

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Jointly with the
PLANNING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
December 4, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

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Director McVicker, Chair
Director Nederhood
Director Seckel

Staff: H.De La Torre, J. Berg, V. Osborn,
T. Dubuque, D. Micalizzi, H. Baez,
M. Baum-Haley, C. Busslinger,
T. Baca

Ex Officio Member: Director Yoo Schneider

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ROLL CALL

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

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

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ACTION ITEMS

1. EXTENSION OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL RESOURCE RESULTS (NRR)
2. EXTENSION OF STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH SYRUS DEVERS ADVOCACY (SDA)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. OC WATER SUMMIT
 - a. 2023 Water Summit Recap
 - b. Review Purpose, Audience, and Structure of OC Water Summit

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.)

4. PUBLIC AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS
5. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORTS
 - a. Ongoing MWDOC Reliability and Engineering/Planning Projects
 - b. WEROC
 - c. Water Use Efficiency Projects
 - d. Public and Government Affairs
6. REVIEW OF ISSUES RELATED TO PLANNING OR ENGINEERING PROJECTS, WEROC, WATER USE EFFICIENCY, FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE, WATER STORAGE, WATER QUALITY, CONJUNCTIVE USE PROGRAMS, EDUCATION, PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION PROJECTS, PUBLIC INFORMATION CONSULTANTS, DISTRICT FACILITIES, and MEMBER-AGENCY RELATIONS

CLOSED SESSION

7. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Agency Representative: Legal Counsel, Joe Byrne
Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

ADJOURNMENT

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

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ACTION ITEM
December 20, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Planning and Operations Committee**
(Directors McVicker, Nederhood, and Seckel)

Harvey De La Torre
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH
NATURAL RESOURCE RESULTS (NRR)**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors extend the federal advocacy contract with Natural Resource Results (NRR) for 2024.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

NRR is completing their third year providing federal legislative advocacy services to the Municipal Water District of Orange County. This contract was sent out for a competitive bid in 2020 for a one-year contract beginning in 2021, with the option to renew annually for four additional years. This is the fourth year of the contract. Highlights from 2023, along with a proposed scope of services, provided by NRR, on a separate memo, is included for your review, input and approval.

Budgeted (Y/N): Y	Budgeted amount: \$96,000 Calendar year expenditure, plus expenses	Core X	Choice ____
Action item amount: \$96,000; \$48,000 for FY 2023/2024 + expenses and \$48,000 for FY 2024/2025 + expenses		Line item: 31-7040	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

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

BOARD OPTIONS

Option #1

- Renew NRR's contract for one additional year.

Fiscal Impact: \$96,000 + expenses (upon request and approval)

Business Analysis: NRR provides advocacy services for MWDOC in Washington D.C. They maintain relationships on our behalf with members of our congressional delegation, key committees, and regulatory agencies. They also ensure that we are kept up-to-date and informed on federal issues of importance to MWDOC and our member agencies.

Option #2

- Do not renew the contract with NRR

Fiscal Impact: \$96,000 would be added to the general fund

Business Analysis: MWDOC would not have representation in Washington D.C. to advocate on federal issues of importance to MWDOC and its member agencies.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Option #1

Attached:

NRR Renewal Memo



To: Board of Directors, *Municipal Water District of Orange County*

From: Natural Resource Results

Date: 11/27/23

RE: Contract Extension and 2024 Strategic Planning

Natural Resource Results (NRR) has had the pleasure of representing the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) over the last three years. NRR has helped advance MWDOC's policy priorities with the Biden Administration as well as with Congress. It is our sincere hope that MWDOC will approve a contract renewal with NRR under the same terms. As you will see below, 2023 was a successful year for much of MWDOC's federal agenda.

Review of 2023 Goals

STATUS of 2023 GOAL: Western Water Legislation: As expected, Senator Feinstein to introduced legislation in June to address the ongoing impacts of western drought. NRR worked with Feinstein's office to ensure that the legislation helps advance MWDOC priorities including:

- Authorization of \$250 million that can be used to meet the habitat commitments under a future Voluntary Agreement.
- Authorization of \$750 million for storage projects like Sites Reservoir.
- Authorization of \$300 million for competitive grants for water recycling projects.
- Authorization of \$150 million for desalination projects.
- Authority for the Department of the Interior to utilize alternative contracting mechanisms to improve project delivery, which could improve Voluntary Agreement outcomes.

The bill received a hearing in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on July 19th, and we worked with MWDOC staff to draft and deliver a letter of support for the legislation. NRR continues to monitor the legislation.

Throughout the year, there were other relevant western water bills that we tracked and brought to the board's attention, including:

- H.R. 215, The WATER for California Act by Rep. Valadao (R-CA)
- H.R. 872, The FISH Act by Rep. Calvert (R-CA)
- S. 2693, the Salton Sea Projects Improvement Act by Sen. Padilla (D-CA)

- H.R. 2419/S. 2161, the Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act by Rep. Costa (D-CA) and Sen. Feinstein (D-CA)

STATUS of 2023 GOAL: Salinity Control: NRR sought to raise the visibility of the salinity control program both at the state level and across the Basin. We have worked with partners at the Bureau of Reclamation to make sure they are looking at alternatives to operation of the Paradox Valley Unit while it was offline. In addition, we have worked with partners at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Met) and the Colorado River Board of California to:

- Support the introduction of the Colorado River Salinity Control Fix Act, S. 2514 to modify the cost-share for the salinity program to make it more effective. Working with Met and others, we shepherded support from all seven basin states and their partners. The legislation has 8 bipartisan cosponsors.
- NRR facilitated a presentation to the MWDOC board by Don Barnett, the Executive Director of the Salinity Control Forum, to walk the board through the intricacies of the salinity control program and the need for the legislative changes.
- Throughout the year, NRR fielded inquiries from Board Members and MWDOC staff regarding the salinity control program, and we were able to find answers and make connections where necessary in order to get the right information.

STATUS of 2023 GOAL: WEROC Funding: While we did build new a new champion for the project in the House with Rep. Kim, WEROC was not included in the FY24 appropriations bill. Rep. Kim submitted an earmark request on MWDOC's behalf after redistricting moved the project into her congressional district (recall that Rep. Porter does not participate in earmarks leaving us without a House champion until this year). We did not receive support from Senator Feinstein or Senator Padilla as we have in the past. This was largely due to the project being very uncertain at the time when appropriations requests were made. Because of the increase in costs associated with a new EOC, there was a last-minute pivot to focus on a mobile-EOC which created challenges in getting both Senate offices to fully understand MWDOC's goals.

STATUS of 2023 GOAL: Monitor and Inform: NRR has kept MWDOC apprised of ongoing congressional and administrative actions that could impact MWDOC including:

- The development of biological opinions for Long-Term Operations of the Central Valley Project (and State Water Project).
- Litigation redefining the jurisdiction and scope of the Waters of the United States.
- Legislation that could impact the operation of California's state and federal water projects i.e. Rep. Valadao's WATER for California Act.
- Negotiations on the Colorado River post-2026 operating guidelines, as well as the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.
- Providing updates on legislation seeking to block the Delta Conveyance Project and an explanation around the politics of such efforts.

- Senate Colorado River Caucus and House Colorado River Caucus activities
- Monitoring leadership changes at the Department of the Interior, especially as they relate to the management of water issues.

Looking Ahead – Goals for 2024

While there are a number of 2023 goals that will continue to be in play during the remaining days of the 118th Congress, we offer the following items as an initial set of goals for 2024:

Drought Legislation: During the final days of a Congressional term, in this case the end of 2024, there is typically an opportunity for Congress to pass a package of western water bills. Should the stars align again, NRR will work to ensure MWDOC's priorities, such as some of the provisions from the STREAM Act, are included.

Voluntary Agreements (VAs): Implementation of the VAs will require an act of Congress to give Reclamation authority to place a surcharge on CVP water to generate funding to implement the habitat and flow requirements in the VAs. We will be monitoring this effort and will be communicating with MWDOC about any opportunity to see this through.

Salinity Control: NRR will continue to work with Met and the Colorado River Board to include the Colorado River Salinity Control Fix Act in 1) the upcoming Farm Bill reauthorization or 2) any western water legislative package that comes together at the end of the 118th Congress.

Administrative Action: Monitor and report on agency actions related to the Colorado River drought and the 2026 guidelines. We will also continue to push Reclamation to use the recent funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act for critical programs and projects in the Colorado River Basin and California.

Coordination: Continue to coordinate with key partners at Met and the Colorado Water Board of CA, ACWA, etc...



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December 20, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Planning and Operations Committee**
(Directors McVicker, Nederhood, and Seckel)

Harvey De La Torre
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES WITH SYRUS DEVERS ADVOCACY (SDA)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors extend state advocacy services with Syrus Devers, now at Syrus Devers Advocacy, for 2024.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

BB&K has provided state legislative advocacy services to the Municipal Water District of Orange County since 2016. This contract was sent out for competitive bid most recently in 2020 for a one-year contract beginning in 2021, with the option to renew annually for four additional years.

Budgeted (Y/N): Y	Budgeted amount: \$96,000 Calendar year expenditure, plus expenses	Core X	Choice ____
Action item amount: \$96,000; \$48,000 for FY 2021/2022 + expenses and \$48,000 for FY 2020/2021 + expenses		Line item: 31-7040	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

The initial business plan when BB&K opened the State Government Affairs practice in 2015 was to reach out to its city clients that were not represented by a lobbyist in Sacramento. Water Districts were also part of the plan, but BB&K assumed it would be primarily a municipal lobbying practice. What developed was the exact opposite; over 90% of the revenues came from public water agencies, with MWDOC being the first major client. While this was an excellent foundation for a one-person practice, it offered limited growth potential to BB&K.

In April 2023, BB&K met with Syrus and expressed the desire to reduce its overhead or, if that was not feasible, exit the lobbying business at the state level. Syrus presented BB&K with a business plan where he would be an independent contractor for BB&K, and assume the overhead of the practice, in exchange for BB&K continuing to be the lobbying firm for any clients that wanted to remain a BB&K client. MWDOC was the only large client that elected to remain with BB&K; Coachella Valley Water District, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, and the De Luz Community Services District, have already transitioned to Syrus Devers Advocacy LLC (SDA).

With only one major client remaining (MWDOC), BB&K does not wish to carry the cost and administrative burden that goes along with being a registered lobbying firm. BB&K will, however, continue to partner with SDA. It was determined that once the MWDOC contract comes up for renewal, BB&K will begin the process of deregistering and the remaining clients, MWDOC, Borrego Water District, and Hi-Desert Water District, will transition to the new firm. Borrego and Hi-Desert are planning to transition to SDA at the start of 2024.

BB&K has made the transition seamless by agreeing to assign the existing contract to Syrus Devers Advocacy if MWDOC consents. Assignment means a continuation of the same contract, not a new one, which in the case of MWDOC includes the contract extensions approved in 2020. Since it will be the same contract, all the same terms remain in effect. The only change requested by SDA will be to ask MWDOC to waive any insurance requirements not applicable to a one-person firm; workers' compensation insurance being the main one. This is standard procedure for MWDOC's other sole practitioner contracts as well.

This action item, therefore, seeks MWDOC's consent to assign BB&K's contract to SDA, and does not seek approval of a new contract.

Highlights from 2023 for BB&K/SDA, along with a proposed scope of services, provided by SDA, on a separate memo, 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.

BOARD OPTIONS

Option #1

- Renew contract for one additional year with Syrus Devers of Syrus Devers Advocacy.

Fiscal Impact: \$96,000 + expenses (upon request and approval)

Business Analysis: Syrus Devers provides advocacy services for MWDOC in Sacramento. They maintain relationships on our behalf with members of our state delegation, key committees, the administration, and regulatory agencies. They also ensure that we are kept up-to-date and informed on state issues of importance to MWDOC and our member agencies.

Option #2

- Do not renew the contract

Fiscal Impact: \$96,000 would be added to the general fund

Business Analysis: MWDOC would not have representation in Sacramento to advocate on state issues of importance to MWDOC and its member agencies.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Option #1



To:	Municipal Water District of Orange County
From:	Syrus Devers Advocacy LLC
Date:	November 28th, 2023
Re:	Request for contract extension and strategic planning for 2024

Introduction

I have been honored to represent MWDOC since 2015, and respectfully request a one-year contract extension and the opportunity to continue advocating for MWDOC in 2024. I have represented MWDOC before the Legislature, the administration, and worked to improve MWDOC's profile within the water industry.

Highlights of 2023

Advocated for increased funding for recycling and water infrastructure: Along with WateReuse, we advocated for increased funds for water recycling projects in SB 867 (Allen). Since the bond bills stalled once the decision was made to put them on the November ballot, the work is not finished and will continue in early 2024.

No bad bills got through: It is easy to forget that 2023 was a tumultuous year since all the major legislative battles were over six months ago. Here is a reminder of how the year started:

- The water rights bills. (AB 460, AB 1337, and SB 389)
- "Solve the Water Crisis" (SB 366)
- Nonfunctional Turf (AB 1572)
- SB 687 (Eggman): another attack on the Delta Conveyance.

Despite having multiple fires to fight at the same time, and some near misses that almost got past, no bill with opposition from the water community made it to the Governor's desk.

Planning for 2024

Member outreach: In 2024, Heather and I will continue our member outreach efforts on two fronts. We will continue to educate new and senior OC delegation members about the ongoing LAFCO process, and we will work to educate new policy committee chairs and committee members about the many services MWDOC provides. New chairs have already been named in the Assembly, and the Senate will follow soon once Sen. Mike McGuire is sworn in to succeed Toni Atkins as the Senate Pro Tem early next year.

Advocate for the Delta Conveyance Project: No matter what, this will be on the list of priorities until a tunnel is built. In 2023, the only actual work was stopping collateral attacks from the Legislature. Beyond these defensive efforts, water industry advocates have not yet been called on to advocate for the project as it moves through the regulatory process, but that can change on short notice. I will continue to monitor activity on the Delta Conveyance in the Capitol and within the relevant state agencies, and engage whenever advocacy is needed to support the project.

Conclusion

On behalf of Syrus Devers Advocacy, I have enjoyed representing MWDOC's interests in Sacramento for these many years, and I respectfully ask for the privilege of continuing to advocate for MWDOC in 2024.

Thank you,

Syrus Devers
Owner/Manager, SDA Government Relations



INFORMATION ITEM

December 4, 2023

TO: Planning & Operations Committee
(Directors McVicker, Nederhood, Seckel)

FROM: Harvey De La Torre, General Manager

Staff Contact: Damon Micalizzi

SUBJECT: 2023 OC WATER SUMMIT RECAP

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning and Operations Committee Receive and file the report.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

The OC Water Summit Committee has reviewed the responses gathered from the post-event survey. Those findings and an initial accounting are in the attached report that was delivered to the Committee.

Reviews were mostly positive, with the venue and the emcee grading high. As such, the 2024 OC Water Summit will be held at the Westin, and Fritz Coleman will be invited back to serve as Master of Ceremonies with an enhanced role. A September date is targeted for next year.

The Committee will reconvene in late January after the event Co-Chairs, Directors Thomas and Sheldon meet with staff.

MWD OC will be the lead agency for the 2024 event.



Wrap Up Meeting

November 27, 2023

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Agenda

2023 Summit

- Attendance
- Budget
- Program recap
 - Program
 - Session videos
- Survey results
 - 2023 results
 - Survey ideas for next year

2024 Summit

- Date & location
- Proposed committee meeting schedule
 - Continue hosting on last Monday of the month at 9 a.m. (virtual)
 - First 2024 planning meeting January 29

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Registration

- 371 registrants
 - 116 general tickets
 - 175 sponsor guests
 - 80 complimentary
 - board members, speakers, event staff, executive staff, elected staff, grand jury
- 55 no shows
- 9 day of registrants
- 325 attendees

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Attendance

Attendee breakdown – ticket type

- **32%** general tickets
- **46%** sponsor guests
- **8%** complimentary
 - executive staff, elected staff, grand jury
- **3%** speakers
- **4%** board members
- **7%** staff
 - ocwd, mwdoc, exhibitors

Attendee breakdown – industry

- **46%** water industry
- **12%** government
- **7%** consultants & related industry
- **3%** business
- **2%** education
- **19%** community
- **11%** speakers, staff, exhibitors

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Sponsorship: \$65,400

Presenting

- OCWD
- MWDOC

Luncheon

- Mesa Water

Program

- Irvine Ranch Water District

Décor

- OC San

Session

- Butler (session 3)

Associate

- Jacobs
- Kennedy Jenks
- Rebuild SoCal
- SAWPA
- Walsh

Exhibitor

- Comsys
- Daupler
- Xylem

In Kind

- Rutan & Tucker, LLP
- Tucker Ellis, LLP

Table

- Aleshire & Wynder, LLP
- Anaheim Public Utilities
- Black & Veatch
- City of Santa Ana
- Disneyland Resort
- East Orange County Water District
- El Toro Water District
- Hazen & Sawyer
- Irvine Ranch Water District
- Mesa Water (2)
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- Michael Baker International, Inc.
- Moulton Niguel Water District
- PACE Advanced Water Engineering
- South Coast Water District (2)
- Trabuco Canyon Water District
- Yorba Linda Water District

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Budget

2023 O.C. Water Summit Budget	Amount	Notes
Income:		
Sponsorships	\$ 65,400.00	
Registration	\$ 18,575.00	
Total Income:	\$ 83,975.00	
Expenses:		
Banquet charge (food & beverage, event services, fees)	\$ 54,413.75	
Parking	\$ 3,210.00	
Speaker/staff hotel rooms	\$ 4,208.31	
A/V rental and service	\$ 35,194.36	\$33,245 AD AV Pro + \$1,949.36 Hotel
Speaker travel fees/expenses	\$ 4,319.95	
Speaker gifts	\$ 800.35	\$550.35 padfolios + \$250 fritz
Speaker dinner	\$ -	Rutan/Hedenkamp paid venue directly
Radios	\$ -	text instead
Digital Program	\$ 32.00	Flipsnack one month
Stage furniture	\$ -	use hotel chairs and tables
Centerpieces	\$ 3,984.71	floral arrangements
Signage	\$ -	in house
Video (Fritz, lead in videos)	\$ -	HP to film, OCWD to edit
Supplies (nametags, misc.)	\$ -	
Staff mileage	\$ -	
Staff dinner/snacks	\$ 184.86	
Credit card fees	\$ 1,447.83	from online payments
Total Expenses:	\$ 107,796.12	

Difference of \$23,821.12

\$11,910.56 per agency

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Previous Budgets

2022 & 2021 O.C. Water Summit Budgets	2022	2021	Notes
Income:			
Sponsorships	\$ 65,142.20	\$ 64,105.04	credit card fees deducted
Registration	\$ 18,481.06	\$ 23,042.97	credit card fees deducted
Total Income:	\$ 83,623.26	\$ 87,148.01	
Expenses:			
Banquet charge (food & beverage, event services, fees)	\$ 58,413.23	\$ 44,294.60	
Parking	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 1,500.00	not charged for valet in 2021
Speaker/staff hotel rooms	\$ 8,704.02	\$ 7,589.94	
A/V rental and service	\$ 29,832.76	\$ 28,789.10	
Speaker travel fees/expenses	\$ 1,869.04	\$ 1,832.81	
Speaker gifts	\$ 318.04	\$ 100.00	
Speaker dinner	\$ 3,223.37	\$ 1,191.27	
Radios	\$ 278.40	\$ 240.00	
Digital Program	\$ 48.00	\$ 168.00	
Stage furniture	incl. in banquet charge	\$ 2,474.50	
Signage	\$ 973.93	\$ 478.39	
Video (Fritz, lead in videos)	\$ -	\$ 250.00	2021 studio rental
Supplies (centerpieces, nametags, misc.)	\$ 1,443.43	\$ 1,727.68	
Staff mileage	\$ 222.63	\$ -	
Staff dinner	\$ 159.72	\$ -	
Total Expenses:	\$ 108,036.57	\$ 90,636.29	

2022

Difference of \$24,413.31

\$12,206.66 per agency

2021

Difference of \$3,488.28

\$1,744.14 per agency

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About the Summit



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RELIABILITY

Orange County Water Summit
Friday, October 13, 2023
7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Westin South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa
www.ocwatersummit.com

Presented by




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Program

7:30	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:00	Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance
8:15	Session 1: Drought or Missed Opportunities?
9:35	Session 2: Is It Fair to Blame Climate Change for Everything?
10:30	Networking Break
10:50	Session 3: What's Our Water Supply Future?
12:15	Closing Remarks
12:30	Networking Lunch
1:30	Program Ends

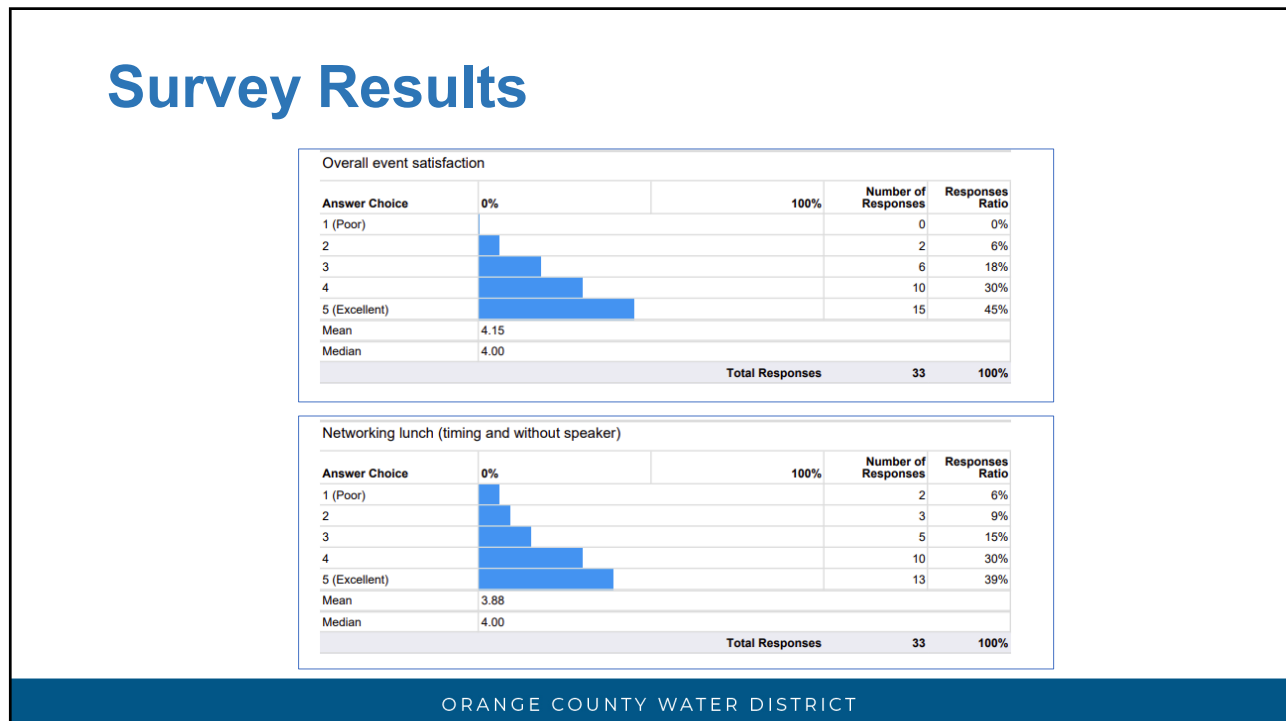
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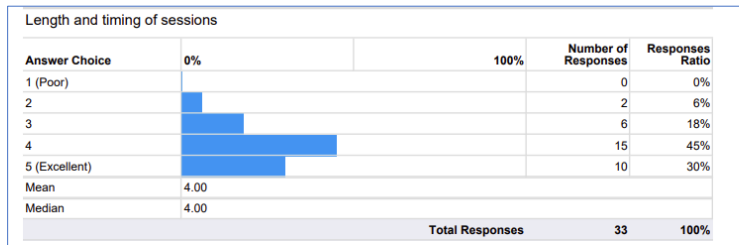
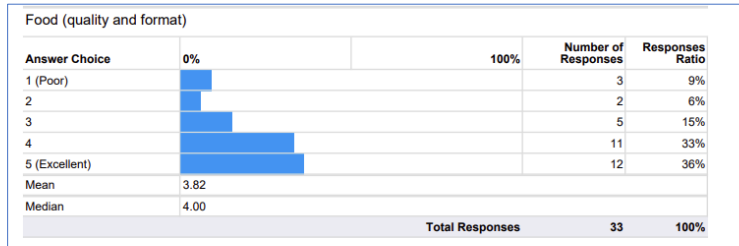


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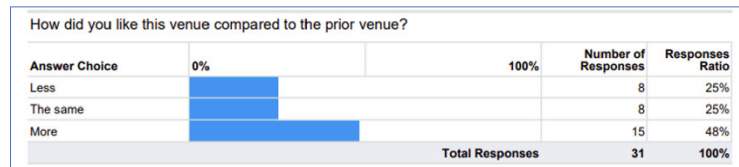
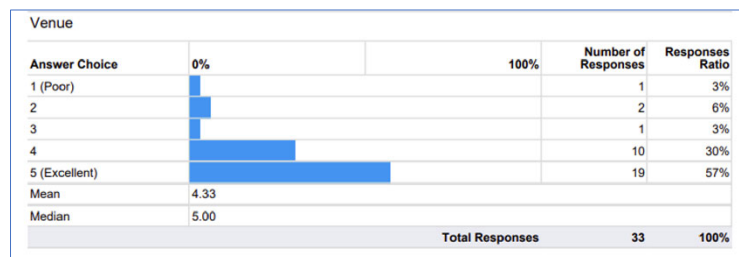
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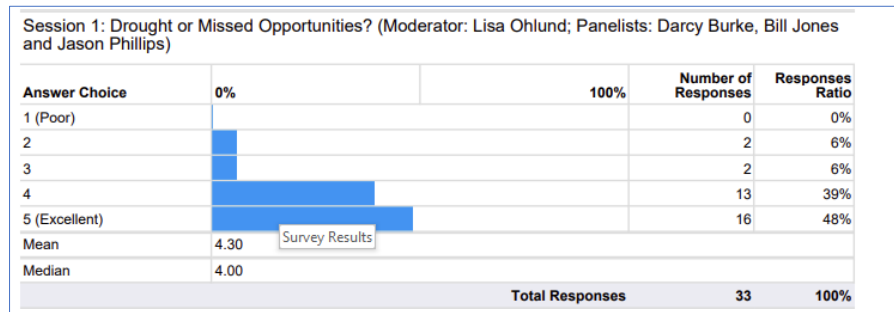


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Survey Results



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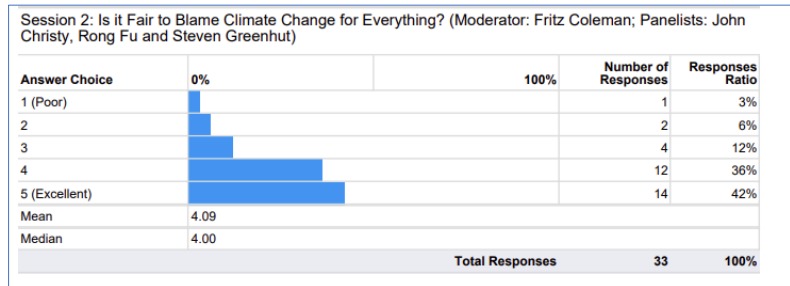
Please provide comments on Session 1:
It was very informative and also entertaining with great speakers and a great moderator.
Very interesting. I learned a lot.
Great to see and hear former Secretary of State Bill Jones!
I enjoyed Darcy Burke's comments.
Unfortunately the session consisted of panelists presenting gripes and complaints rather than real world solutions. Ms. Burke's proposal to have the State Water Board elected rather than appointed was laughable and showed lack of knowledge.
Too long. Do we really need an hour to hear football anecdotes and every panelist say "yeah what she said"?
great to see the different perspectives. fascinating commentary in ALL breakouts. For the novice attendee, the fact that many have prior experience with older projects, controversies etc. I needed to lookup after the event-not a bad thing but I may
Darcy was on point and entertaining.
Lisa did a wonderful job moderating the panel.
No audience questions were provided. Seems like a missed opportunity.
Bill had history that should have been shared. There was too much Lisa and Fritz has better energy and style of engagement. Appreciated Darcy's honesty and energy.
Good session, but long. Folks were so tired at the end of it, they all got up and we had trouble transitioning to the second session.

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Please provide comments on Session 2:

A nice mix of speakers - some dry and some full of pep and personality.

Very nice to see divergent views on global warming instead of the typical "We all know....." condescending approach being fed to us.

I thought the panelists did a good job talking about a topic many people refuse to acknowledge is real.

Fritz had a difficult time reigning in the crowd at the beginning of the session. Half the people left the room and the other half were extremely loud. It was quite disrespectful to the speakers.

I like Dr. John Christy presentation.

The worst of all sessions. To have an incredible climate change denier on the same platform with a respected UCLA scientist was unbelievable. Why were the planners of this session trying to promote the denial of climate change?

Could we find actual hydrologists and metrologists instead of someone indicating that because we do not have more 100+ degree days - there is no climate change?

cont'd: have had more insight w/ a little more preparation available. This is probably not an issue for most of the attendees. In general it was great informed me of the many viewpoints & potentially competing needs. I left more thoughtful & engaged.

I think that in the past we have had keynote speakers or some form of presentation that brought a sense of focus to the gathering? Two panels back to back ended up seeming flat even though the information was interesting.

Enjoyed the data from the scientists.

Climate always changes. Let's get with a clearer proclamation that weather is cyclical. In wet times, we simply need to better store for dry times. Finally, we need to stop sending billions of gallons of potable water back to the Pacific.

Needed more time hearing from Steve. He has broad knowledge and history that deserved more time.

Would have liked hearing more from John too.

Surprised to see manmade climate change deniers on a panel. This is counter intuitive to responsible water resource planning.

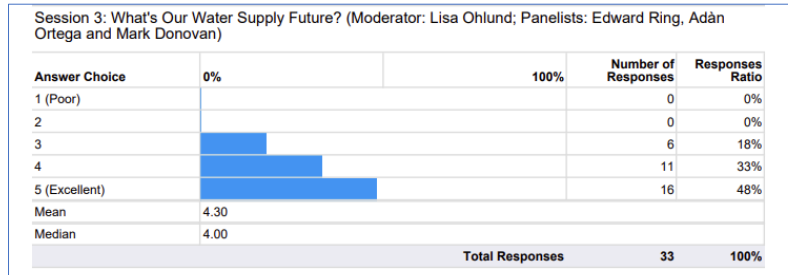
Good session

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Please provide comments on Session 3:
A good topic to get everyone thinking about the many options for the future.
Nice examples illustrating the overblown and dire consequences of ocean desal intakes and discharges the critics hang their collective hats on. Some very interesting ideas that I think we need to continue to address.
Excellent, very timely observations by all panelists! Need to move forward on some kind of [any kind of Water Blue Print similar to the concept proposed by Jason Phillips!
Adan Ortega was very informative.
Better than the others, but not great.
Edward Ring was able to make a number of points, all of which, while intriguing were items that have never been able to get any traction.
Leaving the summit many folks expressed a sense of frustration with the overall state of water.
Always enjoy Adan Ortega and Ed Ring.
Ed is the best. He needs better visuals.
Good session, but wanted to hear more from the speakers and less from Lisa

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What topics and/or speakers would you like to see at future OC Water Summits?

A detailed discussion of the experiences of OC water agencies working to establish their Directors Divisions per the CA Civil Rights Act. Irvine Ranch Water District just recently completed a very comprehensive and thorough process in establishing Directors Divisions. Also, the impacts of the current CA State Supreme Court case involving the City of Santa Monica vs. Kevin Schankman, ESQ.. and implications for water agencies still needing to complete their division establishment process.

1. Water quality standards update and potential impacts on water districts
2. New Regionwide MS4 permit, what it is and what are its impacts
3. Water recycling successes and challenges in the Santa Ana River Watershed
4. How do we promote water conservation after potentially two years of plentiful rainfall
5. PFOS/PFOA Update

We recognize that the OCW Water Summit is about water supply, but we at Fieldman, Rolapp would be pleased to present on financial topics, perhaps funding options and alternatives.

Robert Porr, 949.660.7323

1. BOR climate forecasting for Western US.
2. Groundwater sustainability successes - i.e. what works
3. Latest information on desalination technology improvements.

Since conservation and non functional turf seem to be the only solutions the state is working on ... I would like to hear "the real numbers" and "real life scenarios" that demonstrate how it these steps will see us out of the next water crisis.

Would like to see someone from the state speak like Karla Nemeth, CA DWR or Camille Touton from BOR.

A one voice lobby group to be strong in Sacramento, protecting and promoting local water and fixing the delta waste back into the ocean.

Utilizing AI and Analytics to improve process efficiency and sustainability.

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

I would much prefer a served lunch during the last panel instead of having everyone stay after and then stand in a long buffet line.

1. Do we have too many water supply options?leading to gridlock in decision making.

This was a disappointing conference with poor speakers. The planners need to be better tuned to the challenges to water resources and water quality. The speakers simply complained about the regulatory environment, thought climate change is overstated, and provided no solutions to the challenges that we face. The lunch was terrible, it consisted of disorganized items placed in bowls that left us with no idea of what we were supposed to do with them. I'd take a rubber chicken lunch any day.

Very well done!

Really marginal summit. Probably not going to attend the next one.

Need more time for dialogue from the audience. Moderators should have one prompt, but the rest of the questions should come from the audience. If the audience does not have questions, then we can go to moderator prompts.

As a consultant sponsor, I really appreciated that we were spread out a bit more this year from the other consultants, weaving agencies in between.

If possible, next year, could the font size on the agency/firm identification be larger on the name badges? It was very tiny and impossible to read without putting my face directly up to each person's badge.

as in prior summits the name tag information is far too small to read when meeting new people and networking. Is there a way to make the type larger on the name tags.

Venue was weak. Room too wide for stage. Sound was barely adequate. Food was poor. I'd suggest going to just 2 panelists. Schedule was too tight, need more networking time. Too much Lisa not enough Fritz.

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2024 Summit

Date & location

- Westin – September 6, 13, 27
- Disney Grand Californian – October 18

Other water conferences

September	
▪ 9-12	CSDA Annual Conference (Indian Wells)
▪ 15-17	WaterReuse CA Annual Conference (Garden Grove)
▪ 24-26	AWWA Sustainable Water Management Conference (Las Vegas)
October	
▪ 5-9	WEFTEC (New Orleans)
▪ 7-9	GRA Western Groundwater Congress (Tahoe)
▪ 20-23	AMWA Executive Management Conference (Florida)
▪ 21-25	ISMAR (Seattle)
▪ 29-30	World Water Tech North America (Los Angeles)
▪ TBD	NWRI Clarke Prize <i>(month based on 2023 event)</i>

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Future Planning Meetings

- Continue last Monday of the month at 9 a.m. via Zoom
 - January 29
 - February 26
 - March 25
 - April 29
 - May 20 (prior week due to Memorial Day)
 - June 24
 - July 29
 - August 26

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ENGINEERING & PLANNING	
Lead and Copper Rule Revisions – Lead Service Line Inventory Choice Program	<p>In mid-March 2023, multiple agencies requested MWDOC’s assistance in complying with US EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) - Service Line Inventories which all water systems are required to complete and submit to the primacy agency (for California it is the State Water Boards) by October 16, 2024.</p> <p>On May 24, 2023, MWDOC hosted an initial meeting with (18) OC agencies and the State Division of Drinking Water staff regarding the LCRR – Lead Service Line Inventory compliance requirements.</p> <p>On June 19, 2023, MWDOC posted an RFP for technical assistance with multiple agencies’ service line inventories and received five (5) proposals with the expectation that consultants provide volume discount rates for agencies under the Choice Program.</p> <p>The MWDOC Board approved a contract award to Hazen and Sawyer (Hazen) on September 20, 2023. Following Board approval, MWDOC staff hosted one-on-one meetings with interested agencies to answer agency-specific questions related to LCRR compliance approach, costs, and data needs to help agencies navigate the process.</p> <p>The shared services program has 13 participating agencies. MWDOC is issuing Notices to Proceed to consultant Hazen as agencies sign the MWDOC shared services agreement for agencies’ customized scopes of work.</p> <p>The project remains on schedule. Hazen is completing set up of the initial GIS databases for each agency, reviewing available agency information, and collecting necessary data as part of the desktop analysis portion of the project.</p>
MNWD Pump-in to EOCF #2 Technical Study	<p>MWDOC continues to support MNWD’s technical study of a potential pump-in project to East OC Feeder #2 from the City of Santa Ana’s East Station. MWDOC has hosted multiple meetings with staff from MET’s Water Quality, Operations, and Engineering Groups, Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD), City of Santa Ana, OCWD, and MNWD’s consultant Brown & Caldwell.</p> <p>MWDOC hosted a 5th technical meeting on November 16, 2023, between MET staff, MWDOC, MNWD, City of Santa Ana, and consultant Brown & Caldwell.</p>
Doheny Ocean Desalination Project	<p>South Coast Water District (SCWD) continues to develop the Doheny Ocean Desalination Project. SCWD estimates an on-line date of 2028, if approved by the SCWD Board.</p> <p>At the SCWD Board Meeting on June 22, 2023, Clean Energy Capital (CEC) provided an update on the financial implications of the project. CEC presented updated cost projections for a 5 MGD project where SCWD would take 2 MGD.</p> <p>The updated estimated 1st year water cost is \$2,597/AF (in 2028\$) or \$2,058/AF (discounted to 2023\$), which is a \$469/AF increase vs CEC’s 2021 estimate.</p>

	<p>The increase is largely driven by increases in energy costs (with energy costs making up 60% of the overall cost increase).</p> <p>SCWD Unit Cost of Water (\$/AF)</p> <table> <tr> <td>MWDOC Average of High and Low</td><td>\$2,100</td></tr> <tr> <td>5 MGD Plant</td><td>\$2,701</td></tr> <tr> <td>Difference</td><td>\$ 601</td></tr> </table> <p>SCWD Residential Average Monthly Cost</p> <table> <tr> <td>No Desal</td><td>\$141.63</td></tr> <tr> <td>With 5 MGD Plant</td><td>\$145.64</td></tr> <tr> <td>Difference</td><td>\$4.01</td></tr> </table> <p>CEC estimates of Construction Costs:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Escalated to a Feb 1, 2025 construction start date</td><td>\$137,642,914</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total Grants</td><td>(\$ 30,423,241)¹</td></tr> <tr> <td><u>Total Development & Financing Costs</u></td><td><u>\$ 30,685,350</u></td></tr> <tr> <td>Total Capitalized Costs</td><td>\$137,905,023</td></tr> </table> <p>SCWD Staff Report is located here:</p> <p>https://scwd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=3&clip_id=2790&meta_id=180312</p> <p>CEC Presentation slides are located here:</p> <p>https://scwd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=3&clip_id=2790&meta_id=180313</p> <p>On July 27, 2023, SCWD released the Request for Qualifications for the Progressive Design Build Operate and Maintain (DBOM) Project. SCWD received Statements of Qualifications from 7 teams and after a qualifications review has shortlisted three teams for the contract development phase (PCL/CDM/Veolia; Kiewit/IDE/Arcadis; Filanc/Acciona/Hazen).</p> <p>¹As of September 2023, SCWD has secured \$32.4M in grant funding for the Project, including \$10M from the California Department of Water Resources Desalination Construction Grant, \$20M from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation (WIN) Act Grant, and \$2.4M from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Grant.</p>	MWDOC Average of High and Low	\$2,100	5 MGD Plant	\$2,701	Difference	\$ 601	No Desal	\$141.63	With 5 MGD Plant	\$145.64	Difference	\$4.01	Escalated to a Feb 1, 2025 construction start date	\$137,642,914	Total Grants	(\$ 30,423,241) ¹	<u>Total Development & Financing Costs</u>	<u>\$ 30,685,350</u>	Total Capitalized Costs	\$137,905,023
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Shutdowns	<p>AMP Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe (PCCP) Inspection</p> <p>MET conducted an inspection of the PCCP sections of the AMP down-gradient of OC-70 between October 29 through November 4, 2023 to assess the condition of the high tensile strength prestressed structural steel wire in the pipe. Results of the inspection should be available in early January 2024.</p> <p>A rehabilitation project for the AMP to add a structural steel liner to the PCCP sections of the pipeline is currently in design with an estimated start date of late</p>																				

2027. This rehabilitation project will require a series of shutdowns of the AMP over a 2–3-year period.

Diemer Water Treatment Plant

MET has modified the scheduled shutdown of Diemer WTP from a 7-day shutdown to a 3-day shutdown. The shutdown is now scheduled for **January 14-16, 2024**.

MET originally scheduled a 7-day shutdown to address a damaged chlorine diffuser at Diemer and to address maintenance issues in some of the pipelines that will be off-line during the Diemer shutdown. However, due to issues associated with PFAS regulations and bringing new PFAS treatment systems on-line for groundwater wells in OC, MET has reduced the shutdown to 3 days. This shutdown will now only focus on repair of the chlorine solution line. Another shutdown will be needed in 2025 to address the deferred pipeline maintenance items.

During the Diemer shutdown, the following pipelines will be affected:

- Allen-McColloch Pipeline
- East Orange County Feeder No.2
- Lower Feeder – Treated and Untreated
- Second Lower Feeder (portions)

Lake Mathews

MET has scheduled a 2-day shutdown of Lake Mathews for **March 12-13, 2024** to complete repairs to a forebay slide gate and to conduct geologic survey of the forebay. The following pipelines will be impacted by this shutdown:

- East OC Feeder #1 and
- Santiago Lateral

General Managers Report

WEROC Status Report

November 2023

NOVEMBER INCIDENTS/EVENTS

- 11.7.23 Public Safety Power Shutoff
- 11.8.23 Hanger Fire (Tustin)

The above events required coordination or efforts from the WEROC Office in support of member agencies. Vicki can provide additional information on events as warranted or requested.

COORDINATION/PARTICIPATION WITH MEMBER AGENCIES AND OUTSIDE AGENCIES MEETINGS OUTSIDE OF PROGRAMS AREAS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- On 11/2, Janine attended the monthly Orange County Emergency Management Organization (OCEMO) meeting.
- On 11/2, Vicki attended the OCEMO Exercise Design and Training subcommittee meeting. Focus was on development of the 2024 exercise/seminar and discussion about training efforts needed in Orange County.
- On 11/21, Vicki attended the CalWARN Executive committee meeting in which the governance document was discussed and will require additional meeting to make changes as required for adoption. In addition, the current VP had to resign so Vicki as been appointed the board to serve as the VP.
- On 11/30, Vicki presented CalWARN on the MET Workshop.
- On 11/30, Vicki conducted a Workshop/TTX exercise for OCWD. Target Capability is Response and Communications for the onset of an earthquake.

PLANNING AND PROGRAM EFFORTS

EOC Readiness & EOC Project

- WEROC EOC Project – Vicki has begun the design phase with the mobile company.
- Mission Viejo EOC Decommissioning update – Janine coordinated with a moving company to relocate key, large heavy items to the Peters Canyon Location (11/28).

Cyber Security and OCIAC Partnership

- WEROC continues to send out important information to the Cyber Security Distribution Group as received from DHS or the OCIAC.
- WEROC has been providing information to the member agencies as required about highlighted threats to the water industry and other current world event as required.

Member Agency and County/Operational Area Plan Review

Vicki reviewed or revised the following plans this month:

- SCWD Palisades Dam Emergency Response Plan (CalOES has returned the plan requesting additional information.) A meeting occurred on 11/21, so Vicki could capture the changes wanted by CalOES, Plan was re-summitted on the evening of 11/21 by Vicki to the state..

Member Agency Inventory Lists (On-going)

- Vicki has begun to take the list Janine finished obtaining and type resources for expedient use during events so required resource can be obtained from member agencies, or obtained from outside vendor sources Vicki will be putting together emergency contract with vendor agencies for identified scarce resources in order to support member agencies.

Regional Fuel Project

- Vicki continues to work on the project now that the member agencies provided their preliminary needs.

Regional Mapping Project

- Janine continues to work on revision of the 2017 WEROC Map Atlas and Public Safety Power Shut (PSPS) Off map updates. MWDOC Engineering has been assisting with the collaboration with CDR and providing input to the project.

Training and Exercises

- On 10/4, Vicki conducted a virtual Agency Representative (AREP) training for member agencies. This training targets staff who will be respond to Incident Command Posts representing their agency while working with law and fire for different type of incidents. This training curriculum was created by Vick at the request of the member agencies.
- On 11/1, Vicki conducted (2) ICS100/700/SEMS
- On 11/2, Vicki conducted the second part of the SCWD TTX.
- On 11/27, Vicki conducted 800Mhz training for the member agencies

WEROC Regional Water Distribution Plan

- Vicki is finalizing the regional plan and will be, meeting with the cities emergency managers during quarter 1 of 2024 to socialize the tiered approach and capabilities of

the plan. This will be done in 5 regions of OC based on the County Board of Supervisor Districts. Tabletop Exercises will be conducted in Q2 of 2024.

OTHER WEROC INFORMATION

WEROC Personnel Update

- Second round interviews for the vacant WEROC Specialist Position on Nov 29th.

**Status of Water Use Efficiency Projects
November 2023**

Description	Lead Agency	Status % Complete	Scheduled Completion or Renewal Date	Comments
SoCal WaterSmart Residential Indoor Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In October 2023, 190 high efficiency clothes washers and 18 premium high efficiency toilets were installed in Orange County. To date, 128,907 high efficiency clothes washers and 61,511 high efficiency toilets have been installed through this program.
SoCal WaterSmart Commercial Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In October 2023, no commercial device rebates were paid in Orange County. To date, 115,208 commercial devices have been installed through this program.
Flow-Monitoring Device Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In October 2023, 12 flow-monitoring devices were installed in Orange County. To date, 146 flow-monitoring devices have been installed through this program.
Smart Timer Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In October 2023, 241 residential and 19 commercial smart timers were installed in Orange County. To date, 33,188 smart timers have been installed through this program.
Rotating Nozzles Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In October 2023, 188 rotating nozzles were installed in Orange County. To date, 579,506 rotating nozzles have been installed through this program.

Description	Lead Agency	Status % Complete	Scheduled Completion or Renewal Date	Comments
Rain Barrel Rebate Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In October 2023, 19 rain barrels were installed in Orange County. To date, 8,923 rain barrels have been installed through this program.
Turf Removal Program	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In October 2023, 41 rebates were paid, representing \$602,624.01 in rebates paid this month in Orange County. To date, the Turf Removal Program has removed approximately 27.1 million square feet of turf.
Spray to Drip Rebate Program	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In October 2023, 22 rebates were paid, representing \$69,994.74 in rebates paid this month in Orange County. To date, the Spray to Drip Program has converted approximately 3.3 million square feet of standard spray irrigation to drip irrigation.
Landscape Design and Landscape Maintenance Assistance Programs	MWDOC	Ongoing	Ongoing	In October 2023, 7 landscape design packages and 2 landscape maintenance packages were delivered to MWDOC Turf Removal Program customers. To date, 755 landscape design packages and 320 landscape maintenance packages have been delivered to MWDOC Turf Removal Program customers.
Industrial Process/Water Savings Incentive Program (WSIP)	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	This program is designed to improve water efficiency for commercial customers through upgraded equipment or services that do not qualify for standard rebates. Incentives are based on the amount of water customers save and allow customers to implement custom water-saving projects.

Description	Lead Agency	Status % Complete	Scheduled Completion or Renewal Date	Comments
Industrial Process/ Water Savings Incentive Program (WSIP) cont.				Total water savings to date for the entire program is 1,301 AFY and 8,158 AF cumulatively.
Recycled Water Retrofit Program	MWDSC	Ongoing	Ongoing	This program provides incentives to commercial sites for converting dedicated irrigation meters to recycled water. To date, 188 sites, irrigating a total of 1,738 acres of landscape, have been converted. The total potable water savings achieved by these projects is 3,863 AFY and 25,351 AF cumulatively.

**Public & Governmental Affairs Activities Report
November 1, 2023 – November 28, 2023**

Member Agency Support	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers Bureau – Coordinated, attended, and provided support for President Schneider’s certificate of recognition presentation to Santa Margarita Water District’s Board for their partnership in hosting the August Scouts Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge clinic • Provided the 2024 Water Awareness Poster Contest Media/Tool Kit to MWDOC Member Agencies and education partners • Coordinated with Member Agencies to choose a date for an upcoming Public Affairs Workgroup Meeting • Created and distributed Winter 2023 bill inserts for 11 Member Agencies • Met with El Toro Water District and Moulton Niguel Water District to discuss communication needs, education programs, and workforce efforts <p>Government Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update at the Member Agency Managers meeting on MWDOC’s updated Legislative Policy Principles and a quick overview on association sponsored legislation for 2024 • Distributed the Grants Tracking and Acquisition monthly report • Circulated a WaterSMART NOFO to member agencies
Community and Special Events	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Senator Min's 2023 Water Policy Forum • Hosted a Girl Scouts Clinic at El Toro Water District where 41 OC Girl Scouts received their MWDOC Water Resources & Conservation Patch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Clinic recap video • Secured January 31, 2024, at the Westin South Coast Plaza for the next MWDOC Water Policy Forum & Dinner <p>Government Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the OCBC Governmental Affairs Committee meeting • Participated in the CalCities Water Working Group meeting
K-12 Water Education	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers Bureau – Presented current MWDOC education initiatives at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Education Coordinators meeting • Provided information regarding the MWDOC K-12 Choice School Programs to City of Anaheim, City of Fountain Valley, City of Tustin, City of Santa Ana, City of Brea, City of La Habra, City of Orange, Santa Margarita Water District, Moulton Niguel Water District, and Trabuco Canyon Water District • Met with MWDOC 3-12 Choice School Program contractor, Orange County Department of Education’s Inside the Outdoors, to discuss program direction, goals, and student engagement opportunities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Orange County Coastkeepers to compare education program initiatives and discuss opportunities for collaboration • Met with Orange County Department of Education's Inside the Outdoors to discuss teacher and student learning opportunities for the Coronet WaterSmart Conservation Garden
Workforce Initiative	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated the order of new Water Energy Education Alliance (WEEA or Alliance) workforce brochures for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Tomorrow's Talent in multiple languages • Met with Valley Water and Los Angeles County Waterworks to discuss WEEA workforce opportunities and provide resources • Met with and secured Women In Non-Traditional Roles as a keynote for the January WEEA Leadership Roundtable meeting • Participated in the (Re)Imagining Apprenticeships Workshop hosted by EXP, Orange County Regional Consortium Workforce Development Alliance, DiagUSA, Vital Link, and California Community Colleges • Met with Santiago Canyon College to discuss Orange County workforce development opportunities, relationships, and available water courses • Met with Generation: NOW! to discuss funding opportunities for a strategic workforce development outline specific to Orange County
Digital Communications, Publications, and Media Engagement	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feature article with staff interview written and published by California Special Districts Association (CSDA) on the Coronet Watersmart Conservation Garden – CSDA Magazine, November-December 2023 • Prepared and distributed content for social media • Submitted content to the ACWA newsroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MWDOC Sponsors OC Children's Book Festival to Promote Environmental Literacy • Updated the MWDOC website as requested by several departments • Met with She TV Media to discuss video production opportunities
Special Projects	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the OC Environmental Solutions Taskforce • Met with strategic digital communications contractor, Hashtag Pinpoint, to discuss direction, goals, and engagement opportunities • Promoted The Coronet WaterSmart Conservation Garden's nomination in the Sustainable and Green Development

	<p>category for Orange County Business Council 13th Annual Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared 200 participant bags for the annual Wyland Foundation Gala filled with MWDOC-branded information and giveaways • Coordinated and hosted a Zoom meeting with Director Seckel and representatives from the City of Santa Ana and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to discuss the March 1, 2024, Southern California Water inspection trip • Met with the Wyland Foundation and City of San Clemente to discuss next steps for the community pocket park project <p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffed the WACO meeting with guest speaker OCSD • Staffed the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting • Staffed the WACO Planning Committee meeting • Invited and coordinated speakers for the December and January WACO meetings • Met with CSDA staff to discuss county chapter best practices and possible ideas for panels at an upcoming CSDA Conference
Outreach Metrics	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google Performance Analytics (November 2023) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 161 business profile interactions ○ 1,634 people viewed the business profile • Website Analytics (GM report timeframe) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8k pageviews + 25 OC Water-Smart Parks Microsite site sessions ○ Top pages for this date range <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MWDOC Homepage 1.3k ▪ Water Use Efficiency 1.1k ▪ Residential Rebates 485 ▪ Turf Removal Program 461 ▪ Agendas, Packets, Minutes 342 • ocwatersmartgardens.com Analytics (October 2023) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 444 sessions ○ Top pages for this date range <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Landing Page ▪ Helpful Plant List ▪ OC Turf Replacement Section • Social Media (October 31st -November 27th) <i>According to Hootsuite – the global leader in social media management –a good engagement rate is between 1% to 5%. For this period, MWDOC's engagement rate is at 3.11%</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 56,961 Post reach (number of people)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1,773 Post engagement (actions taken – likes, shares, etc.) ○ User-Generated Content- OC Feed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Views: 33k ▪ Likes and Comments: 369 ▪ Shares: 110
Legislative Affairs	<p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in Metropolitan’s Annual Legislative Planning meeting • Met with Metropolitan’s Sacramento advocates to discuss 2024 priorities • Attended the CMUA Regulatory and Legislative Committee Annual Planning meeting • Met with CCEEB staff to discuss both MWDOC and CCEEB legislative priorities for 2024 and identify ways to best work together