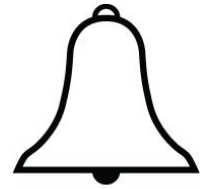


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# Santa Margarita Water District

April 14, 2020

Mr. Sat Tamaribuchi  
Board President  
Municipal Water District of Orange County  
18700 Ward Street  
Fountain Valley, CA 92108

Re: Comments on Items for Consideration at the April 15, 2020 MWDOC Board Meeting

Dear Sat,

The Santa Margarita Water District provided comments in writing on the MWDOC Budget and verbally at the Administration & Finance Committee meeting last week. This letter is a follow up to those comments as the Board considers the items forwarded from the Committee.

## **Item 9-6 and Item 9-4**

previous comments focused on following:

- Support for the Hydraulic Model development and noting that we have requested the study to support our review of proposed local projects. As such we are supportive if the item is a “choice” program.
- The budget includes an increase in its Public Affairs programs, a portion of the increase is for Item 9-4 on the agenda for the Water Energy Education Alliance. The District recommends the additional funding be removed and the work proceed with the current staffing and budget. The emphasis using existing staff and resources should be to assess what needs member agencies have identified for educational outreach and how they are planning to meet those needs. Then whether centralized resources are needed.
- We appreciate that travel expenses have been reduced in the current draft and reiterate our suggestion that memberships in new organizations be reconsidered for this year.

## **Item 9-7 and Item 9-8**

Our verbal comments at the Administration and Finance Committee focused on new language highlighting many types of projects that MWDOC can be involved with and set rates to fund. While we acknowledge that the Municipal Water District Act provides for this, historically MWDOC has not been involved in development of water supply projects. We are requesting MWDOC to consider a policy discussion with the member agencies to discuss the implications over the next year. Please consider tabling the language for this year and continuing with the previous language.

MWDOC Comment Letter

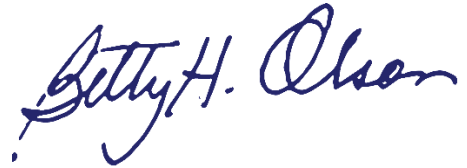
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Thank you for in advance for your consideration

Very Truly Yours

SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty H. Olson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and "O".

Betty H. Olson, PhD  
President