

**MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
4040 PARAMOUNT BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CA. 90712  
11:00 AM, MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019**

**AGENDA**

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- 1. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**  
*Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3*
- 3. APPROVE FOUNDING SPONSORSHIP FOR THE FORMATION OF A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER, ENERGY & EDUCATION ALLIANCE (WEEA) THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION (CEEF)**  
*Staff Recommendation:* The External Affairs Committee recommends the Board of Directors approve WRD's participation to the California Environmental Education Foundation (CEEF) Alliance for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.
- 4. WRD EDUCATION OUTREACH**  
*Staff Recommendation:* For discussion and possible action.
- 5. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**  
*Staff Recommendation:* For discussion and possible action.
- 6. DEPARTMENT REPORT**  
*Staff Recommendation:* The External Affairs Committee receive and file the report.
- 7. DIRECTORS REPORTS, INQUIRIES AND FOLLOW-UP OF DIRECTIONS TO STAFF**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**  
*Adjourn to the next regular meeting which is currently scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2019.*

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**MEMORANDUM****ITEM NO. 3**

**DATE: JANUARY 14, 2019**

**TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: APPROVE FOUNDING SPONSORSHIP FOR THE FORMATION OF A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER, ENERGY & EDUCATION ALLIANCE (WEEA) THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION (CEEF)**

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**SUMMARY**

The California Environmental Education Foundation (CEEF) is launching the formation of a Southern California Water, Energy, and Education Alliance (WEEA) and has respectfully requested WRD's consideration to become a 2019 Founding Sponsor of the Alliance for a total of \$2,500. The funds will 1) establish the Alliance; 2) convene two Alliance meetings in 2019 co-sponsored by LADWP and MWD; 3) provide monthly updates to Alliance members; and 4) hire a part-time Partnership Manager to facilitate the formation of public/private partnerships between school districts and local/regional businesses and agencies. The primary purpose of the partnerships will be to establish work-force pathways that nurture students' skills and career interests in the water/energy sectors and to advance environmental literacy.

By joining the Alliance, WRD will have direct access to school administrators within the WRD service area who can act as an invaluable resource while we craft the WRD ARC education programming and curriculum. WRD wants to ensure that its programming and curriculum is in line with what the school districts are willing to implement and promote. Furthermore, membership in the Alliance will give WRD the opportunity to partner with water and energy providers to craft programs and/or curriculum.

**PROGRAM PARTNERS**

CEEF has already received sponsorship assurances from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), the Metropolitan Water District (MWD), and Ten Strands to launch a one-year pilot project in 2019.

#### **PROGRAM BENEFITS**

A clear benefit for members of WEEA will be the opportunity to delineate current and future business/corporate workforce needs with representatives from highly motivated school district partners and their supportive community partners. Furthermore, the school districts will communicate their needs in educating both their students and teachers about the nexus between NGSS-based water/energy topics and the skill-craft career pathways to “under-represented” jobs (e.g. welders, line workers, and electrical mechanics). While there will be a wide variety of needs expressed from both parties, CEEF is confident it will be able to develop customized business-education partnerships that ultimately will result in a more robust pipeline of skilled workers.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

\$2,500. Funds for the Alliance membership are available in the External Affairs FY18-19 Budget, under the Non-RA External Affairs Water Conservation Budget (EAC 5910). As of December 2018, the available balance in EAC 5910 is \$96,918. After the proposed expenditure, \$94,418 would remain.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The External Affairs Committee recommends the Board of Directors approve WRD’s participation to the California Environmental Education Foundation (CEEF) Alliance for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.

**MEMORANDUM****ITEM NO. 4**

**DATE: JANUARY 14, 2019**

**TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: WRD EDUCATION OUTREACH**

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**SUMMARY**

The WRD Education Program features interactive lessons that demonstrate the importance of groundwater, the basics of water sources and treatment, and the need for conservation. WRD Education staff are available for in-classroom demonstrations, exhibiting at environmental/education fairs, and as a resource for any water science related questions.

Knowing there are multiple water agencies across California with a mission to educate people on groundwater, water, conservation, water replenishment, and more, WRD Staff will reach out to other Water Agencies to collaborate in creating a single, concise Water Education Curriculum.

Team will provide Monthly updates on the development of the curriculum.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion and possible action.



**MEMORANDUM**  
**ITEM NO. 5**

**DATE: JANUARY 14, 2019**

**TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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**SUMMARY**

Verbal reports on current legislation will be provided by Sacramento and Washington D.C. advocates, respectively.

2019 State Legislative Calendar

**JANUARY**

- Jan. 1 - Statutes take effect
- Jan. 7 - Legislature reconvenes
- Jan. 10 - Budget must be submitted by Governor
- Jan. 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Jan. 25 - Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.

**FEBRUARY**

Feb. 22 – Last day for bills to be introduced.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion and possible action.



**MEMORANDUM**

**ITEM NO. 6**

**DATE: JANUARY 14, 2019**

**TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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**SUMMARY**

Staff will report any significant department activities that are not agendaized and require no action on the part of the Committee.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The External Affairs Committee receive and file the report.