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. APPROVE SELECTION OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY FIRM
   Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORT
   Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.

5. DIRECTORS REPORTS, INQUIRIES AND FOLLOW-UP OF DIRECTIONS TO STAFF
   Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.

6. ADJOURNMENT
   The External Affairs Committee will adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting of February 12, 2018.

Agenda posted by Sherri Brown, Senior Administrative Specialist on January 23, 2018. In compliance with ADA requirements, this document can be made available in alternative formats upon request.
MEMORANDUM
ITEM NO. 3

DATE: JANUARY 24, 2018
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: APPROVE SELECTION OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY FIRM

SUMMARY
The 2018 legislative year will be extremely busy for WRD. There are potentially several legislative items of interest that may impact the District. In addition, WRD is considering legislation that will strengthen the District’s long term financial stability while enabling the District to finance future projects that will expand resilience against drought and local groundwater sustainability. In preparation for a heavy legislative agenda, the District issued an RFQ seeking firms that could provide supplemental state advocacy services to bolster its existing services. Two firms responded to the RFQ and staff has reviewed the submissions. Since the legislative session has begun and critical deadlines are approaching, staff is seeking Committee review and a recommendation in order to bring on the most qualified firm.

FISCAL IMPACT
None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
For discussion and possible action.
MEMORANDUM
ITEM NO. 4

DATE: JANUARY 24, 2018
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

FISCAL IMPACT
None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
For discussion and possible action.