

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
4040 PARAMOUNT BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90712  
11:00 A.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017**

**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.

**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. CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION SUMMER / FALL 2017**

Staff Recommendation: The Board of Directors approve the budgeted WRD water association and organization conference sponsorships for summer and fall 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$14,150 for the following: the Urban Water Institute; WateReuse Symposium; Groundwater Resources Association Fall Conference; West Basin Municipal Water District's Water Harvest Festival, and; the Association of California Water Agencies.

**5. SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OUTREACH SUPPORT**

Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.

**6. NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Staff Recommendation: That the External Affairs Committee recommend the Board of Directors approve the sponsorship of the Daily Breeze Newspapers in Education program for the 2017-18 school year in an amount not to exceed \$1,200.

**7. DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.

**8. DIRECTORS REPORTS, INQUIRIES AND FOLLOW-UP OF DIRECTIONS TO STAFF**

Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of September 11, 2017.

Agenda posted by Tracey Burke, Senior Administrative Specialist on August 11, 2017. In compliance with ADA requirements, this document can be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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## **MEMORANDUM**

### **ITEM NO. 3**

**DATE:** AUGUST 14, 2017  
**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.

### **State Legislative Calendar**

#### **August**

- Aug. 21 Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.

#### **September**

- Sept. 1 Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor.
- Sept. 4 Labor Day.
- Sept. 5-15 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose.
- Sept. 8 Last day to amend on the Floor.
- Sept. 15 Last day for any bill to be passed. Interim Recess begins on adjournment.

### **IMPORTANT DATES OCCURRING DURING INTERIM RECESS**

**Oct. 15** Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before Sept. 15 and in the Governor's possession after Sept. 15.

#### **2018**

Jan. 1 Statutes take effect.  
Jan. 3 Legislature reconvenes.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion and possible action.



## **MEMORANDUM**

### **ITEM NO. 4**

**DATE: AUGUST 14, 2017**

**TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION SUMMER AND FALL 2017**

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### **SUMMARY**

WRD has routinely participated in water industry and association conferences and held community updates and ceremonial events as part of its ongoing effort to engage organizations and educate industry leaders about the WIN initiative and GRIP project. Through this outreach, WRD has had the opportunity to increase awareness of our mission to provide and protect high-quality groundwater to the region, as well as develop key relationships and partnerships with others who share this mission.

#### **Urban Water Institute's Annual Water Conference**

August 16-18, 2017 in San Diego, CA. WRD will be sponsoring the Welcome Reception on August 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 6:00PM. WRD will have a table welcoming guests and distributing collateral at the reception and throughout the conference. The sponsorship amount is not to exceed \$2,500 and is included in the 2017/2018 budget.

#### **WaterReuse Symposium**

September 10-13, 2017 in Phoenix, AZ. WRD will be a silver conference sponsor, which includes recognition during sessions throughout the conference, information and collateral distribution on the conference app and in the program, and one complimentary registration. The sponsorship amount is not to exceed \$3,500 and is included in the 2017/2018 budget.

#### **Groundwater Resources Association Fall Meeting and Conference**

October 3-4, 2017 in Sacramento, CA. WRD will participate as a general conference sponsor and will have the opportunity to exhibit throughout the conference. The sponsorship amount is not to exceed \$1,650 and is included in the 2017/2018 budget.

#### **West Basin 2017 Water Harvest Festival**

West Basin will celebrate the 2017 Water Harvest Festival on October 14. Water Harvest is a free and fun water education event for the whole family. As part of the festivities, West Basin will be offering tours of the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility, food, games, and stage

shows. The sponsorship amount is not to exceed \$2,500 and is included in the 2017/18 budget.

### **Association of California Water Agencies Fall Meeting and Conference**

November 28 – December 1, 2017 in Anaheim, CA. WRD will be a bronze level conference sponsor which includes recognition throughout the conference with links to our website and social media. WRD will also be sponsoring President Kathy Tiegs' Women's Reception held at the conference hotel. The total sponsorship amount is not to exceed \$4,000 and is included in the 2017/2018 budget.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Water association and organization conference participation for summer and fall 2017 is not to exceed \$11,650. These sponsorships are included in the approved budget for the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Directors approve the budgeted WRD water association and organization conference sponsorships for summer and fall 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$14,150 for the following: the Urban Water Institute; WaterReuse Symposium; Groundwater Resources Association Fall Conference; West Basin Municipal Water District's Water Harvest Festival, and; the Association of California Water Agencies.



## **MEMORANDUM**

### **ITEM NO. 5**

**DATE: AUGUST 14, 2017**

**TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OUTREACH SUPPORT**

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### **SUMMARY**

The South Bay Council of Governments (SBCOG) is presenting a proposed program partnership that focuses on advancing WRD's mission in the SBCCOG's service area which includes the cities of: Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, and Los Angeles 15<sup>th</sup> Council District communities of San Pedro, Harbor City/Harbor Gateway, and Wilmington as well as the unincorporated South Bay areas of Los Angeles County.

The SBCCOG Board of Directors is comprised of elected officials from each of the SBCCOG's member cities and serves as the primary governing body taking actions to support endeavors aimed at maximizing the quality of life and productivity of the South Bay region.

The outreach program will primarily be delivered through the SBESC, a program of the SBCCOG, which operates as a local clearinghouse for sustainability information and education. The partnership will enable WRD to advance communications on WRD's "2040 Plan".

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The SBCOG Outreach Program would commence September 1, 2017 and conclude on March 31, 2018 for an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Funding is included in the approved budget for the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion and possible action.



## **MEMORANDUM**

### **ITEM NO. 6**

**DATE: AUGUST 14, 2017**

**TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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### **SUMMARY**

The Daily Breeze established the Newspapers in Education Program as a tool to assist schools, teachers and students in classroom learning. This important program benefits our students by providing an innovative and interesting way of learning. Teachers use the newspaper to teach a variety of subjects including reading, math, science, writing and geography.

Support for this program provides the following benefits for schools:

- ) Each student in your sponsored classroom will receive a personal copy of the Newspaper.
- ) The students learn from an up-to-date real world source.
- ) Hard-working teachers receive lesson plans and other valuable teaching tools.

The Daily Breeze recognizes supporters of this youth and community program each month in their 'Thank You' advertisement in the Newspaper for an entire full year.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The 2017-18 Newspapers in Education Program is not to exceed \$1,200. Funding for the program is available in the approved budget for the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the External Affairs Committee recommend the Board of Directors approve the sponsorship of the Daily Breeze Newspapers in Education program for the 2017-18 school year in an amount not to exceed \$1,200.