

LEGISLATIVE AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE NOTES

September 19, 2018

Attendees:

Committee members:	Oscar Gonzalez (Chair) and Kathy Tiegs
Staff members:	Marty Zvirbulis, Carrie Corder, Kristeen Farlow, Eric Grubb, Erin Morales, and Katie Heer
Members of the Public:	Michael Boccodoro and Beth Olhasso, West Coast Advisors

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

I. Legislative Conference Call

- Michael Boccodoro and Beth Olhasso from West Coast Advisors called in to provide an update on state legislation and policy issues. Friday, August 31, 2018 marked the end of the two-year legislative session. Governor Brown has until September 30 to sign or veto bills.
- The proposed tax on drinking water failed to get out of the legislature; however, the Legislature has vowed that the issue will be brought back up next legislative session.
- After some hearings and discussions there will be an extended contract between the State Water Contractors and Department of Water Resources (DWR) on the State Water Project.
- Governor Brown signed SB901, wildfire legislation; however, it is seen as a bailout for the utilities at the expense of ratepayers. It will allow the utilities to pass on costs related to past fires and infrastructure improvements to reduce the likelihood of future wildfires.
- The State Board discussion on flows continues. The current State Board proposal would be detrimental to agriculture and urban users and only good for the environment. Alternatives are being explored to make the new regulations more equitable. Parties are waiting to hear back from DWR with their proposal in October.
- Energy related: SB100 which was signed by Governor Brown will create new renewable energy goals of 100% by 2045, 60% by 2030, and 50% by 2026. All zero carbon such as large hydro and nuclear will count towards goals.
- Key active legislation:
 - SB 998 – Water shutoff bill was sent to the Governor; this bill is very problematic for the District. We sent a veto request letter.
- Mr. Boccodoro and Ms. Olhasso exited the Committee call at 5:30 pm.

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2. Administrative Policy No 1.9, Customer Assistance Program

- Staff shared the draft Customer Assistance Program Policy to the Committee. The draft policy establishes program requirements, funding source, and a proposed new reserve account.
- The Committee endorsed the new policy and it will be brought to the Finance Committee for their review on October 3, 2018.

3. Value of Water Campaign (Verbal)

- Staff shared with the Committee the three Value of Water videos that will be shown on the Cucamonga Water Tour on September 21, 2018. The videos focus on the campaign concepts of “*Prepare. Provide. Prosper.*” and highlight the District’s commitment to planning and managing District facilities and investments in the community. The Committee provided feedback to staff.
- The Value of Water campaign will be presented to the Board of Directors on the September 25, 2018 Board Meeting, including the videos and other marketing materials.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:05 p.m.