

REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
10500 Ellis Avenue, Board Room, Fountain Valley, California  
March 16, 2005, 8:30 a.m.

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**AGENDA**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/PARTICIPATION**

At this time members of the public wishing to address the Board concerning items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, are requested to identify themselves. Members of the public may also comment on Agenda items before action is taken and after the item has been discussed by the Board. If the item is on the Consent Calendar, it will be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

**ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED**

Determine need and take action to agendize items(s) which arose subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (ROLL CALL VOTE: Adoption of this recommendation requires a two-thirds vote of the Board members present, or, if less than two-thirds of the Board members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present.)

**EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS**

**(NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 1759)**

**CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 7)**

(All matters under the Consent Calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Board member requests separate action on a specific item)

**1. MINUTES**

- a. January 19, 2005 Regular Board Meeting
- b. February 2, 2005 Joint Workshop Board Meeting

*Recommendation: Approve as presented.*

**2. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

- a. Executive Committee Meeting: December 28, 2004 (Directors Barbre, Hinman, Royce)
- b. Public Affairs/MET Oversight Committee Meeting: January 17, 2004 (Directors Royce, Dick, Clark)
- c. Executive Committee Meeting: January 27, 2005 (Directors Royce, Hinman, Barbre)

*Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.*

**3. TREASURER'S REPORTS**

- a. MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of February 28, 2005
- b. MWDOC Disbursement Register as of February 28, 2005

*Recommendation: Ratify as presented.*

- c. MWDOC Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment report) as of January 31, 2005
- d. Conservation Projects Cash Flow

*Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.*

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT**

- a. Financial Statement and Budget Comparative Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2005

*Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.*

**5. DISTRICT MEETINGS/SEMINARS**

- a. California Water Law & Policy Conference, April 11-12, 2005, San Francisco, CA
- b. Colorado River Symposium, September 28-30, 2005, Santa Fe, New Mexico

*Recommendation: Authorize attendance by Directors, and such members of District staff as approved by the General Manager.*

**6. INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA AUTHORITY AND MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY**

*Recommendation: (1) Authorize the General Manager to renew the contract for a one-year period with the California Bay-Delta Authority for the services of Keith Coolidge to act as Deputy Director for Communications for the Authority, effective April 7, 2005 through April 6, 2006; and*

*(2) Renew the Agreement between the District and Mr. Coolidge, with the continued provision that it is solely the District's discretion whether he continues employment with the District at the expiration of the extended term April 6, 2006.*

**7. REQUEST TO ADD EARTH CONSULTANTS INTERNATIONAL TO MWDOC'S LIST OF QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS**

*Recommendation: Authorize the General Manager to add Earth Consultants International to MWDOC's list of qualified consultants.*

**- End Consent Calendar -**

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**8-1 ADOPT REVISED AND RESTATED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

*Recommendation: Adopt Revised and Restated Administrative Code as presented.*

**8-2 ADOPT RESOLUTIONS CONCURRING IN NOMINATIONS FOR THE ACWA/JPIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RES. NOS. \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_**

*Recommendation: Adopt Resolutions concurring in the nominations of Mary Gibson and Edward Layton.*

**8-3 ADOPT RESOLUTION ENDORSING GLEN PETERSON AS ACWA VICE PRESIDENT RES. NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

*Recommendation: Adopt Resolution supporting Glen Peterson as ACWA Vice President and direct staff to submit said Resolution to the ACWA Nominating Committee.*

**8-4 MEMBERSHIP IN THE CALIFORNIA WATER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN, \$908**

*Recommendation: Review, discuss, and take action as appropriate.*

**8-5 AUTHORIZE TRAVEL AND TESTIMONY AT SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE WATER CONFERENCE**

*Recommendation: Authorize attendance by Directors, and such members of District staff as approved by the General Manager.*

**INFORMATION CALENDAR**

(All matters under the Information Calendar will be Received/Filed as presented following any discussion that may occur)

**9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, MARCH 2005  
(ORAL AND WRITTEN)**

*Recommendation: Receive and file report(s) as presented.*

**10. MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Board of Directors - Reports re: Conferences and Meetings and Requests for Future Agenda Topics

*Recommendation: Receive and file as presented.*

**11. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9 (c)  
One Case

*Recommendation: Adjourn to closed session to discuss initiation of litigation regarding one case.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Note: Accommodations for the Disabled. Any person may make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation needed for that person to be able to participate in the public meeting by telephoning Maribeth Goldsby, District Secretary, at (714) 963-3058, or writing to Municipal Water District of Orange County at P.O. Box 20895, Fountain Valley, CA 92728. Requests must specify the nature of the disability and the type of accommodation requested. A telephone number or other contact information should be included so that District staff may discuss appropriate arrangements. Persons requesting a disability-related accommodation should make the request with adequate time before the meeting for the District to provide the requested accommodation.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
January 19, 2005

At 8:30 a.m. President Barbre called to order the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County in the Board Room at the District facilities located in Fountain Valley. Director Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

President Barbre requested a moment of silence in memory of the late Santa Margarita Water District Director James Mizell.

**MWDOC DIRECTORS**

Ergun "Eric" Bakall  
Brett R. Barbre  
Wayne A. Clark  
Larry Dick  
Joan C. Finnegan  
Susan Hinman  
Ed Royce, Sr. (absent)

**STAFF**

Kevin Hunt, General Manager  
Karl Seckel, Assistant Gen. Mgr.  
Russ Behrens, Legal Counsel  
Matt Stone, Assoc. General Manager  
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary  
David Cordero, Director Gov't Affrs.  
Cathy Harris, Admin. Svcs. Mgr.  
Michelle Tuchman, Director of Pub. Affrs.  
Phil Letrong, Finance/Info. Systems. Mgr.  
Faramarz Farshidi, Intern  
Man Nguyen, Network Administrator  
Sarah Sherman, Admin. Clerk  
Katie Davanaugh, Exec. Secretary  
Stacey Tang, Financial Analyst  
Steve Hedges, Water Use Eff. Prog. Spec.  
Laura Hage, Intern  
Randa Kemenesi, Records Clerk  
Kelly Hubbard, WEROC Coord.  
Pat Meszaros, Exec. Secretary  
Judy Pfister, Sr. Accountant  
Beth Fahl, Sr. Admin. Asst.  
Lorraine Roy, Sr. Admin. Asst.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Mike Healey  
Bob Hill  
Peer Swan  
Dick Diamond  
Oscar Gonzalez

Mesa Consolidated Water District  
El Toro Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Integrated Water Resources, Inc.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Barbre announced members of the public wishing to comment on agenda items could do so after the item has been discussed by the Board and requested members of the public identify themselves when called on. President Barbre asked whether there were any comments on other items which would be heard at this time.

No comments were made.

**ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED**

Determine need and take action to agendize items(s), which arose subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (ROLL CALL VOTE: Adoption of this recommendation requires a two-thirds vote of the Board members present or, if less than two-thirds of the Board members are present, a unanimous vote.)

General Manager Hunt advised that staff prepared a Resolution thanking Congressman Calvert for his efforts to secure federal reauthorization of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and that and that it would be prudent to present this Resolution to Mr. Calvert during the Orange County water issues briefing and luncheon in Washington, DC on February 16, 2005. Following discussion, and upon MOTION by Director Bakall, seconded by Director Clark, and carried (6-0), the Board determined that the issue arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda, and approved adding the Resolution thanking Congressman Ken Calvert to the Action Calendar.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS**

On behalf of the Board, President Barbre presented employee recognition awards to Farmarz Farshidi and I-Wen Yang for going "above and beyond" with their service to the District.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

President Barbre stated all matters under the Consent Calendar would be approved by one Motion unless a Director wished to consider an item separately.

Upon MOTION by Director Clark, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (6-0), the Board approved the balance of the Consent Calendar items as presented:

**MINUTES**

The following minutes were approved as presented.

December 1, 2004 Joint Workshop Board Meeting  
December 15, 2004 Regular Board Meeting

### **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

The following Committee Meeting reports were received and filed as presented.

Public Affairs/MET Oversight Committee meeting: November 15, 2004

Administration & Finance Committee Meeting: December 8, 2004

Executive Committee Meeting: November 18, 2004

### **TREASURER'S REPORTS**

The following items were ratified as presented.

MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of December 31, 2004

MWDOC Disbursement Register as of December 31, 2004

The following items were received and filed as presented.

MWDOC Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment Report) as of November 30, 2004

Conservation Projects Cash Flow

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The following item was received and filed as presented.

Financial Statement and Budget Comparative Report for the Period Ending November 30, 2004

### **CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION**

The Board received and filed the Certificates of Election certifying the election of Ed Royce, Sr. for Division 3, Joan C. Finnegan for Division 4, Ergun Bakall for Division 6, and Susan Hinman for Division 7.

### **DISTRICT MEETINGS/SEMINARS**

The Board authorized attendance by Directors, and such members of District staff as approved by the General Manager, at the following conferences/meetings/seminars:

- Urban Water Institute, January 24, 2005, Riverside, CA
- Association of California Water Agencies Spring Conference, May 3-6, 2005, San Jose, CA

**AUTHORIZATION FOR GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO OCEAN DESALINATION RESEARCH STUDY FUNDING AGREEMENT TO SECURE \$50,000 FROM MET**

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into the Desalination Research Study Funding Agreement with MET, substantially in the form presented, subject to review and approval of legal counsel, to secure funding participation from MET for research work on the feasibility of beach wells at the Dana Point location.

**END CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ACTION CALENDAR**

**BENCHMARK SALARY SURVEY**

President Barbre advised that the results of the benchmark salary survey and proposal to revise the Salary Schedule were before the Board for consideration.

Director Dick stated that although he had previously expressed concerns with respect to the proposal, his concerns were addressed at the Administration & Finance Committee meeting and he was ready to support this item.

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (6-0), the Board (1) approved the revised Salary Schedule as presented, and (2) approved the changes to the Personnel Manual sections regarding Interns, and the Appendix B – Salary and Merit Program Process, as presented.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION THANKING CONGRESSMAN KEN CALVERT FOR HIS EFFORTS TO SECURE FEDERAL REAUTHORIZATION OF THE CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM**

President Barbre suggested the Board discuss the proposed Congressman Calvert Resolution (as added to the agenda). Following discussion, and upon MOTION by Director Hinman, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 1754, thanking Congressman Ken Calvert for his efforts to secure federal reauthorization of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Bakall, Barbre, Clark, Dick, Finnegan & Hinman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Director Royce  
ABSTAIN: None

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A WATER 2025 CHALLENGE GRANT APPLICATION**

President Barbre advised that the proposed Resolution supporting the Water 2025 grant application developed by staff, which will request funding (\$30,000) for an Irrigation System Distribution Uniformity Improvement Pilot Program, was before the Board for consideration.

Upon MOTION by Director Finnegan, seconded by Director Bakall, and carried (6-0), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 1755 supporting the District's Water 2025; Preventing Crises and Conflict in the West grant application, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Bakall, Barbre, Clark, Dick, Finnegan & Hinman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Director Royce  
ABSTAIN: None

**RENEWAL OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH JAMES BARKER (LEE & SMITH, PC)**

President Barbre advised that the proposed contract renewal with James Barker (Lee & Smith, PC) was before the Board for consideration.

Director Bakall commented that he would be voting no on this item because of his personal philosophy that the retention of lobbyists places a financial burden on the ratepayers; he disagreed with the overall cost of the proposal.

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (5-1), the Board authorized the General Manager to renew the existing federal legislative advocacy contract with James C. Barker (Lee & Smith, PC) for a three-year term (January 1, 2005-December 31, 2007) and with a monthly retainer of \$8,000 in 2005, \$9,000 in 2006, and \$10,000 in 2007. The District will also provide reimbursement for approved travel and lodging expenses, and business-related expenses. Director Bakall voted no.

**RENEWAL OF STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH TOWNSEND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

President Barbre stated the proposed contract with Townsend Public Affairs was before the Board for consideration.

Director Bakall reiterated his concerns as stated above regarding his position on retaining lobbyists.

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (5-1), the Board authorized the General Manager to renew the existing state legislative advocacy

contract with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. for a two-year term (January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2006), at a cost not to exceed \$7,500 per month, plus expenses. Director Bakall voted no.

**WAITING LIST FOR ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS FOR MWDOC'S SCHOOL PROGRAM WITH DISCOVERY SCIENCE CENTER**

President Barbre advised that the proposal to augment the budget for MWDOC's School Program with Discovery Science Center was before the Board for consideration.

Upon MOTION by Director Dick, seconded by Directors Clark and Finnegan, and carried (6-0), the Board authorized the General Manager to increase the budget for the School Program by approximately \$15,000 to accommodate existing and projected schools on the waiting list for the MWDOC Assembly Program for grades K-5 for 2004-05.

**AUTHORIZATION TO RETAIN MCGUIRE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH MEMBER AGENCY CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS**

President Barbre stated the proposal to retain McGuire Environmental Consultants was before the Board for consideration and that he was pleased to support such endeavor.

Upon MOTION by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bakall, and carried (6-0), the Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a contract with McGuire Environmental Consultants, Inc. to provide technical assistance in the development of member agency Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR), at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

President Barbre advised that the proposed electronic information management system was before the Board for consideration.

Director Bakall stated that although he was fully supportive of the system, he was concerned with expending funds from reserves; he emphasized the need for proper budgeting.

Upon MOTION by Director Clark, seconded by Director Finnegan, and carried (6-0), the Board authorized the amount of \$61,400 be taken from the Reserve Fund for the purchase of an Electronic Information Management System from RCO and the implementation of a District Electronic Information Management System.

### **ADOPT REVISED AND RESTATED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

President Barbre stated that the Board recently completed its review of the Administrative Code, however, it was not ready to be approved in its entirety. He noted, however, that the Executive Committee recommended the Code be amended regarding Board officers to revert back to a single Vice President, rather than first and second Vice Presidents, and to revise the composition of the Executive Committee to be the President, Vice President, and Immediate Past President. The Board generally concurred. Mr. Barbre noted that because he originally recommended the Board officers include First and Second Vice Presidents, he would be voting no on this matter.

Upon MOTION by Director Finnegan, seconded by Director Bakall, and carried (5-1), the Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 1756, re-establishing the office of a single Vice President, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Bakall, Clark, Dick, Finnegan & Hinman
NOES:	Director Barbre
ABSENT:	Director Royce
ABSTAIN:	None

Upon MOTION by Director Finnegan, seconded by Director Bakall and carried (5-1), the Board authorized the revision to the Administrative Code regarding the composition of the Executive Committee to be that of the President, Vice President, and Immediate Past President. Director Barbre voted no.

President Barbre noted that the remainder of the Administrative Code would be presented to the Board at a later date.

### **REORGANIZATION OF THE MWDOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS; ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**

Secretary Goldsby conducted the election of the President of the Board. Ms. Goldsby opened the nominations for President and Vice President. Director Barbre nominated Director Royce to the office of President and Director Hinman to the office of Vice President; Director Bakall seconded the nominations. There being no further nominations, Ms. Goldsby closed the nominations.

The Board adopted RESOLUTION NO. 1757, electing Ed Royce, Sr. to the office of President, and Susan Hinman to the office of Vice President of the MWDOC Board for one-year terms, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Bakall, Barbre, Clark, Dick, Finnegan, Hinman
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Director Royce
ABSTAIN:	None

In President Royce's absence, Vice President Hinman assumed the position of Chair for the conclusion of the meeting.

## **INFORMATION CALENDAR**

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, JANUARY 2005**

Mr. Hunt advised the January 2005 General Manager's Report was included in the Board packet for the Board's information.

The Board received and filed the report.

### **MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **Board of Directors**

Director Finnegan reported on her attendance at the WACO dinner with Tim Quinn and Steve Hall, the ACWA Region 10 meeting, the reception honoring Congressman Ken Calvert, the WACO Planning Committee meeting, the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, and the Mesa Consolidated Water District Board meeting. She noted that she would be attending the ACWA/JPIA meeting at the end of the month.

Director Dick reported on attendance at MET Director Wes Bannister's oath ceremony, the luncheon honoring Senator Feinstein, Terry Lane's retirement luncheon, and the reception honoring Congressman Ken Calvert (and outgoing MET Chief Executive Officer Ron Gastelum).

Director Barbre reported that in addition to his regularly attended MWDOC Board/Committee meetings, as well as his meeting with the member agencies within his division, he attended MET Director Wes Bannister's oath ceremony, the reception honoring Congressman Ken Calvert (and Ron Gastelum)

Director Clark stated that he attended the reception honoring Congressman Calvert and Ron Gastelum, and that both honorees were well received.

Vice President Hinman provided reports on her attendance at WACO featuring Tim Quinn, the reception honoring Congressman Calvert, the ACWA Region 10 meeting, and Orange County Transit Authority's briefing at the Orange County Business Council meeting.

Director Barbre left the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

**PRESENTATION BY DICK DIAMOND (IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT)  
REGARDING SEMI-TROPIC**

Mr. Dick Diamond (Irvine Ranch Water District) provided information regarding Irvine Ranch Water District's (IRWD) Memorandum of Understanding with Semitropic Water Storage District. The presentation included information regarding water resources objectives, water banking objectives, and background information on water banking programs. He also reviewed the location of major California water systems and Kern County groundwater banking systems (including an overview of the local and non-local agencies), and Kern fan recharge projects. The information covered an overview of Semitropic Storage District banking programs, stored water recovery units, and Semitropic's water banking project allocations. Mr. Diamond concluded with a review of the IRWD/Semitropic MOU terms including a highlight of the major conveyance and direct recharge land parcels, a review of the proposed purchased water and assignment, and the agreement pre-conditions, including comparable storage costs (surface storage and local dry-year groundwater programs). He also provided a historical outline of the IRWD board actions.

A question/answer period followed Mr. Diamond's presentation. Specific discussion ensued regarding water banking project allocations, water supply sources, and options shares. The Board requested staff provide a copy of Mr. Diamond's report.

Director Bakall congratulated IRWD on an innovative approach to increase water reliability in Orange County; Director Clark concurred. General Manager Hunt advised that he would continually apprise the Board on this project.

The Board received and filed the report.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Legal Counsel Behrens announced that there was no need for the Board to adjourn to closed session (as listed on the agenda). He stated that there was no new information to report on the anticipated litigation (agendized pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(c) (one case).

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Barbre adjourned the meeting at 9:35a.m.

**APPROVED**

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Susan Hinman, Vice President

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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY**

February 2, 2005

At 8:30 a.m., President Royce called to order the Regular Joint Workshop Meeting of the Board of Directors of Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) at the District facilities located in Fountain Valley. President Royce led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Goldsby called the roll.

**MWDOC DIRECTORS**

Ergun "Eric" Bakall\*  
Brett R. Barbre  
Wayne A. Clark  
Ed Royce, Sr.  
Larry Dick\*  
Joan Finnegan  
Susan Hinman

**MWDOC STAFF**

Kevin Hunt, General Manager  
Karl Seckel, Assistant Manager  
Russ Behrens, Legal Counsel  
Maribeth Goldsby, Board Secretary  
Matt Stone, Assoc. Gen. Mgr./Planning  
David Cordero, Comm. Relations Prog Supvsr.  
Michelle Tuchman, Pub. Affairs Consultant  
Richard Bell, Principal Engineer

\*Also MWDOC Met Representatives

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jack Foley  
Wes Bannister  
Mike Healey  
Paul Jones  
Bob Moore  
Mike Dunbar  
Lonnie Curtis  
Stan Sprague  
Billy Owens  
Peer Swan  
Michael Payne

MWDOC Met Representative  
MWDOC Met Representative  
Mesa Consolidated Water District  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
South Coast Water District  
South Coast Water District  
Southern California Water Company  
Sprague Consultants  
Poseidon Resources  
Irvine Ranch Water District  
Yorba Linda Water District

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

President Royce announced members of the public wishing to comment on agenda items could do so after the item has been discussed by the Board and requested members of the public identify themselves when called on. Mr. Royce asked whether there were any comments on other items (which would also be heard at this time).

No comments were made.

**TRACKING AND DISCUSSION OF MET ITEMS CRITICAL TO ORANGE COUNTY**

Associate General Manager Matt Stone presented an outline of the staff-proposed priority issues for the MET Directors. He encouraged discussion among the MET Directors.

Discussion ensued regarding the various issues outlined in the report, including leadership, resources, water rates, facilities, and water quality. Director Barbre requested that future reports be included in the Board packet, to allow sufficient time for the Board to review.

MET Director Wes Bannister suggested that emphasis be placed on CALFED issues; it was noted that a detailed discussion would be placed on a future agenda.

Mr. Bannister then provided an overview of the new Committee structure at MET, noting that essentially the structure was streamlined by eliminating most subcommittees (by converting them to full committees). The Board thanked him for his report and Director Hinman requested a new organizational chart.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the MET Board's decision-making role (e.g. setting policy, and organization oversight), the new leadership at MET, and the Carver Principles. Director Bakall commented that the Committee reorganization was a positive step toward reverting MET to Board-driven, rather than staff-driven organization, but he cautioned against micro managing staff.

General Manager Hunt commented that it would be prudent for the MET Directors to seek input and guidance from MWDOC on MET issues.

Board members commented on Mr. Stone's report and the Board generally concurred that the issues outlined should be prioritized and that it would be prudent to identify one to three main objectives (rather than a large list) for the MET Board to focus.

**PRESENTATION BY RICHARD BELL REGARDING CENTRAL POOL AUGMENTATION PROJECT**

Principal Engineer Richard Bell provided a report on the policy issues surrounding the Central Pool Augmentation Project (CPA). His presentation included background information on the CPA as well as CPA project objectives (EIR), the EIR preferred project decision, and recent MET work and experience (which included information regarding timing, Arrowhead tunnel difficulties, investigation of a new feasible alternative alignment, and permitting for test boreholes). He then reviewed the key policy issues such as timing and phasing, an overview of the alignment decision, and right-of-way preservation. Other policy issues include the AMP buy-out, South County Pipeline buy-out, service to San Diego County Water Authority, and service to Los Angeles County. He concluded with an outline of the proposed MET recommended pipeline alignment.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding MET's proposed alignment, with Director Bakall expressing concern, noting that the alignment parallels the AMP. He suggested the MWDOC MET Directors seek approval of the original alignment (tunneling through the mountain range) rather than the proposed new alignment (which would go around the mountain). Director Bakall also commented on the timing issue, noting that it would be

prudent to conduct and forecast planning for the project, which will enable the project to eventually move forward; he discouraged waiting until the last minute.

MET Director Foley concurred with Director Bakall, and suggested the project be viewed as a Federal project (due to the potential service area).

Director Barbre referenced possible federal funding, potential support from federal and state legislators, and the potential to organize a Joint Powers Authority (consisting of MET, Orange County, and Riverside County) to seek and receive such funding for the transportation and utility tunnel proposal.

The Board also discussed various elements of the project including timing of the project, projected time schedule to complete the project, earthquake fault lines, the proposed Joint Powers Authority to provide oversight to the project, possible federal funding, as well as the positive impact this project would have on water reliability, impact on water rates, and the need to gain support for the project from MET staff.

President Royce summarized the discussion, noting that he believed the Board generally concurred on promoting the original alignment through the mountain range, however, there were differences of opinion on whether MET should pursue a single tunnel, or tri-tunnel.

Director Bakall cautioned against making this a federal project; Director Clark concurred, suggesting MET pursue the single, water tunnel. Director Dick also concurred with Directors Bakall and Clark, and reiterated the area need for a water tunnel to meet future reliability requirements.

The Board received and filed the report as presented.

## **METROPOLITAN (MET) BOARD AND COMMITTEE AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Summary regarding January MET Board Meeting**

Associate General Manager Stone advised that the Summary from MET's January Board meeting was included in the packet for the Board's information.

The Board received and filed the information as discussed.

(Director Barbre left the meeting at 10: 35 a.m.)

### **Review Items of Significance for the February MET Board and Committee Agendas**

Mr. Stone stated the February MET Board meeting agenda was before the Board for review.

The Board held considerable discussion regarding the CALFED Workshop scheduled for February 7, 2005.

The following items were highlighted for Board discussion:

- 7-2 Approve Administrative Code amendments to annexation charge calculation
- 7-4 Approve executing one-year water transfer option agreements with Richvale Irrigation District and Western Canal Water District
- 7-5 Amend Ethics Policy in Administrative Code to comply with current rules and regulations
- 8-1 Authorize Agreements for implementation of the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program
- 8-4 Report on *Lance Charles, Sr. v. Metropolitan*, LASC Case No. BC 313797; and authorize increase of \$225,000 in maximum amount payable under the contract with Williams, Yasinski & Jones for legal services to defend Metropolitan (Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation to be heard in closed session).

**Rate Structure Integrity**

No new information was presented.

**Desalination**

No new information was presented.

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

No reports were given.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Ed Royce, Sr., President

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Maribeth Goldsby, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
jointly with the  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

December 28, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.  
MWDOC Conference Room 102

Director Barbre, President  
Director Royce, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Director Hinman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Staff: K. Hunt (absent), K. Seckel, K. Davanaugh

Also Present: Director Clark

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At 8:32 a.m., President Barbre called the meeting to order.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None received.

**ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED**

No items were presented.

**REVIEW MASTER CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- a. Upcoming significant items/presentations

Committee reviewed the District's master calendar for upcoming significant items and presentations and noted that an ethics workshop is tentatively scheduled for the month of January. Committee further discussed the scheduling of an ethics workshop and suggested that this item be further discussed with the complete Board at the January 14, 2005 Administrative Code workshop. Director Barbre suggested that counsel be consulted to determine what items would be prudent to review on the topics of ethics, conflicts of interest and a review of the Brown Act.

Committee suggested that staff contact Wes Bannister or ACWA to determine if they had information on a facilitator for this workshop.

Mr. Seckel noted that Irvine Ranch Water District will be giving a 20-minute presentation at the January 19, 2005 Regular Board Meeting regarding Semi-Tropic.

Mr. Seckel suggested that legislative proposals be reviewed at the January PAMO meeting and noted that Townsend Public affairs would provide an update at that meeting.

Director Hinman requested that detailed information about the Water Facilities Corporation (WFC) be presented at the February WFC Board meeting, including history and background.

- b. Administrative Code Workshop

Committee noted that this workshop has been scheduled for January 14, 2005.

- c. Ethics Workshop

This item was previously discussed.

- d. Other Items

No new information was presented.

## **PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- a. MWDOC Board

No new information was presented.

- b. MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee

Karl Seckel reported that that MWDOC has purchased all available water through MET and have maximized the amount taken from Jenson. He also reported that MET has schedule major shutdowns during the months of January, February and March.

## **DISCUSSION RE RESUMPTION OF MET DIRECTOR REVIEWS**

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the need for unity among the MWDOC Met Directors and the need for communication and cohesive voting on significant matters. The Committee mentioned the Section 7 language (Met's Local Resources Program) as an example.

Director Barbre strongly believed that a change in MWDOC's MET delegation was needed. The Committee discussed this issue as well as the need for a cohesive relationship between MET Chairman Bannister and the MWDOC MET Directors and recommended that both the Public Affairs/MET Oversight (PAMO) and Joint Workshop (JWS) meetings be restructured to allow better communication with the MWDOC MET delegates. The Committee believed that the JWS Board meeting should concentrate on any upcoming issues that would have a significant impact on Orange County which would shift the discussion from only focusing on the upcoming MET agenda.

## **MWDOC LEGAL REPRESENTATION**

Committee discussed pros and cons of continuing legal services with both McCormick Kidman & Behrens (MKB) and/or Janet Morningstar and determined that the issue of

MWDOC legal representation would be reviewed again in 3-4 months to give new staff at MKB a chance to review current legal matters.

Director Hinman indicated that she would prefer to utilize the services of a firm which would have more resources available, rather than independent counsel.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITIES**

The Committee reviewed the General Manager's calendars for December, January and February.

Committee reviewed the Calvert reception invitation list and suggested that certain member agency General Managers be invited. Director Barbre requested that Chris Townsend, Jim Barker, Brad Hiltcher and Susan Trager be invited. Directors will coordinate this effort with MWDOC staff.

### **REVIEW AND DISCUSS DISTRICT AND BOARD ACTIVITIES**

No new information was presented.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be presented to the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
Jointly with the  
**PUBLIC AFFAIRS/MET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**  
January 17, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.  
MWDOC Conference Room 101

**Committee:**

Director Royce, Chairman  
Director Clark  
Director Dick

**Staff:**

K. Hunt, M. Tuchman, M. Stone  
D. Cordero, K. Davanaugh, J. Berg

Ex Officio Member: B. Barbre

**Also Present:**

Sean Fitzgerald, Townsend Public Affairs  
MET Director Jack Foley  
Director Susan Hinman  
Director Joan Finnegan

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Chairman Royce called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No public comments were made.

**ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED**

No items were presented.

Due to time constraints of Townsend Public Affairs (TPA) representative Sean Fitzgerald, Chairman Royce requested that the Committee review the TPA Monthly Activity Report as the first item.

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that Governor Schwarzenegger released the initial budget proposal which is expected to include budgetary cuts, revenue enhancements and other policies that are sure to stir debate. Relative to desalination, TPA continues its work to ensure that decisions made by various state agencies that may impact desalination sites will include considerations of local water agencies.

Other legislative news includes the beginning of this year's legislative session and is expected to include special district reform during the upcoming year. Other bill introductions are still in the early stages. TPA will continue to keep the Committee apprised of developments.

Committee received and filed report.

**ACTION ITEMS****RESOLUTION FOR RATE 2025 GRANT APPLICATION**

Committee reviewed the Resolution for the Rate 2025 Grant Application and recommended placing this item on the January 19, 2005 Board Meeting agenda for approval (Action calendar).

**AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE MCGUIRE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH MEMBER AGENCY CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS**

Committee reviewed the Authorization to hire McGuire Environmental Consultants, Inc. and upon unanimous consent recommended the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with McGuire Environmental Consultants, Inc. to provide technical assistance in the development of member agency Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR), at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 (Action Calendar).

**DISCUSSION ITEMS****DISCUSSION REGARDING DETAILS FOR ACWA LEGISLATIVE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC**

Committee discussed the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) legislative meeting February 15-17, 2005 in Washington, D.C., with Director Barbre indicating that he would be attending.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES****a. Staff Legislative Report**

Committee reviewed the Staff Legislative Report. MWDOC Director of Governmental Affairs, David Cordero, reported that a new bill is anticipated to be released addressing director compensation and stipends and staff will continue to keep Committee informed on new developments.

Director Clark indicated that he would no longer be able to fulfill his obligation on ACWA's State Legislative Committee. Committee discussed potential replacements and concurred that staff would determine a course of action to find a suitable candidate.

**b. Report on State Legislative Activities by Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.**

This item was previously discussed. Director Hinman requested a listing of senate committee chairpersons.

**c. Report on Federal Legislative Activities by James Barker**

Committee reviewed the Federal Legislative Activities Report by James Barker. David

Cordero noted that MWDOC will seek federal funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for a water use efficiency project, more specifically the evapotranspiration (ET) Controller program. General Manager Kevin Hunt noted that staff will initiate legislation within the next 90 days to authorize a South Orange County Ocean Water Desalination Research and Demonstration Project.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Michelle Tuchman, MWDOC Director of Public Affairs, provided an overview of the Public Affairs Activities Report, noting that the recent Public Information Officers Crisis Communications Seminar was well-attended and that work continues with the South Orange County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan relative to Proposition 50 funding.

Following review and discussion, Committee received and filed information.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

### **REVIEW ISSUES RELATED TO LEGISLATION, OUTREACH, PUBLIC INFORMATION ISSUES, AND MET**

Committee discussed concerns regarding reliability and growth demands for Orange County and the importance of working together with areas outside of Orange County to ensure that the demands of this county are met.

Committee discussed concerns with the dinner/reception that was held on January 13, 2005 for Congressman Ken Calvert and discussed ways to improve such meetings. David Cordero is to prepare a resolution that will be presented to Congressman Calvert at a future meeting.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S / DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Associate General Manager reported that Mesa Consolidated is preparing work for this year's Solar Cup boat race.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
jointly with the  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

January 27, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to 9:25 a.m.  
MWDOC Conference Room 102

Director Royce, President  
Director Hinman, Vice President  
Director Barbre, Immediate Past President

Staff: K. Hunt, K. Seckel (absent), M. Goldsby

Also Present: Director Bakall

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At 8:30 a.m. President Royce called the meeting to order.

**ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED**

No items were presented.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING DISTRICT MASTER CALENDAR**

a. Upcoming significant items/presentations

The Committee reviewed the master calendar for upcoming events. Mr. Hunt noted that he would be presenting his six-month review of the financial status of the District at the February Administration & Finance Committee meeting. This report will include the status of the Water Use Efficiency programs.

Mr. Royce advised that he would present his recommendations for the MWDOC Standing Committees and Associations at the February Board meeting.

Director Bakall commented on the recent MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee wherein he was pleased to hear that a staff working group was formed to study the policy issues associated with the implementation of a Groundwater Emergency Services Program which would allow the transfer of water from North Orange County to South Orange County during an emergency situation.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the need for a Groundwater Emergency Services Program, and various alternatives available to ensure its implementation. Staff was directed to work with Orange County Water District staff to negotiate and develop a program. Staff will continue to apprise the Board on its progress.

(i) Workshop on Administrative Code

It was noted the Board completed its workshop on the Administrative Code and that legal counsel would review the changes. The final Code would be presented to the Board in March 2005.

b. Other Items

Director Hinman referenced legislation regarding ethics and conflict of interest procedures (the Sunshine Bill) and requested clarification on whether the District's definition of "meeting" complies with the definition outlined in the legislation. This item would be explored further in the event the legislation is passed.

Discussion ensued regarding holding a special Board workshop to review ethics, conflict of interest, and general Board conduct. Committee recommended staff arrange such a workshop and invite the District's member agencies. It was noted that the General Manager would review possible consultants to facilitate such a workshop.

## **PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

a. MWDOC Board

Director Hinman reported on her attendance at the Southern California Water Committee (SCWC) meeting wherein SCWC was encouraging agencies to send a letter to the Hoover Commission regarding the Colorado River Water Board. General Manager Hunt concurred noting that this was an important issue (maintaining the existence of the Colorado River Board) and that a letter from the Board to the Hoover Commission may be prudent.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the existence of the Colorado River Board, and the Committee recommended the Board President submit a letter to the Hoover Commission expressing the desire of the MWDOC Board to maintain the existence of the Colorado River Board. Staff will develop the letter for Mr. Royce's signature.

Director Hinman noted that at the SCWC meeting, a reference was made regarding an Orange County Water Symposium jointly hosted by SCWC and the Santa Margarita Water District (scheduled for March 4). She requested staff obtain information regarding this event and distribute it to the Board.

Discussion then ensued regarding a lawsuit between challenging the Santa Margarita Water District for the Ranch Plan development. Director Bakall requested a copy of the complaint; Mr. Hunt advised that he would forward a copy of the complaint to those Directors who would like a copy.

Director Barbre requested a status report on the web site design at the next Public Affairs/MET Oversight Committee meeting.

b. MWDOC/OCWD Joint Planning Committee

No new information was presented.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITIES**

The Committee reviewed the General Manager's calendars for January, February, and March.

Mr. Hunt advised that in February he would be presenting information regarding the District's funding needs and options forecasted over the next four years.

**REVIEW AND DISCUSS DISTRICT AND BOARD ACTIVITIES**

It was noted the next Executive Committee meeting would be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be presented to the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.







**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM**

March 16, 2005

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** **Administration & Finance Committee**  
(Directors Finnegan, Bakall, Barbre)

Kevin Hunt  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Cathy Harris

**SUBJECT:** **Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement between the California Bay Delta Authority and Municipal Water District of Orange County**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends:

- 1) The Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to renew the contract for a one-year period with the California Bay Delta Authority for the services of Keith Coolidge to act as Deputy Director for Communications for the Authority, effective April 7, 2005 through April 6, 2006; and
- 2) Renew the Agreement between the District and Mr. Coolidge, with the continued provision that it is solely the District's discretion whether he continue employment with the District at the expiration of the extended term April 6, 2006.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee concurred with staff recommendation.

**SUMMARY**

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The California Bay Delta Authority is requesting the District consider renewing the Agreement to April 6, 2006, the only changes outlined in the proposed Agreement relate to salary, benefits and travel expenses, all other terms of the Agreement remain the same.

Agreement will be sent in advance of the meeting.

<b>Budgeted (Y/N): Yes</b>	Budgeted amount:
<b>Action item amount: \$154,995</b>	Line item:
<b>Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):</b>	

**STANDARD AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

STD. 213 A (Rev 6/03)

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AGREEMENT NUMBER	AMENDMENT NUMBER
<b>4600003000</b>	<b>2</b>
REGISTRATION NUMBER	
<b>3870100311732</b>	

- This Agreement is entered into between the State Agency and Contractor named below:  
STATE AGENCY'S NAME  
California Bay-Delta Authority  
CONTRACTOR'S NAME  
Municipal Water District of Orange County
- The term of this Agreement is 04/07/03 through 04/06/06
- The maximum amount of this Agreement after this amendment is: \$426,490.16  
Four hundred twenty-six thousand four hundred ninety dollars and sixteen cents.
- The parties mutually agree to this amendment as follows. All actions noted below are by this reference made a part of the Agreement and incorporated herein:

This agreement is hereby amended by the following:

- The term of this agreement is extended by one (1) year through 4/06/06.
- Exhibit A-Scope of Work, Part 3, is amended to add the following:
  - Provides direction and guidance for the support function of the 24-member California Bay-Delta Authority and the 30-member Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee.
- Exhibit B, Attachment 1, Cost Detail of the original agreement. is replaced by Exhibit B, Attachment 1A, Cost Detail. The total amount of this agreement is hereby increased from \$271,495.12 to \$426,490.16.

All other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto.**

<b>CONTRACTOR</b>		<b>CALIFORNIA</b> Department of General Services Use Only
CONTRACTOR'S NAME (If other than an individual, state whether a corporation, partnership, etc.) <u>Municipal Water District of Orange County</u>		
BY (Authorized Signature) 	DATE SIGNED (Do not type)	
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING <u>Kevin Hunt, General Manager</u>		
ADDRESS <u>P.O. Box 20895</u> <u>Fountain Valley, CA 92728</u>		
<b>STATE OF CALIFORNIA</b>		
AGENCY NAME <u>California Bay-Delta Authority</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt per: N/A
BY (Authorized Signature) 	DATE SIGNED (Do not type)	
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING <u>Wendy Halverson Martin, Chief Deputy Director</u>		
ADDRESS <u>650 Capitol Mall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814</u>		

**Exhibit A - Interjurisdictional Personnel Exchange Agreement Between Municipal  
Water District of Orange County and the California Bay-Delta Authority  
Terms and Conditions**

**Part 1: Background**

This Agreement will pay for salary, benefits, and incidental costs of a Deputy Director for Communications who will manage the California Bay-Delta Authority's public affairs program, environmental justice program, tribal outreach program and the support function for the Bay-Delta Authority and Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee. This Agreement is being established to further outreach, communication, coordination and public participation among the Authority, Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee, stakeholders, state, federal and local agencies, tribes, disproportionately impacted populations, and the general public relative to the implementation of long-term solutions to problems in the Bay-Delta estuary.

The Municipal Water District of Orange County has used an innovative multi-agency approach similar to the CALFED process to partner with other agencies in developing an award winning water use efficiency program and an extensive water education program. These programs involve nearly 80 percent of Orange County and more than 2 million residents. Mr. Coolidge's current experience as Associate General Manager for Legislative and Public Affairs at MWDOC makes the proposed exchange highly beneficial to the State, and meets a compelling management need to fill an extremely sensitive position.

**Part 2: Contact Persons**

The Authority's contact shall be:  
Pauline Nevins  
California Bay-Delta Authority  
650 Capitol Mall, Fifth Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Phone: (916) 445-0462  
Fax: (916) 445-7297  
Email: nevinsp@calwater.ca.gov

The contact for the Municipal Water District of Orange County shall be:  
Cathy Harris  
PO Box 20895  
Fountain Valley, CA 92728  
Phone: (714) 593-5007  
Fax: (714)  
Email: charris@mwdoc.com

The contacts for this Agreement may be changed at any time upon written notice to the other party.

### 2.1 Roles of the Contact Persons:

All services under this Agreement shall be performed at the request of the Authority's contact person except where otherwise provided for in this Agreement. All written communication regarding the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be directed to the Authority contact and the MWDOC contact. Invoicing and payment communications shall be directed to the Authority's Contract Administrator and Accounting Office as specified below.

### 2.2 Limitations on Work and Availability of Funds:

Work performed pursuant to this Agreement is subject to the availability of funds. If funds for this work are reduced, deleted, or disencumbered, in any fiscal year, the Authority shall have the option to either cancel this Agreement with no liability for work and commensurate costs yet to be performed, or to offer an Agreement Amendment to the MWDOC to reflect the reduced amount.

## **Part 3. Scope of Work:**

The Deputy Director for Communication shall be responsible for the activities listed in below.

- Manages the Program's Public Affairs Program, providing general guidance on the implementation of the Program's Information and Public Outreach Plan. Coordinates directly with the stakeholders' public affairs and outreach programs, directors, the Program's Legislative Affairs Office, and assists with political networking and outreach.
- Sustains direct, frequent, personal contact with employees, managers and senior officials of State and Federal agencies, legislative and congressional members and staff, water users, water organizations, environmental groups, electric power users, and local governments within the State of California.
- Coordinates and implements the Program's Public Outreach Plan related to implementing the long-term solutions to problems in the Bay-Delta Estuary. Manages a multi-tiered public affairs network that includes newsletters, brochures, editorial briefings and the organization of media coverage. Manages a network of public affairs and State and Federal agency staff, and supports a comprehensive and ongoing series of public and agency meetings.
- Supports the activities of the California Bay-Delta Authority, Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee, the Federal/State Agency Coordination Team, and other

policy and public groups established to provide input into the CALFED decision-making process.

- Coordinates the Program’s environmental justice and tribal outreach programs. Supervises the environmental justice and tribal coordinators, and works directly with tribes and environmental justice organizations.
- Provides direction and guidance for the support function of the 24-member California Bay-Delta Authority and the 30-member Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee

**Part 4. Place of Performance, Office Resources:**

The work to be performed will be in an office setting. The Authority will provide office space and all necessary equipment.

**Part 5. Work Schedule:**

Work performed under this Agreement is not limited to normal business hours and may involve night and weekend assignments. Work will be performed based on a 40 hour work week. Work schedules will be shifted as needed to accommodate unusual hours while maintaining the 40 hour work week.

**Part 6. Professional Conduct:**

The highest professional conduct will be required at all times. Any issues related to professional conduct shall be addressed mutually by the MWDOC contact and the Authority contact.

**Part 7. Travel and Training:**

Travel: The Authority shall reimburse the MWDOC, consistent with current State travel reimbursement schedules, for actual travel costs in accordance with Exhibit E Travel and Per Diem Expenses.

Training: Training may be provided to the Deputy Director upon mutual agreement of the California Bay-Delta Authority contact and MWDOC contact.

Reimbursement for travel, transportation, and training will be provided for actual costs, but not to exceed the total compensation provided for in Part 6.

**Part 8. Termination:**

The State may terminate this contract without cause upon 30 days’ advance written notice. The Contractor shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred up to the date of termination.





**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM**

March 16, 2005

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** **Planning & Operations**  
(Directors Clark, Bakall, Dick)

Kevin Hunt  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Richard B. Bell

**SUBJECT: Request to Add Earth Consultants International to MWDOC's List of Qualified Consultants**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to add Earth Consultants International to MWDOC's list of qualified consultants.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee concurred with staff recommendation. Committee also recommended that the Administrative Code be revised to allow the General Manager to select consultants as necessary and within the administration and financial guidelines of the District (e.g., the General Manager has the authority to enter into contracts up to \$25,000 and any amounts above that must go through the Board approval process).

**REPORT**

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The MWDOC Board has retained the right to authorize the list of consultants for use under the General Manager's direction. From time to time it is necessary to add consultants to our list of authorized consultants. Staff has been working on developing a framework for a North Orange County Water Reliability Study similar to the approach used for the South Orange County Water Reliability Study. A key reliability consideration for the North Orange County area is the potential impact of earthquakes to disrupt the regional imported distribution system and groundwater production facilities. Staff has developed a general methodology for assessing system impacts due to earthquake caused outages. To aid in this effort, staff requires the outside assistance of seismic specialists to estimate ground accelerations and shaking intensities for specific characteristic earthquakes for the major faults in the County. This information will then be used to support the facility disruption

<b>Budgeted (Y/N): N/A</b>	Budgeted amount:
<b>Action item amount: N/A</b>	Line item: 02-2010-7010
<b>Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted): N/A</b>	

analysis and to display earthquake scenarios and provide a basis to assess the potential range of damage and facility outages.

Earth Consultants International (ECI), headquartered in Tustin, California, was formed in 1997 to provide geologic and seismic consulting services. Key senior staff are Eldon Gath, CEG, Tania Gonzalez, CEG, Thomas Rockwell, Ph.D., Kerry Sieh, Ph.D., Robert Yeats, Ph.D. and W. Richard Laton, Ph.D. ECI has published extensively on the active faults of southern California, and in particular in Orange County. They have done much of the pioneering work on paleoseismology and have extensive experience with the Whittier Fault, Peralta Hills Fault, Puente Hills Fault, and San Joaquin Hills Fault. They have developed a methodology for mapping and presenting the fault summaries in an economical manner. A brief summary of their experience for the primary faults of interest is described in Exhibit "A". Further information on ECI is provided at their web site: [www.earthconsultants.com](http://www.earthconsultants.com). Staff is recommending that this firm be added to our list of qualified consultants.



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**Earth Consultants International**, with headquarters in Tustin, California, was formed in 1997 to provide geologic and seismic consulting services. Since its formation, ECI has completed assignments in Afghanistan, Honduras, Indonesia, Israel, Mexico, Pakistan, Turkey, and the United States. ECI is currently under contract to provide seismic and fault hazard investigations for a dam site in Portugal, for an LNG facility in Mexico, for the Panama Canal in Panama, as well as for a dam site in San Diego County, two colleges in San Bernardino County, the Tejon Ranch Company, and two research projects for the National Earthquake Hazards Research Program of the US Geological Survey. Earth Consultants International's technical staff have published extensively on the active faults of southern California in general, and Orange County specifically (OC bibliography follows). ECI is an employee-owned, small business enterprise.

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**ACTION ITEM**

March 16, 2005

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** **Executive Committee**  
(Directors Royce, Hinman, Barbre)

Kevin Hunt  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Maribeth Goldsby

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF REVISED AND RESTATED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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It is recommended that the Board of Directors: Adopt the revised and restated Administrative Code as presented.

**SUMMARY**

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The Executive Committee met on several occasions to review and make changes to the Administrative Code and the Board met on a special basis in January to review those changes.

The attached document reflects the discussion held at the January special Board workshop.

The major component revisions are as follows:

- The Board felt that the Code should reflect policy issues, rather than specific internal procedures and thus eliminated several sections from the Code. The Board recommended these eliminated sections either be transferred to already existing manuals (such as the Personnel Manual and Strategic Plan), or placed in newly developed manuals (Contracts, MET Director Handbook, Business Plan, Records Management), which will be presented to the Board at a later date.
- With respect to Director and MET Director Compensation, the Board requested that any Director compensation increases be limited to the cost-of-living increases awarded to staff. It should be noted that Ordinance No. 47 will remain in effect, however, during the budget process, the Board will adopt a Resolution limiting Board compensation to the cost-of-living percentage (to be effective the following January).

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

- The Board spent considerable time discussing the Compensation and Expense Reimbursement Sections and made several changes regarding eligible meetings including, teleconferenced meetings, dinner meetings, business meal requirements, and airline reservation requirements.
- The Board eliminated the policy regarding Recovery of Funds Contributed Toward Study Efforts
- The Board added a section regarding the Board's policy on Suspension of Deliveries, however suggested the policy issue on whether the costs associated with a suspension are passed through to the member agency, be presented to the Planning & Operations Committee for further consideration. This item will be presented at the April P&O Committee meeting and incorporated into the Administrative Code following Board adoption
- The Board believed it prudent to expand on its Ethics Policy (by creating a section on violations) and adding the Ethics Policy provisions to the District's Standard Agreement for Services
- The Exhibit A (Authorization Procedures for Purchases, Contracts, and Consulting & Professional Services) was revised to increase the General Manager's approval authority to \$25,000
- The section outlining the consolidation with Coastal Municipal Water District was eliminated – the Board suggested the Administration & Finance Committee review the consolidation issues on an annual basis
- The red-highlighted notations throughout the document, are those sections either revised by the Board at the January workshop, or revised by management staff subsequent to that workshop

This encompasses the major changes to the document; once the document is approved by the Board a final binder copy will be provided to the Board and staff.



**ACTION ITEM**

March 16, 2005

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Administration & Finance

Kevin Hunt  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Maribeth Goldsby

**SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTIONS CONCURRING IN NOMINATIONS FOR THE ACWA/JPIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors: Consider adopting Resolutions concurring in the nominations to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommended the Board adopt Resolutions concurring in the nominations for those who have requested, namely Mary Gibson and Edward Layton.

**SUMMARY**

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ACWA/JPIA will be conducting an election for its Executive Committee during the JPIA's Board meeting to be held at the spring conference on May 2, 2005 in San Jose.

The election will fill the office of President for a three-year term, the office of Vice President for a two-year term, and two Executive Committee positions, each for a three-year term.

The incumbent for the office of President is Ron Vickery of Kanawha Water District, the incumbent for Vice President is Edward Layton of Walnut Valley Water District, and the Executive Committee incumbents are Mary Gibson of Mission Springs Water District and Bill Knutson of Yuima Municipal Water District.

MWDOC has received requests from Edward Layton and Mary Gibson for concurring nominations.

RESOLUTION NO.  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
**CONCURRING IN NOMINATION TO THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT**  
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES  
JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY ("ACWA/JPIA")

**WHEREAS**, this district is a member district of the ACWA/JPIA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws of the ACWA/JPIA provide that in order for a nomination to be made to ACWA/JPIA's **office of Vice President**, five member districts must concur with the nominating district, and

**WHEREAS**, another ACWA/JPIA member district, the Walnut Valley Water District has requested that this district concur in its nomination of its member of the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors to the **office of Vice President** of the ACWA/JPIA;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Municipal Water District of Orange County that this District concur with the nomination of Edward Layton of Walnut Valley Water District to the **office of Vice President** of the ACWA/JPIA.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the ACWA/JPIA at 5620 Birdcage Street, Suite 200, Citrus Heights, California 95610-7632, forthwith.

Said Resolution was adopted, on roll call, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

I hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ adopted by the Board of Directors of Municipal Water District of Orange County at its meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

ATTEST:

Maribeth Goldsby  
District Secretary

RESOLUTION NO.  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
**CONCURRING IN NOMINATION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES  
JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY ("ACWA/JPIA")

**WHEREAS**, this district is a member district of the ACWA/JPIA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws of the ACWA/JPIA provide that in order for a nomination to be made to ACWA/JPIA's **Executive Committee**, five member districts must concur with the nominating district, and

**WHEREAS**, another ACWA/JPIA member district, the Mission Springs Water District has requested that this district concur in its nomination of its member of the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors to the **Executive Committee** of the ACWA/JPIA;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Municipal Water District of Orange County that this District concur with the nomination of Mary M. Gibson of Mission Springs Water District to the **Executive Committee** of the ACWA/JPIA.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the ACWA/JPIA at 5620 Birdcage Street, Suite 200, Citrus Heights, California 95610-7632, forthwith.

Said Resolution was adopted, on roll call, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

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ATTEST:

Maribeth Goldsby  
District Secretary



**ACTION ITEM**

March 16, 2005

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Administration & Finance Committee

Kevin P. Hunt  
General Manager

Staff Contact: David Cordero

**SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION ENDORSING GLEN PETERSON AS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) VICE PRESIDENT**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors adopt resolution supporting Glen Peterson as ACWA Vice President.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee concurred with staff recommendation.

**SUMMARY**

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ACWA will be holding its elections for President and Vice President in September 2005 (to take office effective January 2006). Currently ACWA is in the process of forming a nominating Committee for this purpose and will be sending out paperwork in the near future. Attached is the 2005 Region Election Timeline.

In the meantime, MET Director Glen Peterson has announced his intent to run for office of Vice President and the MET Board endorsed his candidacy on March 8, 2005.

Director Dick has requested the MWDOC Board also endorse Mr. Peterson for ACWA Vice President.



## 2005 Region Election Timeline (2006-2007 Term)

### **February – Apr. 22: Nominating Committees Appointed**

- Region chairs appoint three to five region members to serve as the respective region's Nominating Committee.
- The Nominating Committee appointments will be announced to the ACWA membership during Spring Conference, May 4-6, in San Jose.

### **May 5: Call for Candidates**

- The call for candidate nominations for Region Officers (chair/vice chair) and Board Member positions will be announced and packets will be distributed at ACWA Spring Conference. (*The packet will include a Nomination Request Form, a sample board resolution of support and a list of the roles and responsibilities for each of the region positions.*)
- The call for candidate nominations packet will be sent from region nominating committees to ACWA member agency Board Presidents and General Managers.

### **July 1: Deadline for Nomination Requests**

- Deadline to submit all Nomination Request Forms and board resolutions of support for candidacy for region positions.
- Nominating Committee members may need to solicit additional candidates in person to achieve a full complement of nominees for the slate.

### **July 15: Candidate Information to Nominating Committees**

- All information submitted by candidates will be forwarded from ACWA to the respective region Nominating Committee members with a cover memo explaining their task.

### **July 20-29: Recommended Slates Selected**

- Nominating Committees will meet (in person or via phone) to determine a slate of individuals to recommend to their region members for election.
- Nominating Committee chairs will inform their respective ACWA field representative and current region chair of their recommended slate.

### **August 1: Elections Begin (Mail or In Person)**

- For those regions holding elections via mail, official ballots identifying the recommended Nominating Committee slate and any additional candidates for consideration will be produced and mailed to ACWA

**August 1: Elections Begin (Mail or In Person) Continued**

member agencies only. Those regions holding elections in-person will be sent "**unofficial ballots**" to be used as a reference prior to the in-person election meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at in-person meetings provided that all candidates have submitted the required documents by the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. (*Meetings must be held between August 1 and September 30.*)

- One member from each agency present will sign in as the designated voter.
- Only one ballot per agency will be provided.

**September 30: Election Results Due**

- Deadline for ALL region elections. All ballots must be received by ACWA.

**October 10: Announcement of Election Results**

- Newly-elected members of the region boards will be contacted accordingly.
- An ACWA Advisory will be distributed (via fax) to all members reporting the statewide region election results.
- Results will be posted at acwanet.com.
- Region election results will be published in the October 17 issue of *ACWA News*.

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
**SUPPORTING GLEN D. PETERSON  
TO SERVE AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE  
ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES**

**WHEREAS**, Glen D. Peterson serves as a Director on the Board of the Association of California Water Agencies; is Chair of the Federal Affairs Committee; was Chair of the 1995 Region 8 Nominating Committee; and was a member of the Water Reclamation Committee from 1993 to 1995;

**WHEREAS**, Glen D. Peterson services as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Water Resources Association;

**WHEREAS**, Glen D. Peterson serves on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, representing the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District since February 1993; is Vice Chair of the Asset and Real Property Committee and the CALFED/Bay-Delta Oversight Committee; is a member of the Engineering and Operations, Legal and Claims, and Organization and Personnel Committees; chaired its Asset, Real Estate and Infrastructure Policy Committee; and has served as a member of numerous standing, special and ad hoc committees of the Board; and served as a Vice Chair of the Board in 2004;

**WHEREAS**, Glen D. Peterson was awarded the Public Health Appreciation Award from the California Department of Health Services for his work in fluoridation; and

**WHEREAS**, Glen D. Peterson has also served on numerous other Boards of Directors and Foundations in his community of Agoura Hills;

**WHEREAS**, it is the opinion of the Municipal Water District of Orange County Board of Directors that Glen D. Peterson possesses all of the qualities needed to fulfill the duties of ACWA Vice President.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that in light of the aforementioned record of service to the water community, the Board of Directors of the Municipal Water District of Orange County does hereby support the nomination of Glen D. Peterson as Vice President of the Association of California Water Agencies.

Said Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

I hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ adopted by the Board of Directors of Municipal Water District of Orange County at its meeting held on March 16, 2005.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Maribeth Goldsby  
District Secretary



**ACTION ITEM**

March 16, 2005

**TO: Board of Directors**

**FROM: Administration & Finance Committee**  
**Kevin P. Hunt, General Manager**

Staff Contact: David Cordero

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WATER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2005**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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This item was inadvertently placed on the Consent Calendar for the A&F Committee meeting; therefore the Committee did not discuss this item. It is presented to the Board for discussion.

**SUMMARY**

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On March 17, 2004, the Board elected to not renew membership in the California Water Awareness Campaign and to not participate in the Flex Your Power/California Water Awareness Campaign 2004.



be preparing comments and MWDOC staff independently began preparation of comments for submittal to the Committee. Comments were due Wednesday March 9 by 9am EST. Staff proceeded to develop and submit comments as attached. We are also in receipt of comments submitted by MET. Because of the proposals we have pending in this Federal Fiscal year with a Title XVI demonstration and research request and because of the legislation being proposed by the U.S. Desalination Coalition for Department of Energy operating incentives (draft attached), staff believes it would be important to attend the conference even if we are not one of the participants selected to present. It would give us time to better understand the issues from other entities' perspectives and would also give us time to schedule and meet with the Orange County delegation regarding the U.S. Desalination Coalition legislation and our other appropriation requests. Each of the Coalition members has been requested to solicit Congressional members from their areas or States to sign on to the House or Senate versions of the legislation. One of the important items from the Coalition meetings was the willingness of Senator Domenici to consider combining his energy and water research legislation with the legislation proposed by the Coalition.

Attachments to document:

1. Press release on the Water Conference (pages 3 & 4).
2. Guidelines for Submitting Comments to the Water Conference (pages 5 - 7).
3. MWDOC Comments submitted to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (pages 8 – 14).
4. Draft Legislation for U.S. Desalination Coalition (pages 15 & 16).



# Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources

U.S. Senator Pete V. Domenici, NM, Chairman

Press Release

February 22, 2005

## **DOMENICI, BINGAMAN ANNOUNCE WATER CONFERENCE, ISSUE CALL FOR BOLD SOLUTIONS TO WATER CHALLENGES**

*Half-day April conference addresses six water challenges*

Washington, D.C. – Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Pete V. Domenici and Ranking Member Jeff Bingaman issued a broad call today for proposals to address the challenge of meeting the nation's ever increasing demand for water.

The two senators announced a half-day conference on water to be held April 5 at 2:15 p.m. in Hart 216. Senators Domenici and Bingaman invite industry, government, public interest groups, academia and private citizens to submit written proposal to the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee. The proposals should address one or all of six questions that frame the nation's most pressing water challenges.

Chairman Domenici's statement:

"Two years ago, when I became chairman of this committee, I identified water legislation as one of my top three priorities. I have been pleased to send comprehensive water proposals from this committee to the Senate for passage. Both CalFed and the Gila River Indian water settlement have been approved by Congress and signed into law.

"But I am still deeply concerned at the remaining challenges, particularly in the West. This conference takes a broad look at those challenges and invites bold and innovative solutions. This conference, like the two conferences before it, will help my committee craft meaningful legislation."

Senator Bingaman's statement:

"Congress needs to play a stronger role in crafting appropriate strategies to address water resources issues and to identify areas where federal resources should be targeted. This conference will advance our ability to do that and will help us develop appropriate additional legislation."

To be considered, the proposals must be received electronically by March 9 at noon EST. The committee is issuing guidelines to focus proposals on key topics. The guidelines, which include the six questions to be answered, can be found on the committee website at [www.energy.senate.gov](http://www.energy.senate.gov).

The proposals will be reviewed by committee staff and the most promising ideas will be discussed at the half-day conference scheduled to run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The proposals can include proposed legislative language. Staff contacts for the conference are Kellie Donnelly, Nate Gentry, Patty Beneke, and Michael Connor. Electronic inquiries should be sent to [Water\\_Conference@Energy.Senate.Gov](mailto:Water_Conference@Energy.Senate.Gov).



# Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources

U.S. Senator Pete V. Domenici, NM, Chairman

Press Release

February 22, 2005

## **GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR WATER CONFERENCE**

Washington, D.C. – The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee today issued guidelines for the Water Conference to be held on April 5 from 2:15 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Hart 216. The guidelines are below. These guidelines will be posted on the committee website.

The deadline for submissions is March 9 at 12:00 p.m. EST. Submissions must be submitted electronically to [Water\\_Conference@Energy.Senate.Gov](mailto:Water_Conference@Energy.Senate.Gov).

Directions for Submittals:

The six topics below delineate the expected areas of discussion. The question under each topic heading is provided only to help frame responses. Proposals may be for near or long-term solutions and may be directed at federal, state or private actions. Address any one or more of the listed topics. Do not renumber or rearrange the order of the topics. If you wish to address an issue that is not listed, please add that topic to the end of the designated list as a separate Word document.

The Six Topics for Discussion:

### 1. Water Supply and Resource Management Coordination

Is there a need for improved coordination of water supply activities and water resources management at the local, state and/or national levels, and if so, what form should this coordination take and how should it function? What has been the experience with regional, river basin and watershed-based planning efforts and conflict resolution? What lessons can be learned from these and other models for water supply coordination and water resources management? What role should the federal government play in this area?

### 2. Role of the Bureau of Reclamation in the 21st Century

What should the future role of the Bureau of Reclamation be in the West?

Should the Bureau undertake water supply or supply augmentation activities which are designed primarily for municipal and industrial purposes, such as the Title XVI Program? Please also include comments on potential financing mechanisms such as grants or loan guarantees. What role should the Bureau play with respect to addressing: the West's future water needs; drought and flood planning and response; water infrastructure, including dam safety and site security; facility operation and maintenance; rural water needs, including in Indian country; hydroelectric power; recreation; watershed restoration; and water use efficiency?

### 3. Indian and Federal Reserved Water Rights

What effort should be made by the federal government to encourage the adjudication or settlement of Indian water rights claims? Should a similar effort be made to quantify other federal reserved rights? Are adjudications an appropriate means to quantify those rights?

### 4. Conservation and Technological Developments

What potential exists and what should be the federal government's role in enhancing the available water supply through the development of new technologies, conservation, metering, more efficient storage, water banking and other water transfers?

### 5. Knowledge of Water Resources

Given the fundamental role that water plays in dictating the quality of life and economic opportunities in our communities, do we have the level of scientific understanding needed to assess accurately the sustainability of the surface and groundwater resources upon which we depend? Do we have an adequate scientific understanding to address potential water use conflicts? What initiatives should be undertaken to improve our scientific understanding in these areas?

### 6. Drought

What role can the federal government play in helping states anticipate and manage responses to drought or other extreme hydrological changes? Are there new projections on the scope and the length of the current drought? What are the impacts on water and power generation in the West? What range of ideas and/or policies should be encompassed in a comprehensive National Drought Strategy?

Conference Submittal Rules:

! Limit your response to no more than 5 single-spaced pages per question topic.

! Submit your response to each question topic as a separate Word document. (Separating your responses into single Word documents will make review and web posting of selected proposals much less difficult.)

! Include your name and association at the top of each page of your responses.

! Use 12-point Times New Roman font.

Please provide a one-page executive summary of your entire submission as a separate Word Document with the following contact information at the top of the page:

Submitter's Name/Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional charts, graphics, or specific legislative language are also welcome and may be attached as a separate appendix (beyond the 5-page limit) to the responses.

All submitted proposals must adhere to the above rules. Submittals that do not will be returned to senders. These rules are necessary to facilitate the review of the submittals by the senators and staff and to allow for posting of selected answers to the Committee website. Staff contacts for the conference Kellie Donnelly, Nate Gentry, Patty Beneke, and Michael Connor.

All submittals will be reviewed; however, only a limited number of participants can be invited to participate in the conference. The limitation is necessary to manage the meeting and permit a useful exchange of ideas. All efforts will be made to ensure that a variety of stakeholders and recommendations are represented.

Those whose submissions are selected for discussion at the conference will be notified by March 18th. All proposals to be discussed at the meeting will be posted in advance on the Committee website at [www.energy.senate.gov](http://www.energy.senate.gov).

Chairman Domenici will lead and moderate the conference. Other members of the Senate Energy Committee may be in attendance. The meeting will be open to the public and media.

**MWDOC Submittal to the  
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
Water Conference  
April 5, 2005**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Topic #1. Water Supply and Resource Management Coordination.** We strongly encourage a continuation of the policy of cooperative projects between the Federal, State, Regional and Local roles. Under the leadership of the Bureau of Reclamation, consider application of CALFED type of framework for resolution of the Colorado River issues. Expand the mission of the Bureau to include resolution of risks to water quality posed by threats such uranium tailings and perchlorate contamination as well as salinity, while still focusing on water supply development. Examine how transfers and storage can be developed to extend supplies during droughts. The Bureau should support strategies to enhance supply flexibility and oppose initiatives that constrain opportunities. Authorize additional funding or provide other incentives, particularly for project demonstration and research, but also for project implementation. A recent poll by Luntz Research noted that 9 of 10 polled felt that “federal investment to guarantee clean and safe water is a critical component of our nation’s environmental well-being.”

**Topic #2. Role of the Bureau of Reclamation in the 21st Century.** The Bureau has undergone a dynamic transformation from traditional water resource development to that of water management. The Bureau has effectively pursued its mission with highly leveraged catalytic federal funding. Innovative funding mechanisms should provide incentives to State and Local governments by seed capital funding for demonstration projects and pay for performance contracts to guarantee operations. The Bureau’s focus should be strengthened to address use of impaired water resources through support for technology advancement and new water initiatives such as water use efficiency, water recycling, and brackish and ocean water desalination. Looking forward, Title XVI should enhance efforts in water supply development under a broader program, with a focus on demonstration of environmentally sensitive methods to develop brackish and ocean waters. Efforts to develop a western states energy-water supply strategy to construct a joint power plant and transmission system to meet energy needs for expansion of brackish and ocean water desalination capabilities in the west should be pursued.

**Topic #4. Conservation and Technological Developments.** The Bureau should take an active role in conservation and technological development by assisting State and Local governments in R&D, including creation of a public domain weather communication website and signal to benefit both agricultural and urban areas. This may build on information available from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)

**MWDOC Submittal to the  
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
Water Conference  
April 5, 2005**

**Topic #1. Water Supply and Resource Management Coordination**

*Is there a need for improved coordination of water supply activities and water resources management at the local, state and/or national levels, and if so, what form should this coordination take and how should it function? What has been the experience with regional, river basin and watershed-based planning efforts and conflict resolution? What lessons can be learned from these and other models for water supply coordination and water resources management? What role should the federal government play in this area?*

Water supply and resource management involves many competing needs and issues that should be coordinated, facilitated and funded among the Federal, State, Regional and Local levels. When these efforts are coordinated and facilitated on a comprehensive basis, a greater degree of success can be achieved. In California, we have observed the example of CALFED Bay-Delta Program, where 11 State and 10 Federal agencies together with Regional and Local interests have come together to develop and implement a long-term, comprehensive plan to restore the ecological health of the Bay-Delta system and improve water quality and water supply reliability. More locally in Orange County California, we have experienced benefits in working with the Bureau of Reclamation on Water Supply and System Reliability issues that have helped us move the County forward in planning and implementation of projects to improve system reliability. We have also worked with the Bureau of Reclamation on Water Reuse issues and anticipate upcoming assistance to demonstrate ocean desalination technologies or concepts that can be applied in many areas of the State and Country. Lastly on a Regional and Local basis, the Bureau of Reclamation's support of Water Use Efficiency Programs, especially in the development and demonstration stages, has helped advance us toward improvements in utilizing existing water resources more efficiently.

Based on these observations of what has occurred in our state and locally, we would recommend the following:

- Encourage a continuation of the policy of cooperative projects between the Federal, State, Regional and Local roles
- Under the leadership of the Bureau of Reclamation, consider application of CALFED type of framework for resolution of the Colorado River issues where all stakeholders are brought together to improve the overall water system on a comprehensive basis.

- Expand the mission of the Bureau of Reclamation to include resolution of risks to water quality posed by threats such uranium tailings, perchlorate contamination and build up of salts, as well as water supply enhancement of the Colorado River system.
- Examine how transfers and storage can be developed or enhanced to deal with future uncertainties such as the recent historic drought within the Colorado River basin. The recent occurrence may become more of the norm in the future as climatic changes impact our system operations. We will need to target and develop strategies to enhance supply flexibility and should oppose initiatives that constrain our opportunities.
- Examine the role of interstate and intrastate transfers to meet urban, agricultural and environmental needs via comprehensive management of the system for the benefit of all.
- Authorize additional funding or provide other incentives, particularly for project demonstration and research, but also for project implementation. A recent poll by Luntz Research indicates that 89 percent or almost 9 of 10 polled felt that “federal investment to guarantee clean and safe water is a critical component of our nation’s environmental well-being.”

Planning and coordination (regional, watershed, interagency, etc) are extremely valuable, but funding is required to ensure implement these efforts. Without adequate funding, coordinative processes will not be successful. Important in program and project initiatives, such as CalFed or Water 2025 is the need for Federal funds to leverage with State and Local funds to move actual projects forward.

**MWDOC Submittal to the  
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
Water Conference  
April 5, 2005**

**Topic #2. Role of the Bureau of Reclamation in the 21st Century**

*What should the future role of the Bureau of Reclamation be in the West? Should the Bureau undertake water supply or supply augmentation activities which are designed primarily for municipal and industrial purposes, such as the Title XVI Program? Please also include comments on potential financing mechanisms such as grants or loan guarantees. What role should the Bureau play with respect to addressing: the West's future water needs; drought and flood planning and response; water infrastructure, including dam safety and site security; facility operation and maintenance; rural water needs, including in Indian country; hydroelectric power; recreation; watershed restoration; and water use efficiency?*

The Bureau of Reclamation has undergone a dynamic transformation from traditional surface water resources development and operation in the western states to that of water management. The Bureau has efficiently and effectively pursued its mission with highly leveraged federal funding as a catalyst to stimulate progress.

The mission of the Bureau has been focused in recent years to meet the ever growing needs of the west with initiatives to more fully utilize degraded water resources for beneficial use through support for technology advancement and new water enhancements and projects such as water use efficiency, water recycling, and brackish and ocean water desalination. To date these efforts have emphasized feasibility investigations, and research and demonstration of new technologies and research to leverage opportunities in both agricultural and urban needs.

In Orange County California, an area heavily reliant on Colorado River water supply, the Bureau has participated in a number of activities that are demonstrating new approaches and application of new technologies as follows:

- Orange County Water District's Groundwater Replenishment System Project using membrane filtration and advanced oxidation (UV and hydrogen peroxide) for regional reclamation of wastewater supplies to be directly injected or percolated into the groundwater basin to increase basin safe yield and to enhance the seawater intrusion control barrier.
- Irvine Ranch Water District's Natural Water Treatment System in the San Diego Creek Watershed to allow surface runoff to be treated naturally and brine disposal to enhance brackish groundwater recovery in the watershed while improving surface runoff water quality and attainment of TMDL's.

- Participation by the Bureau in the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and eight retail water agencies South Orange County Water Reliability Study.
- Participation in regional implementation of MWDOC's Orange County Water Use Efficiency program.
- Past participation in the Southern California Comprehensive Wastewater Regional Reclamation Study that included elements in Orange County.

Looking forward, Title XVI should be continued to enhance efforts in water supply development under a broader program, such as "Reclamation of Water Quality Impaired Waters", that includes brackish groundwater and ocean water as well as wastewater reclamation. Efforts should focus on demonstration of environmentally sensitive methods to develop brackish and ocean waters. A demonstration program should be established to promote this approach. In addition, efforts to develop an energy-water supply strategy to enable the expansion of brackish and ocean water desalination capabilities in the west should be pursued under an initial "Water Desalination Clean Energy Demonstration Program".

Federal funding support can be done under several approaches, from traditional grants and loan guarantees to innovative mechanisms. Innovative mechanisms include incentives to State and Local agencies by capital seed funding for demonstration related project development work and to pay for performance contracts for certainty in operation. The Bureau should continue its highly leveraged funding as a catalyst for projects and regional efforts that meet the objectives of the program described.

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**Topic #4. Conservation and Technological Developments**

*What potential exists and what should be the federal government's role in enhancing the available water supply through the development of new technologies, conservation, metering, more efficient storage, water banking and other water transfers?*

The recommended Federal role in Conservation and Technological Developments should be to participate in getting efforts initiated, researched, tested, proven and demonstrated so that many may implement them on a broader scale. This results in a leveraging of existing Federal resources to partner in proving out systems and results in efficient use of local resources to implement projects and programs with a proven underlying basis.

For example, the Bureau, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the State of California State Water Resources Control Board are investing funds with Municipal Water District of Orange County at this time for demonstration of "smart" irrigation controllers which work to apply the correct amount of irrigation water based on plant material, soil type, slope and actual changing climate conditions throughout the year. Some of these systems use estimates of evapotranspiration rates to adjust the timers while others receive real-time evapotranspiration rates from a private signal.

Municipal Water District of Orange County is working with Irvine Ranch Water District to prove out technology to develop a public domain system to communicate with irrigation controllers that could be utilized free of charge by all users. Manufacturers of irrigation controllers could elect to utilize the data or not. However, we believe that if the data were available on a wide-scale basis in a format that allowed easy communication, the manufacturers would take advantage and design it into their systems, thus resulting in a technology transformation for irrigation controllers. Immediately, anyone installing a "smart" irrigation would begin using water more efficiently. They also would eliminate or diminish runoff, thereby reducing the transport of sediment and pollutants downstream in the watershed to the beaches and oceans, thus accomplishing two watershed benefits.

Recommendations for the Federal role in conservation and technological developments:

- Assist the State, Regional and Local agencies to initiate, research, test, prove and demonstrate technologies so that many may implement them on a broader scale. Some aspects may be done entirely at the Federal level (research), while other aspects would be completed in cooperative partnership arrangements, as appropriate.

- Build upon the Bureau of Reclamation's strong agricultural and urban conservation ethic to create a public domain weather communication website to link to "smart" irrigation controllers to benefit both agricultural and urban areas. This may build on information available from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## A BILL

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Desalination Water Supply Shortage Prevention Act of 2005”.

### **SEC. 2. DESALINATED WATER PRODUCTION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.**

(a) **INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.**—The Secretary of Energy (in this section referred to as the "Secretary") shall make incentive payments in an amount determined under subsection (e) to the owners or operators of qualified desalination facilities to partially offset the cost of electrical energy required to operate such facilities.

(b) **QUALIFIED DESALINATION FACILITY.**—For purposes poses of this section, the term "qualified desalination facility" means a facility that—

(1) produces for sale to domestic customers desalinated seawater, brackish groundwater, or surface water whose source water is greater than 1,000 parts per million total dissolved solids;

(2) is owned or operated by—

(A) a State or any political subdivision, agency, authority, or instrumentality of a State; or

(B) a corporation responsible for providing municipal water service pursuant to State law; and

(3) is first used to produce desalinated water during the 10-year period beginning on October 1 of the first full fiscal year occurring after the date of the enactment of this section.

(c) **AGREEMENT; DEADLINE.**—The Secretary may not make any payment to the owner or operator of a qualified desalination facility under this section, unless not later than the end of

fiscal year 2015 the Secretary enters into a written agreement with the owner or operator to make such payment.

(d) PAYMENT PERIOD.—The Secretary may make payments to the owner or operator of a qualified desalination facility under this section for a period not to exceed 10 years—

(1) beginning on the date on which the facility is first used to produce desalinated water; and

(2) ending not later than September 30, 2025.

(e) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Payments made by the Secretary under this section to the owner or operator of any qualified desalination facility shall be based on the amount of desalinated water produced by the facility during the payment period described in subsection (d). For any facility, the amount of such payment shall be 62 cents for every 1000 gallons of desalinated water produced, adjusted as provided in paragraph (2).

(2) ADJUSTMENTS.—The amount of the payment made to any person under this subsection as provided in paragraph (1) shall be adjusted for inflation for each fiscal year beginning after calendar year 2005 in the same manner as provided in the provisions of section 29(d)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 29(d)(2)(B)), except that in applying such provisions the calendar year 2005 shall be substituted for calendar year 1979.

(f) APPLICATION.—The Secretary may not make a grant to the owner or operator of a qualified desalination facility under this section unless the facility submits an application to the Secretary in such form, at such time, and containing such information and assurances as the Secretary may require.

(g) LIMITATION.—In any fiscal year not more than 60 percent of the funds made available by the Secretary under this section shall be made available to the owners or operators of qualified desalination facilities that obtain source water directly from the sea, an estuary, or from in-bank extraction wells that are of seawater origin.

(h) BUDGET ACT COMPLIANCE.—The authority provided by this section may be exercised only in such amounts or to such extent as provided in advance in appropriations Acts.

(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$200,000,000 to carry out this section.

# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT OF STAFF ACTIVITIES MARCH 2005

<p><b>Managers' Meeting</b></p>	<p>On February 24, MWDOC hosted its Managers' Meeting in Fountain Valley. In attendance were Dick Diamond (IRWD); Chuck Fowler (Buena Park); Jeannie Heimberger (Fountain Valley); Ed Wimmer (La Habra); Bill Redcay (EOCWD); Joe DeFrancesco (Orange); Robert Baehner (Orange); Diana Leach (Mesa); Mike Dunbar (SCWD); Don Chadd (TCWD); Bob Hill (ETWD); A.J. Howard (San Clemente); David Noyes and Tim DeTurk (SWD) ; Eldon Davidson (Newport Beach); Lonnie Curtis (SCWC); and Karl Seckel, Matt Stone, David Cordero, Michelle Tuchman, Keith Lyon, Kelly Hubbard, I-Wen Yang, and myself of staff.</p> <p>The agenda included the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SemiTropic Storage Presentation by Paul Jones</li> <li>2. Value on Tap Presentation by John Ruetten</li> <li>3. Drought Allocation Policy</li> <li>4. MWDOC Budget Schedule and Rate Discussion</li> <li>5. Metropolitan Issue</li> <li>6. Dana Point Ocean Desalination Project</li> <li>7. ULFT Program Update</li> <li>8. WEROC Update</li> <li>9. Public Affairs Update</li> </ol> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, at 1:30 pm.</p>
<p><b>City of Westminster</b></p>	<p>Together with Phil Anthony, OCWD Chairman, I gave a presentation on water rates to the City of Westminster City Council/</p>
<p><b>County of Orange</b></p>	<p>I met with Larry McKenney, Watershed Director for the County of Orange to discuss Prop 50, Integrated Resources Plan funding for South County, water conservation activities, and funding of County watershed activities.</p>
<p><b>Metropolitan Meetings</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matt Stone, Consultant Eric Robbins, and I held a teleconference with Tim Quinn, Executive Vice President for State Water Project officers for Metropolitan, to discuss the water transfer process and support</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karl, Matt, and I had dinner with Eddie Rigdon of Metropolitan to discuss Diamond Valley Lake and Metropolitan operations</li> </ul>
<b>Metropolitan Desalination Activities</b>	We hosted a meeting at MWDOC of the five Metropolitan desalting agencies (Los Angeles Department of Water & Power), West Basin MWD, City of Long Beach, MWDOC, and San Diego County Water Authority) to discuss Metropolitan's Seawater Desalting Policy and interactions with Desalting and Recycling Committee
<b>Other Desalination Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I met with Jerry King (EMA) and Billy Owens (Poseidon) to discuss beach desalter progress</li> <li>• Dennis Papillion, URS, Darryl Miller, and I met to discuss desalination activities</li> <li>• I met with Don Martinson, San Juan Basin Authority, and Jack Foley, Moulton Niguel WD, to discuss cooperation between San Juan Basin Authority and MWDOC, on the Dana Point beach well desalter</li> </ul>
<b>Urban Water Management Plans</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I gave the opening remarks at the State Department of Water Resources Workshop on Urban Water Management Plans in Santa Ana</li> <li>• In addition to the coordination meetings held to assist MWDOC member agencies in the preparation of their 2005 Urban Water Management Plans, MWDOC also initiated an outreach effort to meet with individual agencies to address their specific needs. I-Wen Yang met with Trabuco Canyon Water District and South Coast Water District in the month of February. More meetings are being scheduled in the upcoming months.</li> </ul>
<b>Miscellaneous Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I met with Brian Brady, General Manager of the Rancho California WD, to discuss Metropolitan issues, including Pipeline 6 and Central Pool Augmentation Project</li> <li>• I met with David Krieger, Venture Capitalist, to discuss funding approaches to water projects</li> <li>• Directors Dick and Barbre, David, Matt and I met with Assemblyman Huff</li> <li>• Director Royce, Matt Stone, and I attended the Central/West Basin caucus</li> <li>• Prior to WACO, Director Royce, Matt, and I hosted a dinner for Joe Grindstaff, Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Water Resources</li> </ul>

<p><b>OC Taxpayers Association</b></p>	<p>I gave a presentation on MWDOC Water Rates and Hidden Taxes in Water, to the Orange County Taxpayers Association.</p>
<p><b>ENGINEERING &amp; PLANNING</b></p>	
<p><b>Orange County Reservoir Covering Project</b></p>	<p>MWDOC met with Brea, La Habra and Fullerton on February 7 to continue the discussions regarding an updated agreement, cost sharing principles and financing of their share of a new reservoir cover. A meeting with MET staff took place on February 24. The intent is to finalize the cost-sharing principles at this meeting and develop the final Agreement, which will be brought to the MWDOC P&amp;O Committee for consideration. Subsequent information was requested from the February 24 meeting. Additional meetings will be held over the next month or two to finalize the negotiations. Authorization to proceed on the cover is being withheld by MET at this time, pending outcome of the agreement discussions. It is expected that the reservoir-covering project will now occur in the summer of 2006.</p>
<p><b>Emergency Storage and Operations of Irvine Lake</b></p>	<p>MWDOC has prepared a draft Agreement among IRWD, Serrano Water District, OCWD, MET and MWDOC for storage of MET water in Irvine Lake. A meeting was held on March 8 to finalize the language of the Agreement. Karl Seckel and Keith Lyon attended from MWDOC with Dave Noyes from Serrano and Amy Rego and Brent Yamasaki from MET. Several follow-up items were identified for completion of the Agreement. It will be brought to the P&amp;O Committee for consideration in April. Serrano Water District requested MWDOC's assistance in conducting a workshop to discuss potential future uses for Irvine Lake and how an expansion of the Serrano Treatment Plant can be better integrated into the Orange County distribution system. The meeting is being scheduled for March 16.</p>
<p><b>Groundwater Emergency Service Program</b></p>	<p>A discussion of the Policy Issues associated with the program to pump previously stored water out of the OCWD basin and transport it to south Orange County during emergency purposes was discussed at the Joint Planning Committee. A Committee has been formed and a meeting has been scheduled for March 14.</p>
<p><b>Water Transfer Options</b></p>	<p>A presentation by IRWD was made in January regarding their Semi-Tropic Water Storage Agreement. The presentation was also made to the MWDOC Manager's meeting in February. MWDOC will be assisting a pilot transfer of 500 AF and will consider participating in the arrangement. Other transfer options are being pursued as well, both short term to offset Tier 2 purchases and longer term for supply reliability.</p>

<p><b>North Orange County Water System Reliability Analysis</b></p>	<p>MWDOC is near to having a briefing document to examine infrastructure constraints in north Orange County from an outage of the Diemer Filtration Plant, the major import pipelines or an outage of well production due to a seismic event. The analysis is being conducted in a manner similar to what was completed for the South Orange County Water Reliability Study for both planned and emergency outage situations. MWDOC is contracting for graphics work to be completed to incorporate into the report.</p>
<p><b>Prop 50, Chapter 3 Water Security Pre-Application</b></p>	<p>MWDOC submitted its Proposal to DHS on December 1. DHS is scheduled to prepare a draft priority list within 3 months, put it out for public comment for 45 days, revise and publish the final priority list and determine the fundable portion of the Final Priority List over another couple of months. This whole process should be wrapped up in about 6 months. If successful, we would have about 6 months to put together the full proposal.</p>
<p><b>Prop 50, Chapter 8 Integrated Regional Water Management Program</b></p>	<p>MWDOC is continuing to assist the County and the SOC water agencies in drafting an IRWMP to seek Chapter 8 funding under Proposition 50. Karl Seckel and Lee Jacobi have been supplying information from the South County Study; Karl Seckel has helped to evaluate and prioritize the water supply projects for funding and has also participated in the Governance Committee meetings. Michelle Tuchman is assisting in the information outreach efforts and facilitated a public briefing on February 16. Joe Berg has been assisting on the Water Use Efficiency Efforts. The goal is to secure as much as \$50 M towards implementation of water supply, water quality, urban runoff, watershed and habitat protection/development projects in south Orange County. Currently, the County is taking the lead.</p>
<p><b>Coastal Delivery Pipeline Study</b></p>	<p>The kick-off meeting was held for the joint study with MET, MWDOC and SDCWA. The purpose of the study is to look at the opportunities created by a pipeline connecting south Orange County and north San Diego County. Richard Bell and Karl Seckel recently met with the Bureau of Reclamation and Camp Pendleton to evaluate a cross base pipeline connecting into Orange County that could potentially deliver emergency water into South Orange County.</p>
<p><b>Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)</b></p>	<p>MWDOC has been providing office space to Cindy Montepagano from the Redlands office of the NRCS since September. MWDOC requested technical assistance from NRCS for our SmarTimer Irrigation Controller Installation Program; NRCS has also been working with other entities in the County to provide assistance on conservation of water, soil, air, plants and animals.</p>

	<p>She has been working with the County and the South County agencies on various runoff, water quality and erosion issues. Her position has recently been extended for a two to four year assignment and NRCS would like to enter into a more formal Agreement with MWDOC. Staff will be bringing the Agreement to the P&amp;O Committee for consideration.</p>
<p><b>Federal Appropriation Requests for 2006</b></p>	<p>Staff prepared briefing documents for the 2006 federal budget requests, which includes a Department of Ag grant for the SmarTimer Installation Program, a Title XVI Authorization for a Desalination Demonstration Program and an EPA State and Tribal Assistance Program request for the Groundwater Emergency Water Service Program. Karl Seckel worked with Jim Barker from Lee &amp; Smith to draft and submit the requests to each of the offices of the various congressional members who will be supporting our requests. In addition, staff drafted a submittal for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Water Forum that will be held by Senators Domenici and Bingaman on April 5. The purpose of the meeting is to formulate the Federal Role in water projects.</p>
<p><b>Formation of a Resource Conservation District in Orange County</b></p>	<p>On March 3, MWDOC hosted a meeting from Noon to 4:00 on the issues associated with the formation of a Resource Conservation District within Orange County. NRCS and various RCD staff members from around the state as well as local agency representatives and interested parties. The meeting stakeholders began outlining future goals for a local RCD office and formed a subcommittee to follow-up. Additional meetings will follow.</p>
<p><b>In-lieu and Direct Replenishment</b></p>	<p>During February, 9 agencies including Anaheim and Fullerton stored about 5,250 AF of Met's replenishment water in-lieu of pumping groundwater. OCWD projects that they will not purchase Direct Replenishment from Met until after June 2005 because they will continue to capture and percolate storm runoff water stored behind Prado Dam and Seven Oaks Dam. Total purchased replenishment during July – February totaled about 36,280 AF, and OCWD's target is to purchase 70,000 AF during FY04/05.</p> <p>During March, 11 agencies will be taking about 115 cfs average of replenishment water in-lieu of pumping after Met's scheduled shut down of the Diemer Plant (March 7-11 for 5 days). Some In-lieu was delivered prior to and during the Diemer shutdown. So, In-lieu storage during March might total about 5,300 AF. If the weather remains cool, it is anticipated that Met will be able to provide In-lieu deliveries for the remainder of March and into April.</p>

<p><b>Garden Grove In-lieu</b></p>	<p>Garden Grove staff discovered an error in the meter readings for one well during July-December 2003 (FY03/04) and July-December 2004 (FY04/05). Consequently, Keith has been working with Garden Grove and OCWD staff to calculate revisions to Metropolitan’s In-lieu certifications and associated water billings. Adjustments will likely be made on the March water invoices, which will be completed during the beginning of April.</p>
<p><b>Metropolitan and Orange County Conjunctive Use Program (CUP)</b></p>	<p>During February, Mesa Consolidated WD stored into Met’s CUP account about 690 AF in-lieu of pumping. Storage into the CUP account totaled about 10,900 AF during July – February, and the goal is 15,000 AF for FY04/05. Mesa is continuing In-lieu into March at about 11 cfs except for an interruption during March 7-11 for Met’s planned Diemer shutdown. The City of Newport Beach will resume storing by in-lieu of pumping into Met’s CUP account during April.</p>
<p><b>OCWD Producers Meeting</b></p>	<p>When Keith attended the March Producers meeting, discussion included: a Water Quality update; an In-lieu update; OCWD’s draft FY05/06 Budget; Calibration of Well Meters; and Orange County Employees Association (OCEA). Keith provided an update about In-lieu and distributed a summary of imported replenishment deliveries for July 2004 through February 2005. Regarding the draft budget, the projected RA is now \$212/AF, which was reduced from the previous projection of \$214/AF (FY04/05 RA is \$172/AF). Over 100 OCWD employee signatures were gathered toward converting the non-management work force to the Orange County Employees Association (a labor union).</p>
<p><b>OCWD Issues</b></p>	<p>On Feb 23, 2005, I-Wen Yang, Keith Lyon, and Greg Woodside from OCWD met with a number of MET staffs to review and clarify the water resource data exchanged, specifically relating to OCWD basin operations, for the following two planning studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. MET System Overview Study</li> <li>b. Urban Water Management Plan</li> </ul> <p>On Feb 10 and again on Feb 24, I-Wen Yang participated at meetings that reviewed the groundwater model work done for a number of portfolio projects proposed in the OCWD Long Term Facility Plan. In both meetings, OCWD staff reviewed model projected basin elevation in 2010 under different project combinations. Assumptions used for the modeling work were discussed in detail.</p>
<p><b>MWDOC Speaker at OC Water Association</b></p>	<p>Lee was a speaker at the OC Water Association lunch gathering on 2/16/05. He presented slides on the improvements being made at the OC-88 South County Pump Station and at the Diemer Water Treatment Plant, and on</p>

	MWDOC’s role in preparing for the Diemer shutdown in March.
<b>Diemer Shutdown a Success due to Planning and Cooperation</b>	The 5-day “Diemer” shutdown 3/07/05 – 3/11/05 included MET system reliability improvements at the Diemer Water Treatment Plant, improvements at the OC-88 South County Pump Station, and maintenance work on the East Orange County Feeder No. 2. Lee prepared a supply versus demand analysis for each retail water agency, and an allocation of available MET supplies during the shutdown period. There were 43 attendees at an all-county coordination meeting hosted by MWDOC on 2/16/05. MWDOC rented pumps that boosted 15-21 cfs from the Irvine Ranch WD system into the Joint Transmission Main, mostly going to Moulton Niguel WD. Newport Beach helped out by sending 5-9 cfs to Laguna Beach CWD, who in turn passed along 3-6 cfs to South Coast WD. El Toro WD and Santa Margarita WD sent water to their neighbor Moulton Niguel WD. Between these supplies and storage, the South OC area that is about 90% dependent on Diemer water was able to meet demands that were below average due to weather and conservation publicity.
<b>Ocean Desalination Items</b>	
<b>Camp Pendleton Ocean Desalination Feasibility Study</b>	MWDOC staff will be working with SDCWA to prepare a scope of work and budget estimate for the Feasibility study, enter into an MOU and determine how to fund MWDOC’s share of the cost. The study costs are estimated in the \$500k to \$1M range for the study work; MWDOC would be a cost-share partner. Funding assistance may be provided by BUREC or the State.
<b>State Lands Commission EIR on SONGS Unit 1</b>	The State Lands Commission released their EIR on the recommended and alternative projects for disposition of the Unit 1 intake and outfall at SONGS. MWDOC, SDCWA and Camp Pendleton are working together to preserve the facilities for future use. The preservation option is listed as the “Artificial Reef” alternative. The Artificial Reef alternative would include many of the recommended project options, but would not involve removal of the vertical structures or manhole risers. Only the top two sections of the terminal riser would be removed with a grill installed to prevent entry by humans or marine mammals. This alternative essentially preserves the facilities for future uses. Comments are due by April 8 and public meetings will be held in San Clemente on March 30 for input into the draft EIR.
<b>SOCWA Outfall Capacity Study on the Use of its Ocean Outfall for</b>	The SOCWA outfall analysis is being circulated among the SOCWA members for comments prior to the report being released to MWDOC. The SOCWA Board also granted authority for staff to coordinate with MWDOC on work to obtain

<p><b>Potential Brine Disposal</b></p>	<p>the Regional Water Quality Control Board approval for the Phase 1 work at Dana Point, if a discharge of the pumped water from the temporary well is required. The RWQCB may allow discharge back into the San Juan Creek or to the ocean for a short-term pumping test.</p>
<p><b>Met Term Sheets for Ocean Desalination Project Funding</b></p>	<p>Meetings have been requested to resume with MET. MET is also tasked with reviewing its specific role with respect to the development and cost share for ocean desalination projects. Information will be developed and brought to the MET Ocean Desalination and Recycling Committee.</p>
<p><b>Doheny Beach Hydrogeology Work</b></p>	<p>The hydrogeology drilling work at Doheny Beach began the week of February 14 and is nearing completion as of March 9. No complaints have been received from any citizens. MWDOC's outreach materials prepared by Michelle Tuchman have been well received. Staff is organizing an internal meeting with our hydrogeologist to analyze the data from the four borings. Some of the information is good and some of the information is different than what was inspected. A report is anticipated at the April P&amp;O Committee.</p>
<p><b>Prop 50, Chapter 6 Ocean Desalination</b></p>	<p>The MWDOC proposal was completed and submitted by January 18, 2005. An R&amp;D Project for beach wells for ocean water intake was proposed. DWR received 43 applications (proposals) requesting a total of \$71 M and they have about \$20M to award for this year. Below are the anticipated dates to execute this "1<sup>st</sup>" cycle of funding. We are looking towards a positive indication at the end of March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 03/28/05 Review process completed and recommendation presented to DWR Management</li> <li>• 05/03/05 Workshop to present draft funding recommendations</li> <li>• 05/13/05 DWR makes final funding decision</li> <li>• 06/01/05 Contract Negotiations begin</li> <li>• 12/01/05 Contracts executed</li> </ul> <p>In anticipation of receiving funding, MWDOC was authorized to begin the permitting work for the Phase 2 Hydrogeology Investigation, which is part of the Proposition 50 R&amp;D project. The work is necessary at this time to be prepared to complete the Phase 2 construction activities in the winter of 2006 within the State Park.</p>

<p><b>Federal Appropriations</b></p>	<p>Karl Seckel and Director Brett Barbre attended the U.S. Desalination Coalition Board meeting in early March. Plans were made to introduce legislation through the Coalition to receive energy funding subsidies of \$200 per AF for brackish and ocean desalination projects. A key meeting was held with Senator Domenici from New Mexico in which he agreed to consider combining an energy research bill for brackish water through the Department of Energy. Work is proceeding at this time to work out the details of the two programs.</p>
<p><b>WATER USE EFFICIENCY</b></p>	
<p><b>Landscape Performance Certification Program</b></p>	<p>Presentations to invite participation into the Landscape Performance Certification Program were made to the Beacon Hill Vistas and Capes Series Homeowners Associations on February 21 and March 7, 2005 respectively. The Boards of Directors at both HOA's showed an interest in participating in the program. ConserVision, MWDOC's implementation contractor provided these presentations and will provide follow-up contact with these HOA's to gain their participation.</p>
<p><b>Santa Ana River Watershed Alliance</b></p>	<p>On March 3, Joe Berg provided the Santa Ana River Watershed Alliance a presentation describing the Landscape Performance Certification Program, SmarTimer Rebate Programs and Irrigation Management Training Programs. Joe will be meeting with Alliance staff to identify how they can assist MWDOC to market these programs to the community. In addition, the Alliance will assist MWDOC to introduce other environmental organizations to these programs to gain additional marketing assistance.</p>
<p><b>Home Water Surveys</b></p>	<p>On February 28, MWDOC Water Use Efficiency Staff held a workshop to introduce member agencies to the Home Water Survey Programs to comply with Best Management Practice No. 1. Agencies in attendance included Huntington Beach, Fullerton, Laguna Beach CWD, Mesa Consolidated WD, Moulton Niguel WD, Newport Beach, Santa Ana, San Clemente, South Coast WD, and Westminster. Mesa Consolidated WD provided a description of their program including targeting participants, data basing, content and invoicing. Program implementation options being evaluated include an in-house administered program and a consultant-administered program. MWDOC is obtaining cost estimates for these options along with estimates of Metropolitan funding amounts.</p>

<p><b>AB 2717 Task Force (Assemblyman Laird)</b></p>	<p>On March 8, Joe Berg attended the AB 2717 Task Force meeting hosted by the City of San Diego. This Task Force is charged with developing a report containing recommendations to overhaul the Water Conservation In the Landscape Act adopted in the early 1990's. Task Force members and interested parties from throughout the State attended this meeting. The meeting began with the adoption of a Mission Statement and a discussion of ground rules as to how the Task Force would operate keeping in mind a diverse membership. The balance of the meeting focused on Reports from the four Work Groups which include 1) Process, Institutions and Coordination, 2) Irrigation and Soils, 3) Landscape Design and Plants: including Turf and 4) Economics. Both Task Force and Work Group meetings will alternate between Northern and Southern California. City Councilmen Gus Ayer from the City of Fountain Valley (representing the League of Cities) and Darryl Miller from the Irvine Ranch Water District are members of the Task Force.</p>
<p><b>EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS</b></p>	
<p><b>WEROC Emergency Services Coordinator Activities</b></p>	<p>Kelly Hubbard met with a group of City of Anaheim Water Department staff to give a presentation about WEROC, i.e. what benefits and services are provided as well as what is expected of the city during a disaster to facilitate a coordinated response.</p>
<p><b>Winter Storms 2005</b></p>	<p>The Winter Storms of 2005 that continued into February brought additional damage to several water utilities. The State of California OES and FEMA representatives are inspecting the damages to determine whether an additional declaration is needed, whether the first declaration applies to the February storms, or whether there is not enough damage to justify a declaration. If an agency has damage to report, they should contact Kelly and she can get them started on the process. The total damage costs reported to WEROC for water districts in Orange County is well over \$2 million for both storms.</p>

<p><b>Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for Water &amp; Wastewater</b></p>	<p>Kelly Hubbard has been working with WEROC member agencies and consultants to prepare a FEMA Pre-disaster Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant application. She determined that an effective grant proposal could be written by WEROC to sponsor a regional multi-jurisdictional plan. MWDOC (on behalf of WEROC) will be the lead agency in the process, writing the grant, administering the grant, hiring the consultant and being the lead for the plan writing process. Agencies that do not already have a plan or are not covered by a City plan can choose to participate in the regional plan. The application required Kelly to work with member agencies to determine participation, work with several consultants to solicit proposals for the work to be accomplished, and writing of the grant using FEMA's Egrants internet based program. It was determined that 22 agencies were interested in participating. The final grant proposals were for a planning project cost of approximately \$252,000, including the consultant, mapping and all of the agencies' staffing costs. Agency staff time needed to pull together individual agency information and work with the consultant will be considered the 25% match to the federal grant. Notification of the grant success is expected in May.</p>
<p><b>WEROC Communication Systems</b></p>	<p>A Metropolitan Member Agency Response System (MARS) Radio test was held on February 15, and WEROC was heard loud and clear. The next MARS test is March 15, and the next WEROC test is March 29.</p> <p>The County Operational Area notified WEROC that the WEROC radio at the County EOC was not working. The County EOC holds weekly generator tests that caused the radio to reset, and the reset was not working properly. Advanced Electronics (WEROC's maintenance contractor) was able to fix the problem and does not expect it to reoccur, even with generator tests.</p> <p>One of the phone lines in the SEOC was out of service for several days, but has been restored.</p>
<p><b>National Incident Management System (NIMS)</b></p>	<p>The National Incident Management System is the federal program for emergency planning and response. The system is very similar to SEMS (Standardized Emergency Management System), and is not expected to require many changes to current Emergency Response Plans. If an agency is not compliant with NIMS by October 1, 2005, the agency will be unable to receive federal disaster assistance and, if not compliant by October 1, 2006, the agency will not be able to receive disaster declaration funds. The State of California stated that they will provide a template by June 2005. The County Operational Area decided that this was not soon enough, so will try to complete a template sooner. The</p>

	<p>WEROC Steering Committee determined that the most beneficial services from WEROC during this process would be to provide a template for water utilities, trainings for member agency emergency management staff, and an implementation training session for the water utilities' staff. WEROC's goal is to finish the template by May and schedule trainings for late spring.</p>
<p><b>Orange County Emergency Management Organization (OCEMO)</b></p>	<p>Kelly Hubbard attended the County's Emergency Management Council and Operational Area Executive Board meetings on February 16 with MWDOC Director Joan Finnegan. Topics of interest to water districts included NIMS implementation, the SONGS exercises, a review of the OA activations during the January storms, and the Prado Dam Seepage incident. WEROC will be participating in the SONGS exercises with a representative to the OA EOC for both the dress rehearsal (March 9) and the FEMA graded exercise (April 13).</p> <p>At the March 3 OCEMO meeting, Kelly made a presentation about WEROC and OC water &amp; wastewater systems. She also presented several disaster scenarios to discuss how water utilities might be effected and how they would respond. A presentation about 211 was given, which is a community service information and referral service phone number being provided by Infolink. Residents will be able to call 211 for general information regarding everything from childcare services to jobs and mental health support. The system should be online in July 2005.</p> <p>Kelly will be participating in the OCEMO Tsunami Planning Sub Committee. The first meeting was held on March 3. The goals of the group are to: 1) develop the OA and Jurisdictional Tsunami annexes/plans, 2) develop standardized public education materials, 3) provide a government staff training symposium, and 4) conduct a Tsunami exercise. It is the group's hope to complete goals 1&amp;2 this calendar year and goals 3&amp;4 during calendar year 2006. Several areas were identified as topics to be brainstormed and then researched. Kelly Hubbard offered to look into the affects and recovery efforts of utilities following such an event. She will be working with a group of emergency managers from sanitation, water, electric, and gas utilities to determine this information. Several experts on Tsunamis will provide technical expertise at the next meeting.</p>

<p><b>WEROC Steering Committee</b></p>	<p>The WEROC Steering Committee met on March 8. Discussion included the logistics for WEROC and MET to host a Terrorism training course being offered by Texas A &amp; M University. A small fee (to be determined) will be charged for the two-day course scheduled for May 16 &amp; 17 and repeated on May 19 &amp; 20. This training is open to all agencies, not just WEROC or MET, so will include a formal registration process and limited seating.</p> <p>The Steering Committee provided guidance for including certain information on the WEROC webpage to agencies to ensure proper procedures and lines of decision-making are followed.</p> <p>Lastly, the Committee discussed its status and role in relation to WEROC’s mission and service review. It was determined that the Steering Committee should continue as an advisory group for the program. The Committee meetings will occur just prior to the quarterly WEROC Emergency Services Coordinator meetings, and the next meet is scheduled for May 3. The Committee will convene only when there is an issue that requires guidance. The Committee shall be made up of the following representatives: 1 wastewater, 1 MWDOC, 1 OCWD, 1 Metropolitan Water District, 1 County Health Department, 1 State Health Department, and no more than 6 water utilities that represent the non-basin and basin agencies.</p>
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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES**

<p><b>Media Relations</b></p>	<p>Coverage of <b>hydrogeology and water quality testing at Doheny State Beach</b> included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Orange County Register</i>, Feb. 17 edition</li> <li>• <i>Dana Point News</i>, Feb. 24 edition</li> <li>• KPCC, the local National Public Radio affiliate – reporter is working on a larger story about nationwide desalination projects. No airdate has been scheduled.</li> </ul> <p>Coverage on the <b>Diemer Filtration Plant shutdown</b> included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Orange County Register</i>, Feb. 24, Local section</li> <li>• Articles also ran in South County community newspapers, including <i>Dana Point News</i>, <i>San Clemente Sun Post</i></li> <li>• KSBR, a South County radio station</li> <li>• <i>Orange County Register</i>, March 5, Home &amp; Garden section</li> <li>• KOCE Monday, March 7</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Member Agency Relations</b></p>	<p>Director Finnegan and Matt Stone represented MWDOC at Mesa Consolidated Water District's Feb. 22 Board meeting for a check presentation to the Costa Mesa High School team participating in this year's MWD Solar Cup boat race competition. MWDOC and Mesa jointly sponsored the cost of materials and supplies for construction of the high school's boat. Six members of Costa Mesa High School's engineering team and their faculty advisor, Steve Nelson, accepted the check and reported on progress in building their solar powered boat. The Solar Cup event will be held May 13 through 15 at Lake Skinner.</p> <p>David will be speaking to Mesa Consolidated Water District's Water Issues Study Group Thursday, March 17. The 30-minute presentation will focus on imported water issues and Orange County water history.</p> <p>The El Toro Water District requested assistance in preparing the narrative for their entry in the 2002 ACWA Clair A. Hill Award, and Michelle was happy to provide that support.</p> <p>David and Lorraine coordinated the 2004 Consumer Confidence Report kickoff meeting for the member agencies and had technical consultant Ken Reich (McGuire Environmental Consulting) and graphic designer Tim Hogan discuss issues related to reporting requirements, content management, layout and timelines for the production of this year's report. Lorraine is now scheduling individual meetings between the agencies and Ken Reich to review the agency's water quality data tables and related information for their reports.</p>
<p><b>Public Outreach</b></p>	<p>Director Hinman, Matt, Michelle and David attended on March 8 the Orange County Business Council Infrastructure Committee meeting, which focused on the Orange County Infrastructure Report Card for 2005. Matt made a presentation on the drinking water section of the report and the issues that will be addressed in the report, scheduled for release this fall.</p>
<p><b>Special Projects</b></p>	<p>Developing and executing the public awareness and media relations action plan for the 2005 Orange County Infrastructure Report Card is the primary responsibility of the Public Relations Committee, which is chaired by Michelle. The committee met on March 9 to refine the target audiences and further define the communications vehicles.</p>

	<p>The Web site is being finalized for review by our Directors. We anticipate requesting that review the week of March 21. We are scheduled to go "live" the end of March.</p>
<p><b>Legislative Affairs</b></p>	<p>Directors Barbre and Dick, Kevin, Matt and David met with Assemblyman Bob Huff at his office in City of Industry. The meeting provided an opportunity for MWDOC to educate the assemblyman about the District, the roles it plays at the county and regional levels, its water reliability efforts in Orange County, and the projects for which it is seeking Prop 50 money and for which it will be seeking a letter of support from the assemblyman at the appropriate time.</p> <p>Directors Dick and Royce, and David attended at Supervisor Bill Campbell's "State of the County" presentation to the Orange County Public Affairs Association. Supervisor Campbell presently serves as Chairman of both the Orange County Board of Supervisors and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). He spoke on county issues such as the budget, law enforcement, and the pension situation, as well as on transportation issues such as the future of Measure M, CenterLine, addressing the challenges between Orange and Riverside Counties, and study work being done to evaluate potential transportation improvement projects in the county.</p> <p>Directors Hinman and Royce, David, Matt and Tripp Mizell attended the Community Leaders Water Forum co-sponsored by Santa Margarita Water District and the Southern California Water Committee. The topic of the event was urban and stormwater runoff management, and serving on the discussion panel were Mike Chrisman (Secretary of the California Resources Agency), John Robertus (Executive Officer of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board), and Jerry Silva (Member of the State Water Resources Control Board). Matt's attendance at the event resulted in him meeting with two local landscape contractors, a property management company representative, a member of a local homeowner association, and an executive from Simon Malls, all of whom are interested in the weather-based landscape irrigation timer program. David also had an opportunity to speak with Sandy Cooney (Deputy Secretary for Communications of the California Resources Agency) about scheduling a meeting with Secretary Chrisman in Sacramento to discuss the District's desalination site preservation resolution and its proposal for a gubernatorial executive order.</p> <p>Staff continues to provide administrative and management support to WACO and ISDOC, including the recent planning and</p>

coordination of a dinner for the WACO Planning Committee with DWR Chief Deputy Director Joe Grindstaff, the night before his presentation at the March WACO meeting. Upcoming WACO speakers include SAWPA General Manager Daniel Cozad and OCWD Assistant General Manager Mike Markus on April 1. OCWD General Manager Virginia Grebbien will be the speaker at the ISDOC quarterly luncheon on March 31.

Staff continues to participate in the Legislative Conference Calls hosted by Metropolitan and the Southern California Water Committee. Bills are finally showing up in print and the conference calls, so far, have allowed the participants to discuss the new bills and share preliminary information. Most of the new bills will start being heard in their policy committees in April, at which time additional information will become available.

David attended the Southern California Water Dialogue meeting and heard three speakers on Financing Water Infrastructure in California. Patrick Wright (Director of the CALFED Bay-Delta Authority) provided an overview of the progress that has been made in the Delta since CALFED's inception and the areas where continued attention will be placed in the future. He discussed how existing funds for CALFED will be expended by 2006 and addressed various funding issues and economic realities related to the future of the program. He also emphasized that CALFED is not planning to prioritize certain types of projects or program elements over others, if the necessary funding identified in the CALFED finance plan falls short, because a balanced implementation of projects is necessary to be consistent with the ROD. Steve Macaulay (Executive Director of the California Urban Water Agencies) spoke about CUWA's concerns with broad based user fees and making sure the fees are funding the appropriate projects. He also discussed equity issues related to how much money water users will have to pay into the program before they see some direct benefits (i.e. how much longer will water users have to pay for environmental programs before pumping is allowed to increase?). In addition, Mr. Macaulay asserted that CALFED project prioritization must occur if there is a funding shortfall, and that the most critical elements must be funded. Finally, Randall Neudeck expressed concern with an unofficial CALFED funding concept in which a state surcharge would be applied on water bills, similar to surcharges on energy bills, to help generate additional funding for the program. Mr. Neudeck said that this concept would likely be a "non-starter" for Metropolitan, ACWA and other water agencies, and that such an approach really amounts to a tax

