

## LEGISLATIVE AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE NOTES

April 30, 2019

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**Attendees:**

Committee members: Oscar Gonzalez (Chair) and Kathy Tiegs  
Staff members: John Bosler, Carrie Corder, Rob Hills, and Eric Grubb  
Members of the Public: Michael Boccadoro and Beth Olhasso, West Coast Advisors

**Call to Order:** 5:00 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** None

### 1. Legislative Conference Call

- Michael Boccadoro and Beth Olhasso from West Coast Advisors called in and provided an update on state legislative and policy issues. The Safe and Affordable Drinking Water issue remains at the center of discussion with six different proposals introduced on the subject. Governor Newsom just released an executive order on water but it did not contain anything new or of significant substance.
- SB 237 (Hertzberg) ocean discharge bill was recently amended to exclude brine discharge, which addresses some of the concerns of the inland water agencies; however, there is still significant opposition from the coastal communities. SB 204 (Dodd) has been unfavorably amended so the District will continue to oppose. SB 307 (Roth) could die in the next round of hearings due to the large amount of expressed opposition.
- The Policy Committee deadline has passed on April 26, 2019 and a number of bills did not make it out of the committee with enough votes. The house of origin deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>; if a bill does not make it out of its house of origin then it will become a two-year bill.
- Mr. Boccadoro and Ms. Olhasso exited the Committee call at 5:30 pm.

### 2. Proposed Amendments to the Water Shortage Contingency Plan

- Staff provided a verbal update and PowerPoint presentation to the committee on proposed amendments to the District's Water Supply Shortage Contingency Plan (WSSCP). A background was given on the District's WSSCP which was originally adopted in 2009 and then modified in 2015 to comply with State's emergency rulemaking for mandatory conservation during the drought.
- In 2018, two long-term water use efficiency bills were signed into law establishing new guidelines for urban water use efficiency standards for indoor use, outdoor use, and water lost to leaks. A component of one of the bills required all urban water suppliers to have at least six specific standard water shortage levels of progressive ranges up to greater than 50% shortage. The District's existing WSSCP includes six levels; however, three newly required levels are not included.

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- Staff proposed that the District amend its WSSCP to include three new water shortage levels, which when added to our existing levels would exceed the State's requirements. Staff requested approval of the amendments to the District's WSSCP, which would be implemented immediately and will provide certainty for the design of the upcoming water rates in 2020.
- The committee concurred with staff's recommendation and the item will go before the entire Board of Directors for review and approval on May 14, 2019.

### 3. Federal and State Advocacy Review

- Staff provided a review of the District's Federal and State Advocacy services. As a result of the discussion we will end our trial, monthly retainer with BB&K and go back to using their services on an as-needed basis. In addition, staff will distribute an RFP for all advocacy services at the end of summer.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.