

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
4040 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90712
12:00 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2010**

AGENDA

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- 1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2010**
Staff Recommendation: Approve as submitted.
- 4. PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 12 -
ELECTRONIC MEDIA/INTERNET POLICY**
Staff Recommendation: For discussion.
- 5. PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 7.3.1 -
EXPENSES OVER 90 DAYS**
Staff Recommendation: For discussion.
- 6. CPI ADJUSTMENT TO COMMUNICATIONS AND VEHICLE ALLOWANCE**
Staff Recommendation: For discussion.
- 7. SALARY INFORMATION**
Staff Recommendation: For discussion.
- 8. COMMITTEE DELINEATION OF DUTIES**
Staff Recommendation: For discussion.
- 9. DEPARTMENT REPORT**
Staff Recommendation: For information.
- 10. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS, INQUIRIES AND FOLLOW-UP OF DIRECTIONS TO
STAFF**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT**

Posted by Abigail C. Andom, Deputy Secretary, September 22, 2010.

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**MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2010
MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

A meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California was held on August 9, 2010 at 12:10 p.m. at the District Office, 4040 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California. Chairperson Willard H. Murray, Jr. called the meeting to order and presided thereover. Deputy Secretary Abigail C. Andom recorded the minutes.

1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Attendees included:

Committee: Directors Willard H. Murray, Jr. and
Sergio Calderon (Alternate)
Staff: Scott Ota, District Counsel Jamie Casso,
Special Counsel Bianca Sparks

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 12, 2010

Approval of the minutes was deferred to next month's meeting.

4. FACILITIES USE POLICY & PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS

District Counsel Jamie Casso stated that the item before the Committee's consideration refers to a proposed policy regarding the use of the District's facilities by members of the public when it is not being used by the District for its official business.

The Committee reviewed the proposed Facilities Use Policy and discussion followed. The Committee recommended that restrictions on the use of District facilities must be viewpoint neutral and reasonable and that the District's facilities are to be only utilized by federal, state and local government agencies, and tax-exempt non-profit organizations.

As a companion to the Facilities Use Policy, a proposed Public Participation Policy was also reviewed by the Committee. Special Counsel Bianca Sparks stated that the policy would provide guidance and establish guidelines for participation by the public at District sponsored events. She explained that the District is permitted to establish guidelines for public participation at limited public forum events, so long as the restrictions are viewpoint neutral and reasonable.

After review, the Committee recommended that the federal, state and local government agencies, and non-profit organizations be allowed to serve as event participants at District sponsored events that create a limited public forum, including voter registration efforts.

The Committee recommended the item be agendized for Board approval under Consent Calendar.

The agenda items were taken out of order.

6. PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Committee reviewed the proposed procurement policies and procedures and recommended that Section 10.3.5 be removed. The Committee further recommended the item be agendized for Board approval under Consent Calendar.

7. CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

The Committee reviewed proposed changes to Section 7.2.6 (b) of the Administrative Code to permit a Director to travel to any water conference without Board approval, so long as the travel is within the Director's allocated travel budget. The Committee recommended Board approval and requested the item be agendized for the next Board meeting.

The Committee also reviewed Section 7.2.3 of the Administrative Code which permits only the General Manager and Chief Financial Officer to be issued a District credit card. The Committee recommended that the policy be updated to permit Directors to have a District credit card. The Committee further recommended Board approval and requested the item be agendized for the next Board meeting.

Director Calderon left the meeting.

**8. PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AMENDMENTS –
CHAPTER 12 ELECTRONIC MEDIA/INTERNET POLICY**

The Committee reviewed the proposed electronic media and internet policy and recommended the item be agendized for Board approval.

District Counsel Casso and Special Counsel Sparks left the meeting.

9. FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 BUDGET REVIEW

A report was provided to the Committee Chair who will inform staff if he needs additional information.

5. COMMITTEE DELINEATION OF DUTIES

Chief Financial Officer Scott Ota stated that the Committee Chair requested staff to draft language that would describe in detail the responsibilities of each standing committee. Mr. Ota explained that the draft language prepared by staff has not been reviewed by the General Manager.

Director Murray stated that he would like to make sure that standing committees refrain from taking up matters which are not their purview.

10. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Ota stated that staff has been busy involved with the negotiations for the employees' association's memorandum of understanding.

11. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS, INQUIRIES AND FOLLOW-UP OF DIRECTIONS TO STAFF

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

Member



MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 4

Prepared by: Scott Ota

Reviewed by: Scott Ota

Approved by: Robb Whitaker

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

TO: ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 12 - ELECTRONIC MEDIA/INTERNET POLICY

SUMMARY

On June 20, 2008, the Board of Directors considered changes to the Administrative Code as it relates to electronic media and internet policy. At the meeting, the Board further requested the Administrative Committee to review further the proposed changes and asked that Board members submit their amendments, if any, to District Counsel. There were no comments received by Counsel and the Administrative Committee has not considered the item since that time.

For your consideration and direction, attached is amended Chapter 12 of the Administrative Code, which includes a proposed Email Retention Policy ("Policy").

The Policy applies to emails of District officials, offices, employees, volunteers and contractors. The Policy also clearly identifies the types of emails that constitute public records and those that do not. For instance, the following definition of "public records" has been incorporated in the Policy: "any writing or recording of an event or information, which is kept in the custody of public officer, either because a law requires it to be kept or because it is necessary or convenient to the discharge of the public officer's duties, and was made or retained for the purpose of preserving its information content for future reference." (See 64 Cal.Op.Att'y.Gen 317). Permanent District electronic records are subject to disclosure in electronic form in accordance with the California Public Records Act ("CPRA"). Generally, emails that contain substantive information concerning the District's policies, decision-making, proceedings, projects, or contractors, or that may later be important or useful for carrying out the District's business should be retained as public records in accordance with the Policy and subject to the District's Records Retention Policy and Schedule.

Pursuant to the Policy, regardless of the retention requirements, emails and other electronic or paper documents pertaining to threatened or actual legal proceedings must be retained until the litigation is finally concluded.

Additionally, the Policy addresses the storage of emails constituting public records for ongoing or long-term projects. The District may create a local network drive for storage of such emails on personal staff computers. Alternatively, and possibly a better approach, is to require District's officials, officers, employees and volunteers to print and file such emails in to the appropriate District file. This way, the back-up tapes and the emails stored on the District's server can be purged as permitted by the Records Retention Policy and Schedule. We have left blank that portion of the Policy pertaining to the storage of permanent District records, pending the Administrative Committee's direction and recommendation.

Under the Policy, District officials, officers, employees and volunteers are responsible for determining whether emails created, received or used by them should be retained as permanent records within ten (10) working days of creation, receipt or use of the email. Please note that the ten-day time period may be increased or decreased at the Administrative Committee's direction.

The Policy further provides that because emails and email systems may not be used for permanent storage of District records, the emails are generally deemed to constitute preliminary drafts, notes, or interagency or intra-agency memoranda that are not retained by the District in the ordinary course of business and that are therefore exempt from disclosure pursuant to the CPRA. Pursuant to the Policy, the District's General Manager and Chief Financial Officer are responsible for determinations concerning disclosure of District records, including emails, in response to requests pursuant to the CPRA, subpoena or court order and as authorized by the District's Administrative Code. When a request for disclosure of District records that applies to emails is received, the person responsible for the covered records must, using his/her best efforts and by any lawful means available, preserve any email covered by the request until it is determined whether the email is subject to retention and/or disclosure. The General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, and/or District Counsel must be contacted concerning any request for disclosure of District records that applies to email in the possession of District officials, officers, employees and volunteers.

Finally, the Policy also provides that back-up tapes are only for disaster recovery purpose and that back-up copies performed by Information Technology staff are not records retention. We suggest that back-up tapes should be retained for no more than six (6) months. This time frame may, however, be increased or decreased, at Administrative Committee's direction and recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

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12 ELECTRONIC MEDIA/INTERNET POLICY

This Chapter shall be known as the District's Electronic Media and Internet Policy ("Policy"). The District provides various electronic facilities and technology resources to authorized employees to assist them in the performance performing of their job duties for the District. Each employee has a responsibility to use these District resources in a manner that increases productivity, enhances the District's public image, and is respectful of other employees. Failure to follow the District's policies regarding the use of these resources may lead to disciplinary measures, up to and including termination of employment.

12.1 Policies Regarding Ownership of Information Stored on Electronic Media

All information, in any format, stored by any means on the District's electronic facilities (Voicemail, Electronic Mail, computer network drives, hard disks or individual diskettes) is the property of the District and subject to inspection whenever the District has reasonable suspicion that an employee has violated this policy or for for any legitimate business needs. Under those circumstances, the Board President, General Manager and ~~Assistant General Manager~~ Chief Financial Officer / Chief Engineer shall have the ability, and reserve the right, to review any electronic media with or without consent. However, no other person has the right to go into any electronic media of another person for any purpose other than legitimate District business.

In addition to reviews of stored material by authorized District employees, users of District resources shall be aware that such material might be retrieved by unauthorized "hackers" who have only curiosity or mischief as a motive. Any District eEmployee caught abusing the District's electronic media will be held responsible for damages and will be disciplined, and may be up to and including terminated termination.

12.2 Safety and Integrity of Information Imported from Electronic Media

Information received from any source outside the District stored on removable media (such as diskettes or ZIP disks) must be virus-scanned before any files are opened or copied to the District network. Any authorized user of the District resources shall Request assistance from Information Systems if he or she does not you do not know how to do this.

12.3 Policies Regarding Electronic Mail

The official policy of the District is that all electronic mail ("Ee-mail") messages are treated as District correspondence. E-mail can be accessed by anyone on the network who has your password. Even the use of system passwords does not ensure confidentiality. Passwords are designed for District security, not individual privacy. E-mail should

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not be used for non-District business. E-mail messages are not private. E-Mail should never be used to transmit confidential financial or personal information.

- a) Any communication by Ee-mail should be drafted with the same care as a formal memorandum. E-mail messages should not contain informal remarks that might potentially be embarrassing to the District, its employees, or its constituents. Never write anything you do not want forwarded. Your message could end up being read by someone you were not expecting to read it.
 - b) E-mail messages must never contain offensive, abusive or harassing language. This includes, but is not limited to, the display or transmission of sexually explicit images, cartoons, jokes and messages or any other message that could bring discredit to the District. Employees should also refrain from using information in a way that would be disruptive, offensive, or harmful to morale. For example, the creation, display, or transmission of sexually-explicit images, messages or cartoons, any use of ethnic slurs, racial epithets, or any conduct which violates the District's policy prohibiting discriminatory conduct or harassment is strictly prohibited.
 - c) The District encourages employees to report if someone is sending you offensive, harassing or sexually explicit e-mail messages — whether it is internal or external e-mail — to the General Manager or the Assistant General Manager / Chief Engineer, or the Manager of Administration Chief Financial Officer. The District has a policy regarding discrimination or harassment of its employees and will not tolerate these actions. There will be no retaliation against an employee who makes any good faith complaint.
 - d) E-mail should never be used to solicit for charities, schools or personal business.
- An eE-mail instruction or request from a constituent, outside contractor, or other business contact is no less important than one in a letter. Therefore, employees should not erase their external eE-mail messages (either incoming or outgoing) until doing the following: Employees should print hard copies of these external (incoming and outgoing) e-mail messages and send them to the appropriate file. Once the copy has been made and forwarded to the file, the e-mail message should be deleted from the system.

12.4 Electronic Mail Retention Policy

This section governs retention of e-mail, or electronic communication, that is created, sent, received, forwarded, edited, stored, or otherwise

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used by means of District electronic information resources of any kind, including, but not limited to, computers, computer networks, software, telephones, voicemail, personal data assistants, and any other electronic data systems or equipment. This policy applies to eE-mails of District officials, officers, employees, volunteers and contractors (collectively referred to as "Authorized Users").

Emails may consist of correspondence and other documentation which may constitute District records subject to the requirements of the California Public Records Act ("CPRA"), the District's Records Retention Schedule and the laws and regulations governing it, and other laws and regulations that apply to public agency information.

E-mail and E-mail systems are intended to be a medium of communication. E-mail and E-mail systems are not intended to be and may not be used for the electronic storage or maintenance of permanent District records. Back-up tapes are for disaster recovery purposes only. Retention is the responsibility of the sender of the message, not the back-up process. Back-up copies performed by Information Technology staff are not records retention. Back-up tapes should be retained no more than _____ (suggested retention period: 6 months).

Authorized users are responsible for determining whether E-mails created, received, or used by them should be retained as permanent District public records. The definition of public records is "any writing or recording of an event or information, which is kept in the custody of public officer, either because a law requires it to be kept or because it is necessary or convenient to the discharge of the public officer's duties, and was made or retained for the purpose of preserving its information content for future reference." Typically, E-mails that contain substantive information concerning District policies, decision-making, proceedings, projects, or contractors, or that may later be important or useful for carrying out District business should be retained as permanent District records in accordance with this policy and District's Records Retention Schedule. Such E-Mails must be stored at [**Instructions pertaining to storage of permanent electronic records should be inserted here**] and deleted. All other E-mails that should be retained as either permanent or non-permanent records pursuant to the Records Retention Policy, should be **printed and filed in the corresponding District file and deleted**. The General Manager or Chief Financial Officer and District Counsel are available to assist persons subject to this policy in determining which E-mails should be retained as permanent WRD records and

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how, and to address other questions concerning the application of this policy.

Regardless of retention requirements, E-mail and other electronic or paper documents pertaining to threatened or actual legal proceedings must be retained until the litigation is finally concluded. Examples of e-mails that are not public records include e-mails from friends or family, and e-mails from one coworker to another inviting him or her to lunch or coffee.

Authorized Users should generally determine whether E-mails created, received or used by them should be retained as permanent City District records within ten (10) working days of creation, receipt or use of the -District E-mail. Because E-mails and e-mail systems may not be used for permanent storage of District records, E-mails are generally deemed pursuant to this policy to constitute preliminary drafts, notes, or interagency or intra-agency memoranda that are not retained by the District in the ordinary course of business and that are therefore exempt from disclosure pursuant to the CPRA. However, the District's General Manager and Chief Financial Officer are responsible for determinations concerning disclosure of District records, including E-mails, in response to requests pursuant to the CPRA, subpoena or court order.

Upon request for disclosure of District records that applies to E-mails, Authorized Users responsible for the covered records must, using his/her best efforts and by any lawful means available, preserve any E-mail covered by the request until it is determined whether the E-mail is subject to retention and/or disclosure. The General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, and/or District Counsel must be contacted concerning any request for disclosure of District records that applies to E-mail in the possession of District officials, officers, employees and volunteers.

Authorized Users are responsible for managing E-mail and E-mail systems used by them in accordance with this policy. Authorized Users should regularly review their mailboxes or folders that contain E-mails and delete E-mails that are not required to be kept by law or pursuant to this policy, or that are unnecessary or inconvenient for the discharge of official District duties or the conduct of District business, or that are otherwise no longer needed in accordance with this policy.

12.412.5 Policies Regarding Internet Usage

Use of the Internet is limited to business purposes only. Accessing information for personal use and/or with no business relevance,

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including sites that are inconsistent with the District's ethics and values, could discredit the District, or could lead to embarrassment and possibly legal consequences to the employee and the District, is prohibited. Non-business use also consumes resources, such as employee time and Internet connection bandwidth that could otherwise be used for the benefit of the District.

Where the District has a reasonable suspicion that this policy is being violated by an employee or has legitimate business need, the General Manager and the ~~Assistant General Manager / Chief Engineer~~ Chief Financial Officer reserve the right to record and monitor employee activity on the Internet when such activity takes place using the District's resources, login ID, and/or from District premises. Any Employee discovered abusing the District's Internet resources and policy will be held responsible for damages and will be disciplined, up to and including termination.

12.512.6 Access to Internet

Each person is responsible and accountable for his or her use of Internet resources. Access will be provided to District employees whom the District determines have a legitimate business need for it.

12.612.7 Individual Accountability

Many people use the Internet under the illusion that their actions are private and anonymous. This is not so. Every time you visit a site, you leave a calling card that reveals where you come from, what kind of computer you have, and other details about your identity and viewing habits. Most sites keep logs of all your visits. Remember: All access to the Internet from within the District network, or using the District login ID, is tagged with the District's name. This will appear in e-mail addresses, interactive sessions, and in other systems' operational logs — just as if a business card bearing the District logo was being provided when accessing the Internet. Individuals should conduct work on the Internet in accordance with established District ethics, values and business practices as described below, and elsewhere in this Administrative Code.

12.712.8 Internet Guidelines

All policies apply to Internet and related services including WWW, FTP, USENET groups, bulletin boards, Internet e-mail etc. Internet use must be consistent with District policies and provide business benefit.

- a) The creation and/or usage of e-mail IDs for use while logged on to the Internet with the District login ID is prohibited.
- b) The creation and/or receipt of e-mail messages from within any Internet Service Provider (ISP) are prohibited. External e-mail is to be sent from, and external e-mail received, through the District's eE-mail system only.

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- c) The downloading and usage of software obtained from the Internet is prohibited. Such software could compromise the District's entire computer network.
- d) The downloading and usage of document files obtained from the Internet is permitted only if those files are virus-scanned by the user before opening. Request assistance from Information Systems if you do not know how to do this.
- e) Files with the filename extension ".exe" or ".zip" or any file(s) located on an FTP site may not be downloaded by any user except the ~~Assistant General Manager / Chief Engineer~~ Chief Financial Officer or the Network Administrator.
- f) Data and informational integrity should be considered questionable when obtained from the Internet. Care must be taken to ensure the validity of information before using it in District business.
- g) Consistent with other District policies and applicable law, the District reserves the right to monitor any Internet communication passing through District facilities.
- h) Employees, unless specifically authorized to do so by the General Manager or ~~Assistant General Manager / Chief Engineer~~ Chief Financial Officer, and only if such practices are validated under applicable law, are prohibited from entering into contractual agreements or making statements that may be interpreted as contractual via any Internet site.
- i) All Internet users should be aware of significant security problems that could negatively impact the District. Uncontrolled (i.e. no firewall protection) access allows infected or malicious code (viruses) to be sent to the District's computer network from the Internet and increases risk of unnoticed and unauthorized examination, export, modification, and/or destruction of proprietary information.



MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 5

Prepared by: Scott Ota

Reviewed by: Scott Ota

Approved by: Robb Whitaker

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

TO: ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 7.3.1 - EXPENSES OVER 90 DAYS

SUMMARY

The WRD Administrative Code Section 7.3.1 currently states:

"In order to properly close the accounting records for each fiscal year, standard accounting practices require that all reimbursement for non-excluded expenses be submitted and approved no later than 90 days after the end of the fiscal year (September 30)."

The Administrative Committee requested to review the language for possible revision.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.



MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 6

Prepared by: Scott Ota

Reviewed by: Scott Ota

Approved by: Robb Whitaker

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

TO: ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: CPI ADJUSTMENT TO COMMUNICATIONS AND VEHICLE ALLOWANCE

SUMMARY

The Administrative Committee requested a review of communications and vehicle allowances of other local water districts, specifically to determine if the agencies adjust these allowances for the increase or decrease in the annual consumer price index (CPI).

Staff will present the results of their analysis at the Committee meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.



MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 7

Prepared by: Scott Ota

Reviewed by: Scott Ota

Approved by: Robb Whitaker

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

TO: ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: SALARY INFORMATION

SUMMARY

The Board of Directors asked the Administrative Committee to review the possibility of placing WRD salaries on the WRD's website.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.



MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 8

*Prepared by: Abbie Andom
Reviewed by: Scott M. Ota
Approved by: Robb Whitaker*

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2010
TO: ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE DELINEATION OF DUTIES

SUMMARY

The Administrative Committee at its July 12, 2010 and August 9, 2010 meetings reviewed the responsibilities of each Standing Committee of the Board of Directors as currently outlined in Section 3 of the Administrative Code. Discussion followed and the Committee requested staff to review the responsibilities of each committee, make changes as appropriate for the Administrative Committee's consideration and continue the item to this meeting.

Staff will provide additional information about the current duties of each committee based on the Administrative Code.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.