

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
4040 PARAMOUNT BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90712  
12:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018**

**AGENDA**

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**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.

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## **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**

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### **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**

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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**

For discussion and possible action.