

MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Jointly with the
PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
February 21, 2017, 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 101

Committee:

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES
 - a. Federal Legislative Report (Barker)
 - b. State Legislative Report (BBK)
 - c. County Legislative Report (Lewis)
 - d. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)
 - e. MWDOC Legislative Matrix
2. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER ISSUES CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BRIEFING LUNCHEON (DC) (MARCH 1st)

3. UPDATE ON MEMBER AGENCY REQUEST FOR MWDOC TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO OBTAIN FEDERAL FUNDING
4. 2017 WYLAND NATIONAL MAYOR'S CHALLENGE (MY WATER PLEDGE)

ACTION ITEMS

5. ACWA JPIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – REQUEST FOR CONCURRING RESOLUTIONS
6. TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, DC TO COVER FEDERAL INITIATIVES
7. TRAVEL TO SACRAMENTO TO COVER STATE INITIATIVES
8. H.R. 23 (VALADAO, R-CA) – GAINING RESPONSIBILITY ON WATER ACT OF 2017

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

9. EDUCATION REPORT
 - a. Elementary
 - b. High School
10. UPDATE ON POTENTIAL SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO UTILITIES CONSOLIDATION (oral report)
11. UPDATE ON WATER POLICY DINNER (MARCH 30, 2017)
12. UPDATE ON 2017 OC WATER SUMMIT (JUNE 16, 2017)
13. OC LAFCO UPDATE
14. PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES REPORT

OTHER ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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*Municipal Water District of Orange County, California
Washington Update
February 14, 2017*

The Trump Administration is in full swing seeking to get their Cabinet Secretaries confirmed by the US Senate.

To date, the Democrats have been doing everything possible to “slow walk” nominees through the confirmation process. This has included not showing up for quorum votes at the committee level and continuing to run out the full amount of Senate Floor time on virtually every nominee. All of the President’s nominees are very likely to be confirmed – but this year’s pace is the slowest on record.

The Republican Majority Leader, Mitt McConnell, observed last week this is the “slowest time for a new Cabinet to be up and running since George Washington...”

In terms of water issues, Congressman Ryan Zinke (R-Montana) is slated to be confirmed as the Secretary of Interior and it is still unclear if he will be approved by the US Senate this week, or during the first week of March.

The delay in appointing the Cabinet heads is beginning to be problematic. There will be 4,000 political appointees in the Trump Administration. Only a small percentage are confirmed by the US Senate. But it is difficult for the Cabinet Secretaries to sign off on new political appointees at the Under Secretary and Assistant Secretary levels and below in their respective organizations until they themselves are in place. As a result, the entire Trump Administration is now weeks behind schedule on getting its departments and key agencies staffed.

As an example of what this means, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (the OMB) has not been confirmed by the Senate as of yet. This is a critical appointment in any Administration. Because he has not been appointed (and the Nominee is Congressman Mick Mulvaney (R-South Carolina)), the ability of the Trump Administration to move forward with its budget priorities and discretionary spending levels for the remaining part of this year and for FY2018, has been slowed down.

And there are several key spending decisions awaiting Trump Administration clarification—including proposed increases in defense spending and spending on the “wall” along the U.S. – Mexico border. Mr. Mulvaney cleared the relevant Senate Committees on Feb. 2nd and has been waiting for his consideration on the Senate Floor.

It is unclear at press time when he will be confirmed by the Senate—again because the Senate Democrats—at least to date, have been slowing everyone down through the process. For example, as a frame of reference, David Stockman, a former GOP Congressman from Michigan was confirmed as the OMB Director on January 27th for President Reagan’s first term.

The so-called slow down by the Democrats over the President’s Cabinet Members and key political appointees have led longtime observers here to note that this is the most “toxic” period in Washington between the Republicans and Democrats that anyone has ever experienced.

Quick summary on the Budget and Federal Spending

Congress will need to pass another spending bill by April 28th—that will fund the Federal Government for the period April 29-September 30, 2017. At the present time, funding levels for the current Continuing Resolution are at last year’s levels for discretionary spending—such as water programs. Social programs, such as Social Security and Medicare, etc, received small funding increases amounting to inflationary adjustments. Again, there were no inflationary adjustments for federal water programs and other non-entitlement programs. After Mulvaney is in place at the OMB, there will be decisions about the funding levels for the balance of this fiscal year—and also for the spending levels for next year’s budget—the FY2018 Budget.

Typically a newly elected President releases his budget in late February for the following fiscal year. It appears now that Trump's budget may not be released until the spring time. Budget hearings, typically well underway by this time of the year, haven't started yet.

President Trump has indicated one of his priorities has been to increase defense spending. Under the 2011 Deficit Reduction Act, budget caps were placed on defense and discretionary spending. President Trump wants to increase defense spending, and eliminate the budget caps on that portion of the budget.

Meanwhile, House and Senate Democrats want to increase discretionary spending. 60 votes are still required in the Senate to advance most legislation to the Senate Floor and Republicans hold only 52 Senate seats. We predict there will need to be some major compromises made on federal spending—likely for both defense and non-defense spending.

Water Funding Issues:

Here is a quick summary of some of the current different funding opportunities that member agencies may wish to examine:

- 1) The WIFIA program is one of those funding opportunities. In January 2017, EPA launched the final procedures regarding the WIFIA Program—a new water infrastructure financing program that Washington lawmakers have increasingly eyed as a fix for the country's massive drinking water and wastewater infrastructure needs.

If you enter the EPA website and find the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act link, the link will take you to an EPA site that explains this financing program. The WIFIA program has about \$1 billion in credit assistance available for state, local, and tribal governments to build drinking water systems, wastewater conveyances, water recycling projects or drought prevention programs. The program was authorized as part of the 2014 Water Resources Reform and Development Act and EPA finalized its rules for implementing it this past month. While WIFIA will not contain “grants”, it will save water districts *millions of dollars in borrowing costs over the life of a loan*—

depending upon the amount borrowed.

WIFIA is particularly popular with lawmakers because it requires only a small appropriation to make a large number of loans. EPA estimates the program's \$17 million appropriation can be leveraged 50-1. EPA estimates that a staggering \$660 billion in investment is needed to upgrade or build out the country's drinking water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure over the next two decades. Those water needs could also receive attention as part of the President's infrastructure effort. The President's Infrastructure Plan is now very much on the back burner and is in line behind the Repeal and Replace Obama Care Health Care law, Immigration, and Tax Reform issues.

- 2) S. 612, the 2016 WRDA or WINN ACT, passed in late December 2016, not only contained the California Drought Relief language (operational flexibilities), it contained some new federal funding authorizations for water infrastructure. There are authorizations for desalination, water recycling, water reuse and other water related projects (at least \$80 Million) The procedures to access these opportunities have not been written or finalized yet—but they will be finalized in the coming months. Importantly, returning to our earlier budget discussion, the funding has not been appropriated yet for these grant programs.
- 3) Competitive Grants: Federal Agencies will continue to release various competitive grants. In late January we provided an updated Electronic Scorecard to MWDOC.
- 4) The Trump so called Infrastructure Program of \$1 Trillion Dollars: This initiative is still being refined. Speaker Ryan has indicated that the House plans to deal with this issue sometime later this year. Water projects have been discussed in some circles as part of the infrastructure program--but to date, the details of any funding plan are still unknown at this time.
- 5) We continue to seek access to the \$40 Million Dollar Authorization for California water districts that was first provided in the 2007 WRDA Act. We have been working with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on this matter and MET has pledged to ask Senator Feinstein to use her influence to make federally appropriated funds available to California interests. The Oroville Dam crisis has put this on the back burner at the moment and MWDOC staff are

tracking this issue very carefully.

IRS Turf Removal Tax Issue:

Since 1992, energy conservation and efficiency rebates have been exempted from federal income tax. Of course, this is not the case for “water conservation efficiency rebates”. This year Senator Feinstein intends to introduce legislation in the Senate to provide this exemption. Last year, Congressman Huffman (D-Ca) introduced legislation on this matter in the House—however that bill was never able to move out of committee.

The Congressional Review Act:

House and Senate Republicans are using a rarely used piece of legislation, known as the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to reject recently implemented Obama period regulations. The law was intended as an oversight mechanism for the House and the Senate to place a check on federal agencies. The law allows the Congress 60 days to review a major rule or regulation before it goes into effect. If a majority of the Members of Congress can pass a “joint resolution of disapproval”, and the President signs the resolution, the regulation is extinguished. Under the rules of the CRA, only a simple majority is needed in each Chamber and individuals are not allowed to filibuster this type of resolution. More on this issue in future reports.

Oroville Dam Crisis:

MWDOC staff has provided ongoing updates on the crisis to the Members of the Orange County Congressional Delegation. See this press release below from Senators Feinstein and Harris.

Items of General Interest

Below is a Press Release issued Feb. 13, 2017, issued by California's two U.S. Senators calling for President Trump to declare a Disaster Declaration after Heavy Rains in California

Feb. 13, 2017

Washington—Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris (both D-Calif.) today called on President Trump to approve a major disaster declaration for California and provide disaster assistance in response to recent severe storms.

“The series of powerful winter storms caused significant and widespread damage across California, and hundreds of Californians were forced to evacuate their homes,” Senators Feinstein and Harris wrote. “The situation remains dire, especially in the areas downriver from Oroville Lake, where damage to the main spillway and concerns over the structural integrity of the emergency spillway have led to the evacuation of 188,000 residents. Severe weather is likely to continue, and while federal, state, and local authorities are doing all they can to prepare, it is essential that the federal government be prepared to step in should assistance be requested.”

The text of the letter is below:

February 13, 2017

President Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

We write to urge you to approve a major disaster declaration in response to the severe damage in California and approve the state's request for disaster assistance. The series

of powerful winter storms caused significant and widespread damage across California, and hundreds of Californians were forced to evacuate their homes. The situation remains dire, especially in the areas downriver from Oroville Lake, where damage to the main spillway and concerns over the structural integrity of the emergency spillway have led to the evacuation of 188,000 residents. Severe weather is likely to continue, and while federal, state, and local authorities are doing all they can to prepare, it is essential that the federal government be prepared to step in should assistance be requested.

From January 3 to January 12, 2017, an atmospheric river system swept through California, unleashing heavy rain, snow, and intense wind. The storms brought relentless precipitation and high winds, causing flash flooding, debris and mud flows, significant erosion that impacted transportation and homes, widespread power outages, and damage to critical infrastructure. The state took appropriate action, executing the State Emergency Plan and declaring a State of Emergency to assist local communities. The California Department of Emergency Services dispatched joint damage assessment teams consisting of federal, state, and local officials to survey the damage beginning January 26.

Due to the severe damage caused by the series of storms, as well as the compounded impact of other major disasters that have impacted California in the past year, the state is requesting \$162.3 million in public assistance pursuant to Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Federal disaster assistance will provide essential support to help communities recover from the events in early January, and will allow state and local authorities to repair public infrastructure and public facilities. We respectfully ask that you declare a major disaster for the state of California and approve the state's request for disaster assistance.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

Kamala Harris
United States Senator

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Jim Barker 2-14-2017



Memorandum

To: Municipal Water District of Orange County
From: Syrus Devers, Best Best & Krieger
Date: February 21, 2017
Re: Monthly State Political Report

Legislative Update

The deadline to introduce bills was February 17th. The following are the most noteworthy bills, or updates, available by February 14th.

SB 5 (De Leon): This is one of the two park bonds that were mentioned in previous reports, the other being AB 18 (Garcia). SB 5 is being highlighted in this report due to its favorable provisions for water projects, which are lacking in AB 18. SB 5 funds programs from Proposition 1 for drinking water (\$520M), Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan projects (\$810M), water recycling (\$725M), and ground water remediation (\$375M). Both bonds provided for safe drinking water for Disadvantaged Communities, with AB 18 allocating slightly more, but SB 5 is the better bill for water agencies at this early stage.

SCA 4 (Hertzberg): This is a spot bill for Senator Hertzberg to continue to pursue the means for water districts and local governments to pursue storm water projects and conservation pricing for water without complying with Prop 218 vote requirements. At the February 10th meeting of the ACWA State Legislative Committee, some members were adamant that the bill should amend the language of Prop 218 instead of putting new language into Article X of the Constitution. Other members voiced support for transparency of the Prop 218 process. Senator Hertzberg, however, has not disclosed which way he wants to take the bill. A recommendation will be prepared once substantive language is amended into the bill.

AB 313 (Gray): This is a potentially significant bill that is already drawing headlines and attention. It calls for a major overhaul to the California's water rights system and administration of the State Water Project. It is designed to address what a number of agencies in the state view as overreach by the State Water Resources Control Board, as well as perceived embedded conflicts.

(AB 313, cont.)

Water Rights Administration

The bill would transfer the existing authority of the State Water Resources Control Board over water rights to the Department of Water Resources. It would create a new Water Rights Division within the Office of Administrative Proceedings, which would issue water rights violation complaints and oversee the associated hearings. The Director of DWR would have discretion whether to adopt the recommendation of the administrative law judge. This would, in the eyes of the author, create a neutral means of review and eliminate the current situation where the State Water Board performs both prosecutorial and judicial roles.

SGMA

This bill would transfer to DWR those portions of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) assigned to the State Water Board. Currently, the State Water Board plays an intervention role in basins that are not sustainably managed.

State Water Project Administration

AB 313 would create a new State Water Project Authority that would assume DWR's administration and oversight of the State Water Project. This is intended to eliminate the potential conflict of DWR administering the water rights program while also being a water rights holder. The State Water Project Authority would be governed by a nine-member Commission, appointed by the governor and subject to Senate confirmation. The Commission would consist of three registered engineers, three lawyers with expertise in water rights, water conveyance or water storage, and three public members to represent agricultural, environmental and municipal water user interests.

Further analysis is required and it is somewhat unknown at this point where support and opposition will come from.

Permanent Conservation Regulations

The latest rumor is that very soon the administration will release a final version of the framework that was submitted in January by the SWRCB. There is no new information on what legislation, if any, the administration will pursue.



Administration Update

The SWRCB met on February 8th to decide if the Emergency Drought Regulations should be extended beyond February 28th. To no one's surprise, the regulations were extended 270 despite numerous speakers opposing the extension. The City of Los Angeles and Moulton Nigel Water District expressed support for continuing the regulations. Speakers who were in favor of extending the regulations were warmly received by the Board.

Activity Report

Between 1/17 and 1/19, MWDOC and Mesa Water District met with Senators Newman and Moorlach, and Assemblymembers Garcia, Harper, Daly, and Quirk-Silva to discuss the CA WaterFix and concerns over the permanent conservation regulations.

Monitored SWRCB working group on 2/3, and the hearing on 2/8.

The County of Orange Report

February 14, 2017 by
Lewis Consulting Group

LATEST POLL

California Blue - and Getting Bluer

48% of California's registered voters have a strongly unfavorable opinion of President Donald Trump and a total of 60% have an overall unfavorable opinion. 57% of Californians believe that generally things are going in the wrong direction in the U.S., while 36% claim the right direction. By contrast 58% of those surveyed believe things are generally headed in the right direction in the State of California.

These are just some of the findings in the most recent public opinion poll conducted by the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC).

Also, 57% of California adults generally approve of the job the California Legislature is doing and 62% approve of the job being done by California Governor Jerry Brown.

In a litany of issues that may explain President Trump's unpopularity, 53% oppose the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. 65% view global climate change as a major threat to the well being of the United States. 85% believe undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. should be allowed to stay legally. 71% say government should not interfere with access to abortion.

Lastly, in stating their opinions of the most important issues for the Legislature and Governor to work on - jobs and the economy tied with illegal immigration at 14%. Education and schools followed with 11%. Health Care and Health Care Insurance was mentioned next at 7%. Undoubtedly as a result of the recent heavy rain, water/drought was named priority number one by only 6% of respondents.

The poll of 1,702 adult Californians and 1,428 registered voters was conducted January 22nd - January 31st. A sample of this size yields a margin or error of 3.3% for adults and 3.6% for registered voters.

Chair Michelle Steel Makes 2017 Board Appointments

At the February 14th meeting of the O.C. Board of Supervisors, Chair Michelle Steel announced the 2017 Board of Supervisors appointments for the County's representation on a number of Boards, Commissions and Committees.

For the most part, there were few changes of note. Perhaps the most interesting are Chair Steel replacing Supervisor Bartlett on the Audit Oversight Committee and Chair Steel replacing Supervisor Do as the County alternate member on the Local Agency Formation Committee (LAFCO).



In addition, following the recommendation by Chairman Steel, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Mesa Water Director and financial expert Shawn Dewane's appointment for a three year term of service on the Orange County Board of Retirement.

LAFCO Adopts Amendments to Guidelines and Policies

LAFCO Commission voted 6-1 (Commissioner Withers voting no) to adopt proposed changes to the Commission's Guidelines and Policies. Largely due to objections raised by Mesa Water and the East Orange County Water District, the vote had been delayed for several months and amendments were taken to lessen the severity of at least one major change.

The original proposal called for a petition signed by 25% of residents within a district seeking major LAFCO related changes when a non-LAFCO initiated process was sought. Upon its final adoption, the request was modified and ultimately incorporated as just one of several ways to indicate community support.

Is Sheriff New Target in O.C. Law Enforcement Probe?



program.

For months, District Attorney Tony Rackauckas and part of his prosecutorial team has been in the legal cross-hairs under the scrutiny of Orange County Judge Thomas Goethals. The office is accused of presenting illegally obtained evidence in a number of cases, evidence that threatens convictions or further prosecution in a number of cases.

However, Judge Goethals no longer questions the existence of an illegal network of jail informants. He now states the illegal jailhouse network was real and is determined to obtain records of the

Unfortunately, in his eyes, the Sheriff's Department has been less than cooperative. Judge Goethals, who has already threatened Sheriff Hutchens with a contempt citation, has now ordered an evidentiary hearing into whether or not the Sheriff's Department engaged in an active cover up of the jailhouse informant program.

The Department has been under a court order to produce records for four years. Judge Goethals is convinced the shredding of records may have taken place. He noted from the Bench, that records submitted so far contain a 5 ½ month gap, from April September 2011. He also believes new logs that replaced logs through 2013 have not been turned over as well.

In the mean time, the case that Judge Goethals is over-seeing, the 2011 Scott Dekraai salon mass murder is delayed and a half dozen other cases have been impacted as well.

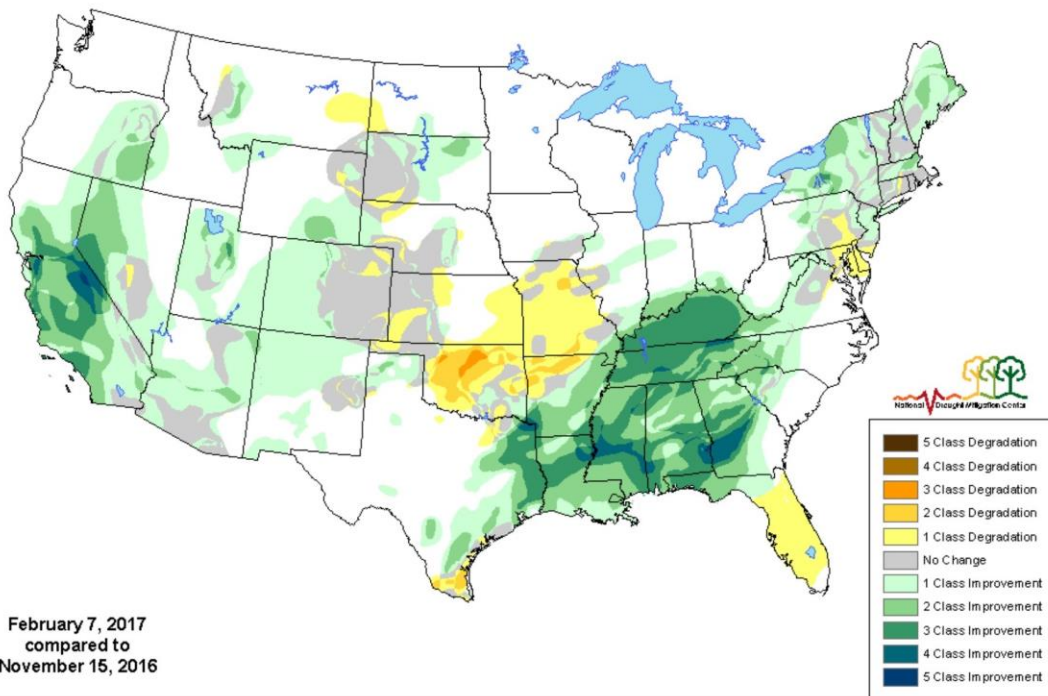
Continental U.S. Three Month Precipitation Chart

We have often displayed U.S. Drought Monitor maps that have recently showed continued diminution of drought areas in the American West. This is a monitor chart that shows why.

In this chart, the various shades of green or dark blue indicate drought level changes over the last three months. The darker the green, the greater number of levels of improvement. Nationally, California and parts of the American South have shown the greatest improvement from drought conditions. Oklahoma, Missouri and Florida have missed out on the national wide-spread drenching.

In the mean time, the Oroville Dam status provides us with the reminder that there can be too much of a good thing and that those who predicted on-going drought as a permanent result of climate change wish they could recant that prediction.

**U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change
3 Months**



<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>

ACKERMAN CONSULTING

Legal and Regulatory

February 20, 2017

1. **Central Valley Sinking:** Overdrafting of aquifers in the Central Valley continues to be a problem. Now, that sinking is putting canals and aqueducts at risk. The California Aqueduct and the Delta-Mendota Canal are two conveyance canals that have dropped up to two feet in various areas. This could eventually impact the delivery of water. Some state officials are pressing for legislation to curtail drilling. The Valley sinking has been observed since the 1920s as a result of farming activities. Local districts are resisting the “one size fits all” approach and are pushing for individual plans based on the circumstances of each region.
2. **Treatment Authority Investigated:** The Victor Valley Water Reclamation Authority treats water for the high desert including Apply Valley, Victorville, and Hesperia. A US audit has discovered gross mismanagement in the millions of dollars for money used to repair a broken pipeline. The pipeline was damaged in 2010 due to major flooding by the Mojave River. The amount in question is more than \$30 million. The claim is the Authority did not follow FEMA guidelines for bidding, change orders and other accounting irregularities. The City of Victorville gave formal notice of their intent to leave the Authority because of the poor management.
3. **Drought and West Nile Virus:** A recent study by UC Santa Cruz has shown that the drought is causing an increase in West Nile epidemics. The study looked at data from California and other areas of the United States. While drought conditions on the natural reduce the total number of mosquitoes, there is a greater percentage of them getting infected with the virus. The belief is that with less water areas for birds and mosquitoes to gather, the risk of greater spread by infected species increases. They also believe that some birds may have weakened immune systems as a result of the drought.
4. **Rivers Revive:** We have previously reported on various dam removal projects in California and how the rivers have responded. A success story is the Carmel River which is on track for a great return since the dam removal in 2015. The sediment issue is being resolved by nature and flow and habitat are returning to normal. Prior to removal of the San Clemente Dam, the buildup of silt behind the dam made the water not usable for human consumption. This dam removal was the largest in California to date.
5. **Desal for Aquifers:** Desalination of underground aquifers in California and other parts of the United States and the world is not a new concept but it is starting to increase in use because of drought conditions. Desal of this so called brackish water uses similar technology to ocean desal but without the ocean, fish and environmental concerns. There are still issues with the resultant brine but this small compared to ocean concerns. California currently has 12 facilities in operation producing about 80,000 acre feet per year. Three more facilities are under construction and 17 are in the planning stages. Texas and Israel are big time users of this concept. Texas has 46 facilities with the largest in El Paso producing 30,000 acre feet per year. Israel produces 10% of all its water this way. The cost is also attractive: brackish desal- \$900 to \$1300 per acre foot compared to ocean desal at \$2100-\$2500 per acre foot.

Studies have shown that in some parts of the US if you go deep enough you will find old seawater that used to cover the earth. Our technology is expanding our ability to find these deep aquifers which could be future water sources for us sooner than everyone expects.

6. **Drought Over?:** The US Drought Monitor has declared the Exceptional Drought condition in California is over. About 2% of the state is in Extreme Drought (Santa Barbara area). 48.6% of the state is drought free. The balance of the state is split between moderate and severe. Of course this calculation was done before last week's storms which will certainly improve our situation. In spite of these conditions, the State Board does not want to change course. San Diego Water Authority and MWDOC and other districts throughout the State want the emergency drought rules to stop. It is difficult to argue for continued emergency measure when people are riding their jet ski down the streets in Fullerton.
7. **Sacramento Conserves!:** Sacramento which has a history of not being the best stewards of water have come full cycle. In 2016, the Sacramento area cut their water use by 25% even though the state cut back on some of its mandatory rules. While most Sacramento area water districts stayed away from mandatory rules they did push voluntary targets and other lower level restrictions. They worked. That may change since the Sacramento is looking almost every day at potential flood scenarios, but clearly their mindset has changed.
8. **Support for Sites Reservoir:** One of the proposed areas for significant storage is the Sites Reservoir located between Glenn and Colusa counties in northern California. The proposed capacity would be up to 1.8 million acre feet. This project has recently received political and financial support from the City of Roseville and Placer County Water Agency. The Sites project in addition to providing needed storage, would take pressure off of Folsom for the frequent environmental releases it suffered which kept the Lake at a less than desired level.
9. **State Water Boards Clash:** The continuing battle between the California State Water Resources Board and the California Department of Water Resources evidenced itself last month at the public hearing on the Bay Delta Plan Substitute Environmental Document. DWR challenged many of the aspects of the report on lack of science and facts to support the various conclusions. DWR criticisms were similar to other comments from business, community, scientists and agriculture made at other meetings.
10. **Flooding Fields:** While ground water levels in the Central Valley continue to be a problems, farmers are becoming more imaginative in trying to replenish the aquifers. One farmer flooded his grapes continuously for almost 4 months to determine if the grapes could withstand that much water and to what extent the water would percolate into the underground aquifer. Other farmers are experimenting with almonds, alfalfa and pistachios to determine the same. Researchers believe that other crops are also eligible and are encouraging the test seasons. In areas where water is available and in rainy times such as now, water managers and farmers are working together to expand this experiment. To be effective, thousands and perhaps millions of acres would have to be involved, but as we learn more, that may be achievable. Other water districts are taking advantage of the storms runoff and flooding recharge basins to help the aquifers. Madera Irrigation District is encouraging landowners and farmers in certain regions to sign up to take more runoff water to flood fields. The pricing could become an issue with some districts considering no charge. There are more than 300 acres of recharge basins from Fresno to Kerman being used by Fresno irrigation District. Experts estimate that these flooding practices could reduce overdraft conditions from 12 to 20%.

PAL Committee

Prepared by Best Best & Kriger

February 14, 2017

A. Priority Support/Oppose

AB 18

([Garcia, Eduardo D](#)) *California Clean Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018.*

Current Text: Introduced: 12/5/2016 [Text](#)

Current Analysis: 02/03/2017 [Assembly Water, Parks And Wildlife \(text 12/5/2016\)](#)

Status: 2/8/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 5.) (February 7). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Is Urgency: Y

Summary: Would enact the California Clean Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount of \$3,005,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a clean water, climate, and coastal protection and outdoor access for all program. This bill contains other related provisions.

Laws: An act to add Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 5880) to Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, relating to a clean water, climate, and coastal protection and outdoor access for all program, by providing the funds necessary therefor through an election for the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California and for the handling and disposition of those funds, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Priority</i>
<i>Out for Analysis</i>	<i>A. Priority</i>
	<i>Support/Oppose</i>

Notes 1: More park bond than water bond.

AB 313

([Gray D](#)) *Water.*

Current Text: Introduced: 2/6/2017 [Text](#)

Status: 2/7/2017-From printer. May be heard in committee March 9.

Is Urgency: N

Summary: Current law establishes the State Water Resources Control Board in the California Environmental Protection Agency consisting of 5 members appointed by the Governor, including one member required to be an attorney admitted to practice law in this state who is qualified in the fields of water supply and water rights and one registered civil engineer under the laws of this state qualified in the fields of water supply and water rights. This bill would revise the qualifications for the membership to the board by eliminating those requirements for qualification in the field of water rights.

Laws: An act to add Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 11375) to Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and to amend, repeal, and add Sections 174, 175, 275, 1055, 1525, and 1552 of, to add Section 123.5 to, to add Article 5 (commencing with Section 191) to Chapter 2 of Division 1 of, to add Article 6 (commencing with Section 1110) to Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 2 of, to add Article 4 (commencing with Section 1130) to Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 2 of, and to repeal Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 1075) and Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 1120) of Part 1 of Division 2 of, the Water Code, relating to water.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Priority</i>
<i>Out for Analysis</i>	<i>A. Priority</i>
	<i>Support/Oppose</i>

[SB 5](#)

([De León](#) D) California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/5/2016 [Text](#)

Status: 2/13/2017-Set for hearing March 14.

Is Urgency: Y

Summary: Would enact the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount of \$3,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program.

Laws: An act to add Division 45 (commencing with Section 80000) to the Public Resources Code, relating to a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program, by providing the funds necessary therefor through an election for the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California and for the handling and disposition of those funds, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

Position	Priority
Out for Analysis	A. Priority
	Support/Oppose

Notes 1: Really more of a park bond than a water bond at this point.

[SCA 4](#)

([Hertzberg](#) D) Water conservation.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/2/2017 [Text](#)

Status: 2/3/2017-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 5.

Is Urgency:

Summary: The California Constitution requires that the water resources of the state be put to beneficial use to the fullest extent of which they are capable and that the waste or unreasonable use or unreasonable method of use of water be prevented. This measure would declare the intent of the Legislature to amend the California Constitution to provide a program that would ensure that affordable water is available to all Californians and to ensure that water conservation is given a permanent role in California's future.

Laws: A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by adding Article X C thereto, relating to water.

Position	Priority
Watch	A. Priority
	Support/Oppose

Notes 1: This is a spot bill. It's marked as a priority due to the subject matter.

B. Watch

[AB 196](#)

([Bigelow](#) R) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: water supply repairs.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/19/2017 [Text](#)

Status: 1/30/2017-Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and NAT. RES.

Is Urgency:

Summary: Current law requires moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to be allocated for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in this state and satisfying other purposes. Current law authorizes specified investments, including water use and supply, if the investment furthers the regulatory purposes of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 and is consistent with law. This bill would authorize the use of the moneys in the fund for water supply repairs if the investment furthers the regulatory purposes of the act and is consistent with law.

Laws: An act to amend Section 39712 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to greenhouse gases.

Position	Priority
Watch	B. Watch

AB 277

(**Mathis R**) Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/1/2017 **Text**

Status: 2/13/2017-Referred to Com. on W.,P., & W.

Is Urgency: N

Summary: The Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law of 1997 establishes the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to provide grants or revolving fund loans for the design and construction of projects for public water systems that will enable those systems to meet safe drinking water standards. This bill would, to the extent funding is made available, authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to establish the Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program to provide funding to eligible applicants for specified purposes relating to drinking water and wastewater treatment.

Laws: An act to add Chapter 6.6 (commencing with Section 13486) to Division 7 of the Water Code, relating to water, and making an appropriation therefor.

Position
Watch

Priority
B. Watch

SB 210

(**Leyva D**) Pupil health: drinking water.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/1/2017 **Text**

Status: 2/9/2017-Referred to Coms. on ED. and EQ.

Is Urgency: N

Summary: Would require a school district that has drinking water sources with drinking water that does not meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency drinking water standards for lead or any other contaminant to close access to those drinking water sources, to provide alternative drinking water sources, as specified, and to notify specified persons if the school district is required to provide those alternative drinking water sources. By imposing additional duties on pupil schools and school districts, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Laws: An act to add Section 32246 to, and to add Article 13 (commencing with Section 49580) to Chapter 9 of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2 of, the Education Code, and to amend Section 116276 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

Position

Priority
B. Watch

Total Measures: 7

Total Tracking Forms: 7

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

February 21, 2017

TO: Board of Directors**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick, and Yoo-Schneider)Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER ISSUES CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION BRIEFING LUNCHEON****STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receives and files the report.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

BACKGROUND

As customary, MWDOC co-hosts a luncheon during the ACWA conference in Washington D.C. and has once again partnered with regional neighbors, Eastern Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, and Western Municipal Water District. The luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1st. ACWA is planning a tour and boxed lunch for conference attendees at that time.

The ACWA Washington D.C. conference is scheduled for Tuesday, 02/28/2017 - Thursday, 03/2/2016 at the St. Regis Hotel. Registration is now CLOSED. Information on the conference from ACWA's website:

Why Attend?

Learn firsthand the priorities of Congress and the new administration. Get the latest on the budget and funding for your programs of interest. Meet and join fellow Water Agencies to

Budgeted (Y/N): Yes	\$800/DC Luncheon & Materials	Core <u>X</u>	Choice <u>__</u>
Action item amount:		Line item:	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

show the importance of California water issues. Be there right from the start to better develop your federal legislative and regulatory strategies.

Preliminary Agenda

(All activities are at the St. Regis Hotel unless otherwise noted)

Tuesday, February 28:

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Congressional Reception in conjunction with the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA), US Botanic Gardens

Wednesday, March 1:

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Joint Breakfast Program with CASA

9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. – Administration Speakers Insiders Panel

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - Networking Box Lunch: “How to Work Washington”

2:00 p.m. – Group Photo, House Side Steps of the Capitol

2:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. - Congressional Speech Program, Capitol Visitors' Center

6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. – Networking Reception

Thursday, March 2

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Breakfast Program

UPDATE FROM LAST MONTH

The Gold Room in Rayburn House Office Building has been secured for the luncheon location. Invitations were hand delivered to each congressional office on January 12. These invitations have been followed up with calls and emails to the various office. RSVPs are already being tracked.

Staff from MWDOC, EMWD, IEUA, LBWD, and WMWD are putting the finishing touches on the briefing book and program for the event. The briefing book – which includes a brief background on the five presenting agencies – will highlight the investments and importance of reliability – with special emphasis placed on the CA WaterFix.

Staff from MWDOC and the partnering agencies continue to meet regularly to stay on schedule and work on outstanding issues to ensure all deadlines are met and details are being worked out. We are in the final stages of planning, pulling everything together and tending to details.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

February 21, 2017

TO: Board of Directors**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick and Yoo Schneider)Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON REQUEST FOR MWDOC TO CONVENE A WORKING
GROUP TO OBTAIN FEDERAL FUNDING****STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Directors review and discuss the proposal as presented and direct staff to next steps as required.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

BACKGROUND

At last month's PAL meeting, Chuck Gibson, President of the Board of Directors at Santa Margarita Water District recommended to the MWDOC Board for MWDOC to work collaboratively with its member agencies, with MWDOC taking the lead in providing a person or persons of expertise in the area of obtaining federal grants and low interest loans for the various programs available as part of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) passed December 5, 2016. Within WIIN are several opportunities for agencies looking to obtain federal funds for local and regional infrastructure projects specifically;

- Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2016 (Title I),
- Water and Waste Act of 2016 (Title II)
- Natural Resources (Title III)
- Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA, Title IV).

Budgeted (Y/N): No	Unknown at this time	Core __	Choice __
Action item amount:		Line item:	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

The Board directed staff to explore various options and return to the Board.

OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

MWDOC's member agencies have expressed interest in having MWDOC evaluate and identify all of the federal funding opportunities available, and should that avenue be explored further, it would require the addition of a new staff member or outside consultant with grant funding experience as it requires time and effort that goes into reading all of the qualifications for state or federal funds. Collaboration on regional projects have a higher likelihood of success, but will take more coordination amongst staff of the participating agencies.

This is, by all means, not a comprehensive compilation of options, but an initial exploration.

The first option is to **hire an in-house staff person** to be a grants coordinator. An in-house staff person at MWDOC would run approximately \$115,000+ with salary/benefits. This person would need to be highly qualified and able to tap into existing staff at MWDOC plus staff at any agency participating in the grant proposal. This also requires significant obligations from every agency in the pursuit and administration of each grant application.

An experienced grant finder/researcher/writer/manager needs expertise in:

- Understanding the scope of the project and matching it with grant options
- Determining project eligibility
- Estimating how total project costs would fit into grant options
- Articulating regional project benefits
- Grant schedule development and management
- Risk assessment
- Project benefit-cost analysis
- Thorough understanding of the requirements of each grant (compliance, ADA, etc.)
- Contract/grant administration

The pros to this approach is in economies of scale by having a point person assigned to grants. Many organizations have in-house grants managers with support staff that develop specialized expertise in securing grants. The downside is it would still require considerable coordination with staff of MWDOC's member agencies. Each grant requires representatives from multiple departments within an agency to help coordinate the details of the grant, including finance, engineering, planning, and others. If multiple agencies are involved in a grant proposal, there are numerous points of coordination, which can be time consuming.

An alternate option is **hiring an outside firm**. There are numerous firms that offer this type of service and a "Request for Proposals" (RFP) would need to be issued. If this route is chosen, a financial commitment from all interested agencies should be in place prior to starting the RFP process.

Retainer fees for this type of service range anywhere from \$2000-\$5000/month plus expenses.

NOTES ABOUT WIFIA

The passage of WIFIA (Title IV) under WIIN has caused a stir in the water infrastructure community. It's a tremendous opportunity to compete for federal funding for key infrastructure projects that could be used in conjunction with other grant funding programs (such as State Revolving Fund [SRF]). It is not, however, without cost.

WIFIA is a competitive funding program which can fund up to 49% of eligible project costs for projects \$20 million or larger in size. WIFIA is separate but related to the SRF program and the two programs could be combined to fund 80%+ of eligible costs. EPA does not have sufficient authorization to cover the administrative costs to run the WIFIA program and therefore is proposing the following fees:

1. **APPLICATION FEE:** a non-refundable fee for each project that is invited to submit a full application (second step following submission of letter of interest) for credit assistance under WIFIA. EPA is proposing that an application fee will be due upon submission of the application. For fiscal year 2017, EPA is proposing an application fee of \$25,000 for applications for projects serving small communities (population of not more than 25,000 people). For all other project applications, EPA is proposing an application fee of \$100,000.
2. **CREDIT PROCESSING FEE:** EPA is also proposing to require a credit processing fee at the time of closing, or in the event that the project does not proceed to closing, e.g., if the application is withdrawn or denied, for projects selected to receive assistance in the form of a direct cash payment. EPA proposes that the initial application fee described above would be credited to a credit processing fee. For example, if the total credit processing fee is \$400,000 and the applicant paid \$100,000 with the application, \$300,000 would be due at closing, or in the event that the project does not proceed to closing, e.g., if the application is withdrawn or denied. The fee for each project would be set based on the costs incurred by EPA for that specific project.
3. **SERVICING FEE:** EPA is also proposing to charge an annual servicing fee during repayment of the loan. The fee will be dependent on the costs of servicing the credit instrument as determined by the Administrator. EPA proposes that such fees would be set at a level to enable the Agency to recover all or a portion of the costs to the Federal Government of servicing WIFIA credit instruments and will be determined at the time of closing. EPA expects such fees to range from \$12,000 to \$15,000 annually per loan.
4. **EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES:** EPA is also proposing a fee to cover extraordinary expenses. In the event that a borrower experiences difficulty relating to technical, financial, or legal matters or other events (e.g., engineering failure or financial workouts) which require EPA to incur time or expenses beyond standard monitoring, EPA will be entitled to payment in full from the borrower of additional fees in an amount determined by EPA and of related fees and expenses of its independent consultants and outside counsel, to the extent that such fees and expenses are incurred directly by EPA and to the extent such third parties are not paid directly by the borrower.
5. **OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL FEE:** EPA is also proposing to allow a separate fee to be charged, with agreement of the applicant, to reduce the budget authority required to fund the credit instrument. Although EPA considers it unlikely that a scenario will arise under which it would assess such a fee, the Agency sees benefit in establishing the

flexibility to allow an applicant to “buy down” the budget authority required for the credit instrument.

The deadline to submit a letter of interest to have your project considered for funding is April of this year.



DISCUSSION ITEM

February 21, 2017

TO: **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick, Yoo Schneider)

FROM: **Robert Hunter, General Manager**
Staff Contact: Tiffany Baca

SUBJECT: **2017 Wyland National Mayor's Challenge (My Water Pledge)**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee receive and file the report.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

DETAILED REPORT

ABOUT: My Water Pledge is a friendly competition between cities across the United States to see who can pledge to be the most “water-wise” city in the nation. This contest, which runs from **April 1 through April 30**, offers tremendous incentives that encourage residents across the country to get involved with their communities and to commit to using water more efficiently. Mayors nationwide challenge their residents to be more water-wise through a series of informative, easy-to-complete pledges online. This year, MWDOC staff has been asked to contribute pledge selections that are timely, effective and educational.

The challenge is presented annually by the **Wyland Foundation** and **Toyota**, in association with the **National League of Cities**, **U.S. EPA**, **U.S. Forest Service**, **The Toro Company** and **Earth Friendly Products** (the makers of ECOS). The campaign includes animated PSAs from behind the TV series “Rugrats,” and promotions by media partners including **USA Today** and **CBS/KCAL 9**.

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

Each city can do as much, or as little as they want to. Wyland Foundation and their sponsors provide the incentives and toolkits to ensure successful participation for all cities who want to enter the competition. The free toolkit includes sample social media posts, PSA and commercial scripts, videos, promotional flyers and sample blogs.

The national challenge has become widely recognized as one of the most engaging, zero-cost outreach tools designed for cities and water utilities to encourage water-use efficiency in the United States.

HOW IT WORKS - OVERALL CHALLENGE: Cities with the highest percentage of residents who take the challenge in their population category win. Cities across the nation compete in the following population categories: 5,000-29,999, 30,000-99,999, 100,000-299,999, 300,000-599,999, 600,000+. Individual participants in the winning cities are eligible to win hundreds of prizes including smart controllers, water bottles, and low-flow showerheads. The grand prize offered to one lucky individual (selected through a drawing) is a Toyota Prius Prime.

Last year, 139 Mayors in 39 states participated in the Challenge. 45,005 residents from 4,100 cities made 404,407 total pledges, and 1.9 billion gallons of water were potentially saved.

2016 Nationwide Winning Cities:

- * **Laguna Beach, California** (Population Category 5000-29,999)
- * Andover, Minnesota (Population Category 30,000-99,999)
- * Ventura, California (Population Category 100,000-299,999)
- * Aurora, Colorado (Population Category 300,000-599,999)
- * Boston, Massachusetts (Population Category 600,000 and over)

Staff contacted LBCWD to see what the city had won and they considered the most valuable “prize” to be bragging rights, and continued national recognition for their city’s efforts. They were also elated to be recognized at the 2016 OC Water Summit in front of a roomful their peers with world-renowned marine life artist Wyland himself presenting the award to the City’s Mayor, and LBCWD General Manager. The city also received other small gifts of acknowledgement such as a signed certificate, and a signed coffee table book of artwork by Wyland.



ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE FOR ORANGE COUNTY PARTICIPATION: Mayor's Water Challenge to Award Water Efficient Park Makeover to MWDOC Service Area City

WHAT: As an additional incentive for Orange County cities, Wyland Foundation and the Municipal Water District of Orange County will award a professionally designed water-efficient pocket park makeover to a lucky city served by one of MWDOC's 28 retail water agencies. This would be the first time in the contest's history that a break-away challenge for a county's participation would be recognized.

The city within MWDOC's regional service area with the most participants in the 2017 Wyland National Mayor's Challenge will receive plants, irrigation, lighting, signage and design and installation services for a park makeover at a location to be mutually determined by the city, water agency, and program organizers. The Foundation will handle obtaining all permits and securing volunteers, plants and supplies from a variety of partners such as The Toro Company, local landscape contractors and nurseries. This is also an opportunity for MWDOC to include some of its newer partners in a highly-visual community project; partners like the Boy Scouts whose volunteer time could earn credit towards their Soil and Conservation Merit Badge. If the top ranking city decided they did not want the pocket park prize, one option would be to offer the 2nd top ranking city the prize, or, put the top 3 cities in a drawing for the pocket park prize.

MWDOC would contribute \$10,000, to assist with project completion. All three logos would be represented on signage in the final pocket park design, Wyland Foundation, MWDOC and the winning city.

WHO (Not a comprehensive list):

- **Landscape Design**, Robert Farnsworth, Landscape Architecture Dept. Chair, Saddleback College
- **Installation**, Native West Sustainable Landscaping
- **Water Smart Irrigation and Energy Efficient Lighting**, The Toro Company
- **Education / Coordination**, Wyland Foundation, MWDOC



WHEN: The winning city will be selected by May 15, 2017. Winners will be notified by June 1, 2017. Project installation is expected to be completed within six months of winner notification. The City Mayor must be available for ribbon cutting as a pre-condition of participation.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: The project will be designed to serve as a community model for water efficient landscaping at a location of up to 1,000 square feet. The project will use a variety of landscaping practices and strategies to promote sustainable water usage, while connecting the surrounding community with California's native landscape. Components provided will include native trees, plants, and grasses, water efficient irrigation, energy efficient lighting and signage to

promote water smart landscaping at home. In 2015, the Wyland Foundation created a water efficient landscape makeover to the city of Dallas in recognition of its efforts as the winner of the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation.

How Pocket Parks Can Engage Communities

California has a diverse selection of flora from desert, forest and island regions. This selection has adapted to California's climate, poor soils and low rainfall. A water-wise demonstration garden, easily accessible to the public, will provide valuable education to the community, such as efficient irrigation techniques (regardless of plant selection), and California Friendly plant options.

In addition, the pocket park will offer added benefits in water-saving strategies. Some of these could include the appropriate use of permeable surfaces, rain gardens and infiltration pits which allow rainwater to be filtered into the landscape, retaining moisture and replenishing ground water. This simultaneously prevents excessive run off and pollution that affect our water ways and oceans.





ACTION ITEM

March 15, 2017

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick, Yoo Schneider)

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: ACWA JPIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – REQUEST FOR CONCURRING RESOLUTION

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors review the candidates and determine if they wish to submit a resolution of support concurring with the nomination of a candidate or candidates.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

This election will fill four Executive Committee member positions, each for a four-year term each. The incumbents are Tom Cuquet, South Sutter WD; David Drake, Rincon Del Diablo MWD; and Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley WCD. There is one vacant position.

Candidates for the election must be elected or appointed directors of the JPIA member that they represent and must have been appointed by that member to be on the JPIA's Board of Directors. Further, candidates for the election must also be representatives of JPIA members that participate in all four of the JPIA's Programs: Liability, Property, Workers' Compensation, and Employee Benefits.

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

The candidates must also each receive concurring in nomination resolutions from **three** other JPIA members. However, JPIA members may concur in the nomination of as many candidates as they wish. When asking other JPIA members to **concur** in a nomination, it would be helpful to them to include some information about the Director and his/her background.

The submission of the nominating resolution, the three concurring in nomination resolutions, and the candidate's statement of qualifications is the sole responsibility of the nominating member. These nominations must reach the JPIA by the close of business (4:30 pm) on Friday, March 24, 2017. Nominations may be mailed to the attention of Sylvia Robinson at the JPIA: P. O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082 or emailed to srobinson@acwajpia.com.

To date, MWDOC has received two requests for support for the vacant position – one from Paul Dorey, Vista Irrigation District, and one from Kathleen Tiegs, Cucamonga Valley Water District. In addition, we have received one request from Melody McDonald requesting support to continue her position on the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee.

Attached is background information on each candidate and sample resolutions to use if desired.



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January 19, 2017

ACWA/JPIA Member Agencies

Re: Nomination of Paul E. Dorey to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee

Dear General Manager:

The Vista Irrigation District (VID) has nominated Board member Paul E. Dorey to serve on the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee. Elections will take place at the JPIA Board of Directors meeting on May 8, 2017 at the Spring ACWA Conference in Monterey, California.

Paul has served as VID's representative to the JPIA Board of Directors for 10 years, and he has been a member of the JPIA Liability Subcommittee for 7 years. We hope your organization will concur with this nomination.

As a member of ACWA/JPIA, Vista Irrigation District requests that your Board submit a resolution of support **concurring** with the nomination of Paul Dorey to serve on the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee, and vote for him at the election. As you can see from the attached background information regarding Paul Dorey, he is well qualified for this position. All concurring nominations must reach the JPIA office to the attention of Sylvia Robinson at P.O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082 by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eldon Boone
General Manager

Attachments:

- Statement of candidacy for Paul E. Dorey
- Vista Irrigation District nominating resolution
- Sample concurring resolution

Board of Directors

Marty Miller, *President*

Paul E. Dorey

Jo MacKenzie

Randy L. Reznicek

Richard L. Vásquez

Administrative Staff

Eldon L. Boone
General Manager / Treasurer

Brett L. Hodgkiss
Assistant General Manager

Lisa R. Soto
Board Secretary

Joel D. Kuperberg
General Counsel

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Paul E. Dorey

Statement of Candidacy



I have served on the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors since 2007. During the last seven years, I have had the privilege of serving on the Liability Committee of the JPIA. The Liability Committee has successfully kept its focus on providing member agencies with the most comprehensive, affordable and reliable liability insurance possible. Our Committee has recommended significant reductions in the premiums paid by member agencies while also increasing the insurance coverages provided.

I was elected to the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors in 2006. The District provides water service to over 120,000 residents in northern San Diego County. I served on the Board of Directors of the Groundwater Resources Association of California, and I currently serve on the San Luis Rey Watershed Council and the Southern California Water Committee. My wife Nancy and I have lived in Vista since 1971, where we raised our two daughters.

My forty-six years of public service, first in the United States Marine Corps and then in the water industry, have given me the necessary experience and background to serve as a member of the JPIA Executive Committee. This experience has helped me recognize the importance of safety and risk management and the value of developing appropriate policies and procedures, as well as establishing conservative fiscal controls.

As a member of the JPIA's Executive Committee, I will perform my duties and make decisions to guide the organization to most efficiently benefit its member agencies. I will take my responsibility seriously and serve as a very useful and productive member of the Executive Committee. I value your trust and will honor it if elected to the Executive Committee.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions about my candidacy, feel free to contact me at (760) 208-5263 or WN6K@sbcglobal.net.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-04

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
NOMINATING PAUL E. DOREY TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY ("ACWA/JPIA")

WHEREAS, Vista Irrigation District is a member district of the ACWA/JPIA that participates in all four of its Programs: Liability, Property, Workers' Compensation, and Employee Benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the ACWA/JPIA provide that in order for a nomination to be made to ACWA/JPIA's Executive Committee, the member district must place into nomination its member of the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors for such open position;

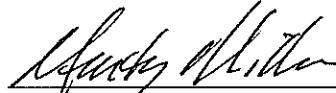
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Vista Irrigation District that its member of the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors, Paul E. Dorey, be nominated as a candidate for the Executive Committee for the election to be held on May 8, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ACWA/JPIA staff is hereby requested, upon receipt of the formal concurrence of three other member districts, to effect such nomination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the ACWA/JPIA at P.O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082, forthwith.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following roll call vote of the Board of Directors for the Vista Irrigation District this 18th day of January 2017.

AYES: Directors Vásquez, Dorey, MacKenzie, and Miller
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Director Reznicek


Marty Miller, President

ATTEST:



Lisa R. Soto, Secretary
Board of Directors
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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January 25, 2017

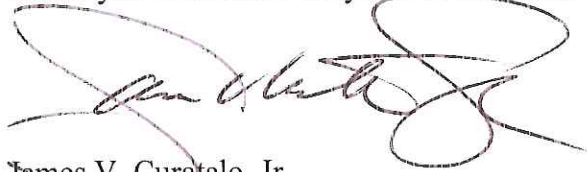
Dear Fellow ACWA/JPIA Member:

On January 24, 2017 the Cucamonga Valley Water District Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2017-1-1 nominating Director Kathleen J. Tiegs for the position of ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee. We are formally requesting your support of Director Tiegs' nomination through the adoption of a concurring resolution from your agency.

Director Tiegs has been actively involved in ACWA/JPIA having served the past 10 years on the board, as well as having experience as the ex-officio member on the Executive Committee. Director Tiegs is committed to continuing the great work of providing quality insurance and employee benefit services that ensure our agencies and ratepayers are receiving the most cost-effective service possible.

I have attached a sample concurring resolution in support of Director Tiegs' nomination, as well as her candidate statement. The elections for ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee will be held May 8, 2017, should you desire to adopt a resolution or if you have questions please contact our Executive Assistant to the Board, Taya Victorino at 909.987.2591 or tayav@cvwdwater.com.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.



James V. Curatalo, Jr.
President

Attachments:

Sample Concurring Resolution

Candidate Statement – Director Tiegs

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE (NAME OF MEMBER DISTRICT)
**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**, three member districts must concur with the nominating district, and

WHEREAS, another ACWA JPIA member district, the Cucamonga Valley 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 (NAME OF MEMBER DISTRICT) that this district concur with the nomination of Kathleen J. Tiegs of Cucamonga Valley Water District to the **Executive Committee** of the ACWA JPIA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the ACWA JPIA at P.O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082, forthwith.

ADOPTED this (DATE) day of (MONTH), 2017.

(SIGNATURE)
Board President

ATTEST:

(SIGNATURE)
Secretary

Kathleen J. Tiegs
Candidate Statement for
Association of California Water Agencies
Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) Executive Committee

Dear ACWA/JPIA Board Members:

I am pleased to share with you my interest in serving on the Executive Committee for ACWA/JPIA. I believe I am prepared and ready for the challenge to help lead the organization as we continue to grapple with providing the best and most cost-effective insurance and employee benefit services to our members.



My experience with the ACWA/JPIA began over 10 years ago when I was appointed by the Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD) to serve as their ACWA/JPIA representative. I have also served as the ex-officio member of the Executive Committee in 2015-2016. As part of the Executive Committee I was able to provide the leadership and feedback to staff to ensure they were continuing to uphold the mission of the ACWA/JPIA: *"to consistently and cost effectively provide the broadest possible affordable insurance coverage and related services to its member agencies"*.

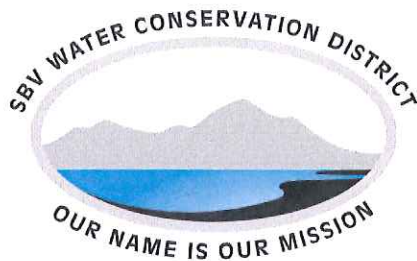
I have served on the CVWD board of directors for approximately 12 years, and have served in the role as both president and vice-president of the board of directors. I am currently a member of the Legislative/Outreach and the Human Resources/Risk Management committees. The Human Resources/Risk Management Committee is responsible for overseeing employee benefits, risk management and safety programs for the organization. At CVWD, we have taken full advantage of all the programs the ACWA/JPIA has to offer to ensure our employees are working in the safest environment possible. Our board of directors has also adopted the *Commitment to Excellence* Program pledge putting into place best management practices which bolsters our effectiveness for loss prevention and safety.

I currently serve as the President for the Association of California Agencies (ACWA). In my role as president I have focused on increasing my understanding of our members needs so that I may know how to better serve and lead the ACWA organization. I will use this same approach if elected to serve on the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee.

The election for ACWA/JPIA is scheduled for May 8, 2017 at the conference. Thank you for allowing me to share my experience, leadership and knowledge. I look forward to the opportunity to represent you and your agency. Please feel free to contact me directly at (909) 635-4177 should you have questions or if you would like to support my candidacy.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,





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January 31, 2017

Joan C. Finnegan
Municipal Water District of Orange County
258 Sherwood Street
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Dear Joan C. Finnegan,

The Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District has nominated its Vice-President, Melody A. McDonald, to continue in her position on the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee. Enclosed is a certified copy of SBVWCD Resolution No. 542 nominating Mrs. McDonald for ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee.

Melody currently serves on the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee, Personnel Committee, Chairs the Liability Program Subcommittee, served on the Building & Property Ad Hoc Committee, and was past chair of the Property & Workers Compensation Program Subcommittees. Melody has an institutional knowledge of all of JPIA's programs, their history, how coverage's evolved for the JPIA membership and has helped the organization grow to 188 Million in assets. Melody participates in training at various JPIA members facilities; she has personally visited and presented rate stabilization fund refund checks back to JPIA members totaling over 25 Million, since the inception of the fund. This year, JPIA has held nearly 400 training classes resulting in more than 7,700 employees receiving training. Melody believes the best claim is the one that never happened, and that there is a direct correlation between risk management, training, and minimizing losses. She pursues all her duties with a strong sense of commitment and dedication. Enclosed is her Statement of Qualifications.

The District respectfully requests your organization consider adopting a concurring resolution of nomination in support of Mrs. McDonald. Enclosed is a sample concurring resolution for your consideration in support of her nomination or it can be found at <http://www.acwajpia.com/ElectionNews.aspx>. Since time is of the essence, and that this will require Board action, please include this on your agenda for your next Board meeting. Please send a certified copy to:

ACWA/JPIA
Attention: Sylvia Robinson
P.O. Box 619082
Roseville, CA 95661-9082

and

San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Attention: Athena Monge
1630 W. Redlands Blvd. Ste "A"
Redlands, CA 92374

This resolution must be received by ACWA/JPIA no later than 4:30 pm Friday March 24, 2017.

Sincerely,

Daniel B. Cozad
General Manager

BOARD
OF
DIRECTORS

Division 1:
Richard Corneille
Division 2:
David E. Raley

Division 3:
T. Milford Harrison
Division 4:
John Longville

Division 5:
Melody McDonald

GENERAL
MANAGER

Daniel B. Cozad

RESOLUTION NO. 542

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NOMINATING ITS ACWA/JPIA BOARD
MEMBER 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 that participates in all four of its Programs: Liability, Property, and Workers' Compensation; and Employee Benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the ACWA/JPIA provide that in order for a nomination to be made to ACWA/JPIA's **Executive Committee**, the member district must place into nomination its member of the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors for such open position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District that its member of the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors, Melody McDonald, be nominated as a candidate for the **Executive Committee** for the election to be held on May 8, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ACWA/JPIA staff is hereby requested, upon receipt of the formal concurrence of five other member districts to effect such nomination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the ACWA/JPIA at P.O. Box 619082, Roseville, California 95661-9082, forthwith.

ADOPTED this 11th day of January, 2017.



President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Secretary



Melody.sbvwd@gmail.com

**Melody
Henriques-McDonald**

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Candidate for:

**ACWA JPIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
(Incumbent)



Melody & Board receiving, District of Distinction Award, the highest governance and best practices accreditation possible.

Left, Kathleen Tiegs, Special Districts Board Member & ACWA Vice-President presenting.

ASSOCIATIONS

Member, Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (Elected), Past President, & currently Vice-President, 1991 originally appointed, and first woman on the board

Member, Executive Committee ACWA/JPIA

Chair, JPIA Liability Program Committee

Director, ACWA/Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Voting Member, Association of the San Bernardino County Special Districts

Over the 25 + Years, Experience in the Water Industry includes:

Past Member, (CWA) California Women for Agriculture

Past Member, ACWA Water Management Committee

Past Member, ACWA State Legislative Committee

Chair & Vice-Chair, JPIA Property & Workers Compensation Programs

Member, Board of Directors ACWA, Region 9 Chair

Chair, Water Management Certification Subcommittee

Chair, California Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region
8 Years of service, Gubernatorial Appointment

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Southwest Lift & Equipment, Inc. (Heavy Duty Vehicle Lifts)
Broker/Associate, Century 21 Lois Lauer Realty

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & LICENSES

Redlands Association of Realtors
California Real Estate Broker's License
Arizona Real Estate Broker's License

ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES

Highland Chamber of Commerce
San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce
Immanuel Baptist Church Highland, CA
BSF International

EDUCATION

San Gorgonio High School, 1976
Western Real Estate School, 1989
Graduate, Special Districts Board Management Institute, 1997

**ACTION ITEM**

March 15, 2017

TO: Board of Directors**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Dick, Tamaribuchi and Yoo Schneider)Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON D.C. TO COVER FEDERAL INITIATIVES**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file the report.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

For the second quarter (Oct.-Dec. 2016) of fiscal year 2016-2017, one trip was taken.

The following is budgeted for fiscal year 2016/2017 for **staff**:

Washington Legislative Travel - \$11,000

- Total cost for this quarter: \$3,000

The following is budgeted for fiscal year 2016/2017 for **directors**:

Washington Legislative Travel - \$11,000

Budgeted (Y/N): Yes	Budgeted amount: Washington Legislative Advocacy - \$11,000/each for staff and directors.	Core <u>X</u>	Choice <u> </u>
Action item amount: n/a		Line item:	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted): Within projected budget			

- Total cost for this quarter: \$1500

Projecting out for the 3rd Quarter of fiscal year 2016/2017

- January 11-13 – Director Barbre + 1 staff, \$2,500 estimated total costs
- February 28-March 2 – Directors Tambaribuchi, Thomas & Barbre + 2 staff (a portion of this trip is budgeted under the ACWA DC conference cost section)

This advocacy trip focused on the importance of the CA WaterFix (federal permits and funding), benefits California has received due to the passage of S.612, the drought bill, promoting the upcoming DC luncheon, and visits to representative offices to discuss long term conservation and tax parity water rebate issues (turf removal program, et al).

**ACTION ITEM**

March 15, 2017

TO: Board of Directors**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Dick, Tamaribuchi and Yoo Schneider)Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO SACRAMENTO TO COVER STATE INITIATIVES**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file the report.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

For the second quarter (Oct.-Dec. 2016) of fiscal year 2016-2017, one trip was taken.

- December 1 – Director Barbre

The following is budgeted for fiscal year 2016/2017 for **staff**:

Sacramento Legislative Travel - \$9,500

- Total cost for this quarter: \$0

Budgeted (Y/N): Yes	Budgeted amount: Sacramento Legislative Advocacy - \$9,500/staff; \$4,000/directors.	Core <u>X</u>	Choice ____
Action item amount: n/a		Line item:	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted): Within projected budget			

The following is budgeted for fiscal year 2016/2017 for **directors**:

Sacramento Legislative Travel - \$4,000

- Total cost for this quarter: \$500

The purpose of this trip was to attend the California Public Utilities Commission hearing and testify in support of the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement project to improve safety and reliability for South Orange County customers in SDG&E's service area.

Projecting out for the 3rd Quarter of fiscal year 2016/2017

- Upcoming trips:

January 17-18 – Heather Baez

February 8 & 10 – Heather Baez & Joe Berg

March 3 – Heather Baez

March 24 – Heather Baez

The purpose of these trips are to meet with members of the delegation, attend the ACWA State Legislative Committee meetings and State Water Resources Control Board meetings.

**ACTION ITEM**

March 15, 2017

TO: Board of Directors**FROM:** **Public Affairs Legislative Committee**
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick, and Yoo Schneider)Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: H.R. 23 (Valadao, R-CA) – Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of Directors take a support position on H.R. 23 and send a letter to the bill's author and members of the Orange County Congressional delegation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

BACKGROUND

The 115th Congress was sworn in and returned to work on January 3, 2017. Wasting no time, Congressman David Valadao (R-CA, 21st) introduced H.R. 23, the "Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017" or GROW Act, that same day. The 125-page measure is broken down into the following sections:

- Central Valley Project Reliability
- CALFED Storage Feasibility Studies
- Water Rights Protections
- Miscellaneous
- Water Supply Permitting Act
- Bureau of Reclamation Project Streamlining
- Accelerated Revenue, Repayment, and Surface Water Storage Enhancement
- Safety of Dams

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

- Water Rights Protections

This measure is very similar to H.R. 2898 - "The Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015" introduced by Congressman Valadao in the summer of 2015. It was approved by the House by a vote of 245-176, however it was not taken up in the Senate, nor conferred with a Senate Bill. Sections of this bill were included in S. 612, the WRDA/WIIN, California Drought bill.

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT

According to the author, "This Western drought has had devastating consequences on my constituents in California's Central Valley; our economy is stagnant and parents are struggling to provide for their children. Now, the entire country feels the consequences of this drought." He continued, "While we were able to implement temporary provisions in the 114th Congress, a complete and long term agreement is still needed. My bill, the GROW Act will enact policies to expand our water infrastructure and allow for more water conveyance while protecting the water rights of users across the state."

H.R. 23 is designed to streamline the dam approval process by putting the federal Bureau of Reclamation in charge of coordinating local, state and federal permitting of new dams. In addition, the measure also places deadlines to finish feasibility studies on proposals for the Sites Dam along the Sacramento River, and the Temperance Flat Dam along the San Joaquin River.

This Board supported H.R. 2898 (Valadao) in 2015 and S. 612 which was signed into law by President Obama on December 16, 2016.

ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION

The more controversial portions of this bill that were removed from S.612 are contained in H.R. 23 such as: erasing the Bureau of Land Management finding that the San Joaquin River canyon to be dammed by Temperance Flat is eligible for federal Wild and Scenic River status and amending the Endangered Species Act to free up water supply.

There may not be the political will to move another California drought bill after the tremendous negotiations that took place to get S.612 passed and after a very wet winter so far.

COMMENTS

Co-authors so far include:

Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-22]
 Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-48]
 Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]
 Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]
 Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]
 Rep. Walters, Mimi [R-CA-45]

Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]
Rep. Knight, Stephen [R-CA-25]
Rep. McCarthy, Kevin [R-CA-23]
Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]

Full text of the bill can be found by clicking [here](#).



INFORMATION ITEM

February 21, 2017

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Public Affairs Legislative Committee**
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick, Yoo Schneider)

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Jonathan Volzke/Laura Loewen

SUBJECT: Education Report

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file report.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

DETAILED REPORT

Staff from Inside the Outdoors have completed the “first visit” “What About Water” high school program in 9 of the selected schools so far. A new component has been added to the first visit this year. Staff from the supporting agency is invited to attend the school visit to give the students a brief introduction on the water agency and career opportunities in the water world. To date, staff and elected officials from the City of Anaheim, East Orange County Water District, Golden State, Moulton Niguel Water District, Santa Margarita Water District, South Coast Water District and Mesa Water District have attended the program at their respective high school. MWDOC staff has also supported the member agencies’ staff at these visits.

In addition, Inside the Outdoors staff have completed the “second visit” program in seven of selected schools so far. The format of this visit is to educate the students on the California WaterFix, and then the students debate the key issues on the WaterFix. To date, staff from the City of Anaheim, the City of Huntington Beach, Mesa Water District, and Moulton Niguel Water District have attended these visits.

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

In addition, MWDOC hosted the second Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge Clinic on February 11, 2017 at the Orange County Water District. Fifty-seven Scouts from throughout the county attended and earned their Merit Badge. Orange County Water District and Moulton Niguel Water District provided staffing as merit badge counselors. Roy Herndon, Chief Hydrogeologist with the Orange County Water District, gave the Scouts a presentation covering the instructional portion of the merit badge requirements before the Scouts toured the Groundwater Replenishment System.

OCWD Director Cathy Green attended the event, as did Huntington Beach Councilman (and Scout volunteer) Patrick Brenden.

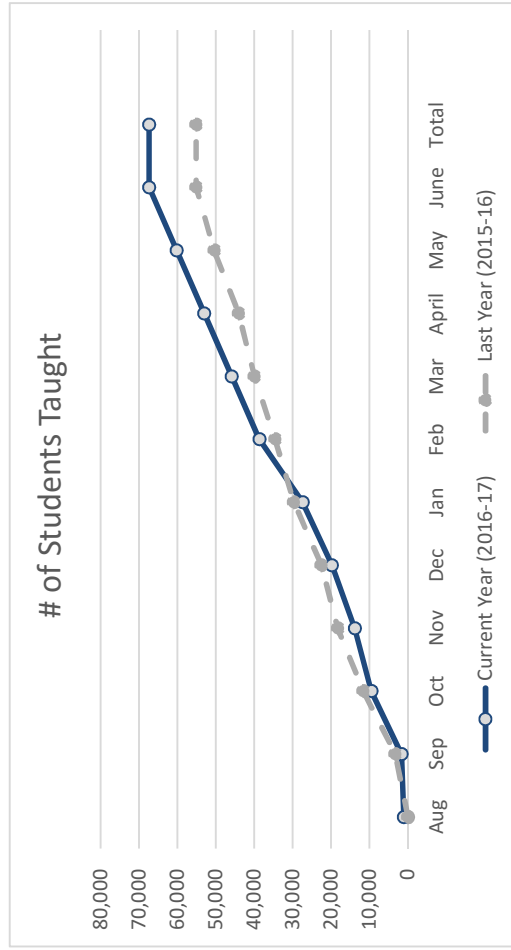
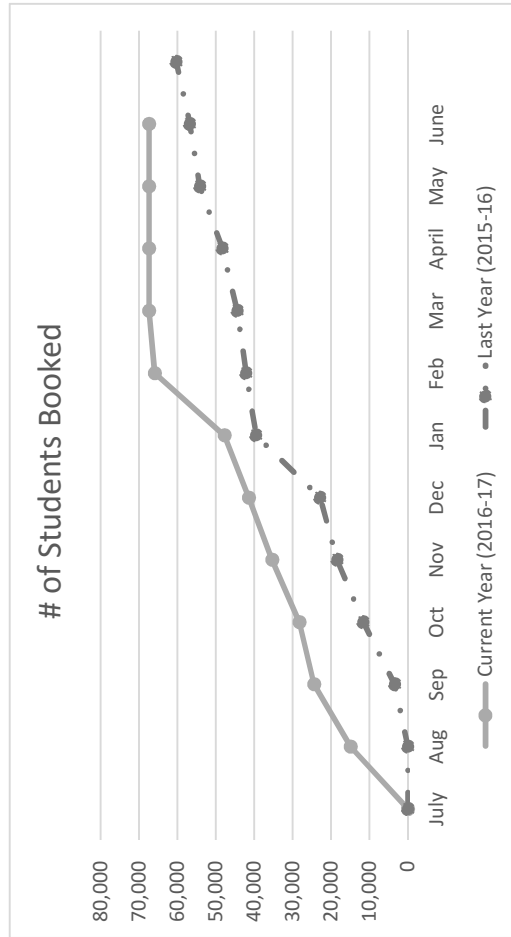
The future clinic scheduled are:

- April 1, 2017 at Irvine Ranch Water District
- August 26, 2017 at Santa Margarita Water District

We are also working to schedule a fifth clinic.

2016-17 Water Education School Program

# of Students Booked	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Target
	0	0	3,446	11,640	18,417	22,873	39,556	42,137	44,405	48,304	54,149	56,782	60,274
Current Year (2016-17)	0	14,904	24,401	28,237	35,348	41,436	47,748	65,929	67,361	67,361	67,361	67,361	67,361
# of Students Taught	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total
	0	0	3,304	11,641	18,247	22,534	29,725	34,583	39,950	44,063	50,397	55,122	55,122
Current Year (2016-17)	0	1,080	1,681	9,521	13,856	19,810	27,441	38,690	45,858	53,026	60,194	67,361	67,361



Elementary Schools Assemblies - March

Agency	School Name	Presentation Date
Fountain Valley, City of	Courreges (Roch) Elementary School	3/1/2017, 3/8/2017
Huntington Beach, City of	Saints Simon and Jude Elementary School	3/2/2017
Santa Ana, City of	Hazard Elementary School	3/6/2017
Anaheim, City of	Mann Elementary School	3/7/2017, 3/8/2017
Huntington Beach, City of	Hawes (Ralph E) Elementary School	3/8/2017
Tustin, City of	Veeh (Marjorie) Elementary School	3/9/2017
Yorba Linda Water District	Bryant Ranch Elementary School	3/9/2017
Orange, City of	West Orange Elementary School	3/9/2017
Moulton Niguel	Bergeson Elementary School	3/17/2017
Santa Margarita	Ladera Ranch Elementary School	3/17/2017
Santa Margarita	Reilly (Philip J) Elementary School	3/17/2017
Anaheim, City of	Maxwell (Mattie Lou) Elementary School	3/21/2017
Tustin, City of	Saint Cecilia Elementary School	3/21/2017
Fullerton, City of	Pacific Drive Elementary School	3/22/2017
Santa Margarita	Tijeras Creek Elementary School	3/23/2017
Moulton Niguel	Malcom Elementary	3/29/2017
Orange, City of	West Orange Elementary School	3/29/2017
San Juan Capistrano, City of	Del Obispo Elementary School	3/31/2017
Santa Ana, City of	Lincoln Elementary	3/31/2017

Quarterly Report
January 2017



What About Water? - Inside the Outdoors School Visits									
Year 2 - 2016/2017									
Agency	High School	1st Visit - student	1st Visit Enrollment	2nd Visit - student	2nd Visit Enrollment	School Expo	Expo School Enrollment	Total Students	Notes
Anaheim	Anaheim High School	1/9/17	57	2/6/17		3/8/17			Confirmed
City of Brea	Brea Olinda High School	5/15/17		5/22/17		6/6/17			Confirmed
City of Buena Park	Buena Park High School								Dates have been sent, waiting for confirmation, Ag. Teachers
City of Fountain Valley	Harbor Learning Center	3/16/17		5/4/17					Confirmed
City of Huntington Beach	Talbert Middle School	1/11/17	241	2/17/17		4/7/17			Confirmed
City of San Clemente	San Clemente High School	4/10/17		4/25/17		5/3/17			Confirmed
City of San Juan Capistrano	San Juan Hills High School								Jonathan working with teacher
City of Tustin	Columbus Middle School	12/9/16	187	1/13/17	130	tbd			Confirmed
East Orange WD	Tustin High School								Foothill High teacher assisting
East Orange WD	Foothill High School	12/12/16	50	2/9/17		4/5/17			Confirmed
El Toro	El Toro High School	2/24/17		3/17/17		4/6/17			Confirmed
El Toro	Los Alisos Junior High								New administration, Sherri is assisting
Garden Grove	Pacifica High School								Waiting on teacher referral
Golden State	Valencia High School	2/2/17		2/14/17		2/28/17			Confirmed
Golden State	Los Alamitos High School	1/31/17	29	3/22/17		tbd			Expos will be scheduled with their STEM fair
Mesa Water	Costa Mesa High School	11/9/16	53	11/18 & 1/25	72	4/24/17			Confirmed
Moulton Niguel	Aliso Niguel High School								Capo Valley teacher assisting
Moulton Niguel	Laguna Hills High School	2/21/17		2/28/17		tbd			Confirmed
Moulton Niguel	Capistrano Valley High School	2/27/17		3/20/17		4/17/17			Confirmed
Moulton Niguel /Santa Margarita WD	Mission Viejo High School	1/18/17	69	2/1/17		tbd			Confirmed
Santa Ana	Rio Contiguo School								Working with Principal for dates
Santa Margarita WD	Tesoro High School	4/18/17		5/2/17		5/16/17			Confirmed
South Coast WD	Dana Hills High School	12/1/16	66	3/27/17		tbd			Confirmed
Total			752		202		0	0	
Teacher Workshops	MET @ OCDE	12/10/16						Total	
		22						22	
Student Summits	Possible, need to confirm	4/15/17						Total	
								0	
tbd = verbal confirmation, pending calendar dates									



INFORMATION ITEM

February 21, 2017

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Public Affairs Legislative Committee**
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick, Yoo Schneider)

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Jonathan Volzke

SUBJECT: **Update on Water Policy Dinner (March 30, 2017)**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file report and provide input on alternative events.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

DETAILED REPORT

The next MWDOC Water Policy Dinner is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. March 30 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Garden Grove.

Jeff Kightlinger, general manager for The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MET), is the scheduled speaker, and is expected to discuss the California WaterFix, MET's potential water recycling project and state water-use regulations, among others.

A "Save the Date" was sent to the MWDOC database on February 3. A full invitation was sent the week of February 13.

Staff looks forward to hosting MWDOC's first event at the Great Wolf Lodge, which is not only in MWDOC's service area, but is working with staff to ensure a high-quality event.

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



INFORMATION ITEM

February 21, 2017

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Public Affairs Legislative Committee**
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick, and Yoo Schneider)

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Jonathan Volzke

SUBJECT: **Update on 2017 OC Water Summit (June 16, 2017)**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file report.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

DETAILED REPORT

Former LA Department of Water and Power General Manager Marcie Edwards will sit on a panel about leadership in the water industry during the 2017 OC Water Summit, which will be held at the Grand Californian at the Disney Resort on June 16, 2017.

The theme of the event is "Finding Water," playing off the "Finding Nemo" Disney film.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California General Manager and Chief Executive Officer Jeff Kightlinger has also confirmed his participation. Mr. Kightlinger will sit on a panel about the State Water Project.

Ms. Edwards and Mr. Kightlinger will join other confirmed speakers:

- Fritz Coleman, NBC4 Weathercaster (emcee)
- David Sedlak, Malozemoff Professor at UC Berkeley, Co-director of Berkeley Water Center (panelist – water management)

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Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

- David Stoldt, GM of Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (panelist – desal)
- Helene Schneider, Mayor of Santa Barbara (panelist – desal)

Staff is beginning to reach out to sponsors to underwrite the cost of the Summit. The preliminary budget for the 2017 event is \$75,950. The 2016 actuals were \$68,193. The committee intends to underwrite the entire cost of the event through sponsorships.

President Osborne and Director Thomas have represented MWDOC at monthly Summit planning meetings with directors and staff at OCWD, which is the lead agency for the 2017 event. The next subcommittee meeting is at 8:30 a.m. on February 27.

Attachments:

2017 OC Water Summit Program (draft)

2017 OC Water Summit Budget (draft)



10th Annual OC Water Summit ***Finding Water***

Friday, June 16, 2017

7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Grand Californian Hotel, Disneyland Resort
Anaheim, California

PROGRAM*

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.

Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance and Introduction of Emcee

- Stephen R. Sheldon, Director, Orange County Water District (Confirmed)
- Jeffery M. Thomas, Director, Municipal Water District of Orange County (Confirmed)

8:10 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.

Session 1: On the Waterfront

What are the current water conditions of Orange County and California? When the drought is over will the water industry reinvent how it manages water or will it just fall back into the same old routine?

Master of Ceremonies: Fritz Coleman, Weathercaster, NBC4 (Confirmed)

- David Sedlak, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley; Author of “Water 4.0: The Past, Present, and Future of the World’s Most Vital Resource” (Confirmed)

8:40 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

Session 2: Mine! Mine! Mine!

Improving statewide water supply reliability, while protecting and restoring a healthy ecosystem in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta at the same time – realistic or a pipedream?

Moderator: TBD

- The Honorable Aja Brown, Mayor of Compton and Member of the Delta Stewardship Council (Invited)
- Jeffrey Kightlinger, General Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Confirmed)
- Representative(s) from California Fishing or Farming Industries (TBD)

9:20 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

Break

9:35 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Session 3: Under the Sea

With nearly 900 miles of coastline, why aren't more California communities tapping into the sea as a reliable water source? Hear about a community who built a desalination plant, mothballed it and then decided to bring it back online, as well as from two agencies trying to get desalination plants built in their communities.

Moderator: TBD

- The Honorable Helene Schneider, City of Santa Barbara (Confirmed)
- David J. Stoldt, P.E., General Manager, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (Confirmed)
- Representative from West Basin Municipal Water District (Invited)

10:15 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Session 4: The One That Almost Got Away

Flood control measures put in place decades ago changed the landscape of the Los Angeles and Santa Ana rivers and also allowed for precious stormwater to be lost to the ocean. Learn about communities working collaboratively with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to increase stormwater capture and revitalize local rivers.

Moderator: TBD

- Colonel Kirk E. Gibbs Commander, Los Angeles District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Confirmed)
- Frank Gehry, World-renowned Architect, Gehry Partners, LLP (Invited)
- The Honorable J. Luis Correa, U.S. House of Representatives, 46th District (Invited)

11:10 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Session 5: Casting a Wider Net

We cannot rely on Mother Nature to meet current or future water demands. Agencies must cast a wider net and, if feasible, make water reuse part of their portfolios. There are still obstacles that are delaying projects from moving forward more quickly. Three water leaders, that have been instrumental in changing the tide, will share their insights to getting the job done.

- Marcie Edwards, Former General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the City of Anaheim (Invited)
- Debra Man, Chief Operating Officer, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Invited)
- Jennifer West, Managing Director, WateReuse California (Invited)

11:45 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

Break

12:05 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.

Lunch and Session 6: TBD

1:25 p.m.

Closing Remarks

**Program Subject to Change*

2017 O.C. Water Summit Budget	2016 Actuals	2017 Projection	2017 Actuals
Income:			
Registration:			
Individual tickets (\$130 before 6/2; \$80 student rate)	\$ 13,780.00	\$ 17,000.00	
\$150 after 6/2	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Total Registration:	\$ 16,930.00	\$ 20,000.00	
Sponsorships:			
Title	\$ -	\$ -	
Luncheon	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Program Sponsor	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
OC Cities Sponsor	\$ -	N/A	N/A
Session Sponsor (\$2,500 each; 5 sessions)	\$ -	\$ -	
Associate Sponsor (\$2000 each)	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	
Table Sponsor (\$1,600 each)	\$ 27,200.00	\$ 22,400.00	
Breakfast (\$1,000 each)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Supporter/Other	\$ -	\$ -	
Carry-Over Sponsorship from 2016	\$ -	\$ 5,073.69	
Total Sponsorships:	\$ 57,700.00	\$ 55,973.69	
Total Income:	\$ 74,630.00	\$ 75,973.69	
Expenses:			
Food & Beverage (Total banquets and catering including gratuity and taxes)	\$ 36,076.52	\$ 35,000.00	
Hotel Parking (including taxes)	\$ 2,196.00	\$ 2,500.00	
Audio Visual Service, Equipment Rental and Editing	\$ 19,529.00	\$ 18,000.00	
AV - Load in and out fee hotel	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
AV - Equipment and personal truck parking	\$ 113.00	\$ 100.00	
AV Team- Hotel rooms	\$ 565.08	(incl. in hotel)	
Printing & Postage (Minimal and In-house)	\$ 193.81	\$ 300.00	
PayPal/ Registration Fees	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	
Speaker travel & other fees	\$ 4,556.48	\$ 8,000.00	
Speaker/staff hotel rooms	(incl. in hotel)	\$ 6,400.00	
Speaker gifts	\$ 416.00	\$ 100.00	
Programs, Envelopes & Insert Papers	\$ 2,192.40	\$ 3,000.00	
Name Tag Inserts, Badge Holders, & Meal Ticket Stock	\$ 373.57	\$ 150.00	
Radios	\$ 194.40	\$ 200.00	

Centerpiece stands	\$ 787.50	\$ -	\$ -
Signs	\$ 712.80	\$ 500.00	
Step and Repeat	\$ 383.40	\$ -	\$ -
Rope and carpet rental	\$ 77.87	\$ -	\$ -
Shutterstock piece graphic elements	\$ 29.00	\$ -	
Emergency/Misc/Supplies	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
Total Expenses:	\$ 68,193.33	\$ 75,950.00	

In Kind Services			Provided by:
Buses	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	Anaheim
Centerpieces	\$ 211.88	\$ 4,000.00	Disney
Stage décor	\$ 791.10	\$ 5,000.00	Disney
Room décor	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	Disney
Graphics - STD, sponsorship brochure, signage, program, website, invite, table signage	<i>in house</i>	priceless	Disney
Advertising (each Chamber reaches several thousand members)	\$ 10.00	priceless	Chambers
Podium	\$ 350.00	\$ 250.00	Disney
Total In Kind Services	\$ 1,362.98	\$ 12,750.00	

**INFORMATION ITEM**

February 21, 2017

TO: Board of Directors**FROM:** **Public Affairs Legislative Committee**
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick, and Yoo-Schneider)Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: OC LAFCO UPDATE**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

The following notes from the February 8, 2017 meeting were provided by MWDOC's local advocate, John Lewis:

The February 8, 2017 LAFCO meeting was called to order with a quorum present and all 7 voting members in attendance.

The consent calendar was passed unanimously which included item 7B, proposed LAFCO fees. LAFCO will conduct a public hearing prior to final adoption of the fee schedule.

The majority of the hearing's time was spent on its consideration of item 9A - Proposed amendments to the LAFCO Guidelines and Policy. This matter had first been discussed at the November 9 meeting, again at the January 11 meeting and was brought back at the February 8 meeting for possible final disposition.

Budgeted (Y/N): n/a	Budgeted amount:	Core X	Choice
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Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

Again, Mesa Water and East Orange County Water District sought additional time to try to negotiate further changes. This time the Commission balked at granting further extensions.

The original proposal contained a controversial requirement mandating a petition signed by 25% of the residents within the jurisdiction of an agency seeking a non-LAFCO initiated proposal. The requirement was changed to registered voters and finally to a petition signed by a “substantial” number of registered voters. It now includes this petition as just one of several methods of demonstrating community support, others includes community workshops, public surveys or other presented evidence of community or agency support. Some additional amendments included the allowance of LAFCO to provide sequencing of requested applications as they see fit and a requirement that oral requests for public records be coupled with a concurrent recordation by staff. Allowances for oral requests were a change granted at the specific request of Mesa Water.

During Commission discussions LAFCO counsel reiterated its belief that LAFCO has the legal authority to approve, deny or modify proposals.

In an attempt to make new guidelines appear less onerous, Commissioner Spitzer stated “we can always waive requirements”. He further stated the policies are guidelines and can be adjusted for flexibility.

Prior to the vote and responding affirmatively to district’s concerns, Commissioner Withers suggested that the motion should be adopted but also referred to a special district advisory committee. The Commission did not accept that proposal but instead voted to simply pass the item on a 6-1 vote, with commissioner Withers voting no.

The other item of note 9B, was consideration of affirmatively responding to a request to participate in a leadership symposium principally sponsored by the Association of California Cities - Orange County. During discussion concerns were raised regarding cost - \$1,665 per participant, possible duplication of other leadership efforts and concerns about curriculum from “professional facilitators”. The consensus of the Commission was to not participate and a vote was not registered.

Executive Director Carolyn Emory announced that LAFCO will conduct outreach to the Orange County Legislative delegation. Also, a new County Redevelopment board is being established and LAFCO will reach out to ISDOC for selection of a Special District representative. Lastly, the annual LAFCO Strategic Planning Session, which is a public meeting, will be held at the Santa Ana Police Community Room from 9:00A - 1:00P on Friday, March 31, 2017.

**Public Affairs Activities Report
January 11, 2016 – February 8, 2017**

Member Agency Relations	<p>The Public Affairs group organized, hosted and attended a Public Affairs Workgroup meeting (PAW) for MWDOC member agencies.</p> <p>Jonathan, Laura and Joe assisted Rob in preparing a presentation on Choice programs for Serrano Water District.</p> <p>Tiffany and Bryce conducted a walk-through of the Discovery Cube for the 2017 Water Awareness Awards Ceremony.</p> <p>Jonathan attended a Water Use Efficiency meeting on February 2, giving an update on PA activities and the planned MWDOC resolution on the drought.</p> <p>Jonathan and Ivan worked on a WaterFix support tool kit and shared it with strategic agencies and developed a tracking tool on which agencies are taking action on the project.</p> <p>Heather attended SMWD's Rate Restructuring Community meeting in Rancho Santa Margarita.</p>
Community Relations	<p>Ivan and Jonathan attended the Westminster Tet Parade on February 4; Ivan appeared in the parade as Ricki the Rambunctious Raindrop.</p> <p>Jonathan gave a presentation on the MWDOC drought resolution and California WaterFix to the South Fullerton Rotary on January 7.</p> <p>Jonathan and Heather attended the South Orange County Economic Coalition meeting "Meet the City Managers" at OCAR on January 27.</p> <p>Jonathan attended the ACC-OC new leaders event on February 2.</p> <p>Heather attended the Southern California Water Committee Quarterly Luncheon featuring guest speaker, Wade Crowfoot, new director of the California Water Foundation at IEUA.</p>

Education	<p>Jonathan and Laura met with Inside the Outdoors staff to discuss a county-wide water education program, and get an update on the What About Water program.</p> <p>Jonathan and Laura met with Discovery Science Center staff to get an update on the elementary school program.</p> <p>Laura attended a 1st high school visit at Mission Viejo High School with MNWD staff and SMWD staff.</p> <p>Laura attended the MET Education Coordinators meeting.</p> <p>Laura attended a 1st high school visit at Los Alamitos High School with Ken Vecchiarelli, GSWC.</p> <p>Jonathan and Laura met with OCWD staff to coordinate the Boy Scout Merit Badge clinic on February 11 at OCWD.</p> <p>Laura managed the Boy Scout Merit Badge clinics' registration list.</p> <p>Ivan, Jonathan and Laura worked with OCWD on the second Boy Scout merit badge clinic on February 11. More than 80 Scouts were registered.</p> <p>Laura attended a 2nd high school visit at Anaheim High School with Anaheim Public Utilities staff.</p> <p>Jonathan met with Ocean Institute staff to discuss potential education programs and other efforts.</p>
Media Relations	<p>Bryce prepared and launched a social media ad for Water Use Efficiency. The advertisement highlighted the return of Turf Removal and Drip rebates; created at the behest of Beth Fahl.</p> <p>Jonathan wrote a news release on MWDOC board leadership selection. The release was posted to MWDOC website and ACWA.</p> <p>Jonathan wrote news release about MWDOC's emergency drought declaration. It was posted to MWDOC website and ACWA and distributed to media.</p> <p>Damon and Jonathan worked with reporters from KABC, KNBC, KTLA, KNX, KFI and KSBR to facilitate interviews, as well as from the OC Register.</p>

	Jonathan posted an average of daily to the MWDOC Facebook page and sent Tweets when appropriate.
Special Projects	<p>Laura attended an OC Garden Friendly Sub-Committee Meeting to coordinate the upcoming events.</p> <p>Bryce prepared a wine label for the retirement of Bill Steele, Bureau of Reclamation, which was presented to Mr. Steele by Karl Seckel.</p> <p>Tiffany and Bryce are currently working on itineraries, trip logistics, guest and Director requirements for the following inspection trips:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. February 24-26, Director Barbre & Director Beard-Fullerton, SWP 2. March 5-6, Tunnel trip 3. April 7-9, Director Barbre, CRA/Hoover 4. May 5, Director McKenney, Diamond Valley Lake <p>Bryce accompanied Director McKenney on an inspection trip of the Colorado River, January 20-21.</p> <p>Bryce and Damon accompanied Director Barbre on an inspection trip of Southern California infrastructure, February 3.</p> <p>Tiffany participated in a GoTo Webinar hosted by Metropolitan summarizing its 2016 (annual) Attitudes and Awareness survey results.</p> <p>Jonathan wrote a resolution for Frances Spivy-Weber's retirement from the SWRCB.</p> <p>Tiffany participated in a GoTo Webinar hosted by Metropolitan and Quigley Simpson, to discuss Metropolitan's summer campaign and specifically outdoor advertising methods and strategies.</p> <p>Tiffany and Bryce updated several pages on the website.</p> <p>Tiffany and Bryce participated on a conference call with LA Design Studio to discuss wireframe recommendations and navigation structure for the new website.</p>

	<p>Jonathan attended a retirement event for Frances Spivy-Weber on February 9.</p> <p>Tiffany coordinated a conference call with the Water Use Efficiency team and LA Design Studio to review department specific website items and webpage direction.</p> <p>Tiffany and Bryce finalized a MWDOC entryway design concept. Bryce has requested, and is awaiting quotes from 5 potential vendors.</p> <p>Jonathan and Tiffany attended a Met PIO meeting. Jonathan gave a presentation to the group on the MWDOC Boy Scouts merit badge program.</p> <p>Tiffany updated the California WaterFix briefing paper.</p> <p>Tiffany is in the process of updating the Water Reliability Study briefing paper (2 versions).</p> <p>Damon and Tiffany prepared a California WaterFix 101 presentation.</p> <p>The Public Affairs team is in the process of preparing a Water Policy Dinner featuring keynote speaker Jeff Kightlinger, GM, Metropolitan. Tiffany is working with the hotel on event logistics, has prepared a preliminary budget and is preparing timelines and staff assignments. Damon has confirmed speaker items and obtained the speaker photo and bio. Collectively, the team worked together to prepare registration forms and send a Save the Date and several other invitations targeting specific groups.</p> <p>The Public Affairs team implemented the 2017 Water Awareness Poster Contest and is preparing for the awards ceremony, which will be held at the Discovery science center.</p> <p>Laura and Orange County REALTORS staff coordinated the printing and distribution of 89,000 water conservation door hangers to realtors in Orange County.</p> <p>Laura met with Director Fisler and Paul Shoenberger to discuss upcoming ISDOC items.</p> <p>Laura met with Sandra Jacobs to discuss 2017 ISDOC programs.</p>
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	<p>Heather and Laura staffed the ISDOC executive committee meeting and a special ISDOC executive committee workshop.</p> <p>Heather and Laura coordinated the program, sent out the invitations, and managed the registration for the January ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon. They also staffed the event, along with Ivan.</p> <p>Laura attended the NPDES Sub-Committee Meeting, where she gave a presentation on our education program.</p> <p>Heather staffed the February WACO meeting featuring Eric Saperstein who gave an update on happenings in Washington D.C.</p> <p>Heather and Bryce attended a planning meeting at IEUA to go over details for the upcoming Water Issues Briefing Luncheon in Washington D.C. on March 1st.</p>
Legislative Affairs	<p>Heather and Director Barbre traveled to Washington D.C. to meet with member of the delegation and other key staff to discuss the importance of the recently passed federal drought legislation, tax exemption for water rebates, deliver invites for our upcoming water issues luncheon on March 1, and encourage support for the CA WaterFix. They met with the following offices:</p> <p>Congressman Lou Correa Jessica Roxburgh, Congressman Dana Rohrabacher Robert Reische, Congressman Darrell Issa Alexander Less, Congresswoman Mimi Walters House Committee on Natural Resources, staff consultants Rachel Gentile, Congressman Alan Lowenthal Senator Kamala Harris, new staff</p> <p>They met with Brad Hiltcher from MET and lobbyists representing our luncheon partner agencies to prepare for the upcoming luncheon.</p> <p>Heather traveled to Sacramento to meet with new members of the state delegation and other key members to introduce them to MWDOC, discuss the importance of the CA WaterFix, and other issues that may be coming up this legislative year. She met with the following people:</p> <p>Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva and Chief of Staff John Scribner Senator Josh Newman Assemblyman Tom Daly and Chief of Staff, Rodney Wilson</p>

	<p>Assemblyman Matt Harper and Legislative Director Maddie Cooper Senator John Moorlach and Chief of Staff David Mansdoerfer</p> <p>Heather met with Christine Compton of IRWD and Jessica Witt of the County CEO's office to discuss issues we are facing working with Orange County Public Works Department and the Flood Control District's utility license fee proposal.</p> <p>Heather worked on and finalized a letter to Governor Brown asking him to end the "state of emergency" regulation regarding the drought.</p> <p>Heather participated on the CSDA Legislative Committee and Public Works Coalition conference calls.</p> <p>Heather participated in the MET member agencies legislative coordinators conference call.</p> <p>Heather participated in the Southern California Water Committee Legislative Task Force conference call.</p> <p>Heather and Joe attended the State Water Resources Control Board meeting in Sacramento where they voted to extend the emergency drought regulations another 270 days.</p>
Water Summit	<p>Damon, Tiffany, Jonathan and Director Osborne participated in a Water Summit committee meeting with Orange County Water District representatives. Items discussed included program structure and speakers, sponsorships and budget.</p>