

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
4040 PARAMOUNT BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90712  
2:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016**

## **AGENDA**

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- 1. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3.
- 3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**  
Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.
- 4. ASSEMBLY CALIFORNIA AMENDMENT (ACA) - 8**  
Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.
- 5. CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES SPRING MUNICIPAL SEMINAR**  
Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.
- 6. GROUNDWATER FESTIVAL UPDATE**  
Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.
- 7. DEPARTMENT REPORT**  
Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

Agenda posted by Scott M. Ota, Chief Financial Officer on April 5, 2016

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## **MEMORANDUM**

### **ITEM NO. 3**

*Prepared by: Pete Brown*

*Reviewed by: Ken Ortega*

*Approved by: Robb Whitaker*

**DATE: APRIL 6, 2016**

**TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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### **SUMMARY**

#### **State Legislative Calendar**

##### **March Deadlines**

Mar. 28 Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess

##### **April Deadlines**

Apr. 1 Cesar Chavez Day observed.

Apr. 22 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees.

##### **May Deadlines**

May 6 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the Floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house.

May 13 Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 6.

May 27 Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house.

May 30 Memorial Day observed.

May 31-June 3 Floor Session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion and possible action.



## **MEMORANDUM**

### **ITEM NO. 4**

*Prepared by: Pete Brown*

*Reviewed by: Ken Ortega*

*Approved by: Robb Whitaker*

**DATE: APRIL 6, 2016**

**TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 8**

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### **SUMMARY**

The California Constitution prohibits the ad valorem tax rate on real property from exceeding 1% of the full cash value of the property, subject to certain exceptions. This measure would create an additional exception to the 1% limit for a rate imposed by a city, county, city and county, or special district to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of wastewater treatment facilities and related infrastructure, potable water producing facilities and related infrastructure, non-potable water producing facilities and related infrastructure, and stormwater treatment facilities and related infrastructure, that is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, city and county, or special district, as applicable, if the proposition meets specified requirements, and would authorize a city, county, city and county, or special district to levy a 55% vote ad valorem tax. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion and possible action.



## **MEMORANDUM**

### **ITEM NO. 5**

*Prepared by: Pete Brown*

*Reviewed by: Ken Ortega*

*Approved by: Robb Whitaker*

**DATE: APRIL 6, 2016**

**TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION: SPRING MUNICIPAL SEMINAR**

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### **SUMMARY**

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) is a collection of member 70 cities united to address shared policy issues. Among the cities in WRD's service area, 35 are members of CCCA. The Association offers WRD the unique opportunity to address multiple cities through a single forum. Consequently, WRD has been a member of the CCCA and joined to support many conferences and events.

The CCCA Spring Municipal Seminar provides a new opportunity to educate and update our colleagues about relevant and critical water issues facing local governments, specifically the status of the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Project located in Pico Rivera. The Spring Seminar provides the chance to focus on key issues, drill down, and work toward public policy positions that best serves the Association's stated goals and objectives. This year, the CCCA will focus on "The Power of Cities" and has invited WRD to be host and give a presentation at the Outgoing President's Reception, a gathering of local leaders. As the reception sponsor, WRD will have the opportunity to discuss key water issues/solutions impacting local cities and have the special opportunity to profile WIN and GRIP.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

CCCA Fall Conference Sponsorship: Not to exceed \$3,500. This is not a budgeted item.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion and possible action.



## **MEMORANDUM**

### **ITEM NO. 6**

*Prepared by: Monica Serrano*

*Reviewed by: Ken Ortega*

*Approved by: Robb Whitaker*

**DATE: APRIL 6, 2016**

**TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: 2016 GROUNDWATER FESTIVAL PLANNING**

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Staff will provide an update to the Committee regarding advanced planning of the 2016 WRD 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Groundwater Festival.

Traditionally, the WRD Groundwater Festival is held during National Groundwater Awareness Week, which is in mid-March. This year due to the anticipated El Nino rainstorms, the event was moved to May 21, 2016.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion and possible action.