

**MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
4040 PARAMOUNT BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA
12:00 P.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

AGENDA

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- 1. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2009**
Staff Recommendation: Approve as submitted.
- 4. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**
Staff Recommendation: For information.
- 5. EDIFY NETWORK DEMONSTRATION**
Staff Recommendation: For discussion.
- 6. NOMINATION OF LAFCO REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE**
Staff Recommendation: For discussion.
- 7. CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM**
Staff Recommendation: For discussion.
- 8. DEPARTMENT REPORT**
Staff Recommendation: For information.
- 9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS, INQUIRIES, AND REVIEW OF DIRECTIONS TO STAFF**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2009
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 October 21, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. at the District Office, 4040 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California. President Albert Robles called the meeting to order. Deputy Secretary Abigail C. Andom recorded the minutes.

1. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Committee: Sergio Calderon, Rob Katherman, Lillian Kawasaki, Willard H. Murray, Jr., Albert Robles.
Director Lillian Kawasaki was excused.
Staff: Elsa Lopez, Adeline Yoong, Olga Quiñones

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

The minutes were approved as submitted.

The agenda items were taken out of order.

8. NWRA CALIFORNIA CAUCUS BALLOTS

The Committee reviewed the list of nominees to fill four (4) vacant positions on the ACWA seats for the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) board. The Committee recommended the Board cast its vote for: Fred R. Bockmiller, Mesa Consolidated Water District; Wayne A. Clark, Municipal Water District of Orange County; Jerry Gladbach, Castaic Lake Water Agency; Dr. Betty H. Olson, Santa Margarita Water District; and Yvette Stevenson-Rodriguez, Orchard Dale Water District.

The Committee further recommended that staff inform the nominees of the Board's support of their candidacy.

4. VIDEO CONFERENCING DEMONSTRATION

Martin Mendez of SpeechPhone provided a presentation to the Committee regarding their webinar and live video conferencing capabilities. Mr. Mendez connected to the District's federal legislative advocates, Pacific Atlantic Partners.

5. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Tammy Lindenberg of Pacific Atlantic Partners provided an update on federal legislative activities. Ms. Lindenberg stated that staff has been following legislation regarding climate change. She also noted that Congress recently authorized six Title 16 projects in the San Francisco area.

Scott Aliferis of KL Gates provided additional legislative information. Mr. Aliferis stated that the House and Senate approved the conference report on water and energy noting that there were a lot of redactions.

Bob Reeb of Millennium Advocates provided an update on state legislative activities. Mr. Reeb stated that staff has been following developments on the water bond for the District's Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP) and other water recycling projects. He also noted that staff has been working with the New Blue Water Coalition, a new coalition for the advancement of Southern California advanced recycled water treatment projects.

General Manager Robb Whitaker stated that the District has been asked by Orange County Water District (OCWD) to send a letter of support to Senate President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg and Assembly Speaker Karen Bass regarding support of additional funding for New Blue Water projects. The Committee provided direction to the General Manager to send the letter of support.

The Committee thanked Mr. Mendez for his demonstration which everyone thought was very effective.

7. WRD EDUCATION PROGRAM

Manager of External Affairs Elsa Lopez presented a draft education program for the Committee and Board's consideration.

Discussion followed. The Committee recommended the program be opened to students enrolled in environmental or technical science or water related fields. It was also recommended that three scholarships be awarded with the first place at \$5,000, second place at \$2500, and the third place at \$1500.

The Committee requested that the item be brought back to Committee at its next meeting for the selection criteria and application process.

6. EDIFY NETWORK DEMONSTRATION

The item was deferred to next month's meeting.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORT

President Robles stated that he would like to go back to the Legislative Report item and review a proposal submitted by Tres Es Inc. He explained that Tres Es, Inc. submitted a proposal to offer the District assistance in the areas of strategic planning, use of recycled water, inter-agency (including state agencies) relations, local government working relationship, and outreach efforts. Senator Richard Polanco (Ret.) will serve as the legislative consultant of the District and will assist in gathering information, provide advice and/or advocate positions on legislation in Sacramento.

Director Katherman stated that Senator Polanco would provide a unique value to the District and be able to open special relationships with legislators that may be worth looking into. Directors Calderon and Murray concurred.

Discussion followed. The Committee recommended the item be agendaized for the November 6 Board meeting and asked that the Ad Hoc Executive Committee negotiate further the terms with Senator Polanco.

Director Calderon excused himself from the meeting.

Ms. Lopez provided an update on the External Affairs Department's activities. She stated that the District has been nominated by the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (CMA) for its prestigious Leadership Award and the Aquarium wanted to know if WRD would accept the nomination.

Ms. Lopez stated that \$50,000 has been budgeted this year for the CMA's "Treasure Beneath Our Feet" education program and that they are asking for an additional \$25,000. Discussion followed and the Committee recommended budgeting \$50,000 for next year with a review of the education programs during the mid-year budget review. The Committee further requested that staff inform the CMA that the Board would be honored to accept the nomination and asked if they would host a special board meeting at their premises for the Board to present the check for their education program.

Ms. Lopez stated that staff has been very busy with the 50th anniversary preparations.

10. DIRECTORS REPORTS, INQUIRIES, AND REVIEW OF DIRECTIONS TO STAFF

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

Director

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MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 4

Prepared by: Adeline Yoong

Reviewed by: Elsa Lopez

Approved by: Robb Whitaker

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2009
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT

SUMMARY

Legislative Calendar

State Legislature

January 1 Statutes take effect
January 4 Legislature reconvenes

Congress

Mid-December Possible adjournment

Legislative Report

Verbal updates will be provided on state and federal matters.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For information.



MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 5

Prepared by: Abbie Andom

Reviewed by: Elsa Lopez

Approved by: Robb Whitaker

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2009
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: EDIFY NETWORK DEMONSTRATION

SUMMARY

The Edify Network markets eco-friendly products and services designed to help people save money on water, power & telephone. They work with home owners, business owners, churches, schools, charitable organizations and others to help provide cost effective water, power & telephone service.

A representative from Edify Network will be making a demonstration to the Committee on some of their products and services.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.



MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 6

Prepared by: Abbie Andom

Reviewed by: Scott Ota

Approved by: Robb Whitaker

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2009

TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF LAFCO REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE

SUMMARY

Since 1994, special districts in Los Angeles County have been represented by two (2) members of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). Castaic Lake Water Agency board member Jerry Gladbach and Central Basin Municipal Water District Director Robert Apodaca currently serve as the LAFCO representative and alternate, respectively. The terms of both positions will expire in May 2010.

As such, LAFCO is accepting nominations for the special district representative and alternate offices. The independent special district seats are filled by the Special District Selection Committee, a committee made up of the presiding officers of each independent special district in Los Angeles County.

After nominations are received, each district will receive a complete package of nominee resumes, together with a ballot for consideration by the presiding officer of the board. Voting will be conducted by mailed ballot. Nominations must be received by December 23, 2009. Copies of the solicitation for nomination and nomination forms are attached.

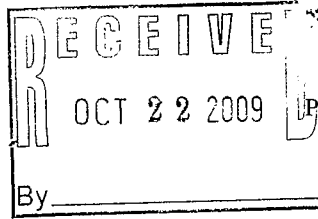
FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Los Angeles County Independent Special Districts
From: William F. Kruse, Special Counsel
Date: October 21, 2009
Subject: Nomination of Candidate; LAFCO Representative; LAFCO Alternate

As you know, since 1994 special districts in Los Angeles County have been represented by two members of the Local Agency Formation Commission. The term of office of one of those representatives, E. G. "Jerry" Gladbach, expires in May 2010. The term of office of the alternate representative, Robert Apodaca, also expires in May 2010. On behalf of the special districts of Los Angeles County, LAFCO has appointed us to assist in conducting the election to fill these positions.

By law, independent special district seats on LAFCO are filled by the Special District Selection Committee. That Committee is made up of the presiding officers of each independent special district in Los Angeles County.

In order to expedite the process of electing a representative, I have included a form to be used to nominate candidates for consideration for the positions. After nominations are received, each district will receive a complete package of nominee resumes, together with a ballot for consideration by the presiding officer of your board. Voting will be conducted by mailed ballot.

Nominations for the Committee's consideration are welcome. Please provide as much relevant information about the candidate as reasonably possible. Any biographical information and/or candidate statement should be **limited to one page**. Please remember that, to be eligible, the nominee must be an elected official or appointed to your board for a fixed term. Nominations must be received in the office of Lagerlof, Senecal, Gosney & Kruse, **ATTN: WILLIAM F. KRUSE**, no later than **5:00 p.m. on December 23, 2009**.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions.
Voice: (626) 793-9400
Fax: (626) 793-5900

NOMINATION
OF
INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT **REPRESENTATIVE**
TO THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

To: Independent Special District Selection Committee

From: _____

Date: _____

Name of Candidate: _____

_____ is pleased to nominate

_____ as a candidate for appointment as special

district representative to the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission. The nominee is an elected official or a member of the board of an independent special district appointed for a fixed term. For your consideration, we submit the following additional information together with a resume of the candidate's qualifications.

Elective office: _____

Agency: _____

Type of Agency: _____

Term Expires: _____

Residence Address: _____

Telephone: _____

PLEASE ATTACH RESUME OR CANDIDATE STATEMENT (limit one page)

(Name of Agency)

By: _____

Its: _____

NOMINATION
OF
INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE (ALTERNATE)
TO THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

To: Independent Special District Selection Committee

From: _____

Date: _____

Name of Candidate: _____

_____ is pleased to nominate

_____ as a candidate for appointment as

ALTERNATE special district representative to the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation

Commission. The nominee is an elected official or a member of the board of an independent

special district appointed for a fixed term. For your consideration, we submit the following

additional information together with a resume of the candidate's qualifications.

Elective office: _____

Agency: _____

Type of Agency: _____

Term Expires: _____

Residence Address: _____

Telephone: _____

(please attach resume - one page only)

(Name of Agency)

By: _____

Its: _____



MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 7

Prepared by: Elsa Lopez

Reviewed by: Scott Ota

Approved by: Robb Whitaker

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2008

TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM

SUMMARY

The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (CMA) is located adjacent to Cabrillo Beach Coastal Park and the Port of Los Angeles. Since 1935, CMA has played a leadership role in marine science education, aquaculture research and community recreation providing visitors with both a natural and interactive approach to learning about the marine environment of Southern California. The CMA also displays the largest collection of Southern California marine life in the world.

Since 2007, the CMA has been a partner in WRD's watershed education initiative designed to increase public awareness about water pollution in and around homes and its impacts on groundwater and coastal areas. This educational program is WRD's signature program that is being adopted by educational institutions such as the Aquarium of the Pacific and Think Watershed project

The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium has been an effective avenue to disseminate watershed and groundwater education to educators and over 150,000 students, plus thousands more from the general public. Participants were engaged in experiences that made them aware of their personal behavior and how their actions affect the health of the ocean and how they can become better stewards protecting natural resources for ourselves and future generations. The Aquarium has requested additional funding of \$25,000 for fiscal year 2010/2011. With the additional funding the Aquarium will enhance the "Treasure Beneath Our Feet" educational groundwater program by doing extended outreach through the Sea on Wheels and after-school programs throughout the WRD service area.

FISCAL IMPACT

The partnership between the WRD and the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium has been funded for \$50,000 in the 2009/10 Education and Outreach budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.