

MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
Jointly with the  
**PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**  
December 19, 2016, 8:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 101

Teleconference Site:  
Club Cascades de Baja  
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Vacant

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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)
- 2. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER ISSUES CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BRIEFING LUNCHEON (DC) (MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>)

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 3. AWARD CONTRACT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY SERVICES
- 4. EXTENSION OF STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH BEST, BEST & KRIEGER
- 5. EXTENSION OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH JAMES BARKER
- 6. AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT FOR WEBSITE REDESIGN
- 7. MWDOC LEGISLATIVE POLICY PRINCIPLES ANNUAL UPDATE

**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.)

- 8. SCHOOL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION REPORT
  - a. Elementary
  - b. High School
- 9. UPDATE ON POTENTIAL SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO UTILITIES CONSOLIDATION
- 10. UPDATE ON WATER POLICY DINNER (JANUARY 26, 2017)
- 11. UPDATE ON WATER SUMMIT (JUNE 16, 2017)
- 12. PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES REPORT

**OTHER ITEMS**

- 13. 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  
December 12, 2016*

***California Drought Relief Language Passes the U.S. Congress***

After five years of intense legislative activity, long overdue changes to California water law were accomplished in Congress on the last day of session on the early morning hours of December 10, 2016. The legislation (S. 612) passed by a vote of 78-21.

The 93-page California provisions were contained in the 2016 800-page version of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA or WIIN Bill) and these provisions will change federal policies that began in the early 1990's with the reformulation of the Central Valley Project at that time.

The legislation will provide more water to farmers and southern California, will make dam construction easier, will reauthorize and provide authorizations for desalination programs and recycling projects.

Led by Congressman Kevin McCarthy, the House Majority Leader, along with several key GOP House Members, this group was able to craft a compromise with Senator Diane Feinstein on drought relief language. Here is a summary of the nearly 100 page section of the WRDA bill dealing with the drought:

**The California Drought & Water Supply Provisions of the 2016 WRDA or WIIN Bill**

**Water Supplies:**

- Directs the Federal agencies (Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Marine Fisheries Service) to pump water at the high end of the Delta smelt and salmonid biological opinions (i.e. -5,000 cfs OMR). This is within current law and regulation. Only under certain conditions and if

listed species are adversely impacted can pumping be reduced.

- Authorizes the Federal agencies to increase pumping to rates more negative than -5,000 cfs OMR under certain conditions to capture water from storm events provided listed species are not adversely impacted.
- Eliminates the water “payback” provision, which typically results in significant pumping reductions after storm events.
- Requires that the Delta Cross Channel Gates remain open as much as possible, consistent with Federal and state law, to allow more fresh water to flow into the central Delta to be pumped south or to reduce salinity.
- Expands the window for water transfers through the Delta to April 1 through November 30, which enables more water to flow from willing sellers in the north of California to willing buyers south-of-the-Delta. This will help reduce capacity limitation issues during certain times of the year.
- Requires the Federal government to consult with local and state public water agencies on the re-consultation of the Delta smelt and salmonid biological opinions, which the Bureau of Reclamation initiated earlier this year.
- Directs the Interior and Commerce Departments, using new science, real-time monitoring, and other information, to maximize water supplies through operational or management measures.

This operations language is estimated to bring an additional 200,000 acre-feet of water on average to the Central Valley and southern California annually. This water could supply the annual needs of about 446,000 households in California.

**Authorizations:**

- Authorizes \$335 million to support development surface water storage projects, such as the five CALFED projects (i.e. Shasta, Sites, Los Vaqueros, Temperance Flat, and San Luis)

- Once built, the CALFED surface water storage projects could provide 1 – 1.5 million acre-feet of additional storage.
- Updates the Federal Water Desalination Act (\$30 million), authorizes a new Title XVI water recycling and reuse grant program (\$50 million), and increases the WaterSMART authorization (\$100 million), which focuses on water conservation, reclamation, efficiency, and recycling projects.

**Other Provisions:**

- Directs the development and use of conservation fish hatcheries for Delta smelt and Chinook salmon to help rebuild listed species populations to minimize pumping reductions.
- Establishes a program in the Stanislaus River to remove predator fish that prey on listed species.
- Establishes a pilot program in the CALFED system to remove predator fish and other invasive species to help protect listed species and preserve the Delta ecosystem.
- Importantly, as noted above, the bill’s funding includes \$335 million for the water storage projects and the bill directs the pumping of more water to farms south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and seeks to ensure that Sacramento Valley farmers receive all of their allocated water.

Senator Barbara Boxer in the final days of her long storied career fought the package and mounted a valiant filibuster against the bill to no avail.

The Bill had previously cleared the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> by a vote of 360-61.

The passage of the legislation comes at an important time as the new Trump Administration takes over the running of the important federal agencies that will be implementing the changes outlined in the legislation.

***The Trump Transition***

Washington is still very much abuzz with the election of President Elect Trump and observers here are watching very closely who he and his team are picking for key

positions in his Administration.

There will be over 4,000 political appointments for the various federal agencies.

In the backdrop of the Trump team hiring 4,000 new employees, you have the Obama Administration and his Democratic appointees blindsided by the Trump victory and they are looking for jobs feverishly all over Washington, DC-- in a town now favoring Republicans.

This Washington Report will prepare more summaries of political appointees in the Trump Administration in the new year as more announcements are made regarding policy makers involved in water issues and with the environment.

At press time, Cathy McMorris Rodgers, 47, who has been the Chair of the House Republican Conference, the No. 4 position in leadership was being mentioned to be the likely Secretary of Interior. She was first elected in 2004 and is the most senior female Republican in Congress.

As background, she is seen as a conservative who's well liked by her colleagues, and McMorris Rogers endorsed Trump in May. She was critical of Trump in the wake of the "Access Hollywood" video, but notably did not rescind her support when other female Republicans did.

McMorris Rodgers grew up working on her family's Oregon farms and orchards. She was the first in her family to graduate college, attending Pensacola Christian College. She received an MBA from the University of Washington.

### ***The Trump Infrastructure Program***

There continues to be significant discussion about a broad infrastructure program to be launched in the coming year — the initial goal of a \$1 Trillion program—but no one here has been able to explain how the program would be paid for. Initially, the discussion was the program could be paid by leveraging \$137 Billion in tax credits through public / private partnership arrangements—similar to various toll road funding plans. Now most observers believe that a broad infrastructure program could be created as a result of a major tax reform effort—with emphasis placed on corporate tax relief. This will all be unfolding in the new year and the infrastructure program has begun to play a back seat to the Health Care Issue.

One of the first things that the Republican Congress will do will be to “Repeal and Replace the Obama Health Care Law”. However as details are emerging about the

Repeal and Replace process—there will likely be a long transition period for the “replacement part” of the plan—some predicting a three-year transition period. There are many unknowns about what the replacement portion of the Trump plan will look like.

***On the Appropriations Front:***

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Congress passed the Continuing Funding Resolution (CR) that will keep the federal government running through the end of April 2017. The funding levels will be at last year’s FY2016 levels—so there are some departments and agencies that feel like they aren’t receiving the “bumps” in their budgets that they were expecting. Those small increases will now most likely begin in May as Congress will pass a final Continuing Resolution for the May through September 30, 2017 period next springtime. The incoming Trump Administration will likely “tweak” many of the accounts (with funding amounts and likely some directive language) for the second half of the fiscal year as it works with Congress to fund the next CR.

• ***Other matters:***

On the IRS fix for the turf removal program, there was no legislation introduced this session to accomplish that. Senator Feinstein had discussed introducing legislation and prepared a draft bill but never introduced the legislation. Senator Feinstein’s office advised us this month that they intend to try and introduce legislation this coming year on this topic. There has also been discussion that this fix could be accomplished through “Administrative action” by the Treasury Department—however the Senate Finance Committee was not familiar with those negotiations. Key Committee Staff have advised MWDOC that the Senate Finance Committee needs an introduced bill in the future in order to properly review any legislation, which might at a later date be packaged as an amendment to a larger bill.

We continue to work on efforts to bring about the release of federal funds for the WRDA Section 5039 Account—which authorizes \$40 Million for water infrastructure in the State of California and have held several meetings in this regard.

***Update on Funding Related Issues for the Municipal Water District of Orange County:***

There are two Funding Scorecards attached to this Report. One is an updated current Scorecard of federal grants available at the present time that works electronically. The other Funding Scorecard is a summary of the most relevant grants that were offered during 2016 and which are likely to be released again in 2017. The purpose of the

second grant is to allow water districts to see what federal grants may be on the horizon based upon last year's grants. In many cases, these competitive grants often, but not always repeat, for the next year.

### Items of General Interest

*The following is a summary of the recently passed 800 page WRDA/WIIN Legislation*

#### ***HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WRDA/WIIN LEGISLATION OF 2016\****

The 2016 WRDA Bill is divided into three broad sections and authorizes funding needed investment in America's ports, channels, locks, dams, and other infrastructure that supports the maritime and waterways transportation system and provides flood protection for communities.

Authorizes Army Corps of Engineers Chief's Reports received since WRRDA 2014; Chief's Reports are the final recommendations to Congress by the Corps' Chief of Engineers for water resources infrastructure investment. These infrastructure improvements have been proposed at the local level, in cooperation and consultation with the Corps, and have national economic and environmental benefits.

Authorizes studies for future water resources improvements and makes modifications to previous

Authorizations. Strengthens process reforms established under WRRDA 2014 for greater local participation in project selection, and empowers non-federal participation in construction and operation and maintenance activities.

Accelerates and broadens reforms for infrastructure project permit processing.

Cuts red tape by requiring timely approvals for non-federal modifications to Corps of Engineers projects.

Keeps American jobs in America by strengthening our competitiveness and ensuring that our transportation system remains attractive to private sector job creators.

Fully offsets new authorizations.

Ensures that authorizations for inactive projects will sunset to prevent future project backlogs.

Reduces the inventory of projects that are not needed for the missions of the Corps.

Saves taxpayers money by shedding excess property no longer needed by the Corps.

Strengthens Oversight, Transparency, and Accountability. Contains no earmarks.

Follows the new transparent process developed in WRRDA 2014 to review and prioritize water resources development activities with strong Congressional oversight. Enhances transparency of the Executive Branch related to Corps projects and permit evaluations, and strengthens Congressional oversight.

Returning to the two-year cycle of considering WRDA legislation ensures proper Congressional oversight of the Army Corps of Engineers and reasserts Congress' roll in addressing the Nation's water infrastructure needs. Maintaining regular order saves money by allowing needed water resources infrastructure improvements and project modifications to move forward, and preventing the unnecessary increases in project costs that occur when authorizations are stalled or delayed.

***TITLE II – WATER AND WASTE ACT OF 2016*** (Otherwise known as the Flint, Michigan related section)

The Water and Waste Act of 2016 makes changes to the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Solid Waste Disposal Act to help communities, particularly economically distressed ones, pursue better quality drinking water and obtain certainty for protecting a community's economic, environmental, and public health well-being.

Improves Safe Drinking Water Infrastructure

Empowers small and economically disadvantaged communities to improve their drinking water services.

Equips communities with programs and activities to reduce concentrations of lead in drinking water, including the replacement of lead service lines.

Empowers states and provides them flexibility to incorporate underserved communities

that have inadequate drinking water systems, and aids smaller, lower-income communities, tribes, and states in water quality testing and general compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act requirements.

Benefits communities by requiring public water systems to notify customers if the utility is exceeding federal drinking water lead action levels, similar to H.R. 4470 which passed the House 416-2.

Creates a voluntary program for testing for lead in school and childcare center drinking water.

Promotes transparency and accountability by creating a clearinghouse of public information on the cost-effectiveness of alternative drinking water delivery systems, including systems that are supported by wells.

Authorizes research on innovative water technologies, including those that identify and mitigate sources of drinking water contamination and improve compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. Addresses Control of Coal Combustion Residuals.

Provides for the establishment of state and EPA permit programs for coal combustion residuals (coal ash). Provides flexibility for states to incorporate the EPA final rule for coal combustion residuals or develop other criteria that are at least as protective as the final rule.

Requires EPA to approve state permit programs within 180 days of a state submitting a program for approval.

### **TITLE III (This Title includes the California Drought Section) \*\***

Provisions in the Natural Resources title address outdated statutes and policies to improve water storage and delivery for suffering, drought-stricken communities in California and the West. Additional provisions address long-standing water settlement agreements for the benefit of taxpayers and Native Americans, and expand conservation, recreation, and management of water and other natural resources.

Provides drought relief for California and the West

Expedites water storage and delivery, and alternative water supply programs in the West to help drought-stricken communities.

Provides regulatory flexibility to capture more water in existing reservoirs during the wet months in California while not changing the Endangered Species Act.

Improves environmental conservation and management

Authorizes a non-regulatory program for watersheds in Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania without additional federal funding.

Enhances environmental restoration and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Improves initiatives to benefit fish and wildlife in the Great Lakes.

Increases recreational opportunities

Limits the increase of permit fees for cabins and trailers on certain Bureau of Reclamation lands.

Enhances recreational opportunities in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Improves flood mitigation and dam safety needs for Indian communities.

Expedites repairs to Indian irrigation projects in the western U.S.

*\*(This summary has been prepared by condensing House and Senate Committee summaries of the legislation.)*

**\*\*See an additional and more comprehensive California Drought Summary contained in the body of this month's Washington Report.**

*JCB 12-12-16*



## **Memorandum**

To: Municipal Water District of Orange County  
From: Syrus Devers, Best Best & Krieger  
Date: December 19, 2016  
Re: Monthly State Political Report

### **Legislative Update**

The legislature convened for one day on December 5th to swear in the members who won their elections and start the 2017-2018 legislative session. After which they promptly left town until they return on Wednesday, January 4th. The opening day also afforded members the opportunity to introduce bills as a way to stake out their claim to an issue.

Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia introduced a water bond bill for the 2018 ballot in the amount of \$3 Billion. (AB 18). Unfortunately for Assemblyman Garcia, the Pro Tem of the Senate Kevin de Leon introduced the same bill as SB 5. It's pretty hard to compete with leadership when trying to lay claim to an issue. The previous water bond came out of the Assembly so it would seem that the pro tem wants the next one to originate in the Senate. Both bills borrow the text of previous bond measures, including the findings and declarations, and should be viewed as starting points for what will likely be a two year process.

Important committee appointments are forthcoming, but that will have to wait for 2017. The most significant one is Chair of Senate Natural Resources and Water due to the departure of Senator Fran Pavley. The names of potential successors most tossed around in the hallways are Senator Howard Stern, Pavley's successor in office, and Senator Tony Mendoza, whose district reaches into Orange County (Buena Park).

### **Administration Update**

The major news out of the administration over the last month is the publication of the draft framework for the permanent conservation regulations. The framework came out during the Fall ACWA Conference the day before a panel was scheduled to talk about it. Needless to say, that session was well attended.

The proposed regulations raise thorny legal issues. One is the extent of the SWRCB's authority under the Reasonable Use Doctrine, which is quite broad but not unlimited. If an indoor use standard of 55 gal. per capita daily use becomes a measure of waste, what happens to established



priority water rights if the use is above that amount? Is it no longer a protected water right if it's been deemed "wasteful"? If a water agency is at the 55 GPCD limit and it invests in a new water supply, can it use it? The answers to these and many other tough questions will have to wait for the rumored legislation that the administration will seek to introduce in 2017.

The Delta Protection Commission issued its draft feasibility study that proposes a beneficiary pays approach to funding Delta levee maintenance. The report will be considered at the Commission's January 19th meeting. If adopted, utilities like PG&E could face significant increases in fees for levee maintenance.

The California WaterFix released a map showing how much water each agency receives from the Delta. The map is included with this report.

### **Activity Report**

BB&K attended the ACWA Fall Conference in Anaheim the last week of November, and monitored the SWRCB workshop on the proposed framework for the permanent conservation regulations on 12/7. BB&K also met with Senators Moorlach and Nguyen and discussed the challenges special districts face when advocating before the legislature.

# MILLIONS OF CALIFORNIANS RELY ON IMPORTED WATER

More than 25 million Californians rely on water that comes from the Sierra Nevada Mountains and then travels through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta). This map provides a glimpse into some of the urban communities that depend on this water.

## Zone 7 Water Agency

- 80%+ of all water imported through the Delta
- 238,600
- 4 water retailers

### City of Livermore

- 100% from Zone 7
- 28,800

### City of Pleasanton

- 80% from Zone 7
- 72,200

### Dublin San Ramon Service District

- 100% of potable water from Zone 7
- 80,200

### California Water Service Company

- 70% from Zone 7
- 57,400

## Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD)

- 40% of Santa Clara County's water supply comes through the Delta
- 1.9 million+
- 15 cities & 12 water retailers

### San Jose Water Company

- 50% from SCVWD
- 1 million+

### California Water Service Company

- 67% from SCVWD
- 68,000+

### City of Milpitas

- 40% from SCVWD
- 72,000+

### City of San Jose

- 60% from SCVWD
- 100,000+

### City of Santa Clara

- 19% from SCVWD
- ~125,000

### City of Sunnyvale

- 50% from SCVWD
- 140,000+

## Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)

- ~30% of all MWD's service area demands are met by water imported through the Delta
- ~40% of MWD's service area relies 100% on Delta water
- 18.7 million
- 14 cities, 11 municipal water districts, & 1 county water authority

### City of Anaheim

- Up to 46% from MWD
- 366,000+

### Western Municipal Water District

- Up to 37% from MWD
- 894,000+

### Calleguas Municipal Water District

- Up to 85% from MWD
- 630,000+

### City of Los Angeles

- Up to 75% from MWD
- ~4 million

### City of Long Beach

- Up to 68% from MWD
- 480,000+

### City of Compton

- Up to 41% from MWD
- 90,000+

### City of Fullerton

- Up to 62% from MWD
- 134,000+

### City of Oxnard

- Up to 70% from MWD
- 193,000+

## San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA)

- 50% or less from MWD
- ~3.2 million

### City of San Diego

- Up to 93% from SDCWA
- 1.3 million

### Carlsbad Municipal Water District

- Up to 82% from SDCWA
- 86,000+

### Olivenhain Municipal Water District

- Up to 91% from SDCWA
- 70,000+

The infrastructure that moves this water is inefficient. California WaterFix would modernize this system to help secure and protect a major source of clean water.

## KEY

- % of imported water (from either SCVWD, MWD, Zone 7 or SDCWA)
- Population in each service area

# The County of Orange Report

December 13, 2016  
by Lewis Consulting Group

## Final Official Results - Key Orange County Elections

### UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 49th District

Completed Precincts: 102 of 102

	Vote Count	Percentage
* DARRELL ISSA (REP)	47,673	60.5%
DOUG APPLGATE (DEM)	31,100	39.5%

**[Orange County  
results only]**

\* Indicates Incumbent Candidate, if any

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### STATE SENATOR 29th District

Completed Precincts: 400 of 400

	Vote Count	Percentage
JOSH NEWMAN (DEM)	120,630	50.7%
LING LING CHANG (REP)	117,445	49.3%

\* Indicates Incumbent Candidate, if any

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### MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY 65th District

Completed Precincts: 282 of 282

	Vote Count	Percentage
SHARON QUIRK-SILVA (DEM)	79,654	53.2%
* YOUNG KIM (REP)	69,941	46.8%

\* Indicates Incumbent Candidate, if any

### County Supervisor 1st District

Completed Precincts: 209 of 209

	Vote Count	Percentage
* ANDREW DO	76,211	50.2%
MICHELE MARTINEZ	75,563	49.8%

\* Indicates Incumbent Candidate, if any

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**CITY OF ANAHEIM Member, City Council, District 1**

Completed Precincts: 30 of 30

	Vote Count	Percentage
DENISE BARNES	3,646	27.3%
STEVEN CHAVEZ LODGE	3,355	25.1%
LEONARD "LEN" LAHTINEN	2,858	21.4%
MARK RICHARD DANIELS	1,901	14.2%
ORLANDO PEREZ	810	6.1%
ANGEL VANSTARK	400	3.0%
FREDDY FITZGERALD CARVAJAL	397	3.0%

\* Indicates Incumbent Candidate, if any

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Completed Precincts: 20 of 20

	Vote Count	Percentage
JOSE F. MORENO	4,647	36.0%
JORDAN BRANDMAN	4,575	35.4%
ROBERT R. NELSON	1,908	14.8%
JENNIFER RIVERA	976	7.6%
LINDA LOBATOS	817	6.3%

\* Indicates Incumbent Candidate, if any

**CITY OF ANAHEIM Member, City Council, District 4**

Completed Precincts: 16 of 16

	Vote Count	Percentage
LUCILLE KRING	4,936	42.3%
ARTURO FERRERAS	3,469	29.7%
JOE MORENO	1,713	14.7%
ROBERT WILLIAMS	1,563	13.4%

\* Indicates Incumbent Candidate, if any

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Completed Precincts: 23 of 23

	Vote Count	Percentage
STEVE FAESSEL	6,344	42.7%
MARK LOPEZ	5,186	34.9%
DONNA ACEVEDO-NELSON	1,812	12.2%
SANDRA ANGEL	1,525	10.3%

\* Indicates Incumbent Candidate, if any

## **CITY OF FULLERTON Member, City Council**

Number To Vote For: 3

Completed Precincts: 79 of 79

	Vote Count	Percentage
* JENNIFER FITZGERALD	20,137	17.2%
* BRUCE WHITAKER	17,006	14.5%
JESUS SILVA	16,779	14.4%
LARRY BENNETT	14,263	12.2%
JANE RANDS	11,239	9.6%
JONATHAN MANSOORI	8,165	7.0%
SUSAN GAPINSKI	7,458	6.4%
JOE IMBRIANO	6,786	5.8%
JOSHUA FERGUSON	4,777	4.1%
CHARLES SARGEANT	4,427	3.8%
ROBERTA REID	4,070	3.5%
HERBERT GLAZIER	1,795	1.5%

\* Indicates Incumbent Candidate, if any

## **CITY OF SANTA ANA Mayor**

Completed Precincts: 75 of 75

	Vote Count	Percentage
* MIGUEL A. PULIDO	34,317	50.7%
BENJAMIN VAZQUEZ	24,576	36.3%
STEVE ROCCO	8,774	13.0%

\* Indicates Incumbent Candidate, if any

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## **CITY OF SANTA ANA Member, City Council, Ward 1**

Completed Precincts: 75 of 75

	Vote Count	Percentage
* VICENTE SARMIENTO	36,486	55.6%
JESSICA B. CHA	29,183	44.4%

\* Indicates Incumbent Candidate, if any

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### CITY OF SANTA ANA Member, City Council, Ward 3

Completed Precincts: 75 of 75

	Vote Count	Percentage
JOSE SOLORIO	28,002	42.9%
ANA URZUA ALCARAZ	10,892	16.7%
PATRICK D. "MR. PATRICK" YRARRAZAVAL- CORREA	9,297	14.2%
SHANE RAMON BARROWS	7,714	11.8%
DAVID DE LEON	4,832	7.4%
JOSHUA MAURAS	3,512	5.4%
JUVE DAN PINEDO	1,069	1.6%

\* Indicates Incumbent Candidate, if any

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### CITY OF SANTA ANA Member, City Council, Ward 5

Completed Precincts: 75 of 75

	Vote Count	Percentage
JUAN VILLEGAS	35,187	54.8%
* ROMAN REYNA	29,035	45.2%

### Advisory Vote Only. TT-Mesa Water District, Advisory Measure Seeking Public Input

Completed Precincts: 85 of 85

	Vote Count	Percentage
Yes	21,545	54.7%
No	17,855	45.3%

\* Indicates Incumbent Candidate, if any

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## **California Field Poll Calls It Quits**

The highly respected California Field Poll, founded by legendary pollster Mervyn Field, closed its doors last week.



The Field Poll was founded in 1947 after Mervyn Field left the Gallup organization to concentrate on California issues and elections. For decades, California candidates for statewide office would wait anxiously for the next set of polling numbers to be released.

Pollster Mark DiCamillo, who has worked at Field for 38 years and was Mervyn Field's successor, announced the French firm Havas, the principal underwriter of the Field poll was ending its sponsorship.

The Field Poll has provided much information for our portion of the PAL Report and we will miss their statewide contributions. Other polls, like the Public Policy Institute of California, will be needed to help fill the void.

## **More Bad News for O.C. Law Enforcement - Illegal Snitch Program Ensnarers Sheriff & D.A.'s Office**

Nobody would have ever expected that the open and shut 2011 Orange County Salon murder case involving confessed murderer Scott DeKraii, could so heavily tarnish the reputation of Orange County law enforcement.

During his trial, DeKraii's defense attorney was seeking discovery documents that he knew existed, based on other trial evidence. Law enforcement stonewalled Judge Goethals' demand for all evidence pertaining to wiretaps and discovery through the use of jail house snitches. During the trial, three deputy sheriffs answered questions about the snitch program dishonestly or with evasive answers. When Judge Goethals started reviewing parts of the previously hidden evidence, he was so angered that he ordered the D.A.'s office to be excluded from the penalty phase of the DeKraii case. The District Attorney's office retaliated by attempting to remove Judge Goethals from other cases, claiming bias against the D.A.'s office. They also appealed their case to a higher court. However, a 3-0 unanimous vote by an Appellant panel of judges upheld Judge Goethals and issued a blistering criticism of County law enforcement.

The panel determined there were "systemic failures" and that the "cozy relationship" between the Sheriff's department and the D.A.'s office resulted in the inability of the Sheriff's department to "exercise its vast discretion justly and fairly to ensure every defendant is treated fairly."

The repercussions of the "snitch" scandal continue to soil Orange County law enforcement. Fifteen different legal cases could be imperiled due to this controversy. In addition, the State Attorney General's office launched an ongoing investigation 1½

years ago. Recently, the Orange County Board of Supervisors voted to spend \$400,000 to allow the Orange County Grand Jury to independently investigate as well. In the mean time, there continues to be a drip of more and more previously lost or hidden records being turned over to Judge Goethals. It's anybody's guess how much worse the reputation of Orange County law enforcement gets before the entire matter finally comes to a close.

## **MWDOC Leads Opposition to New Water Charge**

Plans floated by the OC Flood department to levy and raise encroachment fees on both public and private entities have received stiff opposition from Orange County's water community.



Largely thanks to Karl Seckel and Heather Baez, a coalition of cities and water districts were galvanized into action causing the delay of OC Flood plans to impose the new encroachment fees. MWDOC found a mostly receptive audience as meetings were held with all five Board of Supervisors' offices. Questions have arisen regarding the legality of imposing this fee on public agencies. At the very least, any new fee, which would be passed onto consumers, should be reasonably imposed.

The proposal is likely to go before the full Board of Supervisors sometime in January. In the mean time, negotiations are taking place.

## **Chair Lisa Bartlett Honors El Toro Water District**



At the December 13, 2016 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, El Toro Water District, led by President Scott Goldman, became the 6<sup>th</sup> South County Water District invited by current Board Chair, Lisa Bartlett, to make a presentation to the full board.

The district was founded in 1960, serves parts of five cities, with 49,000 customers and has an annual budget of \$25,000,000.

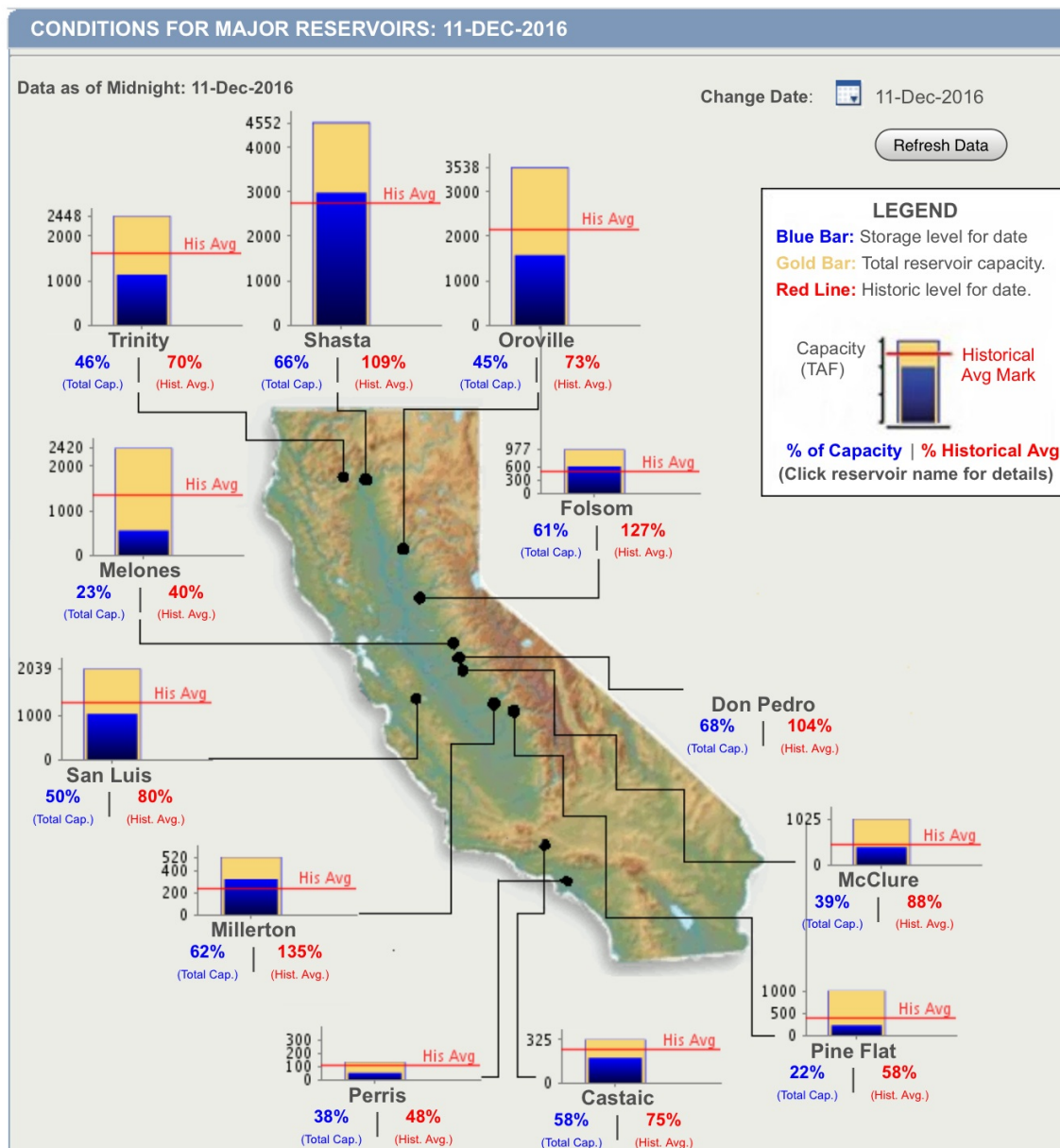
They have been aggressively engaged in water conservation. In 2008, their water usage was 11,800 acre feet and that has been cut to approximately 9,000 square feet this year. A \$34 million conservation project, with financial assistance from the state and MET, was completed in 2015. Working collaboratively with the Mouton Niguel Water District, further expansion is planned.

Lastly, the district is proud of their stewardship of the largest-covered water storage facility in the County. The Baker Treatment Plant, which is a collaborative effort with four additional water districts, stores 275 million gallons of water.

## What a Difference a Year Makes!

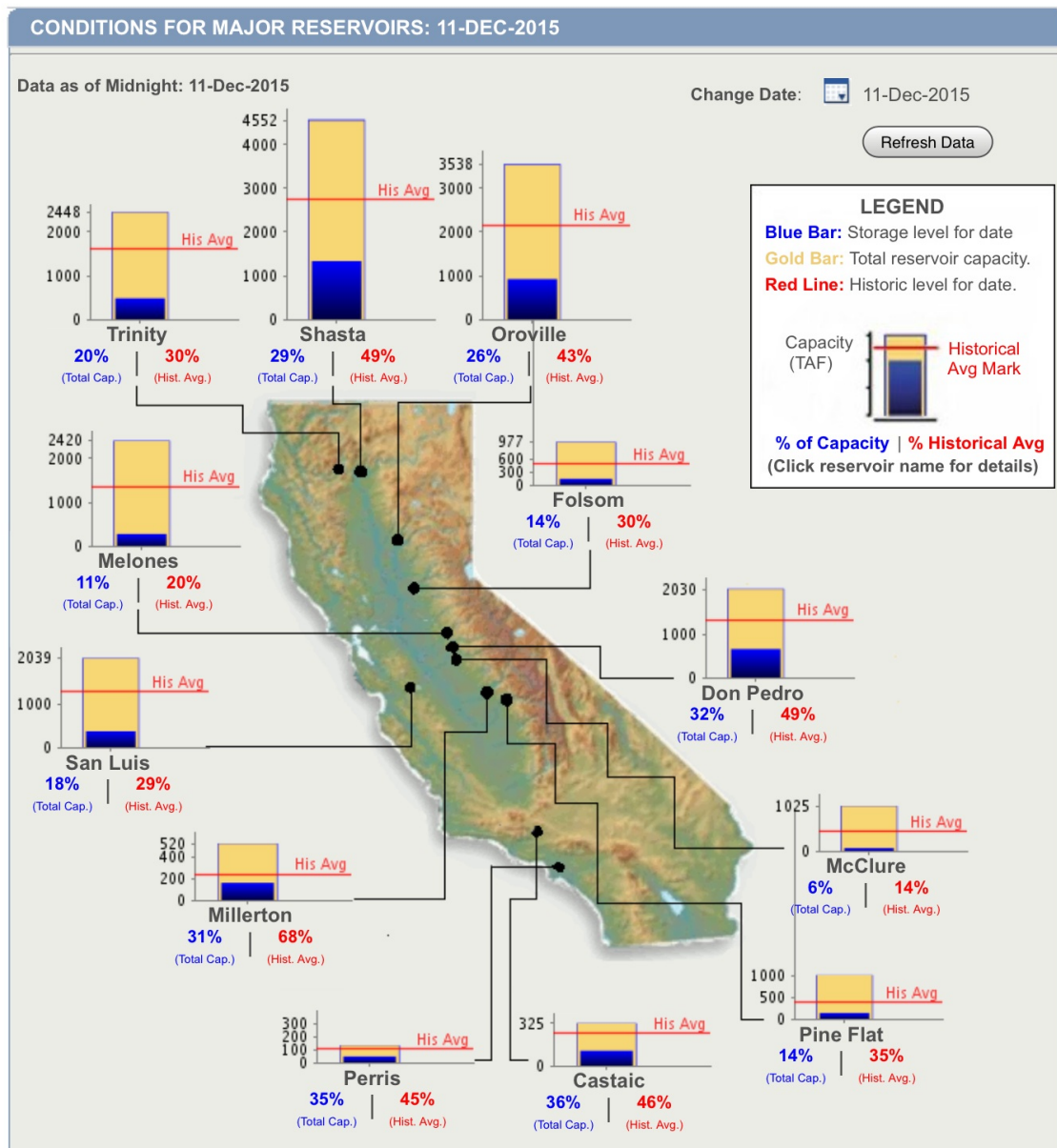
Thanks to a series of storms that have brought much needed rain and snow to Northern California, California reservoir water levels have been rebounding nicely. The two charts provided by the California Data Exchange center show the dramatic change, for the better, over the course of the year. Note for example, the very beneficial change in California's largest reservoir, Lake Shasta, that in a year's time it has gone from 49% of normal in 2015 to the current level of 109% of normal for this date.

### California Data Exchange Center - Reservoirs



December 11, 2016

## California Data Exchange Center - Reservoirs



**December 11, 2015**

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## Legal and Regulatory

December 19, 2016

1. **State vs Farmers on Nitrates:** The State Water Board has demanded that Tulare County farmers removes nitrates from their local drinking water supply. Nitrates in drinking water can cause harm but the real problem is the source of the nitrates. Nitrates are a byproduct of fertilizers and have been used for decades by farmers. However, nitrates also occur naturally. The local Assemblyman Mathis claims that this is “greenmail” and the State lacks sufficient evidence the farmers are the primary cause. There is a lot of secrecy about the demand and the Board has refused to discuss the issue in detail. The farmers acknowledge some responsibility but not the 100% factor the Board has claimed.
2. **State is Still Conserving:** October reports show that California has a whole did a better job this October than a year ago. The heavy October rainfall contributed a lot. Northern California received more water the first two months of this water year than it did since 1984. The Board will meet in January for a workshop on extension of existing rules.
3. **La Nina Update:** As we have seen the La Nina predictions change about every minute. The world is experiencing a weather event caused by part of the Pacific Ocean near the equator experiencing a below average temperature. This generally mean wet up north and dry in the south. However this La Nina is appearing very weak which could cause Southern Cal to receive a lot of rain. Experts are now predicting “Pineapple Express” conditions which could mean massive amount of rain. A UCLA scientist, based on other world climate conditions, is predicting a dry time for us. If I were a betting person (I am not) I would bet on both sides.
4. **Northern Sierra Drought Free:** The Northern Sierra Nevada rain and snowfall is almost 200% above average in the first two months of this water year. Compared to the southern section of the Sierras which is at 81% of average. The snow folks at the ski resorts say this is the best start since 1972 and they expect is to continue. The US Drought Monitor says that about ¼ of California is out of drought conditions. The El Nino rains did not help rivers and streams but returned moisture to the soil, like a sponge. This year, the soil has a high moisture content forcing new rain to run to streams and reservoirs. Also this aids snowpack melts to fill those same streams and reservoirs.
5. **New Proposal Aimed at Cities:** A new plan put forth by the State Board would put a larger burden on cities to set water goals and standards and to enforce them. The proposal would not be a “one size fits all” approach. Each city would come up with its own plan and budget by 2025. The emphasis would be on leak prevention, conservation and contingency plans for drought periods up to 5 years. They also want to make permanent various practices such as prohibiting driveway wash-downs etc. This plan is heavily dependent on climate

change predictions including one that predicts the Sierra snowpack will be reduced by one half by the end of the century.

6. **Marin County Reservoirs Full:** Marin County's two main reservoirs, Lagunitas and Phoenix, are both full and flowing over. Two others, Tempe and Kent, are almost there. Even though they are relatively small, it is a very good sign. The surrounding soil conditions are also heavily saturated. They are still stressing conservation but are happy to have a two year supply in reserve.
7. **Snowpack Drop??:** A computer model done at UCLA suggests that temperatures will rise 7-10 degrees and snowpack levels would decline by 50% by the end of this century/ The methodology is patterned after that adopted in the Paris climate accord and would require carbon cutting plans adopted there to reverse. Researcher Alex Hall says that there is hope if all the countries of the world adopt the Paris accord, we would be alright. I don't think Alex has been following the changing predictions and outcomes we have just experienced with El Nino and La Nina!
8. **Can Salmon Survive Dam Removal?:** Several dams are being considered for removal on the Klamath River to help the salmon and improve water quality. A similar dam removal project, the Elwha, in Washington proved to be a great success, salmon wise. The Klamath project will be much more complicated. The reservoirs behind the dams have been filled with silt and rocks and some have developed toxic algae conditions. In addition, there is much farming and cattle grazing along the Klamath and various Indian tribes are claiming rights to the water and usage. It will take some time for nature to take her course along the Klamath and in fact it may never completely return as the Elwha did due to these other existing conditions and interests. There are also natural conditions, such as water flow and temperature, which influence salmon migration. The Yurok tribe also claims right to fish which they claim are federally protected.
9. **San Gabriel River is Flowing:** The San Gabriel River which is normally dry for most of the year is currently flowing, even creating some rapid areas. Because of the drought, the Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD has been purchasing water from Northern Cal to supply its customers. The River is used as a conveyance to spreading grounds to replenish aquifers in the basin. This flow will probably continue through December according to Shane Chapman, GM for the District. He reports that many residents along the river think it is because of the rains we have experienced. Chapman continues to inform citizens of the real reason but that is sometimes a challenge.
10. **Nestle's Permit Challenged:** The decision to allow Nestles to continue taking water from the San Bernardino mountains pursuant to their permit may be challenged.. The Plaintiffs have until May 1 to file their appeal. If they appeal, they have indicated they will put forth environmental and procedural arguments.
11. **Westlands Drainage Plan:** Westlands Water District controversial drainage plan may get resolved as a result of the Presidential election. Republicans have generally supported the plan while Democrats have opposed. The plan has been approved by the parties including the Federal Government but would require legislation to implement. Rep Nunes has been very supportive and is a member of Trump's transition team. Stay tuned.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

December 19, 2016

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

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER ISSUES CONGRESSIONAL  
DELEGATION BRIEFING LUNCHEON (DC) (MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>)****STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**REPORT**

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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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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. ACWA is accepting online registration for the conference through February 10, 2017. From their 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 show the importance of California water issues. Be there right from the start to better develop your federal legislative and regulatory strategies.

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

### What Can You Expect?

Hear from Congressional leaders, top officials at EPA, Army Corps, Bureau of Reclamation and Department of Justice. Learn the 2017 agendas of members of the California Congressional Delegation. Hear from 'DC Insiders' about the 2016 elections.

### **MWDOC's PARTICIPATION**

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As we did last year, MWDOC is co-hosting a Southern California Water Issues Congressional Delegation Briefing with Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), and Western Municipal Water District (WMWD). Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) asked if they could be included as well as they share part of a congressional district with Orange County, and would like to be more actively engaged regionally and in Washington D.C. The Gold Room in the Rayburn Building (same location as 2015) has been secured for the luncheon through Congressman Darrell Issa's office.

"Save the Date" cards were hand delivered in November to all congressional offices within the hosting agencies service area. Invitations will be hand delivered in January and will be followed up with email invites and personal phone calls. The graphic design for all of the materials has been given a refresh by MWDOC Public Affairs Assistant, Bryce Roberto.

Staff from MWDOC, EMWD, IEUA, LBWD, and WMWD have begun updating 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. In addition, the sponsoring agencies will reach out to their member agencies to see if they will be in attendance at the event, and if they would like to have their local project/s included in the briefing book.

Last year MWDOC member agencies, Irvine Ranch Water District, Mesa Water District, and Santa Margarita Water District were all included. MWDOC will again reach out to its member agencies for participation in the briefing book. The briefing book will be provided to luncheon attendees on a USB drive (printed with all five hosting agency logos) for them to keep at their offices and use for future reference.

Staff from MWDOC and the partnering agencies are meeting weekly to touch base, stay on schedule, and work on outstanding issues to ensure all deadlines are met and details are being worked out.



**ACTION ITEM**  
December 21, 2016

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Public Affairs & Legislation Committee  
(Directors Barbre & Tamaribuchi)

Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT:** Selection of a Firm for County Advocacy Services

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Lewis Consulting Group to provide county advocacy services.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**DETAILED REPORT**

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In June 2015, the MWDOC Board approved updates to the Administrative Code. Pursuant to section 8000 of the Administrative Code, "It is MWDOC's policy that purchasing and contracting shall be conducted in a fair, open, and transparent manner so as to maximize benefits to MWDOC. All contracts should be reviewed and re-bid at least every five (5) years, except in situations with documented significant benefits to MWDOC." The county advocacy services contract has not been re-bid within the past five years, therefore a competitive RFP process was implemented.

With this in mind, staff prepared and issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for county advocacy services under the schedule below:

Budgeted (Y/N): Yes	Budgeted amount: \$48,000	Core X	Choice
Action item amount: \$42,000. Hourly fee billed at \$250/hour with an annual cap not to exceed \$42,000	Line item: 31-7040		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

<b>COUNTY RFP PROJECT TIMELINE 2016</b>	
Task Item	Date
1. Release RFP to Potential Consultants (issued to 12 firms)	October 19
2. Deadline for Written Questions Regarding RFP	November 18
3. Proposals Due (2 proposals were received)	November 22 5:00 PM
4. Ad-Hoc Committee reviewed proposals	November 28
5. Ad-Hoc Committee rankings due	November 30
6. Recommendation to the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee	December 19
7. Authorization by MWDOC Board	December 21
8. Contract start	January 1, 2017

### **Proposals and Proposal Evaluation**

MWDOC received two proposals by the closing date:

- Genesee Group
- Lewis Consulting Group

Both proposals received met the initial qualifying criteria and were reviewed by the Ad-Hoc Committee consisting of: Directors Barbre, Osborne and Thomas, Rob Hunter, and Heather Baez.

The Ad-Hoc Committee was given copies of both proposals, the RFP itself, and a scoring sheet. The committee provided their individual rankings to determine if interviews were necessary. Due to the fact that only two proposals were received, and both were thorough in their approach, the group felt comfortable making their selection without interviews. The members of the committee ranked the firms, and based on the rankings, Lewis Consulting Group was selected.

### **Recommendation**

Based on the deliberations of the Ad-Hoc Committee, Staff's recommendation is to proceed with a contract with Lewis Consulting Group (LCG) to provide county advocacy services. Both proposals received were well written and both firms are well qualified to represent MWDOC throughout the county. Ultimately LGC was chosen by the majority of the committee to continue as MWDOC's advocate in Orange County.

Lewis Consulting Group has represented MWDOC at the county level for several years and knows our agency well. In addition to representation at the county and Board of Supervisors, LCG will also attend OCLAFCO meetings, monitor local government agendas, and identify issues that affect or are important to MWDOC and its member agencies. With these duties, they will provide expertise on local priorities, strategy and policies to maximize MWDOC's presence and leadership on water policy and issues throughout the county. For these reasons, the committee felt that continuing with LGC as our county advocate was appropriate.



**ACTION ITEM**  
December 21, 2016

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Public Affairs & Legislation Committee  
(Directors Barbre and Tamaribuchi)

Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH  
BEST, BEST AND KRIEGER**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors extend the state advocacy contract with Best, Best and Krieger.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**DETAILED REPORT**

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Best, Best and Krieger (BBK) is completing their first year of state legislative advocacy services to the Municipal Water District of Orange County. This has included assisting with the development of legislative priorities, a strategic plan to help achieve short and long-term goals with objectives and deadlines; identifying bills of interest to MWDOC and its member agencies which involved bill tracking, analysis and advocacy; setting up, attending, and representing MWDOC at meetings with members of the Orange County delegation and other key legislators and staff as well as administration staff; and building strategic relationships that benefit MWDOC and its member agencies.

A proposed scope of work is attached for your review, input and approval.

Please note, Legislative Advocacy contracts are on a calendar year basis so as not to interrupt services during a legislative session.

Budgeted (Y/N): Yes	Budgeted amount: \$90,000; Calendar year expenditure	Core X__	Choice __
Action item amount: \$90,000; \$45,000 for FY 2016/2017 and \$45,000 for FY 2017/2018		Line item: 31-7040	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

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MEMO

TO: Municipal Water District of Orange County

FROM: Best Best & Krieger LLP

DATE: December 19, 2016

RE: Request for contract extension and strategic planning for 2017

**Introduction**

BB&K has been honored to represent MWDOC over the past year and respectfully requests that the contract be extended for another year on the same terms. BB&K has represented MWDOC before the legislature and the SWRCB, and worked to improve MWDOC profile within the water industry. As explained below, 2016 was a successful year, but BB&K believes that its services will improve in 2017. We have added new resources and new programs that will have a significant impact on the Governmental Affairs office in Sacramento.

**Highlights of 2016**

Defeat of legislation to stop CA WaterFix.: AB 1713 (Eggman) and AB 2583 (Fraizer). Never bill live long enough see a floor vote in the first house.

Support for principle of local control: Defeated or amended bills that would have imposed rigid mandates on water district. SB 814 (Hill) on penalties for excessive water use was amended to remove mandates for water budgets, Ad SB 163 (Hertzberg) was defeated that would have mandated waste water reuse.

Passage of Metropolitan Water District sponsored legislation: BB&K worked closely with MWD to pass AB 2488 (Dababneh) to allow for required maintenance for infrastructure.

Significantly improved MWDOC's visibility in Sacramento: Working on behalf of MWDOC, BB&K was often the only lobbyist not employed by MWD who responded to requests for support from MWD, and met with over a dozen legislators and key staff during session to familiarize them with MWDOC. BB&K and MWDOC were the first government affairs representatives to meet with the new committee staff for Assembly Water, Parks, & Wildlife.

Improved coordination with member agencies: BB&K worked successfully with OCWD on their bottle water bill, and the Santa Margarita Water District on budget appropriations for bond funds.

### **Planning for 2017**

Increase MWDOC's involvement with legislation: BB&K identified new ways in 2016 to facilitate MWDOC's process for taking positions on legislation. Resources have been added to speed up bill tracking and analysis. Examples include presenting bills to the PAL Committee at an earlier stage if amendments are available, and greater use of "support/oppose if amended" positions on a wider variety of topics to allow BB&K to be more active between PAL Committee meetings..

Outreach to members of the legislature: MWDOC and BB&K were successful in 2016 in meeting with members of the Orange County delegation. The emphasis in 2017 will be greater outreach to an expanded sphere of key members relevant to MWDOC's agenda, including leadership, committee chairs, and key members of policy committees beyond the traditional water committees. For example, a number of bills important to MWDOC's interest went through committees with jurisdiction over local government and business and profession issues. BB&K instituted new programs to significantly improve its legislative presence in 2016 that will begin to produce results in 2017. BB&K will continue to offer to handle every aspect of the outreach effort from scheduling to follow up.

Advance California WaterFix: Once the respective houses of the legislature announce committee memberships, BB&K will draft a list of key members to lobby on behalf of the WaterFix. Part of the lobbying effort will include identifying new allies, perhaps from within the Delta region, to help with advocacy and outreach.

Continue the effort to be a voice for all of Orange County: Strides were made in 2016 in outreach efforts to member agencies. This year BB&K will seek to add cities and other special districts to the effort while continuing to improve coordination with member agencies. This goal includes ongoing efforts to improve MWDOC's standing inside of MWD and ACWA.

Improve MWDOC's access to state agencies: BB&K is pleased to announce adding Deb Kollars to its governmental affairs program. Deb is an attorney and former reporter who covered water issues at the agency level before coming to BB&K. She brings a wealth of agency relationships and knowledge to the effort.

Continue and improve tracking, monitoring, and analysis of legislation: Legislative tracking is one of the core functions BB&K will continue to provide to MWDOC. For 2017, BB&K has tasked more attorneys to analyzing legislation, and will begin offering regular email alerts on key issues for its clients.

Water conservation advocacy: The record drought that California has suffered through, and the emergency drought regulations that were adopted as a result, revealed a lack of appreciation for



the variety of water supply projects and conservation measures being pursued in Orange County. Conservation was narrowly defined, and important projects such as reuse and ground water recharge were not appropriately valued as means of achieving water supply security. Board members have indicated that advocacy needs to include outreach within the legislature and state agencies to give equal consideration to a greater range of conservation methods. BB&K will include this as part of its advocacy in 2017.

### **Conclusion**

As in 2016, BB&K will continue to regularly attend the PAL Committee meetings and respond to requests from Board members at any time. While we are proud of the service we offered, we are confident that our performance will improve significantly in 2017 and we look forward to a continuing productive relationship with MWDOC.

Thank you.



**ACTION ITEM**  
December 21, 2016

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**  
(Directors Barbre and Tamaribuchi)

Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH JAMES C. BARKER, P.C.**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors extend the federal advocacy contract with James C. Barker, P.C. for 2017.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**DETAILED REPORT**

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James C. Barker has provided federal legislative advocacy services to the Municipal Water District of Orange County since 2003. This contract was sent out for competitive bid in 2015 for a one-year contract beginning in 2016, with the option to renew annually for four additional years. This is year two of the new contract. A proposed scope of services, provided by Mr. Barker, is included for your review, input and approval.

Please note, Legislative Advocacy contracts are on a calendar year basis, not fiscal year, so as not to interrupt services during a legislative session.

Budgeted (Y/N): Yes	Budgeted amount: \$96,000; Calendar year expenditure + expenses	Core X__	Choice __
Action item amount: \$96,000; \$48,000 for FY 2016/2017 + expenses and \$48,000 for FY 2017/2018 + expenses		Line item: 31-7040	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

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The following has been provided by Mr. Barker:

Mr. Barker's primary objectives have been to provide strategic direction for MWDOC's Washington based activities and secure federal funding assistance for the District's water reliability efforts, water use efficiency, and ocean water desalination.

In carrying out these objectives, Mr. Barker works closely with staff in developing the District's funding request strategies to the various congressional offices, and also serves as its "on the ground" representation in meetings with Congressional Committee staff, Members of Congress, Congressional personal staff, administration and department officials, and others. Mr. Barker is also responsible for recommending and scheduling meetings for District directors/staff with Congressional members and other Representatives throughout the Congressional session.

Mr. Barker will continue working with MWDOC to identify priorities and opportunities as well as implement strategies for securing funding support in the FY 2017 and FY2018 federal budgets, seeking federal grant related opportunities and seek federal authorizations for MWDOC projects as appropriate. He has alerted us to grant opportunities for staff and member agencies to explore that are provided to our local area General Managers.

The priorities outlined below represent the scope of work upon which Mr. Barker's contract with the District would be extended for the 2017 calendar year.

### **SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY COASTAL DESALINATION PROJECT**

MWDOC has received \$875,000 in federal funding appropriations to date, plus federal grants from the Bureau of Reclamation and Environmental Protection Agency in excess of \$500,000.

In addition to these appropriated funds, Mr. Barker was instrumental in assisting MWDOC to encourage Senator Boxer and Senator Feinstein to include money for California Water Infrastructure Legislative Authorization in the Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA Bill). One of our continued strategies for 2017 will be to seek funds out of this account.

### **WIFIA PROGRAM**

MWDOC was significantly involved in helping pass the WIFIA loan provision in the 2014 WRRDA Legislation. As a result of this legislation, with the assistance of a WIFIA Loan, MWDOC, or its Member Agencies, could save approximately \$18 million in interest charges on a \$200 Million Dollar water project.

As MWDOC continues its work with Congress, we will emphasize the critical nature of California's Water Supply situation and how this Ocean Water Desalination Project will provide a NEW source of water in an environmentally sensitive manner and it could have technology applications in many coastal areas of the United States. There will be

coordination between the District and members of the Orange County Congressional Delegation and Senators Feinstein and Harris to ensure support for the request.

### **FEDERAL FUNDING AND COMPETITIVE GRANTS**

Among the critical strategies to be advanced by Mr. Barker will be to continue to advance the implementation of a competitive grant system by the Army Corps of Engineers, the EPA and the Bureau of Reclamation.

#### ***Army Corps Specific:***

Mr. Barker worked to make sure that the Section 5039 California Water Infrastructure Authorization was not de-authorized in the 2016 WRDA bill. In addition, Mr. Barker will continue to work with the California Congressional Delegation to open the WRDA Section 5039 Account so that California entities can receive portions of the \$40 Million authorization.

#### ***Bureau of Reclamation Specific:***

The Bureau of Reclamation has developed a “Water SMART” Water and Energy Efficiency Grant program and opportunities for funding opportunity are now available. The Bureau of Reclamation is seeking proposals from states, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts and other organizations with water or power delivery authority to partner with Reclamation on projects that increase water conservation or result in other improvements that address water supply sustainability in the West. MWDOC and its member agencies may qualify.

Mr. Barker will continue to monitor such grant opportunities for which MWDOC may be eligible.

- ◆ **Provide assistance to other Orange County entities in helping their projects to**
  - Poseidon Huntington Beach Ocean Desalination Project
  - Title XVI Projects
  - Other projects as directed

### **LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Barker will continue to monitor efforts and provide assistance in Washington to provide drought relief legislation to the State of California and the Western United States. As the 2016 session was ending, the California Drought Legislation was attached to the 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Legislation (WIIN), which includes the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2016. Assuming that becomes law, Mr. Barker will provide assistance in monitoring the implementation of the extensive drought related provisions.

#### ***Other Duties as Specified:***

Mr. Barker has been very helpful in assisting in the coordination of the annual Southern California Water Issues Briefing luncheon that is held yearly during the ACWA DC Conference. This luncheon garners the attendance of the majority of the Orange County and regional delegation members plus numerous key personal and committee staff members.



**ACTION ITEM**  
December 21, 2016

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**  
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Barbre, Hinman)

Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Tiffany Baca

**SUBJECT: Authorization to Contract for Website Redesign**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize entering into a contract with LA Design Studios to redesign the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) website at a base cost of \$42,600 with a contingency of \$7,400 to allow for enhanced/special features (i.e. photography, animation, fillable forms) if such features are deemed necessary and appropriate.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**SUMMARY**

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On October 6, 2016, MWDOC issued a RFP requesting proposals from experienced vendors to redesign the agency's website, mwdoc.com. Three website design firms were interviewed on November 28. Based on these interviews, and following several in-depth meetings with a review panel comprised of MWDOC representatives, staff recommends that the District retain the services of LA Design Studios.

**DETAILED REPORT**

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On October 6, 2016, MWDOC issued an RFP requesting proposals from experienced vendors who have demonstrated proficiency in successful website design to refresh the agency's website, mwdoc.com. 12 proposals were received, three vendors were interviewed.

Budgeted (Y/N): Yes	Budgeted amount: \$50,000	Core X	Choice __
Action item amount: \$50,000		Line item: 32-7040	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

The interview panel included five MWDOC representatives from the Public Affairs, Water Use Efficiency, Administrative, and Information Technology (IT) and Finance departments. This panel was selected based on criteria such as the amount of information provided to the public by each department, the amount of traffic driven to the website from both inside and outside of the District by each department, and the staff time dedicated to website updates from within the District office. IT was selected to identify and explain the technical issues and requirements of completing the project.

Tiffany Baca is the project manager. As directed by the project manager, each MWDOC department manager has assigned a designated representative to continue to provide department specific recommendations throughout the course of the project.

### **The Project**

As reported last month, the website today is outdated and disjointed and many standard features, such as the search bar and flash graphics, are no longer functional. Also, because the website and associated microsites are not built with, or supported by modern code, much of the website is not viewable on standard internet browsers or accessible on many mobile devices. This project will address and resolve each of these major issues as well as bring the overall design up-to-date. Once completed, mwdoc.com will be a uniform, consistent, visually appealing and user friendly tool for MWDOC staff, and members of the public who rely on the website for current, reliable information.

### **Recommendation**

Based on interviews conducted with three final vendors, on multiple discussions with the interview panel, and over a thorough comparison of proposal components, staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize entering into a contract with LA Design Studios to redesign the District's website, mwdoc.com.

### **Project Schedule**

After discussing the project timeline in detail with each of the vendors interviewed (originally estimated at 14 weeks), it became clear that while feasible, to accomplish our objectives with a realistic pace, the original timeline would need to be extended by a few weeks. LA Design Studio's recommended project schedule has been provided below. Pending any project interruptions or calendar obstacles, this timeline should be attainable.

<b><u>Task Description</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
<b>Discovery:</b> Initial Meeting, Primary Goals & Objectives, Evaluation Criteria, Measurable Goals, Gather Assets (logos, photos, text)	Kickoff meeting week of January 9 2 week phase
<b>Planning:</b> Research, Needs Assessment, Requirements (Technical, Features, Creative), Specify Deliverables, Project Schedule, Site Map	Begin week of January 30 2 week phase

<b>Design:</b> Wireframes, Landing Page Artwork, Inner Pages Artwork, Revisions	Begin week of February 13 4 week phase
<b>Development:</b> Develop Server, Slicing Graphics, Coding HTML, CSS, JS, Database Integration, CMS Integration, Content Population	Begin week of March 13 5 week phase
<b>Testing &amp; Revisions:</b> Validation, Platform and Cross Browser Testing, Initial Review	Begin week of April 17 2 week phase
<b>Refinement:</b> Final Touches, CMS Guide Creation, Final Review	Begin week of May 1 2 week phase
<b>Launch:</b> Launch, Search Engine Submission, CMS Training, CMS Support, Follow-up & Maintenance	Week of May 15
<b>Total Estimated Timeline:</b>	<b>17 weeks</b>

*A proposed scope of work has been attached for your review.*

# Features and Functionality

## 1. Mobile Responsive

We will build a responsive website that will automatically change to fit the user's device (desktop, laptop, tablet and mobile). As the screen gets smaller, the content shifts and changes to the best display for each screen.

## 2. Open Source CMS

We recommend a PHP front-end with responsive design, MySQL database, and WordPress CMS. WordPress powers more than 24% of the web - a figure that rises every day. With proper maintenance, it is a very secure system and can be easily customized on both the front and back-ends. We can customize the admin to make things even easier to update than the off-the-shelf WordPress solutions. In case anything dramatic happens to us (like winning the lottery), you'll easily be able to find other WordPress developers.

## 3. SEO

We know search engine optimization is important so we build in the tools that help achieve success:

- All pages and posts are built with friendly urls.
- Meta titles and descriptions are automatically populated and can be customized.
- Coding is done with H1 tag priority.
- We'll make recommendations on internal linking labels and strategies.
- We'll integrate social media and social sharing tools.
- Google analytics for tracking and future enhancements.
- Google Webmaster Tools and sitemap submission.

## 4. Video

While we recommend utilizing third-party services (YouTube and Vimeo) for streaming video, WordPress can easily accommodate mp4 files, as well as simple cut and paste urls for embedding YouTube and Vimeo.

## 5. Informational Pages

There are plenty of informational pages, mostly static content and we will explore ways to make some of these items more engaging to the user. For example, the History could integrate an interactive timeline with key dates and photos (or videos). Another example, Our Water Resources could be a compelling infographic.

“ The team at L.A. Design Studio is extremely responsive and customer focused, work fast and on time, understand industry best practices and best of breed technology and deliver high quality work at a very reasonable price. We have no better business partner.”

Duncan Ferguson  
CEO  
Renmark Pacific

## Features and Functionality (continued)

### 6. Employment

Consider integrating job postings as html pages and pdf files. The html pages will be more user and SEO-friendly. The option to download the pdf is a nice alternative. In addition, we can develop an online application that allows for document uploads. The applications can be stored on the server for retrieval later, or we can submit the information via email in real-time.

### 7. RFPs

The system will easily allow for adding, updating and removing RFPs. Consider an electronic submission system with automatic notifications that will save time, energy and the planet.

### 8. Newsletter

If this is active, we recommend making it more prominent. If this is just for archiving, we would suggest using accordions to allow users to easily toggle through the items.

### 9. Board of Directors

The interactive map is a nice feature, obviously we want to replace the flash version with a jQuery solution that will function on all devices without a plugin. We would also explore lightbox functionality, as opposed to having to go to a page and browsing back. We suggest putting Terms on a page versus a pdf.

### 10. Calendars

There are a lot of options for calendars and we can help guide you. One approach is to utilize and embed google calendars. WordPress offers a host of other options, many of which can be more visual, but still have the functionality to sort / filter by type. We would also explore direct integration with the meeting packets and minutes. We envision developing a system that would allow you to post an item on the calendar (with pdf agenda). As that date passes, the items is automatically placed into the archive area where the packets and minutes could be uploaded / added. The system could show all items by date, then allow the user to filter by meeting type.

“ The L.A. Design Studio approach resonated with us when we were going through the selection process. We felt more comfortable knowing T.C. cares about our business and how the website will be used to serve our clients. He and his team also provided excellent technical support after the launch of the website. I can whole-heartily recommend the L.A. Design Studio company.”

Mingder Yang  
Director & Investigator Coordinator  
University of Florida, College of Medicine

### 11. Press Releases

We'd like to see these as pages and not pdfs. We suggest re-organizing the Public Affairs section, as it seems to be great resources from a variety of sources, including the OC Water Smart Resources.

### 12. School Program

We recommend utilizing pictures and video for this section to help build upon it's success.

### 13. Poster Contest

WordPress has many options for showcasing galleries (cascading and slideshows).

### 14. User Interface

We'll explore consolidating and re-organizing the menu system. Current analytics will be helpful in determining most used pages and paths. We may consider heat mapping to gauge user interaction. We feel Engineering gets lost among all of the Public Affairs and Education items. We believe you may want to put more emphasis on this section.

### 15. Rebates

Consider a sortable, searchable rebates section where users can select residential or commercial, then indoor or outdoor, then category and item. We envision an accordion style system that allows the user to easily drill down to retrieve an item.

### 16. Emergency Notice

We recommend a feature that will allow you to put up an emergency notice, or important news item that can be a lightbox over the home page, or just a banner that can simply be turned on or off.

### 17. Open Government

Migrate and organize content, eliminate redundancy.

“Excellent listeners and creative professionals... L.A. Design Studio seeks solutions that are cost effective rather than push an agenda geared towards their bottom line - a refreshing approach to customer service.”

Jonathan Levy  
Principal, Owner  
Beezley Management

### 18. Secure Member Access

WordPress has built-in tools for adding login areas and managed user accounts. We can create an area with resources, document sharing and downloading.

### 19. Security

We recommend putting public and private portal on SSL (security certificate).

### 20. Usability

We'll take a closer look at best user practices, including having pdfs open in a new tab or window.

### 21. 508 Compliance

We build with the techniques and tools to be compliant, you will need to provide transcripts for video.

### 22. Training

We provide a comprehensive guide to administer the website, as well phone and screen sharing training. We know you'll need reminders after launch, and we'll be there via phone or email.

### 23. Warranty

The website is guaranteed to function on all modern browsers for a period of one year.

### 24. Support

Just one more thing – we know you'll need occasional assistance or guidance as you wade through updating your new website, we'll be there for the long haul. We love developing long-term relationships and know that the easiest way to do that is by providing outstanding post-launch support.

“We've had the good fortune of working with T.C. and his team for more than five years. He not only helped us build our website from the ground up but also helped us redesign it when we underwent a complete rebranding. He utilizes his extensive knowledge and experience to help us identify technology that's best suited for our agency needs. It is truly a pleasure to work with him.”

Lorraine Lyou  
Development Director  
The Guidance Center



**ACTION ITEM**  
December 21, 2016

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**  
(Directors Barbre and Tamaribuchi)

Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: MWDOC Legislative Policy Principles Annual Update**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board adopt the updated legislative policy principles and provide direction to staff on the 2017 Legislative Priorities.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**DETAILED REPORT**

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MWDOC maintains a set of legislative policy principles that serve as guidelines for staff and our legislative advocates on issues that are of importance to the District. The policy principles attached are a culmination of current policies and initial changes recommended by staff and directors.

These principles assist District staff and its legislative advocates in the evaluation of legislation that may impact the District, its member agencies, the interests of Orange County, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and/ or its member agencies. Having such principles in place allow the District to respond to certain types of legislation in a timely manner; however in cases where issues are not clear or have complicated implications will be presented to the Board for further guidance.

<b>Budgeted (Y/N):</b> n/a	Budgeted amount:	Core x	Choice __
<b>Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):</b>			

At the November PAL meeting, the Committee directed staff to clean up some of the language that wasn't clear, place the 2017 Legislative Priorities on a separate page and include action items for the priorities. Those changes have been made and are attached for your review and action.

Changes are shown as follows:

Additions are *italicized*

Deletions are ~~crossed through~~

Member Agency suggested changes are underlined

In October 2016, staff began soliciting input from the member agencies through the general managers and other participating city staff via the MWDOC Member Agencies Managers and Legislative Coordinators group. Additional follow-up was made by staff encouraging participation, however, only Irvine Ranch Water District provided feedback.

At the November PAL Committee meeting staff was directed to place the 2017 Legislative Priorities on a separate page with action items supporting how the priorities would be achieved.

Based on this direction, staff with the assistance of MWDOC's Sacramento advocate Syrus Devers, further developed the 2017 Legislative Priorities with action items. Staff convened a meeting with the directors on the PAL Committee, however there was not consensus on the 2017 priorities and action items. There was agreement on the top two priorities: California WaterFix and the implementation of the permanent drought regulations – some felt those two were enough, while others felt we needed additional priorities.

The goal for this item today is to have a general discussion with the Committee and Board members to provide direction and clarification to staff on MWDOC's legislative priorities and how detailed our action plan should be.

Attached: Municipal Water District of Orange County Legislative and Regulatory Policy Principles

NOTE: Additions are in *italics*, deletions are in ~~striketrough~~ font, member agency suggestions are underlined, Director suggestions are notated with an asterick (\*\*).

## **Municipal Water District of Orange County** **Legislative and Regulatory Policy Principles**

### **IMPORTED WATER SUPPLY**

**It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation *and regulation* that:**

- 1) Ensures the implementation of a state water plan that balances California's competing water needs and results in a reliable supply of high- quality water for Orange County.
- 2) Facilitates the implementation of the California WaterFix, the co- equal goals of reliable water supply and ecosystem restoration, and related policies that provide long term, comprehensive solutions for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta that:
  - a) Provides reliable water supplies to meet California's short- and long- term needs;
  - b) Improves the ability to transport water across the Delta either for, or in supplement to, State Water Project deliveries;
  - c) Improves the quality of water delivered from the Delta;
  - d) Enhances the Bay-Delta's ecological health in a balanced manner that takes into account all factors that have contributed to its degradation;
  - e) Employs sound scientific research and evaluation to advance the co-equal goals of improved water supply and ecosystem sustainability.
- 3) Funds a comprehensive Bay-Delta solution in a manner that equitably apportions costs to all beneficiaries.
- 4) Seeks to expedite the California WaterFix to improve water reliability and security.
- 5) Provides funding for Colorado River water quality and supply management efforts.
- 6) Provides conveyance and storage facilities that are cost-effective for MWDOC and its member agencies, while improving the reliability and quality of the water supply.
- 7) Authorizes and appropriates the federal share of funding for the California WaterFix *and EcoRestore Bay-Delta solution*.

8) Authorizes and appropriates the ongoing state share of funding for the California WaterFix and EcoRestore Bay-Delta solution.

**It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation or regulation that:**

1) Would make urban water supplies less reliable, or would substantially increase the cost of imported water without also improving the reliability and/ or quality of such water.

2) Imposes water user fees to fund ~~Bay-Delta ecosystem restoration and other public purposes~~, non-water supply improvements in the Delta region or user fees that are not proportional to the benefits received from a Delta region water supply improvement.

3) *Delays implementation of the California WaterFix.*

4) *Would impose conservation mandates that do not account for the unique local water-supply circumstances of each water district.*

**LOCAL WATER RESOURCES**

**It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation and regulation that:**

1) Supports the development of, provides funding for, and authorizes and/or facilitates the expanded use of, water recycling, potable reuse, conservation, groundwater recovery and recharge, storage, brackish and ocean water desalination and surface water development projects where the beneficiaries of the project pay for the portions of the project not funded by state or federal funds.

2) Recognizes that recycled water is a valuable resource that should be evaluated for economic justification, permitted and managed as such.

3) ~~Authorizes local governmental agencies to regulate the discharge of contaminants to the sewer collection system that may adversely affect water recycling and reuse.~~\*\*

4) Reduces and/or streamlines regulatory burdens on water recycling projects and brackish and ocean water desalination projects, *and provides protections for the use of these supplies during water supply shortages by exempting them from state mandated reductions.*

5) Supports ecosystem restoration, increased stormwater capture and sediment management activities that are cost-effective and enhance the quality or reliability of water supplies important to Orange County at Prado Dam.

6) Authorizes, promotes, and/or provides incentives for indirect and direct potable reuse projects and provides protections for the use of local supply projects during water shortages by exempting them from state mandated reductions.

7) Recognizes that the reliability of supplies to the end user is the primary goal of water suppliers.

8) Ensures that decision-making with regard to stormwater management and recapture is kept at the local or regional level through local water agencies, stormwater districts, cities, counties, and regional water management groups.

9) Recognizes that stormwater management and recapture are important tools in a diversified water portfolio that can help to achieve improved water quality in local surface and groundwater supplies, and augment surface and groundwater supplies for local water agencies.

10) Reduces or removes regulatory hurdles that hinder the use of stormwater.

11) Provides incentives for the local or regional use of stormwater management and recapture.

12) Support changes that allow local water agencies to request and require federal agencies to evaluate the reoperation of reservoirs to provide an enhancement in water supplies.

13) Support changes in the Water Reform and Development Act (WRDA) to include environmental infrastructure projects as projects the Army Corps of Engineers must consider in its Report to Congress.

14) *Allows Investor Owned Utilities to invest in redundancy and reliability projects. \*\**

**It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation or regulation that:**

1) Restricts a local governmental agency's ability to develop their local resources in a manner that is cost-effective, environmentally sensitive, and protective of public health.

2) Imposes barriers to the safe application of recycled water and continues to define recycled water as a waste.

3) Would make urban water supplies less reliable, or would substantially increase the cost of imported water without also improving the reliability and/ or quality of such water.

4) Restricts or limits a local governmental agency's ability to establish local priorities for water resources planning decisions.

5) Reduces a local agency's ability to fully benefit from local investments in drought-proof or emergency water supplies during water shortages.

~~6) Requires a local agency to investment in water supplies that are not cost effective, given it other supply options, or that it determines are not needed to enhance water supply reliability for its customers.~~

~~6) Threatens investments in local water supplies and water supply reliability by limiting agency discretion and local decision making authority by requiring investments in certain types of supply above others, or by Providing Provides state or federal funding to water supply or reliably projects which would have a negative impact on local water supplies.~~

~~7) Allocations of federal or state funding for water supply projects where water reliability improvements are achieved in a geographic region at the expense or detriment of local Orange County supplies.~~

## **WATER USE EFFICIENCY**

**It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation *and regulation* that:**

- 1) Furthers the statewide goal of a 20% reduction in per capita water use by 2020 as set forth in SBx7-7, enacted in November 2009.
- 2) Would allow flexibility and options for compliance in achieving statewide water reduction goals.
- 3) Seeks to cost-effectively improve water efficiency standards for water-using devices.
- 4) Provides loans and grants to fund incentives for water conserving devices or practices.
- 5) Advances and ensures accurate reporting of the implementation of water efficiency measures of the Best Management Practices (BMPs) for the California Urban Water Conservation Council's Memorandum of Understanding.
- 6) Reasonably improves landscape water use efficiency and Commercial, Institutional and Industrial (CII) water use efficiency programs while preserving community choice and the local economy.
- ~~7) Requires individual or sub-metering to be built in new construction of multiple unit residential buildings.~~
- 8) Encourages stakeholders to investigate and develop regionally appropriate statewide landscape water conservation standards and regulations that incorporate local land use and climate factors.
- 9) Provides incentives, funding, and other assistance where needed to facilitate market transformation and gain wider implementation of water-efficient indoor and outdoor technologies and practices.
- 10) Provides incentives, funding, and other assistance where needed to facilitate water use efficiency partnerships with the energy efficiency sector.
- 11) Recognizes past investments in water use efficiency measures, especially from the demand hardening perspective.

**It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation *or regulations* that:**

- 1) Fails to ensure balance in the implementation of water efficiency practices and requirements for both urban and agricultural use.
- 2) Would repeal cost-effective efficiency standards for water-using devices.
- 3) *Diminishes local agency control or flexibility in implementing water efficiency practices or standards.*
- 4) Places unreasonable conservation measures on commercial, industrial and institutional customers that would negatively impact or limit the potential for economic growth.
- 5) Fails to recognize the importance of both water use efficiency and water supply development.

## **WATER QUALITY**

### **It is MWDOC's policy to support:**

- 1) Legislation that protects the quality of surface water and groundwater including the reduction of salt loading to groundwater basins.
- 2) Funding that helps agencies meet state and federal water quality standards.
- 3) The establishment and/ or implementation of standards for water-borne contaminants based on sound science and with consideration for cost-effectiveness.

### **It is MWDOC's policy to oppose:**

- 1) Legislation that could compromise the quality of surface water and groundwater supplies.
- 2) Legislation that establishes and/ or implements standards for water-borne contaminants without regard for sound science or consideration for cost effectiveness.
- 3) Projects that negatively impact the water quality of existing local supplies.

## **METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

### **It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation that:**

- 1) Compromises the existing governance structure and the representation of member agencies on the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors.
- 2) Would restrict MET's rate-making ability.

## **WATER TRANSFERS**

**It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation *and regulation* that:**

- 1) Encourages and facilitates voluntary water transfers.
- 2) Provides appropriate protection or mitigation for impacts on the environment, aquifers, water-rights holders and third-parties to the transfer including those with interests in the facilities being used.
- 3) Legislation that encourages transfers which augment existing water supplies, especially in dry years.

**It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation *or regulation* that:**

- 1) Undermines the operations and maintenance of the conveyance system conveying the water.
- 2) Interferes with the financial integrity of a water utility and compromises water quality.
- 3) Increases regulatory or procedural barriers to water transfers at the local or state level.

## **WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING**

**It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation *and regulation* that:**

- 1) Employs a "beneficiary pays" principle that establishes a clear nexus between the cost paid to the direct benefit received. Likewise, those who do not benefit from a particular project or program should not be required to pay for them.
- 2) Establishes grants or other funding opportunities for local and regional water infrastructure projects.
- 3) Considers local investments made in infrastructure, programs, mitigation and restoration in determining appropriate cost shares for water infrastructure investments.
- 4) Would reduce the cost of financing water infrastructure planning and construction, such as tax-credit financing, tax-exempt municipal bonds, Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), Water Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act (WIFIA), the Environmental Infrastructure Accounts and other funding mechanisms.

**It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation *or regulation* that:**

- 1) Establishes a fee or tax that does not result in a clear benefit to the District, its member agencies, and their customers.
- 2) Would reduce the total available water infrastructure financing measures such as WIFIA, state-revolving funds, and others.

## **ENERGY**

**It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation *or regulation* that:**

- 1) Facilitates the development and expansion of clean, renewable energy in California, including hydropower.
- 2) Supports water supply reliability as the primary focus of water agencies and energy intensity of water supplies as a secondary factor.
- 3) Recognizes the role and value of the water industry investment in water use efficiency and therefore recognizes WUE efforts towards greenhouse gas reduction, including funding such activities.
- 4) Recognizes hydroelectric power as a clean, renewable energy source and that its generation and use meets the greenhouse gas emission reduction compliance requirements called for in the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32).
- 5) Facilitates voluntary and cost effective local investments in renewable energy, energy management and storage, and energy efficiency which improve the water-energy nexus and reduce local agency costs.

## **FISCAL POLICY**

**It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation *or regulation* that:**

- 1) Requires the federal and state governments to provide a subvention to reimburse local governments for all mandated costs or regulatory actions.

**It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation *or regulation* that:**

- 1) Is inconsistent with the District's current investment policies and practices.
- 2) Pre-empts the District's ability to impose or change water rates, fees, or assessments.
- 3) Impairs the District's ability to maintain levels of reserve funds that it deems necessary and appropriate.
- 4) Impairs the District's ability to provide services to its member agencies and ensure full cost recovery.
- 5) Makes any unilateral reallocation of District revenues, or those of its member agencies, by the state unless the state takes compensatory measures to restore those funds.
- 6) Would impose mandated costs or regulatory constraints on the District or its member agencies without reimbursement.
- 7) Mandates a specific rate structure for retail water agencies.

8) Imposes a “public goods charge” or “water tax” on public water agencies or their ratepayers.

## **GOVERNANCE**

**It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation *or regulation* that:**

1) Advances good government practices and public transparency measures in a manner that does not take a "one-size fits all" approach, respects local government control, and facilitates technological efficiencies to meet state reporting and disclosure requirements.

**It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation *or regulation* that:**

1) Advances local government reform measures by imposing unnecessarily broad burdens upon all local governments, particularly when there is no demonstration of rampant and wide-spread violations of the public trust.

2) Shifts state programs, responsibilities and costs to local governments without first considering funding to support the shift.

3) Seeks to limit or rescind local control.

4) Reduces or diminishes the authority of the District to govern its affairs.

5) Imposes new costs on the District and the ratepayers absent a clear and necessary benefit.

6) Resolves state budget shortfalls through shifts in the allocation of property tax revenue or through fees for which there is no direct nexus to benefits received.

## **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSION REFORM**

**It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation that:**

1) Seeks to contain or reform public employee pension and other post-employment benefit (OPEB) cost obligations that are borne by public agencies via taxpayers and ratepayers.



## INFORMATION ITEM

December 19, 2016

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** **Public Affairs Legislative Committee**  
(Directors Barbre and Tamaribuchi)

Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Jonathan Volzke/Laura Loewen

**SUBJECT: Education Report**

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file report.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

### DETAILED REPORT

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Following the discussion at the October 17 Public Affairs and Legislative Committee meeting about including private schools in the MWDOC education program, MWDOC contracted with the Center for Demographic Research (CDR) to provide enrollment figures for the middle and high schools in Orange County, both public and private, sorted by MWDOC member agencies.

The report CDR provided includes a comprehensive list of every middle school and high school divided by water agencies. In addition, it includes the enrollment numbers for private and public schools per water agency. The report shows that roughly 90 percent of the high school and middle school students in our service area attend public schools.

Thus far this year, Inside the Outdoors staff has conducted first visits at four high schools. Staff from the funding water agencies attended the presentations at Costa Mesa High School, Dana Hills High School and Foothill High School. Member agency staff has the opportunity to address students during the first visit.

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

In other education-related events:

- The first Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge Clinic was held on December 3 at El Toro Water District. In attendance were 73 boy scouts, parents, troop leaders, and merit badge counselors. The clinic included an instructive presentation by Charles Busslinger. El Toro Water District staff gave the scouts a tour of the water reclamation plant. Scouts were also required to complete a 500 word essay on soil and water conservation. 69 scouts received their Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge.
- On Saturday, December 10, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California presented a Water Quality Teacher Workshop, which was hosted by MWDOC at the Orange County Department of Education. Approximately 15 middle and high school educators attended and learned about an innovative curriculum that combines hands-on science with technology to engage students in water quality issues that impact Southern California. The teachers also learned about MWDOC's educational offerings and were excited to bring more water education into their classroom.

# WHAT ABOUT WATER?

**Monthly Report**  
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## November 2016



## **Highlights**

*Costa Mesa High School visit, 11/9/16:*

ITO is awesome! They do a great job and they're super patient with the high school students, who are constantly on their phones.

Thanks for setting this up so I could see what they're learning. I think it's pretty cool.

Noelle Collins  
Public Affairs Coordinator



Monthly Report  
November 2016



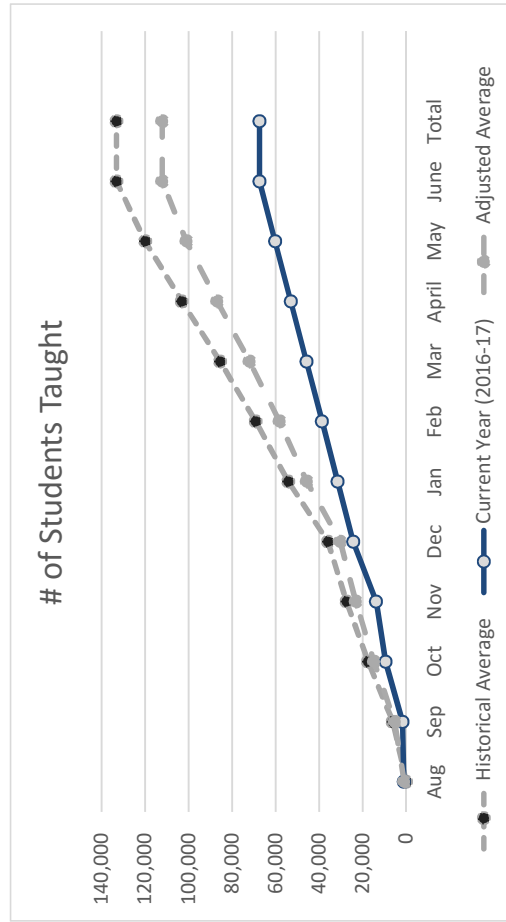
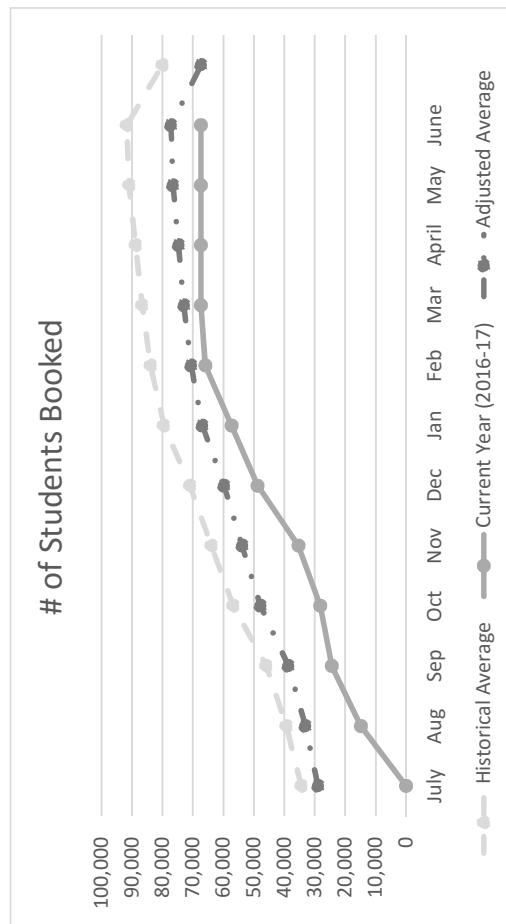
What About Water? - Inside the Outdoors School Visits									
Year 2 - 2016/2017									
Agency	High School	1st Visit - student	1st Visit Enrollment	2nd Visit - student	2nd Visit Enrollment	School Expo	Expo School Enrollment	Total Students	Notes
Anaheim	Anaheim High School	1/9/17		2/6/17		3/8/17			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								Principal to confirm dates by 12/9
City of Huntington Beach	Talbert Middle School	1/11/17		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								New teacher contact
City of Tustin	Columbus Middle School	12/9/16		1/13/17		tbd			Confirmed
East Orange WD	Tustin High School								Waiting on teacher referral
East Orange WD	Foothill High School	12/12/16		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	Pacific 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		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	50	4/24/17			Confirmed
Moulton Niguel	Aliso Niguel High School								Waiting on teacher referral
Moulton Niguel	Laguna Hills High School								Teacher confirmed, confirming meeting
Moulton Niguel	Capistrano Valley High School								Waiting for a new teacher contact
Moulton Niguel /Santa Margarita WD	Mission Viejo High School								Environmental club, confirming by 12/9
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			119		50		0	0	
Teacher Workshops	MET @ OCDE	12/10/16						Total	
								0	
Student Summits								Total	
								0	
tbd = verbal confirmation, pending calendar dates									

## 2016-17 Water Education School Program

# of Students Booked	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Target
Historical Average	34,405	39,319	45,932	56,810	63,941	70,987	79,505	83,866	86,664	88,802	90,948	91,718	80,000
Adjusted Average	28,969	33,107	38,675	47,835	53,839	59,772	66,944	70,616	72,972	74,772	76,579	77,228	67,361
Current Year (2016-17)	0	14,904	24,401	28,237	35,348	48,745	57,337	65,929	67,361	67,361	67,361	67,361	67,361

# of Students Taught	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total
Historical Average	0	6,187	17,511	27,477	36,002	54,253	69,147	85,532	103,121	119,958	133,156	80,000
Adjusted Average	909	5,209	14,744	23,136	30,314	45,682	58,222	72,019	86,829	101,006	112,119	112,119
Current Year (2016-17)	1,080	1,681	9,521	13,856	24,354	31,522	38,690	45,858	53,026	60,194	67,361	67,361



\* Total is reduced from 80,000 because all participants receiving keypad program.



## INFORMATION ITEM

December 19, 2016

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** **Public Affairs Legislative Committee**  
(Directors Barbre and Tamaribuchi)

Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Jonathan Volzke

**SUBJECT: Update on Potential SJC Utilities Consolidation**

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file report.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

### DETAILED REPORT

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The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) continues to hold working group meetings for a focused Municipal Services Review (MSR) of the San Juan Capistrano water utility.

The working group includes representatives from LAFCO, San Juan Capistrano, Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD), Moulton Niguel Water District, Santa Margarita Water District and South Coast Water District. IRWD has indicated it is participating because of its experience, and not necessarily out of interest of assuming control of the SJC utilities.

The working group will develop a scope of work for the MSR process. LAFCO anticipates the MSR process will require six months to a year to complete. The first meeting was held in November, and the second set for December. LAFCO does not release information about the working group sessions.

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

The San Juan Capistrano City Council will make the final decision on any potential transfer of the utilities department, including water and wastewater operations. Newly elected council members Brian Maryott and Sergio Faris were sworn in on Monday, December 12.

Both support divesting the city of water utilities. The council, led by Mayor Kerry Ferguson, is now unanimous in that stance.

The city has a webpage on the process at <https://www.sanjuancapistrano.org/index.aspx?page=1571>, although the page has not been updated since late October.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

December 19, 2016

**TO:** Board of Directors**FROM:** **Public Affairs Legislative Committee**  
(Directors Barbre and Tamaribuchi)Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Jonathan Volzke

**SUBJECT:** **Update on Water Policy Dinner****STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**DETAILED REPORT**

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Mark W. Cowin, Director for the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), was scheduled to speak at the January 26 MWDOC Water Policy Dinner but has since announced his retirement from DWR.

DWR said the agency will provide a replacement speaker. The speaker had not been identified as of Tuesday, December 13, but will be provided at the Public Affairs and Legislation meeting.

The January 26 date was targeted to avoid interference with the Elected Officials Forum on January 7.

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

**INFORMATION ITEM**

December 19, 2016

**TO:** Board of Directors**FROM:** **Public Affairs Legislative Committee**  
(Directors Barbre, Tamaribuchi)Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Jonathan Volzke

**SUBJECT:** **Update on 2017 OC Water Summit****STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file report.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**DETAILED REPORT**

The 2017 OC Water Summit will be held at the Grand Californian at the Disney Resort on June 16, 2017.

Los Angeles Channel 4 weathercaster Fritz Coleman has agreed to emcee the 2017 Summit, which is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual event.

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.

An invitation for potential speakers has been prepared and sent to Governor Jerry Brown, former Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt and MET General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger, among others.

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

Marcie Edwards, David Sedlak (author of “Four Ways We Can Avoid a Catastrophic Drought”), Aja Brown of the Delta Stewardship Council and Simon Sinek (TED Talk on “How Great Leaders Inspire Action”) are among others sought to speak.

Potential panels are still under discussion, but the committee is looking for global, national and local items of interest.

The next subcommittee meeting is at 8:30 a.m. on January 30.

**Public Affairs Activities Report  
November 9, 2016 – December 13, 2016**

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<b>Member Agency Relations</b>	<p>Tiffany participated in the Met PIO meeting.</p> <p>PA staff and Heather hosted and attended a joint MWDOC member agency Legislative and Public Affairs Workgroup.</p> <p>Heather met with Christine Compton from Irvine Ranch Water District to discuss the Orange County Flood Control District's utility license fee proposal.</p>
<b>Community Relations</b>	<p>Laura attended the Water Use Efficiency Workgroup Meeting and provided an update MWDOC activities.</p> <p>Laura worked with Administrative staff to send out the invitations and registration for the Elected Officials Forum on January 5.</p> <p>Jonathan attended the OC Forum meeting in which Supervisor Lisa Bartlett gave a year in review as Chairwoman.</p> <p>Jonathan attended the OCBC Infrastructure Committee meeting.</p> <p>Bryce, Jonathan and Laura worked on resolutions for Dawn Chin at MET, as well as retiring Yorba Linda Water District Directors.</p> <p>Heather attended Senator Pat Bates' Open House.</p> <p>Heather attended the OCBC/OC-BIA/OCAR Holiday Party.</p>
<b>Education</b>	<p>Jonathan and Laura met with Director Tamaribuchi and Inside the Outdoors staff to discuss how to improve the program. Topics discussed include teaching the students about the WaterFix and jobs in water.</p> <p>Laura coordinated the planning of the Water Quality Workshop teachers' workshop with MET staff and Inside the Outdoors staff the held in Orange County on December 10.</p> <p>Jonathan and Laura organized the Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge clinic on December 3 at El Toro Water District. Jonathan hosted the event with Sherri Seitz, El Toro Water District. Ivan Flores also staffed. More than 70 Scouts and many parents attended.</p>

	<p>Laura sent out a survey to all the Scout attendees following the first merit badge clinic and helped organize a third clinic.</p> <p>Bryce, Ivan and Laura attended the 2017 Students' Art Contest Awards Ceremony at MET.</p> <p>Laura attended a school visit at Foothill High School with Director Dulebohn and Lisa Ohlund, East Orange County Water District.</p> <p>Bryce is preparing graphic materials for the 2017 Water Awareness Poster-Slogan contest.</p>
<b>Media Relations</b>	<p>Jonathan wrote and issued news releases on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directors supporting the California WaterFix</li> <li>• Results of the 2016 election</li> <li>• The Scout merit badge clinic</li> </ul> <p>The news releases were posted to ACWA and local websites, as well as the MWDOC website. The information about Director Yoo-Schneider's election was picked up in the printed ACWA publication.</p> <p>Jonathan wrote talking points on the turf-removal audit in anticipation of potential media coverage.</p> <p>Bryce and Jonathan met with the new science/water reporter from the OC Register and introduced her to other MWDOC staff.</p>
<b>Special Projects</b>	<p>Bryce and Jonathan assisted Karl with preparation for Director Tamaribuchi's off-site meeting with environmental experts from the Delta – Jonathon supported the director and Karl at the event.</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"> <li>1. January 20-21, Director McKenney, CRA</li> <li>2. February 3, Director Barbre, Infrastructure</li> <li>3. February 24, Director Barbre &amp; Director Beard-Fullerton, SWP</li> <li>4. TBD- Director McKenney, DVL</li> </ol> <p>Bryce staffed Director Dick's Diemer/JPL Trip.</p>

	<p>Tiffany met with Director Barbre and Al Mendez of Metropolitan to discuss tour options and logistics for the February 3<sup>rd</sup> infrastructure inspection trip.</p> <p>Tiffany organized and attended a tour of the backend operations and filtration system of the Great Wolf Lodge. Along with MWDOC staff Bryce, Laura and Heather, Directors Barbre and Thomas also attended.</p> <p>Tiffany and Bryce met with Shannon Cervantes of the Great Wolf Lodge to prepare a MWDOC events checklist for future event opportunities. Directors Barbre and Thomas received a tour of the available conference rooms.</p> <p>Jonathan and Laura prepared the December edition of eCurrents</p> <p>Jonathan met with or held conference calls with vendors selected for the Choice Communications projects to finalize contracts and develop timelines.</p> <p>Jonathan assisted education contractor Discovery Science Cube by judging an annual contest at the Cube.</p> <p>Tiffany met with Zeshann Younus of Curt Pringle and Associates to discuss MWDOC projects and partnerships.</p> <p>Tiffany met with Steve Creech and Tammy Glossip of Wyland Foundation to discuss the 2017 Mayors Challenge.</p> <p>Tiffany coordinated a review panel of 5 MWDOC representatives to review proposals for the redesign of the agency's website, <a href="http://www.mwdoc.com">www.mwdoc.com</a>. Tiffany and Bryce prepared a comprehensive comparison of vendors for the review panel. The panel reviewed samples of work from each vendor, developed interview questions and determined a process for conducting interviews. Tiffany prepared and led the interview process for the 3 finalists, and led two follow up meetings of the review panel to determine which vendor should be awarded the contract.</p> <p>Tiffany and Bryce are preparing graphic materials for WEROC and the agency water trailers.</p> <p>PA staff and Heather attended the records management meeting.</p>
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	<p>PA staff participated in the WEROC SEMS, ICS 100 &amp; 700 Training.</p> <p>Tiffany and Bryce met with WUE staff to discuss how to incorporate the new program for Landscape Design Assistance into both the current, and new website.</p> <p>Tiffany and Bryce updated several pages on the website.</p> <p>Laura coordinated with Orange County REALTORS for the next distribution run for Water Conservation door hangers. The door hangers will be available in January.</p> <p>Laura sent out the weekly California Sprinkler Adjustment Notification emails.</p> <p>Heather and Laura staffed the ISDOC Executive Committee Meeting. Director Finnegan was also in attendance.</p> <p>Heather attended the November WACO Planning meeting and staffed the December WACO meeting with speaker Tom Pagano of JPL. Directors Dick, Osborne, Tamaribuchi, and Yoo-Schneider also attended.</p> <p>Heather attended the Fall ACWA Conference in Anaheim and attended the following sessions: Corporate California – Conservation &amp; Sustainability, Creating an Agency Brand, State &amp; Federal Cooperation Forum, Water Transfers, and the Long Term Conservation Framework Policy Forum.</p>
<b>Legislative Affairs</b>	<p>Heather and Director Barbre traveled to Washington D.C. and met with many offices with the focus being on drought legislation in the WRDA bill, the importance of the CA WaterFix, tax exemptions for water rebates, and Section 5039 of the WRDA bill which authorizes \$60M for water infrastructure projects. They met with the following staff: Jessica Roxburgh (Congressman Dana Rohrabacher), Chris Tudor (Congressman Tom McClintock), Sam Oh (Congresswoman Mimi Walters), Bryson Wong &amp; Kiel Weaver (House Natural Resources Committee), Chuck Podolak (Senator Jeff Flake – AZ), Shaun Parkin (Senate Rules Committee), Nick Wyatt (Senate Finance Committee), and John Watts (Senator Dianne Feinstein – CA).</p> <p>Heather and Rob, along with Directors Osborne, Thomas and Barbre reviewed the proposals received for county advocacy</p>

	<p>services. The group mutually agreed that both proposals met MWDOC's requests, and determined Lewis Consulting Group should retain the contract.</p> <p>Heather attended the Southern California Water Committee's Legislative Taskforce planning meeting at Long Beach Water Department.</p>
<b>Water Summit</b>	<p>Jonathan and Tiffany met with OCWD staff to review the artwork from the Disney staff for the 2017 OC Water Summit.</p> <p>Tiffany and Jonathan met with the OC Water Summit ad hoc committee. Director's Osborne and Thomas also attended.</p>