

**MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
4040 PARAMOUNT BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA
12:00 P.M., MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2011**

AGENDA

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- 1. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**
Staff Recommendation: For information.
- 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 16, 2011**
Staff Recommendation: Approve as submitted.
- 5. DEPARTMENT REPORT**
- 6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS, INQUIRIES, AND FOLLOW UP OF DIRECTIONS TO STAFF**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

Posted by Abigail C. Andom, Deputy Secretary, June 16, 2011.

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MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 3

Prepared by: Adeline Yoong
Reviewed by: Elsa Lopez
Approved by: Robb Whitaker

DATE: JUNE 20, 2011
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT

SUMMARY

Legislative Calendar

State Legislature

June 15 Budget must be passed by midnight
July 8 Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills
July 15 Summer Recess begins at the end of this day's session, provided Budget bill has been enacted
August 15 Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess

Congress

June 27 – July 1 House constituent work week
July 4 – 8 Senate state work period

Legislative Report

Verbal updates will be provided on state and federal matters.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For information.

**MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2011
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

A meeting of the External Affairs Committee of the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California was held on May 16, 2011 at 12:20 p.m. at the District Office, 4040 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California. Director Willard H. Murray, Jr. called the meeting to order. Deputy Secretary Abigail C. Andom recorded the minutes.

1. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Committee: Willard H. Murray, Jr. and Albert Robles
Staff: Elsa Lopez, Adeline Yoong,
Ron Beilke, Thomas Martin

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Whyte of URS Corporation thanked the Committee for the opportunity to attend the meeting as an observer.

The agenda items were taken out of order.

4. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Bob Reeb of Millennium Advocates provided an update on state legislative activities via videoconference. Mr. Reeb stated that the Governor released the May budget revisions.

Jacob Johnson of Brownstein Hyatt Farber and Schreck, on behalf of the federal team, provided an update on federal legislative activities also via videoconference. Mr. Johnson stated that Congress is in recess this week and much activity will be concentrated on the fiscal year budget discussions.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2011

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**5. AB 83 (JEFFRIES) – ENVIRONMENT: CEQA EXEMPTION:
RECYCLED WATER PIPELINE**

The Committee recommended the Board take a “watch” position on AB 83 (Jeffries).

**6. AB 591 (WIECKOWSKI) – OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION:
HYDRAULIC FRACTURING**

The Committee recommended the Board support AB 591 (Wieckowski).

7. **AB 741(HUFFMAN) – ONSITE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL**
The Committee recommended the Board support AB 741 (Huffman).

8. **H.R. 470 (HECK)/S. 519 (REID) – HOOVER POWER ALLOCATION ACT**
The Committee recommended the Board support H.R. 470 (Heck)/S. 519 (Reid).

9. **DEPARTMENT REPORT**
Manager of External Affairs Elsa Lopez provided an update on the External Affairs Department's activities. Ms. Lopez stated that staff will be hosting various ECO Gardener classes and will soon be launching the ECO Gardener Pro class on June 8.

Ms. Lopez also provided the Committee with information on cost estimates for bottled water. She presented to the Committee the list of WRD Scholarship applicants. Discussion followed and the Committee asked the item be continued to the next Committee meeting. Lastly, Ms. Lopez presented the draft email newsletter alert for the Committee's information. She noted that it is anticipated that the newsletter will be sent to 5,000 email recipients once a month.

10. **DIRECTORS REPORTS, INQUIRIES, AND FOLLOW UP OF DIRECTIONS TO STAFF**
None.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

Director