

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
12621 E. 166th Street (Corner, Bloomfield & 166th), Cerritos, California
10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2003**

AGENDA

EACH ITEM ON THE AGENDA, NO MATTER HOW DESCRIBED, SHALL BE DEEMED TO INCLUDE ANY APPROPRIATE MOTION, WHETHER TO ADOPT A MINUTE MOTION, RESOLUTION, PAYMENT OF ANY BILL, APPROVAL OF ANY MATTER OR ACTION, OR ANY OTHER ACTION. ITEMS LISTED AS "FOR INFORMATION" MAY ALSO BE THE SUBJECT OF AN "ACTION" TAKEN BY THE BOARD OR A COMMITTEE AT THE SAME MEETING.

- I. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- III. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2003**
RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee approve the minutes.
- IV. POWER CONFERENCE**
RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee recommend that the Board provide funding for the California Water Policy 13 Conference.
- V. LOS ANGELES AND SAN GABRIEL RIVERS WATERSHED COUNCIL
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION**
RECOMMENDATION: For discussion.
- VI. SALINITY MANAGEMENT COALITION MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**
RECOMMENDATION: For discussion.
- VII. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SUPPORT**
RECOMMENDATION: For discussion.
- VIII. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**
RECOMMENDATION: For discussion.
- IX. DEPARTMENT REPORT**
RECOMMENDATION: For discussion.
- X. ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2003
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE
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A regular meeting of the Inter-Agency Committee of the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California was held on June 24, 2003, at 9:30 a. m. at the District Office, 12621 E. 166th Street, Cerritos, California. Chairperson Pat Acosta called the meeting to order and presided thereover. Acting Deputy Secretary Abigail C. Andom recorded the minutes.

I. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Attendees included:

Committee: Directors Pat Acosta and Willard Murray, Jr.

Staff: Bruce Mowry, Adeline Yoong, Albert Frias, and
Mark Dymally

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

III. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 22, 2003

The minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACTS

Assistant to the General Manager Adeline Yoong stated that the District retains three firms for legislative advocacy support services. These are Carpi and Clay for federal legislation and related issues, Earnest Governmental Relations for state and related issues, and Rose and Kindel for state and local legislation and related issues.

Director Acosta stated that she would like to review the effectiveness of their lobbying efforts. Discussion followed on each of the lobbyist.

The Committee recommended that staff start looking at other firms in Washington, DC and requested that staff present an update at the next meeting.

V. CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE POLICY

Ms. Yoong distributed a list of chambers of commerce within the WRD's service area. She highlighted the ones that staff recommended possible memberships in: Cerritos, Compton, Downey, Inglewood, Lakewood, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Pico Rivera, South Gate, Torrance, Vernon, and Gateway Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Yoong noted that the District is already a member of the South Bay Latino Chamber of Commerce and the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce.

Director Murray stated that the Committee will recommend that directors or staff, as designated by the General Manager, actively participate in local chambers of commerce. The Finance Committee will review the Inter-Agency Committee's recommended memberships for the fiscal impact.

VI. LEGISLATIVE REPORT – AB 148 (DYMALLY)

Ms. Yoong referred to a matrix of legislative bills the District is following. She also specifically referred to AB 148 by Assemblymember Mervyn Dymally. The bill was amended May 14, 2003 and will prohibit the Central and West Basin Municipal Water Districts from issuing bonds, financing leases, etc. or other evidence of indebtedness without the approval of a majority of the voters participating in a district-wide election. Ms. Yoong stated that Orange County Water District and Long Beach Water Department have taken an "oppose" position.

The Committee recommended that the Board oppose AB 148.

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ms. Yoong informed everyone that a briefing tour for LA City Councilmember Jan Parry has been scheduled on July 28th and a briefing was provided to Curtis Pedersen of Supervisor Don Knabe's office.

Public Affairs Representative Albert Frias provided an update on the District's educational partnership program groundwater tour program and the water bottle slogan contest.

Ms. Yoong and the Committee thanked Mr. Frias for all his hard work on the District's very successful educational partnership program.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Chair

ATTEST:

Director

AGENDA ITEM NO. III

DATE: JULY 24, 2003
TO: INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE
FROM: BRUCE A. MOWRY, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: POWER CONFERENCE

The Public Officials for Water and Environment Reform (POWER) has organized a water conference for the past 12 years. This year's California Water Policy 13 Conference entitled "Juggling Our Water Future" will be held on November 19-20, 2003 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel. The conference serves as a valuable opportunity to interact with those involved in the development and implementation of water policy throughout the state of California. It is expected to draw attendance from a broad representation of water professionals, water agencies and environmental groups.

WRD has been a sponsor of past POWER conferences. The District has contributed \$2,500 each year over the last 3 years and was provided five conference registrations each year. This conference provides an excellent opportunity to increase our visibility in the water and environmental arenas.

Staff is recommending continuation of WRD's financial support of this important event at a lower level of \$1500 due to cost containment efforts. Three conference registrations would be provided at this level.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$1500.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee recommend that the Board provide funding for the California Water Policy 13 Conference.

AGENDA ITEM NO. V

DATE: JULY 24, 2003
TO: INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE
FROM: BRUCE A. MOWRY, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES AND SAN GABRIEL RIVERS WATERSHED COUNCIL
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION

The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council is a coalition of government agencies, businesses, academia, and the community. The WRD is a member of Watershed Council. The District also has a seat on its Executive Board and has been contributing \$5000 annually to the Council.

The Watershed Council's operating budget more than doubled during FY02-03 due to increased responsibilities and has submitted a request that the WRD consider providing additional funding towards its FY02-03 budget.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: For discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. VI

DATE: JULY 24, 2003
TO: INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE
FROM: BRUCE A. MOWRY, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: SALINITY MANAGEMENT COALITION MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Four organizations (Association of Groundwater Agencies, Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Plants, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and the Water Reuse Association) have joined together to create the Salinity Management Coalition. The purpose of the Coalition is to coordinate salinity management strategies among water and wastewater agencies by speaking with one voice to:

- Establish a proactive program to address the need to remove salts from water supplies
- Support programs that will preserve, sustain, and enhance the quality of source water supplies
- Support programs to sustain economic development
- Assist communities to drought proof
- Develop outreach programs to the general public on salinity issues

The WRD joined the Coalition upon its invitation as a founding member with a seat on its Board of Directors. Founding sponsorship involves an annual contribution of \$10,000. The WRD has received an invoice for \$10,000 for the renewal of the District's membership for FY03-04.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$10,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: For discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. VII

DATE: JULY 24, 2003
TO: INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE
FROM: BRUCE A. MOWRY, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SUPPORT

On June 24, 2003 the Inter-Agency Committee directed staff to explore various firms that provide lobbyist services in Washington D.C. Staff will provide an update on its findings.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: For discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. VIII

DATE: JULY 24, 2003
TO: INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE
FROM: BRUCE A. MOWRY, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Staff will provide a verbal update on federal and state issues.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: For discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. IX

DATE: JULY 24, 2003
TO: INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE
FROM: BRUCE A. MOWRY, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORT

Staff will provide an update of department activities.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: For discussion.