

LEGISLATIVE AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE NOTES

February 21, 2018

Attendees:

Committee members: Oscar Gonzalez (Chair) and Kathy Tiegs

Staff members: Marty Zvirbulis, John Bosler, Eric Grubb, Kristeen Farlow and Erin Morales

Members of the Public: None

Call to Order: 5:05 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: None

I. Legislative Conference Call

- Michael Boccadoro and Beth Olhasso from the West Coast Advisors provided an update to the Committee on State legislation and policy. The bill introduction deadline recently passed; bills must be in print for at least 30 days before acting on them.
- Drought conditions are returning and that will likely direct much of the conversation at the State level on conservation policies and legislation.
- There is growing pressure on the California Water Commission to approve some of the Proposition I Bond storage projects that were initially denied in the grant application process. The Commission recently had a hearing with legislators and other key stakeholders who expressed their frustration with the process. Decisions are expected to be made in June or July.
- There are still two water use efficiency bills remaining from last year that are being worked; one of them will go to the Governor before the end of session. SB 623 is still being considered along with budget trailer bill language from the Governor.
- Governor Brown recently announced a key change to the California Water Fix. The project will be altered from two tunnels to one tunnel in an effort to get more support and make the project more affordable. There are ongoing discussions around this item including MWD potentially taking on more on the financial responsibility for the project.

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2. CVWD Social Media Policy

- Staff presented the Committee with a revised CVWD Social Media Policy, which lays out some of the details of how the District uses social media.
- The District has been using social media actively since 2010 when the first CVWD Social Media Policy was drafted. Since that time, a lot has changed on social media and the way CVWD engages with it. This policy establishes guidelines to ensure brand consistency and transparency in District communications through the use of social media.
- The Committee discussed the District's use of social media with staff and recommended changes to the draft policy.
- The Committee recommended the policy be forwarded to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

3. Upcoming Legislative Events

- Staff provided the Committee with a list of upcoming legislative related events:
 - February 26 - March 1: ACWA DC, Washington D.C.
 - March 13: Annual Legislative Board Workshop (West Coast Advisors), Sacramento
 - March 13: Inland Empire & Orange County State Legislative Reception, Sacramento
 - March 14: ACWA Legislative Symposium, Sacramento
 - April/May TBD: CVWD Legislative Visits (West Coast Advisors), Sacramento
 - May 22: Federal Legislative Briefing (BB & K), CVWD
 - May 22-23: CSDA Legislative Days, Sacramento

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.