Federation, the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, and others.

On December 15, Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg and Assemblymember Roger Dickinson held a news conference to announce efforts to assist the Sacramento region with these future costs. Their proposal includes introducing legislation to authorize the Sac Regional to sell its recycled water, to appropriate \$50 million from previously voter approved bonds, and to ask for assistance in identifying federal funds.



INFORMATION ITEM

January 17, 2011

TO: Public Affairs and Legislation Committee
(Directors Hinman, Dick and Clark)

FROM: Kevin Hunt
General Manager

Staff Contact: Darcy M. Burke

SUBJECT: Orange County Water SUMMIT IV

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the PAL Committee discuss the Orange County Water Summit IV and direct staff to continue orchestrating and coordinating the event with the Orange County Water District, and Disneyland Resorts.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

To be determined at PAL Committee Meeting

SUMMARY

Orange County Water District is the lead agency for OC Water Summit IV and will be joined with the Municipal Water District of Orange County and the Disneyland Resorts as presenting agencies. MWDOC Director Jeff Thomas is co-Chairing the Planning Committee along with Director Steve Sheldon from Orange County Water District. The Co-Chairs and staff have drafted a proposed program and budget for review. The event ad hoc committee, with all appointed directors will convene in late January. Preliminary meeting with the co-Chairs have resulted The Orange County Water Summit IV being planned for Friday, May 20th, at the Grand Californian Hotel at the Disneyland Resort.

DETAILED REPORT

Budgeted (Y/N): No	Budgeted amount: \$0.00
Action item amount: \$6,000	Line item: Water Awareness
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted): At a joint meeting of the MWDOC Board and OCWD Board, staff was directed to move forward with the planning and commitments of the OC Water Summit and to strive to plan a cost-effective break even event. In order to keep costs to participants at the same level as last year, each presenting water agency will need to contribute approximately \$6,000.00.	

During the preliminary planning meetings with both co-chairs and staff, a theme has been developed for the fourth annual OC Water Summit. The proposed theme is, "California's Extreme Makeover." Disney staff is currently developing graphics for the theme which was derived from the television show, Extreme Home Makeover. Graphics will be provided for review in February.

In developing the program, comments and feedback from last year were considered. Time allocation and program management were given great consideration and as a result, the preliminary program has fewer speakers, each with a greater time allotment. The preliminary agenda is as follows:

CALIFORNIA'S EXTREME MAKEOVER

Grand California Hotel, Disneyland Resort

Anaheim, CA

Friday, May 20, 2011

7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

DRAFT PROGRAM *(Revised 12-27-10)*

(IF A SPEAKER GOES OVER HIS/HER ALOTTED TIME, A CONSTRUCTION-LIKE AUDIO CLIP, LIKE A JACK-HAMMER, WILL BE PLAYED TOO GO WITH THE EXTREME MAKEOVER/CONSTRUCTION THEME)

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| 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. | <p>Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Thank you to Sponsors & Intro of Emcee</p> <p>President, Orange County Water District OR President of Disneyland Resort? Met Chairman Colonel Foley? Other?</p> <p>Summit Goals/Overview & Hand-Held Survey</p> <p>Emcee (Possibly Bob Hurley of Hurley, Inc.)</p> |
| 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | <p>State of the State/Is California a Sinking Ship?/Is California Beyond Repair?/ Can (How Can)California Move Back Up to the Top 5 List of the World's Largest Economies?</p> <p>Moderator TBD – Possibly Emcee Does the Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:15 a.m. Moderator will welcome the panelists up and briefly introduce them (2-5 minutes) <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:20 am Former California Assemblyman Hector De La Torre, 50th District and Former Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee (To Be Invited) |

CA Budget Breakdown - How bad are things? How much money goes to retire debt?/How much goes to programs? How much income tax and property tax revenue is collected annually from across the state, O.C.? How much comes back to OC?; College students graduating with massive loan debt; What isn't working in CA; What is working (15 – 20 minutes)

- 8:40 a.m. U. S. Congressman Tom McClintock, California, 4th District (To Be Invited)
What isn't working in CA and the U.S.; What needs to be fixed; New way of doing things means less "granted" money to projects (15 20 minutes)
- 9:00 a.m. Q & A Between Moderator and Panelists (15 minutes)
- 9:15 a.m. Q & A Audience Participation & Use of Hand Held Surveys (15 minutes)

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Break (15 minutes)

10:00 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

Similarities between Katrina and the Bay Delta/Another Katrina Waiting to Happen

Moderator

TBD

- 10:00 a.m. Moderator will ask a few questions with the hand held measure assumptions people may have about Katrina or other factors; Then he/she will welcome the panelists up and briefly introduce them (5 minutes)

Speakers

- 10:05 a.m. Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal or other New Orleans High Profile Person (To Be Invited)
Warning Signs; Mistakes, Assumptions; Lessons Learned (20 minutes)
- 10:25 a.m. Dr. Lucile (Lucy) M. Jones, Seismologist, Chief Scientist of the US Geological Survey Multi-Hazards Demonstration Project for Southern California, Visiting Research Associate at the Seismological Laboratory of Caltech since 1983, and Commissioner of the California Seismic Safety Commission (To Be Invited)
Talk about fault lines and past and predicted seismic activity along the Delta(SWP) and other major water delivery systems like the LA Aqueduct and the Colorado Aqueduct; many visuals of fault lines; new fault line discovered in the Delta just a few months ago -where we have problems with old levees, etc. (15–20 -minutes)
- 10:45 a.m. Curt Schmutte, P.E., Principal Engineer, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (To Be Invited) (15 minutes)
Now that we know about all the potential earthquakes – what does it mean to all of our delivery systems – not just the Delta; Simulated levee failure; Not just vulnerable to earthquakes, heavy rain can cause the levees to collapse; how many lessees are there in the

Delta (similarities to BP having 2000 rig lessees out in the Gulf; who oversees the safety of the levees and how often are they inspected?; grim images of “no water scenarios – Haiti (cholera outbreak), Northridge quake, Katrina; Warning signs similar to Katrina – What they are and why aren’t we doing anything about it? Curt slide will be an overlay of Dr. Lucy’s slide to demonstrate where all the delivery systems are in relation to fault lines.

- 11:00 a.m. Q & A Between Moderator and Panelists (15 minutes)
- 11:15 a.m. Q & A Audience Participation & Use of Hand Held Surveys (15 minutes)
- POSSIBLY - 11:30 am Moderator – talk about independent economic analysis of water bond – draw attention to it in packet (5 minutes)

11:35 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

Break

Room is set up very quickly for lunch

Possible GWRS and Ocean Desal Water Tasting Challenge- have samples of tap and bottled water as well; Possible tie-in to a Documentary Coming Out at Toronto Film Festival in Fall 2011??

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch Program - Possibly Two Speakers

Moderator TBD

- 12:15 pm Moderator/Emcee – Intro of Lunch Program & Guest Speaker(s) (3 minutes)
We have heard about the state’s problems, what works and doesn’t work and that money is limited. We have heard about the warning signs that the state of Louisiana and the U.S. knew about that could have prevented or lessened the damages of Katrina and the warning signs here in CA regarding our state’s water infrastructure - catastrophes waiting to happen – Now comes the big reveal. The solution. Unlike the TV show – Extreme Makeover- someone isn’t going to magically come in and fix things in a week and then show us the big reveal. We all have to fix this – but how?
Solutions/Options have to be offered up in this segment. Some of this country’s largest infrastructure projects were built during/after the Great Depression. What were they and how were they done?
Can it be done again today

Speaker #1

- 12:18 p.m. Michael Hiltzik, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of *Colossus: Hoover Dam and the Making of the American Century (June 2010)* (Invited)
How were these projects funded? Paid off? Mostly loans? Grants?
How did we pull this off during the Great Depression? Can it be done again?
(20 minutes)

Speaker #2

- 12:45 p.m. Governor-Elect Jerry Brown (*Invited*) (15 minutes) As Governor, what does he think the solutions are? What is his plan?
- 1:00 p.m.–1:25 p.m. Q & A Audience Participation, Use of Hand Held Surveys & Closing Remarks

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****Other issues to touch on/fit in/or include materials in program :**

- How much to build Peripheral Canal? \$20 billion? How much water from ocean desal and water recycling get you for \$20 billion?
- BIA- How many projects have been stalled because of lack of water availability issues – and how do those numbers translate to potential jobs they would have generated? – Steve to draft a letter to BIA
- Man on the Street Video by Chapman Students
- Artistry/Workmanship in work after the Depression – did not scrimp on quality
- If Judge Wanger accepts invite we need to find a good spot to place him. Since we gave all our speakers 15 to 20 minutes to speak and left lots of room for Q&A, we will be ok on time.

In addition to the program, a preliminary budget has also been developed. This year’s budget features a number of considerations from last year’s budget and include cost saving efforts since as a reduction in printing, the elimination of any large mailings, and décor will be provided by Disney Resorts including pipe and drape. Also, sponsorship levels have been revisited and revised. A new sponsorship for audio visual has been added which will enable the event to have filming and webcasting capabilities. The proposed budget is as follows:

Proposed 2011 O.C. Water Summit Budget	2010 Actuals	2011 Projections
Draft 12-30-10		
Income:		
*Registration:	\$ 33,200	\$ 31,050
Pre-Registration (2010- 260@\$125; 2011- 270@\$115)		
On-Site Registration (2010 -5)		
Speakers (2010- 29; 2011 - ~11)		
Sponsor Guests (2010 -123; 2011 ~102)		
MWDOC/OCWD Directors (2010 -18; 2011 --16)		
Elected Officials/Staffers (2010-17; 2011--18)		
Other/Media Comps (2010 -24; 2011 - ~10)		
Staff/Volunteers (2010 -39; 2011 ~20)		
**Total Registrations (2010 - 491; 2011 --447 (eliminated many comps)		
Sponsorships	\$ 51,400	\$ 56,100
Title (1)	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Luncheon	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,500

AV Sponsor	N/A	\$ 7,500
Program Sponsor	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,000
Program Session	\$ 12,000	\$ 6,000
Table Sponsor	\$ 8,400	\$ 7,500
Breakfast	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
Associate (\$1,000 in 2010; \$1,200 in 2011)	\$ 8,000	\$ 9,600
Conservation Signage	\$ 2,000	N/A
Supporter	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000
Pen & Notepad	-	N/A
***Shuttle	In-Kind	In-Kind
Total Income	\$ 84,600	\$ 87,150
Expenses:		
Food & Beverage (cost for 490 guests)	\$ 37,351	\$ 42,000
Facilities & Parking (cost for 490 guests)	\$ 5,924	\$ 6,000
Audio Visual & Equipment Rental	\$ 18,970	\$ 20,000
Printing & Postage	\$ 27,037	\$ 10,000
PayPal Fees	\$ 563	\$ 1,200
Speaker Travel/ Fees/Pre-Conference Dinner	\$ 6,701	\$ 9,000
Advertising	\$ 7,500	\$ 3,500
Additional Sponsor Signs		\$ 1,000
Emergency/Misc/supplies/name tags		\$ 2,000
Décor, Graphics & Signs - Disney	In-Kind	In-Kind
Total Expenses	\$ 104,046	\$94,700
Total expenses shared by OCWD & MWDOC	\$ 19,446	\$ 7,550
OCWD and MWDOC's individual agency costs	\$ 9,723	\$ 3,775

*Projected Cost of Ticket \$115 (270 @ \$115 = \$31,050)

*270 indiv; 92 sponsor guests; 75 speaker/electeds/other = 437 attendees (2011)

****447 guests- Cost pp \$212; Minus Ticket Price of \$115 the Shortfall needed in sponsorships is \$97 pp**

*****Shuttle could be \$5,000 without in-kind donation**

A full planning committee meeting is planned for the end of January. Updated information will be provided to the Board at the February Public Affairs and Legislation Committee meeting.

Municipal Water District of Orange County, California
Washington Update
January 12, 2011

Note: The House and the Senate are still very busy organizing their committees and subcommittees at press time. In addition to organizing committees, the House and Senate are in the process of establishing their rules for the new two year congressional session. The first order of business is to complete work on the unfinished business of the last Congress. Just before Christmas, the Congress passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep the federal government funded until March 4, 2011. The new Congress must now decide how to fund the federal agencies for the balance of the fiscal year—March 5th through September 30th, 2011. Currently the funding levels are at “last year’s levels” with no increase. There are rumors that the House may seek to reduce federal spending by approximately 2% to 5% below last year’s levels to reduce the amount of borrowing that is required at the federal level. One of the issues under debate will be whether or not the CR, or next year’s appropriations bills, will contain earmarks.

The House and the Senate are currently split on the topic of earmarks. On the House side, there is no formal rule against earmarks, but the House Republicans as a caucus have agreed to another one year moratorium. Due to the fact that the Republicans control the committee structure in the House, this essentially means that Committee Chairmen will not be accepting any earmark requests from Democratic House Members.

Meanwhile on the Senate side, the Democrats control that body and are currently conducting business as usual—meaning they do not have a moratorium ban. The Senate Republicans do have a temporary moratorium ban on earmark requests. What does all of this mean? Senator Feinstein’s Office sent out a notice last week indicating that her office was still trying to determine their congressional directed spending procedures for this year. Senator Feinstein is slated to receive the Chairmanship of the coveted Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, the panel that has jurisdiction over the Bureau of Reclamation and Army Corps of Engineers. At press time it is unclear if she or Senator Boxer will be accepting any earmark requests.

The Senate, under the leadership of Senator Harry Reid, the Majority Leader, is likely to make a decision regarding their policies regarding earmark requests in the coming weeks. The number two Democrat in the Senate, Senator Durbin (D-Ill) commented last week if we can’t pass the Omnibus Appropriations Bill with earmarks in December 2010 with 59 Democrat votes, it doesn’t seem very likely that we can pass an Omnibus Appropriations Bill or CR in March with earmarks with only 53 Democrat votes. This issue will be closely monitored by MWDOC Staff.

To quickly recap last year, there was \$134,000 contained in the Agriculture Appropriations Bill for the SmarTimer Program. MWDOC did receive \$848,000 for FY2010 from the State and Tribal Assistance Account of the Environmental Protection Agency. These funds are targeted for the Ocean Water Desalination Project. MWDOC had a \$1 Million Authorization contained in that WRDA submission sponsored by Senator Feinstein. Senator Boxer never “published” her list of California Projects she was intending to put in the bill—a function of her being the Chairman of the Committee which passes the WRDA Legislation in the U.S. Senate.

LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS FOR 2010

<i>Potential Source of Funding</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>Status</i>
<p>Natural Resources Conservation Service – NRCS-- US Dept of Ariculture</p>	<p>SmarTimer Irrigation Controller Installations</p>	<p>\$0.5M</p>	<p>The Omnibus Appropriations Bill which failed to pass in December 2010 contained \$134,000 for this project. Congresswomen Sanchez sponsored this provision in 2010. It is unknown at this time how the next CR will deal with the project.</p> <p>In the event that the project is not given a “line item appropriation” in the next CR, the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture could still provide discretionary funds to MWDOC for this program. Such decisions would be made after the passage of the Continuing Resolution.</p> <p>For FY2012, the current funding cycle which will be considered by Congress in the coming year, the House will not be passing any bills with Congressionally Directed Spending. The Senate has not decided how they will deal with the whole earmark issue.</p>
<p>South Orange Coastal Ocean Water Desalination Project</p>	<p>Federal Appropriations and an Authorization for Federal Funds for the Desalination Project</p>	<p>\$1.3 M</p>	<p>Appropriations: \$875,000 in federal funds were appropriated for a State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG Grant) for the Municipal Water District of Orange County for water infrastructure for the current fiscal year, FY2010.</p> <p>There will not be any desalination funds contained in the FY2011 CR. The EPA may decide to turn their program into a “competitive grant program”. Similar to the analysis provided for the NRCS Program, the House will not be</p>

			<p>providing Congressionally Directed Spending in any of their bills this year while the Senate has not decided what course they will take.</p> <p>Authorizations: On the Authorization side, Senator Boxer will remain as Chairwoman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW Committee), the committee which has jurisdiction over the Water Resources Development Act. This is the legislation which provides authority for the Army Corps of Engineers to perform work on water and flood related projects.</p> <p>Last year Senator Feinstein recommended that we receive \$1 Million in the WRDA Bill. That legislation never passed.</p> <p>Senator Boxer's Office has indicated that they want to try and pass a WRDA Bill this session. Senate EPW Committee Staff have advised us that over 245 California Projects were submitted to Senator Boxer's Office when the bill was considered last year. Senator Boxer never released what projects she was recommending to be placed in her bill and when it became clear late in the session that the legislation would die, the matter became mute.</p>
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GENERAL CONGRESSIONAL UPDATES

<p>Congressional Session Status</p>	<p>Many House and Senate Republicans are considering having a more precise definition of an earmark. Right not, the definition is wide open and has been construed to mean having a mere authorization for a project in a bill. Traditionally, the term earmark has referred to spending for a specific project. There is also talk about having</p>
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	<p>transparent votes on individual projects in Committee and thereby remove one of the longstanding criticisms associated with earmarks.</p> <p>As far as other issues under congressional consideration, the House is slated to repeal the Obama Health Care Bill which passed last year as one of their first votes of the year. The Senate has indicated that it will not follow suit and there are not 60 votes in the Senate to repeal the bill – so in the end, the House action will largely be a symbolic action.</p>
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M E M O R A N D U M

To: MWDOC Public Affairs and Legislative Committee

From: Christopher Townsend, President
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State Political Highlights

The State legislature reconvened following a holiday recess on January 3, 2011. The same day newly elected Governor, Jerry Brown, was sworn into office. Immediately the current year budget and ongoing deficit was the focus on the Administration. Not only did the Governor have to focus on a minimum of \$5 billion in mid-year cuts for the FY 2010-2011 budget, but also produce a FY 2011-2012 budget plan by January 10th. With the Brown Administration placing a heavy emphasis on passing a budget by the constitutional deadline of June 30th, an urgency to seek legislative approval for the Governor's key budget initiatives has become a top priority for everyone.

In addition to the ongoing budget discussions, the Governor did make three key appointments last week:

- Anne Gust Brown, the Governor's wife, will serve as Special Counsel to the Governor
- Jim Humes, previously Chief Deputy Attorney General, will serve as Executive Secretary for Administration, Legal Affairs, and Policy
- Nancy McFadden, previously Vice-President for PG&E and former Gray Davis staff, will serve as Executive Secretary for Legislation, Appointments and Policy.

The Governor has indicated that he will not have a Chief of Staff position, so these will likely be the three highest ranking members of the Administration.

A week later, on January 10th, the Governor did release his budget proposal for the 2011-12 fiscal year. The Governor was very upfront that his proposed budget, which makes difficult cuts and requires an extension of taxes set to expire this year, will require sacrifice from nearly every Californian. In exchange for this sacrifice, the Governor's budget will set California on a solid fiscal footing for years to come. The Governor's primary goals with this budget, in addition to providing fiscal stability, were to protect education and public safety, as well as return control to local governments.

Overview

The budget proposed by the Governor offers to close the projected 18-month budget shortfall of \$25.4 billion through a combination of spending reductions, revenue extensions, and realignment of governmental services. Specifically, the Governor's budget calls for \$12.5 billion in spending reductions, \$12 billion in revenue extensions and modifications, and \$1.9 billion in additional solutions.

Spending Reductions

The Governor has proposed \$12.5 billion in spending reductions, which affect most of the core services provided by the State. The Governor indicated that his main priority was to spare K-12 education from significant cuts since they have taken major cuts in funding each of the last several years. Since K-12 education funding comprises such a significant portion of the budget, many other services will be forced to take major cuts. Specifically, the Governor has proposed:

- \$1.7 billion in reductions to the Medi-Cal program;
- \$1.5 billion in reductions to the CalWorks program;
- \$750 million in reductions to the Department of Development Services;
- \$500 million in reductions to the University of California system;
- \$500 million in reductions to the California State University system;
- \$400 million in reductions to the California Community College system (additionally the Governor has proposed raising community college per unit fee to \$36 from the current \$26);
- \$300 million in salary reductions to state employees whose bargaining unions do not currently have an MOU with the State; and,
- \$200 million in reductions to state government operations through reorganizations, consolidations, and increasing efficiencies.

Revenue Increases

In addition to the above spending reductions, the Governor has proposed increasing the revenue to the State by \$12 billion more than would otherwise be coming to the State.

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The bulk of these revenues would be captured by asking the voters for a five-year extension of the current income tax, sales tax, and vehicle license fee levels, which are set to expire this year. Specifically, the Governor is proposing a five-year extension of taxes increased as part of the 2009 budget:

- 1% increase in sales and use tax;
- 0.25% increase in income tax; and,
- 0.5% increase in the vehicle license fee.

The question of whether or not to extend these taxes would be placed before the voters in a special election. If the voters chose not to approve the five-year extension of these taxes then an additional \$12 billion in cuts would need to be made to the budget.

Realignment of Services

The most complicated portion of the Governor's proposed budget is a realignment of services from the State to local governments. The Governor's proposal would shift the responsibility for the following programs to local government:

- Fire protection services;
- Court security;
- Community based corrections (offenders with sentences less than 90 days);
- Mental health services; and,
- Foster care, child welfare, substance abuse, and adult protective services.

The Governor proposes to shift funding to local governments in order to fund these programs. Specifically, the Governor is proposing to shift the increased revenues from the 1% increase in sales and use tax and the revenues from the 0.5% increase in vehicle license fee to local governments. The Governor's proposal would require the State to continue to provide these funds even after the five-year extension (if approve) expires.

Other

In addition to the above spending reductions, increases in revenues, and realignment provisions, the Governor's budget proposes the following:

- Elimination of redevelopment agencies – the Governor proposes to eliminate redevelopment agencies and redistribute the property tax increment. In the 2011-12 fiscal year, the State would capture \$1.7 billion of the redevelopment increment for the State's general fund and the rest of the funding would be used to pay down the outstanding obligations from redevelopment agencies. Beyond 2011-12, the increased property tax increment would be used to pay down the outstanding obligations from the redevelopment agencies and the remainder

would be treated in the same manner as all other property taxes (local fire, public safety, education and other local government services);

- Provide local governments with the opportunity to raise funding for economic development – the Governor proposes placing a measure before the voters that would make it easier for local voters to approve local taxes for economic development;
- Elimination of all enterprise zones – the elimination of these credits will provide the State an additional \$924 million in revenue; and,
- Reduction in debt service – the State would save funding on debt service by not conducting a general obligation bond sale in the spring.



Municipal Water District of Orange County Priority State Legislation

BILL	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	MWDOC POSITION	OTHER POSITIONS
AB 19 Fong (D)	Building Standards: Water Meters: Multiunit Structures Requires a water purveyor that provides water service to a multiunit residential structure or mixed-use residential and commercial structure to require the installation of a water meter or a submeter. Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop and submit to the commission building standards that require the installation of water meters or submeters in individual dwelling units within a newly constructed multiunit residential structure.	12/6/2010 Introduced		
AB 23 Smythe (R)	Local Agency Meetings: Prohibition Amends the Ralph M. Brown Act which requires each legislative body of a local agency to provide the time and place for holding regular meetings. Prohibits the members of a legislative body, during a meeting of that legislative body, from convening simultaneous or serial order meetings of any other legislative body for which the members of the convened legislative body constitute at least a quorum.	12/6/2010 Introduced		
AB 41 Hill (D)	Conflicts of Interest: Disqualification Amends existing provisions of the Political Reform Act of 1974 that prohibits a public official at any level of state or local government from making, participating in making, or attempting to use his or her official position to influence a governmental decision in which he or she knows or has a reason to know that he or she has a financial interest. Adds members of the High-Speed Rail Authority to those specified offices who must publicly identify a financial interest giving rise to a conflict of interest.	12/6/2010 Introduced		
AB 42 Huffman (D)	State Parks Declares the intent of the Legislature to address the need to fully fund the state park system with stable, reliable and adequate funding sources.	12/6/2010 Introduced		



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AB 46 Perez, J (D)	Local Government: Cities Provides that every city with a population of less than 150 people would be disincorporated into those cities' respective counties unless a county board of supervisors determines, by majority vote, that continuing such a city within that county's boundaries serves a public purpose because the location of the city, in a rural or isolated location, makes it impractical for the residents of the community to organize in another forum of local governance.	12/6/2010 Introduced		
AB 49 Gatto (D)	Development: Expedited Permit Review Relates to permit streamlining and development projects. Requires the Office of Permit Assistance to provide information to developers explaining the permit approval process and to assist them in meeting statutory environmental quality requirements, to assist state and local agencies in streamlining the permit approval process and applicants to identify needed permits, to develop related guidelines providing local permit process technical assistance, and to develop a consolidated project information form.	12/6/2010 Introduced		
AB 54 Solorio (D)	Drinking Water Allows the Department of Public Health to issue a letter of no prejudice to a public water system that is a lead applicant for a project that may be funded by the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund; makes expenditures related to the project reimbursable in specified circumstances. Authorizes a local agency formation commission to review and approve or disapprove the consolidation of territory within a mutual water company into the jurisdiction of a city as a special district that operates a water system.	12/6/2010 Introduced		
AB 57 Beall (D)	Transportation Planning Requires the Department of Transportation to engage in various transportation planning activities, including long-term state highway system planning to identify future highway improvements in consultation with metropolitan planning organizations.	12/6/2010 Introduced		



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BILL	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	MWDOC POSITION	OTHER POSITIONS
AB 71	Political Reform Act of 1974: Lobbyists	12/20/2010		
Huber (D)	Amends the Political Reform Act of 1974 by requiring that the online directory maintained by the Secretary of State also contain information regarding lobbying interests. Requires that periodic reports filed by lobbyist employers and other persons contain the bill numbers of any legislation lobbied for or against during the reporting period. Requires the Secretary of State to display on his or her Internet Web site a list of the lobbying interests containing a specific reference to a bill number.	Introduced		
AB 83	Environment: CEQA Exemption: Recycled Water Pipeline	1/5/2011		
Jeffries (R)	Amends existing law regarding California Environmental Quality Act environmental impact reports. Exempts a project for the installation of a new pipeline for the distribution of recycled water within an improved public street, highway, or right-of-way.	Introduced		
AB 89	Retirement: Public Employees	1/6/2011		
Hill (D)	Specifies that, for the purposes of determining a retirement benefit paid to a person who first becomes a member of a public retirement system on or after a specified date, the maximum salary, compensation, or payrate upon which retirement benefits shall be based shall not exceed an amount set forth in a specified provision of the Internal Revenue Code.	Introduced		
ACA 4	Local Government Financing: Voter Approval	12/6/2010		
Blumenfeld (D)	Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to create an additional exception to the 1% limit for a tax rate imposed by a city, county, city and county, or special district to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund specified public improvements and facilities, or buildings used primarily to provide sheriff, police, or fire protection services, that is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, city and county, or special district.	Introduced		



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SB 16	Energy: Renewable Energy and Transmission Projects	12/6/2010		
Rubio (D)	Enacts legislation to establish a new program to ease and expedite the state permitting process for renewable energy and transmission projects within the date.	Introduced		
SB 18	Political Reform Act of 1974: Gifts	12/6/2010		
Blakeslee (R)	Enacts legislation that would further limit the ability of special interest groups, including lobbyist employers, to give gifts to members of the Legislature.	Introduced		
SB 19	Political Reform Act of 1974; Campaign Telephone Calls	12/6/2010		
Blakeslee (R)	Enacts legislation regulating automated and prerecorded telephone calls regarding candidates for public office and ballot measures.	Introduced		
SB 27	Public Retirement: Final Compensation: Computation	12/6/2010		
Simitian (D)	Provides for public employee and teacher retirement. Provides that member and employer contributions credited to the Defined Benefit Supplemental Program would include remuneration earnable within a 5-year period in excess of 125% of that member's compensation earnable in the year prior to that 5-year period.	Introduced		
SB 31	Local Government: Lobbyist Registration	12/6/2010		
Correa (D)	States the intent of the legislature to enact legislation that will require each local government to create a lobbyist registration program as a condition of the local government being eligible to apply for any discretionary grant from any state agency or department.	Introduced		
SB 34	Water Infrastructure Projects: Fees	12/6/2010		
Simitian (D)	Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to develop a fee-based system to pay for costs associated with updating and modernizing water infrastructure projects. Expresses legislative intent with respect to the imposition of the fees and use of the fee revenues.	Introduced		



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SB 46	Local Government: Compensation Disclosure	12/9/2010		
Correa (D)	Requires local government filers to annually file a compensation disclosure form. Requires the Secretary of State to develop the form. Requires a county, city, city and county, school district, special district, or joint powers agency that maintains an internet web site to post the information contained on the filed form on that web site. Authorizes a district attorney or any interested person to commence an action by mandamus to enforce these provisions.	Introduced		
SB 50	Conflicts of Interest: Disqualification	12/15/2010		
Correa (D)	Amends the Political Reform Act of 1974. Adds members of the High-Speed Rail Authority to those specified officers who must publicly identify a financial interest giving rise to a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, and recuse themselves accordingly.	Introduced		
SB 52	Water Quality: Sacramento Regional Sanitation District	12/15/2010		
Steinberg (D)	Appropriates funds to the Department of Water Resources from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 to provide financial assistance to the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District to offset rate increases associated with the costs of capital improvements to the district's regional sewage treatment plant.	Introduced		
SB 63	Environmental Sustainability of Local Communities	1/5/2011		
Price (D)	Amends existing laws authorizing programs to promote environmental sustainability. Includes provisions that would establish state level policies to promote the environmental sustainability of local communities.	Introduced		
SCA 7	Public Bodies: Meetings	1/10/2011		
Yee (D)	Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to include in the Constitution the requirement that each public body provide public notice of its meetings and disclose any action taken.	Introduced		

Public Affairs Activities Report
December 13, 2010 – January 16, 2011

<p>Client Agency Relations</p>	<p>Director Barbre and Darcy met with Director Hawkins of Central Basin Municipal Water District and Metropolitan staff to plan and coordinate an upcoming State Water Project trip.</p> <p>Darcy and Tiffany are coordinating four upcoming inspection trips including a State Water Project trip, hosted by Directors Ackerman and Dick; a one day Infrastructure trip for WACO participants hosted by Director Dick; a State Water Project trip hosted by Director Barbre; and a Colorado River Aqueduct/Salton Sea trip hosted by Director Ackerman.</p> <p>Darcy is working with John Arena from Metropolitan regarding outreach and coordination of messaging to businesses throughout Orange County.</p> <p>Darcy provided Damon Micalizzi, Public Information Officer for Yorba Linda Water District, public notification templates in a variety of languages. In addition, Darcy is working with Damon to coordinate an orientation/briefing for YLWD's two new directors, Gary Melton and Bob Kiley.</p> <p>Jessica worked with the City of Newport Beach to coordinate MWDOC representation at their January 22 business development event. At the event, MWDOC staff will have a booth to promote the Save A Buck and WaterSmart Hotel programs.</p> <p>Jessica is working with City of Fountain Valley staff on the development of a water awareness mural. On December 21, 2010, Kevin Hunt and Jessica attended the Fountain Valley city council planning session. Jessica gave a presentation on the proposed mural project. The council had some concerns regarding the proposed design and location, so staff will continue to work with Fountain Valley staff to refine the project logistics.</p> <p>Jessica distributed water use efficiency brochures and literature to Laguna Beach County Water District.</p>
<p>Community Relations</p>	<p>Darcy is coordinating the distribution of the Jamba Juice Swipe Cards. The first batch arrived on January 10. A comprehensive outreach strategy, recruitment coordination and promotion efforts are being developed with Jamba Juice's corporate office as well as local stores.</p> <p>Darcy met with George Collins, a videographer from Santa Ana, regarding his interest in possibly providing video and webcasting options for MWDOC committee and board meetings, the OC Water Summit, Water Policy dinners, and other MWDOC events.</p>

	<p>California Nevada Section, American Water Works Association has approached Darcy to be their Certification Director. This would include stakeholder level involvement with the California Department of Public Health Services and the Nevada Bureau of Public Health.</p> <p>Tiffany is updating the MWDOC directory and the ISDOC directory. Copies will be available electronically and by request, also printed.</p> <p>The annual letter has been drafted and will be distributed the week of January 17. The final copy will be provided to the board prior to distribution.</p> <p>Darcy responded to a concerned citizen from Huntington Beach regarding Hexavalent Chromium 6 presence in drinking water.</p> <p>The Children’s Museum of La Habra requested a variety of water use efficiency and water education literature for their new water exhibit. Several boxes of brochures and other items were distributed to museum staff for display at their exhibit.</p> <p>Jessica distributed 23 Water Hero kits to a local teacher whose students participated in the program as an in-class activity.</p>
<p>School Program</p>	<p>To date, Discovery Science Center has booked 60,261 students in the water assembly program. The target for the 2010-11 school year is 67,089 students, which includes 9,605 students that are being funded by the member agencies. (Trabuco Canyon Water District recently signed up for an additional 222 students.) So far this school year, 21,512 students have been taught.</p> <p>Karl, Darcy and Jessica met with Janet Yamaguchi of Discovery Science Center on December 28, 2010 to begin planning and coordinating the 2011-2012 Water Education School Program. The School Program will have a “choice” structure during the 2011-2012 fiscal year. A more detailed report will be presented to the PAL committee on January 17.</p> <p>Jessica and Tiffany Bui will be participating in Discovery Science Center’s Educators Evening of Science on January 12. This event is an opportunity for MWDOC to promote the program to Orange Count</p>
<p>Media Relations</p>	<p><u>Orange County Register</u>, reporter Eugene Fields wrote an article appearing in the January 4th edition, regarding potential water rate increases for the City of Orange. Metropolitan and MWDOC were cited in the article as contributors to the increase. Darcy Burke contacted the reporter as the article referred to MWDOC as the pumping agency of groundwater within the region. A copy of the article is attached for your reference.</p>

	<p>Global Water News, reporter Melanie Snow contacted Darcy regarding updates to the South Orange Coastal Ocean Desalination project. Newsletters and briefing papers were provided to Ms. Snow for background and general knowledge. There is no story currently being prepared. Global Water News is an on-line publication covering drinking water, bottle water, waste-water and other related topics.</p> <p>Darcy assisted Director Dick in his responses to the Apartment Association of Orange County, for an upcoming article in their publication.</p>
<p>Special Projects</p>	<p>Darcy continues to work with Ed Means regarding the Strategic Review and is focusing on preparing the final report.</p> <p>Darcy presented the findings of an internal Organizational Assessment at the all staff meeting on January 13.</p> <p>Darcy continues to work with Orange County Water District in regards to preliminary OC Water Summit planning. A detailed update will be provided to the Public Affairs and Legislation Committee on January 17.</p> <p>Darcy is continuing to developing a 60th Anniversary outreach plan. Options and related costs will be presented to the Public Affairs and Legislation Committee on January 17 for consideration. Jessica and Tiffany are developing preliminary designs for the 60th anniversary poster, logo, and banner.</p> <p>Darcy and Tiffany worked with Karl and engineering staff to update and brand the Water Rate Study. The current draft is currently being circulated for comments.</p> <p>Darcy continued to work with Metropolitan staff to coordinate a reception in honor of Chairman-Elect Foley. The event was held at the Fred Harvey room at Union Station on January 10th, 2011. More than one hundred elected officials, dignitaries and staff attended the event.</p> <p>Jessica, Darcy, and David are continuing to plan and market the next Water Policy dinner, which will be held Thursday, February 24 at the Westin South Coast Plaza. Immediately prior to the dinner, a special reception will be held to honor MWD Chairman Foley, who will also be the keynote speaker for the event.</p> <p>Darcy and David are preparing the editorial calendar for eCurrents. In addition, Jessica and Darcy are working to prepare an editorial calendar for the website as well.</p> <p>Darcy assisted Karl in preparing slide for upcoming presentations that focus on the issues regarding stormwater capture.</p>

	<p>Director Barbre and Darcy met with Jean Pasco, Director of Archives and Outreach of the Orange County Clerk-Recorder's office to discuss historical photos, papers and documents that may reside in the archive as well as in other sources.</p> <p>Jessica participated in the development of the California Urban Water Conservation Council's Public Information Guidebook. The guidebook is a resource for public information officers who work for water providers throughout California, to assist them in the development of successful public information programs. MWDOC's contribution to the guidebook included case studies on the Water: Do More with Less and O.C. Water Hero programs, as well as the development of content in select topical areas.</p> <p>Jessica assisted WEROC staff with the development of graphic designs and layouts for some of the Emergency Operations Center signs.</p> <p>Quarterly internship meetings were held with several of the interns to discuss their workloads and goals.</p>
<p>Water Use Efficiency Marketing</p>	<p>Darcy and Jessica are providing comments on Metropolitan's water-use efficiency messaging strategy for the upcoming year.</p> <p>Jessica and Beth Fahl are developing a marketing brochure to promote the WaterSmart Hotels Program. The brochure will be distributed to hotels throughout Orange County to facilitate program participation.</p> <p>Jessica is working with staff of the member agencies to market the commercial and residential water use efficiency rebate programs. Custom Save A Buck program brochures are being developed for the member agencies for distribution to their commercial customers. Bill inserts promoting the residential program will be printed and distributed in early February. A variety of direct mail pieces produced by Metropolitan are also being made available to the member agencies for distribution.</p> <p>Jessica and Joe Berg are working on re-branding the WaterSmart Landscape Program, formerly called the Landscape Performance Certification Program. Jessica is currently working with a graphic designer to refresh the program logo.</p> <p>The South County SmartScape Incentive Program is currently underway. Jessica worked to develop several signs that will be placed at the installation sites as part of a grant funding requirement.</p> <p>Jessica participated in the County of Orange's NPDES Public Education Sub-Committee meeting on December 14. Staff continues to participate in these meetings to facilitate collaboration between the two agencies. One such collaborative effort is a</p>

	<p>Rainwater Harvesting and Low Impact Development workshop which MWDOC will be participating in. Joe Berg is working with County staff to develop the program content and Jessica is developing marketing materials to promote the event to potential participants.</p> <p>Jessica is working with staff of the water use efficiency department and consultant, Fortech, to develop a custom database for the landscape rebate programs. A preliminary database design has been developed and a demonstration of the database was presented by Fortech on December 16. Based on MWDOC's staff review, some refinements are currently being made.</p> <p>David and Jessica participated in the January 6 Water Use Efficiency Coordinators meeting, which was held in Newport Beach. David presented a legislative report; Jessica gave updates on MWDOC's current water education, public information, and water use efficiency marketing activities.</p>
<p>Legislative Affairs</p>	<p>Darcy and David participated on Metropolitan's Legislative Coordinators' conference call which included state and federal legislative updates, an overview of changes in legislative leadership and committees, a preliminary overview of newly introduced state legislation, and the state budget.</p> <p>David attended the Southern California Water Committee's annual Legislative Taskforce Planning Retreat, which included a recap of the state and federal legislative sessions, the November election, issues on the horizon, and a preliminary prioritization of issues and topics for which the Committee will engage during 2011.</p> <p>David along with Heather Dion-Stratman (TPA) accompanied Director Hinman to a meeting with Assemblywoman Diane Harkey. The discussion focused on the state budget; a legislative proposal to reduce the size of the 2012 water bond by 25%, water recycling; ocean desalination; the Orange County water supply picture; water storage and Delta conveyance; and ocean desalination. As follow up to the meeting, staff will be working with the assemblywoman's staff to schedule her for a tour of the South Orange Coastal Ocean Desalination Project pilot plant.</p> <p>Invitations to the Orange County Water Issues Congressional Briefing & Luncheon in Washington, D.C. have been distributed to the Orange County Congressional Delegation and to Senators Boxer and Feinstein. The MWDOC member agencies have also been invited to participate in the luncheon and make presentations on projects for which they are seeking federal funding support.</p> <p>David met with Stacy Taylor, communications director at Mesa Consolidated Water District, to discuss Mesa becoming more engaged in legislative issues and how they can support MWDOC and its efforts this year. He will continue to work with Stacy and</p>

	<p>provide assistance as needed to facilitate their desired increase in engagement.</p> <p>David presented legislative reports at recent meetings of the Water Use Efficiency Work Group and the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County.</p> <p>David is working with the Center for Demographic Research at Cal State Fullerton to update the various maps of federal, state and county legislative jurisdictions used during District briefings and other meetings. Staff anticipates having the updated maps ready in February.</p>
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Orange's water rates could go up 59% over 4 years

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Story Highlights

City water district says operating costs need to be passed on to consumers.

ORANGE – Residents could see their water rate increase by 59 percent over the next four years.

City staffers say the increase is needed to offset the rising costs of purchasing water from the Metropolitan Water District, as well as payments to the Municipal Water District of Orange County for pumping water out of the ground and electricity costs paid to Southern California Edison.



A hearing on water rates in Orange will be held on Jan. 25 at the Civic Center in Orange, 300 E. Chapman Ave. If approved, the water rate could increase by as much as 59 percent.

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According to a city staff report, the rates and charges from those three agencies have risen a combined 144 percent over the past five years.

Irma Hernandez, a city spokeswoman, said the city's estimated 35,000 customers have had their rates raised 11 percent since 2006.

"We're selling water for less than what we are purchasing it for," Hernandez said. "We're passing along a cost that was passed to us to provide the water."

The City Council is set to hold a public hearing on the proposal Jan. 25.

Water rates would rise 19 percent this year and again in 2012; 14 percent in 2013; and 7 percent in 2014.

That is projected to increase the bimonthly rate from an estimated \$64.96 for an average single-family home to \$77.30 after the first 19 percent increase.

Hernandez said Orange customers would still be among the lowest-paying in Orange County: "It's an extra 21 cents a day to have fresh, safe drinking water."

Mailers have been sent to customers advising them of the hearing. When Terrie Green received hers, she was not sympathetic to the reasoning for the proposed rate increases.

"I resent it," said Green, who has lived in Orange 40 years. "(The rate) keeps accumulating. They're charging interest upon interest."

New Councilman Fred Whitaker said he did not know if raising rates was the best solution.

"There's a lot of stuff that needs to be looked at before anyone starts talking about raising water rates," he said.

Whitaker said he wanted to look at the infrastructure of the water district, which operates outside of the city budget.

"I need to see what our assets and liabilities are," he said.

Joe DeFrancesco, the city's director of public works, said customers could present a petition to stop the proposed rate increase. However, it would take signatures from more than half of the customers to block an increase.

The 7 p.m. hearing is scheduled to be held in the Council Chambers, 200 E. Chapman Ave.

Table 1
Number of Students Taught about Water in the MWDOC School Program

Year	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total
2004-2005		2,731	4,387	3,137	2,768	9,709	6,601	9,562	11,799	8,031	4,227	62,952
2005-2006		3199	4854	4068	3265	12796	12347	11613	10107	4540	6552	73,341
2006-2007		3,749	7,112	5,512	3,100	12,184	9,431	12,704	11,201	8,476	5,733	79,202
2007-2008		3,942	9,506	7,934	3,130	10,265	10,600	11,125	12,407	7,206	5,878	81,993
2008-2009	633	6,737	7,163	6,454	5,318	12,124	12,180	12,395	11,313	10,060	4,608	88,847
2009-2010	0	6,261	10,056	7,618	4,626	12,813	9,670	10,012	10,179	10,336	5,554	87,125
2010-2011	0	5,737	8,557	4,510	2,688							

