

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
4040 PARAMOUNT BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA
12:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

AGENDA

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- 1. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2008**
Staff Recommendation: Approve the minutes as submitted.
- 4. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**
Staff Recommendation: For information.
- 5. SISTER WATER AGENCY PROGRAM**
Staff Recommendation: For information.
- 6. WATER 101 FORUMS**
Staff Recommendation: For information.
- 7. ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIPS**
President's Recommendation: Add ARC Walk for Independence, South Bay Latino Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters Awards Dinner, and Earth Day co-sponsorship event with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts and Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and California Science Center Annual Dinner to the Regional Sponsorship list.
- 8. TRAVEL REQUEST – CARPE DIEM WESTERN WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECT**
Staff Recommendation: Approve participation of Director Lillian Kawasaki to the Carpe Diem Western Water and Climate Change Project, March 4-6, 2009 in Nevada.
- 9. DEPARTMENT REPORT**
Staff Recommendation: For information.
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

Posted by Abigail C. Andom, Deputy Secretary, February 13, 2009.

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**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2008
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

A special meeting of the External Affairs Committee of the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California was held on December 12, 2008 at 1:15 p.m. at the District Office, 4040 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California. Chairperson Albert Robles called the meeting to order. Administrative Specialist Sheryll Moffat recorded the minutes.

1. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Committee: Albert Robles, Sergio Calderon, Rob Katherman,
Willard H. Murray, Jr.
Excused: Lillian Kawasaki
Staff: Robb Whitaker, Elsa Lopez, Adeline Yoong
District Counsel Jamie Casso

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2008

The minutes were approved as submitted.

The agenda items were taken out of order.

5. THE CALIFORNIA LATINO LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY – POLANCO FELLOWS

Chairman Robles said that the California Latino Legislative Caucus Institute for Public Policy is seeking sponsors for the public policy fellowship program named the Richard G. Polanco Fellows Program. It is a year long public policy and leadership development program that will produce highly trained and capable leaders for sectors of our society.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Katherman, seconded by Director Calderon, and unanimously approved, it was

RESOLVED: The Committee recommends the Board contribute \$8,000 to the Richard G. Polanco Fellows Program.

Funds will be distributed through the regional sponsorship fund for FY 2008-09. Sponsorship will be considered annually.

Director Robles asked Ms. Lopez to contact the Executive Director to attend the Board meeting in December for presentation of the contribution.

4. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mike Evans and Scott Aliferis of K & L Gates provided an update on federal legislative activities via teleconference. Mr. Aliferis said that Congress will be back to work on January 6, 2009 and Congress hopes to have the stimulus package ready for the new President by January 20, 2009.

Director Katherman asked if the District's annual legislative trip to Washington, D.C. would be better scheduled next to an ACWA event. Both Mr. Evans and Mr Aliferis felt it was better to set up the meetings separately so that the District receives more emphasis and attention on its issues. Government Affairs Program Manager Adeline Yoong said that the trip will be scheduled sometime between mid-February and mid-March.

Bob Reeb of Millennium Government Associates, LLC provided an update on state legislative activities via teleconference. Mr. Reeb stated that the State's deficit is deepening daily and that the State has been unable to float bonds for infrastructure projects. He reported that the Inland Empire Utilities Agency and the WaterReuse Association is seeking District co-sponsorship on legislation to regulate water softeners. Director Katherman asked Mr. Reeb when he needed the endorsement to which Mr. Reeb responded that the first Board meeting in January would be fine.

6. PLA RESOLUTION

District Counsel James Casso said that the Project Labor Agreement provides for a smooth administration of major construction projects. This resolution expresses the intent of WRD to have project labor agreements (PLA) for its construction projects when appropriate.

Director Robles recommended that the last "WHEREAS" paragraph be stricken. Upon a motion duly made by Director Robles, seconded by Director Katherman, and unanimously approved, it was

RESOLVED: That the Committee recommends the Board adopt Resolution No. 08-838, as amended.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Interim External Affairs Department Manager Elsa Lopez distributed a letter of support for the reappointment of Frances Spivy-Weber to the State Water Resources Control Board.

Director Katherman moved that this item be added as a Subsequent Need Item due to the urgency of the matter and since the item came to the attention of the Committee after the posting of the agenda for today's meeting. Director Robles seconded the motion. With no objections, it was

RESOLVED: That the Committee adds a Subsequent Need Item to the agenda regarding a request for a letter of support on the reappointment of Frances Spivy-Weber to the State Water Resources Control Board.

There was no public comment. Upon a motion duly made by Director Katherman, seconded by Director Robles, and unanimously approved, it was

RESOLVED: That the Committee recommends the Board support the reappointment of Frances Spivy Weber to the State Water Resources Control Board.

Ms. Lopez circulated copies of the Winter edition of *the Source* newsletter. The Committee asked if this edition could be mailed out by early February.

Director Robles asked that the Community Outreach Breakfasts be reconvened. Ms. Lopez discussed the idea of video contests where high school students compete to see which school can produce the best video; they will be judged by the External Affairs staff and first place could receive funding for the school.

Ms. Lopez updated the Committee on the new Watershed Exhibit at the Aquarium of the Pacific. She also reported that the External Affairs staff has been working with Immersiv Media on a special 50th anniversary logo. Ms. Lopez passed out several samples of various giveaways for the observance of the District's 50th anniversary. After discussion, the Committee felt that the event should either be held at the District offices or off-site and subsidized with corporate sponsorships.

Ms. Lopez indicated that the date for the Annual ARC Walk has been scheduled and mentioned that the directors contributed \$1,000 for the sponsorship last year. Director Katherman suggested placing ARC in the regional sponsorships category.

Ms. Lopez also informed the directors that while \$1000 has already been budgeted for the South Bay Cities Council of Governments and there is an additional \$1000 allocated in the regional sponsorship, the minimum sponsorship level is \$2500 this year. She recommends that each director contribute \$300 more from their allocation.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Katherman, seconded by Director Robles, and unanimously approved, it was

RESOLVED: That the Committee adds a Subsequent Need Item to the agenda, that the need came subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's meeting, and there is an immediate need to discuss the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCOG) 10th Annual General Assembly sponsorship.

There was no public comment. Upon a motion duly made by Director Katherman, seconded by Director Robles, and unanimously approved, it was

RESOLVED: That the Committee recommends that the Board increase the budgeted amount by \$1,500 for the SBCCOG 10th Annual General Assembly sponsorship for a total of \$2,500.

Ms. Lopez said that staff will be meeting with the Outreach Committee of the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP) on December 17 which consists of WRD, the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, Los Angeles Sanitation Districts and Watermaster public relations consultants.

Director Katherman requested that scholarships, water conservation programs and the District's non-profits be discussed at the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

Director



MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 4

Prepared by: Adeline Yoong

Reviewed by: Elsa Lopez

Approved by: Robb Whitaker

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2009
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT

SUMMARY

Legislative Calendar

State Legislature

February 27 Last day for bills to be introduced
April 2 Spring Recess begins at end of this day's session

Congress

February 14-22 President's Day Recess
April 4-19 Spring Recess

Legislative Report

Verbal updates will be provided on state and federal matters.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For information.

**WRD State Legislative Matrix
Updated 2/5/2009**

Bill No./ Author	Title/Content	Status	Position	Comments
<p><u>AB 25</u> <u>Gilmore</u></p>	<p>Surface water storage. Would state the intent of the Legislature that the department complete, by the earliest possible date, the necessary environmental documentation for the surface water storage projects identified in the Programmatic Record of Decision in order to expedite the construction of vitally needed surface water storage.</p>	<p>Int. 12/01/2008 Location: 12/01/2008-A PRINT Status: 12/02/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.</p>	<p>STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Watch ACWA/MWWD: Others:</p>	<p>Spot bill on surface storage.</p>
<p><u>AB 28</u> <u>Jeffries</u></p>	<p>Natural gas engines: water pumps. Would prohibit air pollution control districts and air quality management districts from restricting the use of engines powered by natural gas by a city, county, or special district, including a water district, to operate water pumps.</p>	<p>Int. 12/01/2008 Location: 12/01/2008-A PRINT Status: 12/02/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.</p>	<p>STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Watch ACWA/MWWD: ACWA - Support Others:</p>	<p>This bill will allow a city, county or special district to use natural gas-powered pumps (which have historically been used as back up generators during times of outages and blackouts.) WRD does not have any natural gas-powered pumps.</p>
<p><u>AB 49</u> <u>Feuer</u></p>	<p>Water conservation: urban water use. Would require the state to achieve a 20% reduction in urban per capita water use in California by December 31, 2020.</p>	<p>Int. 12/01/2008 Location: 12/01/2008-A PRINT Status: 12/02/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.</p>	<p>STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Watch ACWA/MWWD: Others:</p>	<p>Spot bill for urban water conservation.</p>
<p><u>ACA 4</u> <u>Bass</u></p>	<p>State budget. Would add, as statutes that take effect immediately and are exempt from referendum, statutes enacting the Budget Bill and statutes enacting bills identified in the Budget Bill as containing only changes in law necessary</p>	<p>Int. 12/03/2008 Location: 12/03/2008-A PRINT Status: 12/08/2008-Read first time.</p>	<p>STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Watch ACWA/MWWD:</p>	<p>Constitutional amendment to address the 2/3 votes requirement for budget bills.</p>

	to implement the Budget Bill. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.				Requires voter approval.
<u>SB 6</u> Maldonado	<p>Hazardous material: mercury-containing switches.</p> <p>Would repeal that obsolete reporting provision and would require automobile dismantlers and owners or operators of junkyards to ensure the proper removal of mercury switches from end-of-life vehicles prior to their destruction. The bill would require these entities to inspect end-of-life vehicles prior to their destruction to ensure that mercury switches were removed. The bill would specifically provide that automobile dealers and manufacturers are not responsible for the removal of mercury switches from end-of-life vehicles. The bill would define specified terms for the purposes of the bill. Because a violation of the above requirement is also a violation of the Hazardous Waste Control Law, this bill would create a new crime, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.</p>	<p>Int. 12/01/2008 Location: 12/01/2008-S PRINT Status: 01/29/2009-To Com. on EQ.</p>	<p>Others:</p> <p>STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Watch</p> <p>ACWA/MWD: ACWA - Watch</p> <p>Others:</p>	<p>There is no sponsor for this bill. It is an area of personal interest to the Member. WRD inhouse staff is not aware of mercury being a problem in groundwater. It is mostly a threat to humans and fish with direct contact.</p>	
<u>SB 12</u> Simitian	<p>Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, Clean Drinking Water, Water Supply Security, and Environmental Improvement Act of 2009.</p> <p>Would enact the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, Clean Drinking Water, Water Supply Security, and Environmental Improvement Act of 2009, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize, for the purposes of financing a water quality, environmental enhancement, and water supply reliability program, the issuance, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of bonds in the amount of \$6,000,000,000. The bill would require the Secretary of State to submit the bond act to the voters at the November __, _____, statewide general election. This bill contains other related provisions.</p>	<p>Int. 12/01/2008 Location: 01/29/2009-S N.R. & W. Status: 01/29/2009-To Coms. on N.R. & W. and L. GOV.</p>	<p>Others:</p> <p>STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Watch</p> <p>ACWA/MWD: ACWA - Watch</p> <p>Others:</p>	<p>This is the Senator's second attempt at a delta conveyance bond bill.</p>	
<u>SB 22</u> Simitian	<p>Hazardous materials: toxic substances.</p> <p>Would additionally authorize the office to recommend procedures for expediting the review and identification of hazard traits, including pending and proposed actions by other states, the federal government, and other nations to limit hazardous materials in products. This bill contains other existing laws.</p>	<p>Int. 12/01/2008 Location: 12/01/2008-S PRINT Status: 01/29/2009-To Com. on EQ.</p>	<p>Others:</p> <p>STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Watch</p> <p>ACWA/MWD: ACWA - Watch</p> <p>Others:</p>	<p>According to the author's office, this is a clean-up measure to grant 1 additional authorization to OEHA to allow them to carry out its</p>	

<p>SB 26 <u>Simitian</u></p>	<p>Home-generated pharmaceutical waste. Would require the board to coordinate with other state agencies, local governments, drug manufacturers, and pharmacies to develop sustainable, efficient policies and programs to manage pharmaceutical wastes and the disposal of devices. The bill would authorize a pharmacy to accept the return of home-generated pharmaceutical waste and home-generated sharps waste, as defined. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.</p>	<p>Int. 12/01/2008 Location: 01/29/2009-S B., P. & E.D. Status: 01/29/2009-To Coms. on B., P. & E.D. and EQ.</p>	<p>STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Watch ACWA/MWWD: Others:</p>	<p>purpose. The author will be working with the Department to determine the specific needs of this office.</p>
<p>SCA 5 <u>Hancock</u></p>	<p>State budget. Would exempt General Fund appropriations in the Budget Bill from the 2/3 vote requirement. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.</p>	<p>Int. 12/02/2008 Location: 01/29/2009-S RLS. Status: 01/29/2009-To Coms. on RLS. and E., R. & C.A.</p>	<p>STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Watch ACWA/MWWD: Others:</p>	<p>Constitutional amendment to address the 2/3 votes requirement for budget bills. Requires voter approval</p>



MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 5

Prepared by: Elsa Lopez
Reviewed by: Abbie Andom
Approved by: Robb Whitaker

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2009
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: SISTER WATER AGENCY PROGRAM

SUMMARY

Staff was directed by the Committee to research the possibility of establishing a WRD Sister Water Agency Program to be modeled after the Sister City Program that various cities have adopted. A Sister Water Agency Program would be a first of its kind involving water agencies.

HISTORY OF THE SISTER CITY PROGRAMS

The Sister City movement in the United States was inaugurated by President Eisenhower in 1956 as the "People to People program." Its purpose was to establish greater friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and the peoples of other nations through direct contact.

All succeeding U.S. Presidents have endorsed the program to be conducted for the broad purposes of exchanging ideas and building relationships between the citizens of the United States of America and the people of other nations.

WRD SISTER WATER AGENCY PROGRAM

A set of criteria would need to be established in order to have a successful Sister Water Agency Program.

- The sister water agency should do similar work as WRD in order to build a lasting relationship
- The sister water agency may be located nationally or internationally.
- There needs to be the ability to interchange ideas and interest with a water agency that may have parallel issues to address.
- The WRD Sister Water Agency Program can start through correspondence and evolve into a strong relationship that can include agency visits, co-sponsorship of programs, etc.

There is the potential to encourage other local water agencies to chapter a Sister Water Agency Program of their own. A result of this effort can be a network of Sister Water Agencies with possibly an annual conference taking place at a designated location starting with WRD as the first host.

FISCAL IMPACT

Not budgeted in the FY 08-09 Budget. Funds will need to be allocated from other areas of the budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For information.



MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 6

Prepared by: Elsa Lopez
Reviewed by: Abbie Andom
Approved by: Robb Whitaker

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2009
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: WATER 101 FORUMS

SUMMARY

The proposed WRD's Water 101 Forums are briefings designed to educate the public about California's water supply. The Forums will provide information about imported and local water supplies including water quality, water reliability, environmental issues, technical issues and water economics. The WRD Water 101 Forums will feature the District's Water Independence Now (WIN) program, including the District's Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP). The Forums will also highlight the District's 50th Anniversary including the accomplishments that WRD has made in decreasing our region's reliance on imported water and improving water quality.

The Water 101 Forums target audience will include the general public, policy makers, elected officials and their staff. It is anticipated to convene the Forums at four to five locations within the District. The cost per Forum is estimated to range from \$1,500 to \$4,500. District staff is seeking partners to minimize the cost to WRD.

FISCAL IMPACT

Not budgeted in the '08-'09 FY External Affairs Budget. Funds will need to be allocated from other areas of the budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For information.



MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 7

*Prepared by: Elsa Lopez
Reviewed by: Abbie Andom
Approved by: Robb Whitaker*

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2009
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIPS

SUMMARY

Board President Albert Robles has requested the Committee recommend that the Board consider adding the following sponsorships to the Regional Sponsorships list.

Additions to the Regional Sponsorships

Sponsorship	Amount	Divisions
ARC Walk for Independence	\$5,000	All
South Bay Latino Chamber of Commerce	\$2,000	1,2,5
League of Women Voters Awards Dinner	\$2,500	All
Earth Day Event co-Sponsorship with Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts and USGVMWD	\$10,000	All
CA Science Center Annual Dinner	TBD	All

FISCAL IMPACT

The items are new requests and are not budgeted in the External Affairs budget for FY '08-'09. Funds will need to be allocated from other areas of the budget.

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

Add ARC Walk for Independence, South Bay Latino Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters Awards Dinner, and Earth Day co-sponsorship event with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts and Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and California Science Center Annual Dinner to the Regional Sponsorship list.



MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 8

Prepared by: Elsa Lopez
Reviewed by: Abbie Andom
Approved by: Robb Whitaker

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2009

TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: TRAVEL REQUEST - CARPE DIEM WESTERN WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECT

SUMMARY

The Carpe Diem project is an initiative with the mission to lay the groundwork to create a sustainable and equitable policy, legal, and regulatory framework to address the impact of climate change and West's water resources, including those in California. WRD Director Lillian Kawasaki is a member of Carpe Diem's project team. The group will be meeting in Nevada on March 4 -6, 2009.

Attendees to the invitation-only event include representatives of water agencies, academia, philanthropy and environmental organizations. The meeting is hosted by the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

Director Kawasaki is requesting approval to participate and travel out-of-state to attend the meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

Travel and expenses are budgeted in the individual director's travel budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve participation of Director Lillian Kawasaki to the Carpe Diem Western Water and Climate Change Project, March 4-6, 2009 in Nevada.