

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS 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, JUNE 17, 2004**

**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. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**  
*STAFF RECOMMENDATION:* For information.
- IV. DEPARTMENT REPORT**  
*STAFF RECOMMENDATION:* For information.
- V. ADJOURNMENT**

Posted by Abigail C. Andom, Deputy Secretary, June 10, 2004.



**MEMORANDUM**

**ITEM NO. III**

*Prepared by:* Evelyn Fierro

*Reviewed by:*

**DATE: JUNE 17, 2004**  
**TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER**  
**SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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**SUMMARY**

**Legislative Calendar**

June 1 – Some Committee meetings resume.

June 15 – Budget bill under consideration, to be passed by midnight.

June 25 – Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills.

July 2 – Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been enacted.

August 2 – Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.

**Update**

Staff will provide a verbal update on federal and state matters, including the state budget and CalFED.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

For information.



## **MEMORANDUM**

### **ITEM NO. IV**

*Prepared by:* Albert Frias

*Reviewed by:* Evelyn Fierro

**DATE: JUNE 17, 2004**  
**TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER**  
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#### **SUMMARY**

Staff will provide an update of department activities.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

For information.



## **External Affairs Department Report (May/June)**

*Compiled June 10, 2004*

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### Government Affairs

- ❑ Letter of support for AB 2528, Public Water Systems sent to Assemblymember Alan Lowenthal and thanks for consideration of WRD's issue.
- ❑ Staff will provide a verbal update on federal and state matters.
- ❑ Presentation to Pico Water District Board of Directors

### Public Outreach

- WRD Groundwater Tour Program
  - ❑ Staff is working on next public tour, scheduled for June 22 with Director Goldsworthy serving as host.
  - ❑ Staff will host tours for two groups of officials from the People Republic of China and Morocco
- Educational Partnership Program
  - Most schools have completed the school year. We have one field trip scheduled for June 17 with Colin Powell School in Long Beach. Director Ryan is scheduled to attend.
- WRD Speakers Bureau
  - ❑ Presentations have been made to the following organizations
    - Palos Verdes Estates, Men's Club
    - Upcoming presentations scheduled for the following organizations:
    - Water group on June 24

### Media Relations

- ❑ Press clippings
- ❑ News Releases sent on state audit and on tours for visitors from China and Morocco, extensive pitching and followup
- ❑ News Release and talking points developed for response to State Audit Report, Robb Whitaker interviewed by Whittier Daily News
- ❑ Editorial board meetings in development
- ❑ Staff training with media outreach expert
- ❑ Staff reviewing Communications audit and developing Strategic response

### Miscellaneous

- Staff attended committee meeting for Whittier Narrows Nature Center in South El Monte.
- Working with Central/West Basin staff for July 9 reception for elected officials