MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
4040 PARAMOUNT BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CA., 90712
11:00 A.M., MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019

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” or “For discussion” 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 THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2019
   Staff Recommendation: The External Affairs Committee approves the minutes as submitted.

4. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2019
   Staff Recommendation: The External Affairs Committee approves the minutes as submitted.

5. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2019
   Staff Recommendation: The External Affairs Committee approves the minutes as submitted.

6. LEGISLATIVE REPORT
   Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.

7. WRD NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION UPDATE
   Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.

8. WRD EDUCATION PROGRAM REPORT
   Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.

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

10. DIRECTORS’ REPORTS, INQUIRIES AND FOLLOW-UP OF DIRECTIONS TO STAFF

11. ADJOURNMENT
   The Committee will adjourn to the next currently scheduled meeting on August 12, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.
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DATE: JULY 8, 2019
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2019

SUMMARY
A meeting of the External Affairs Committee of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California was held on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 11:20 A.M., at the District Office, 4040 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712. Committee Chair Sergio Calderon called the meeting to order and presided thereafter.

FISCAL IMPACT
None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
External Affairs Committee approve the minutes as submitted.
MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2019
MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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1. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
Committee Chair Sergio Calderon declared a quorum of Directors was present, which in addition to himself included Director John D.S. Allen, Director Robert Katherman, Director Vera Robles DeWitt, and Director Willard H. Murray, Jr.

Staff: Robb Whitaker; Brandon Mims; Monica Sijder; Scott Ota; Angie Mancillas; Kimberly Badescu; Jenn Swart

Public: Maria Kennedy - Kennedy Communications; Julie Chlopecki - Pacific Atlantic Partners; Bob Reeb - Reeb Government Relations, LLC; Rick Taylor - Dakota Communications; Awet Kidane - Kidane and Assoc.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT
Tenisha Simeon, the District’s new Administrative Specialist, was introduced to the committee by Brandon Mims, Manager of Internal Services.

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.

ALTERNATE OR AMENDED RECOMMENDATION:
Moved by Director: Calderon
Seconded by Director: Allen
The External Affairs Committee unanimously approved.

4. WRD EDUCATION OUTREACH Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.
WRD Senior Public Affairs Representative Monica Sijder provided an update to the committee on the different activities and contest that are being offered to WRD Education Outreach participants.

No action was taken.

5. LEGISLATIVE REPORT  
Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.

Verbal reports on current legislation were provided respectively by WRD’s Sacramento and Washington D.C. advocates, Julie Chlopecki and Rick Taylor.

Washington Team:
- Green Application Status
- A planned visit to Washington objectives
  - Pursue more grant money
  - Pursue authorization to proposition future projects
  - Get information on bonding, discretionary, water titles, etc.

Sacramento Team:
- New administration team was discussed
- Introduction of legislation bills
- Needs assessment proposal
- Request from state board staff to amend state laws

No action was taken.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORT  
Staff Recommendation: The External Affairs Committee receive and file the report.

- WRD Government Affairs Representative Angie Mancillas provided an update to the committee on the upcoming scheduled events that WRD is participating in and sponsoring (conferences and speaking engagements). A list of events was provided to the committee.
- The Groundwater festival, award nominees, and the number of awards to be presented were discussed.
- Information will be sent to the board for a strategic plan retreat.

Moved by Director: Calderon  
Seconded by Director: Allen

Director Allen made a motion to remove Southern California from WRD’s logo. Director Calderon seconded the motion to remove Southern California from WRD’s logo. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0. (Item will be added to next Board agenda).

7. DIRECTORS REPORTS, INQUIRIES AND FOLLOW-UP OF DIRECTIONS TO STAFF
Upon a motion duly by Director Calderon, seconded by Director Allen, and unanimously approved 5 to 0, it passed:
RESOLVED: The Board of Directors would approve a sponsorship participation for LA Meet the Decision Makers for an amount not to exceed $2,500.

This item will be added to the Consent Calendar of the Board of Directors meeting.

Moved by Director: Calderon
Seconded by Director: Allen

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Member

Approved in minutes of:

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MEMORANDUM
ITEM NO. 4

DATE: JULY 8, 2019
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2019

SUMMARY
A special meeting of the External Affairs Committee of the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California was held on February 11, 2019 at 1:26 p.m., at the District Office, 4040 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712. Committee Chair Willard H. Murray, Jr. called the meeting to order and presided thereafter.

FISCAL IMPACT
None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
The External Affairs Committee approves the minutes as submitted.
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1. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was present, which included:

Committee: Committee Chair Willard H. Murray, Jr, Director Sergio Calderon, Director Rob Katherman. President John D. S. Allen, Director Vera Robles-Dewitt

Staff: Eric Owens; Scott Ota; Tenisha Simeon; Brandon Mims; H. Francisco Leal; Angie Mancillas; Lyndsey Bloxom; Monica Sijder; Jen Swart

Public: Maria Kennedy - Kennedy Communications; Julie Chlopecki - Pacific Atlantic Partners; Bob Reeb - Reeb Government Relations, LLC; Rick Taylor - Dakota Communications; Awet Kidane - Kidane and Assoc.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3

None

3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

WRD legislative consultants Julie Chlopecki and Rick Taylor provided a verbal report on current legislation via phone call from Washington D.C. They reported that WRD scored well on its application for $50,000,000 and the District should be proud of itself. Director Katherman stated that Congresswoman Napolitano recommended an increase in the budget from $50,000,000 to $100,000,000.

Bob Reeb of Reeb Government Relations, LLC and Awet Kidane of Kidane and Associates reported from Sacramento via phone. He reminded the Committee that ‘The State of the State’ was scheduled to be given by Governor Newsom on February 12, 2019, where Newsom would address affordability issues in California related to housing and other medical issues. Mr. Reeb stated that the Bill introduction deadline is February 22nd and that he would hold off on items 5 and 6 of the agenda. He urged the Board to schedule a trip to Sacramento and that he and his colleagues had provided the dates of March 5, 6, 19 and 20 as well as April 2nd and 3rd for consideration by the Board. He then recommended March 19 and 20 as the best time for the Board to visit. The Committee agreed to visit on March 19 and 20. Discussion followed.
No action was taken on this item.

4. SPONSORSHIP FOR CLIMATE RESOLVE ANNUAL EVENT
   
   **Staff Recommendation:** The External Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve a sponsorship Climate Resolve in an amount not to exceed $1,000.

   **First:** Allen
   **Second:** Katherman
   **Discussion:** None
   **Vote:** Calderon, Yes; Katherman, Yes; DeWitt, Yes; Allen, Yes; Murray, Yes
   **Result:** The Board of Directors will approve a sponsorship Climate Resolve in an amount not to exceed $1,000.

5. POSSIBLE NEEDS ASSESSMENT LEGISLATION
   
   Bob Reeb presented this item via phone. Mr. Reeb stated that the item comes from WRD Staff and Consultant conversations with the Office of the Assembly Speaker in June 2018 and then August 2018. He stated that the purpose of the proposal is to engage WRD to conduct a needs assessment of public water systems primarily focusing on those that serve disadvantaged communities. He then stated that the end goal, which would be to implement a plan with state funding to assist these public water systems in becoming fully compliant with County and State drinking water regulations and also to assist these communities with staffing expertise to own and operate a public water system.

   Mr. Reeb then stated that they are looking for WRD to sponsor the Bill. Discussion followed.

   Maria Kennedy of Kennedy Communications stated that the Speaker was pleased with the work in the District’s disadvantaged community program. Discussion followed.

   **First:** Katherman
   **Second:** Allen
   **Discussion:** None
   **Vote:** Calderon, Yes; Katherman, Yes; DeWitt, Yes; Allen, Yes; Murray, Yes
   **Result:** ITEM 5 PASSED

6. POSSIBLE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEAN UP FUND AMENDMENT LEGISLATION
   
   Maria Kennedy presented this item. She stated that in her discussions with the State Water Resources Control Board, WRD did not qualify for the grant from the underground storage tank fund. The Water Resources Control Board has requested that WRD introduce legislation that will amend the definition of a local agency.

   Bob Reed elaborated on the definitions of a “local agency.” Discussion followed.
7. **2019 SPECIAL EVENTS DISCUSSION**

Rick Taylor presented this item. He stated that while in Washington D.C., he, Angie Mancillas, President Allen, and Director Katherman were able to discuss the ARC opening. He stated that they listed Governor Gavin Newsom as an option to speak for the event. Discussion followed.

Director Calderon left at 1:56 p.m.

On a phone call with WRD’s legislative consultants, President Allen announced that he will be on vacation from July 28th to August 10th. Discussion followed.

President Allen made a motion for WRD to host the event on August 15th and to invite all of the guests from the list that was provided to the External Affairs Committee.

First: Allen  
Second: Katherman  
Discussion: None  
Vote: Calderon, Excused; Katherman, Yes; DeWitt, Yes; Allen, Yes; Murray, Yes  
Result: The Board will hold the Special Event on August 15th.

President Allen requested that the legislative consultants coordinate with Director Dewitt in the Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the holding of the event.

First: Allen  
Second: Katherman  
Discussion: None  
Vote: Calderon, Excused; Katherman, Yes; DeWitt, Yes; Allen, Yes; Murray, Yes  
Result: The 60th anniversary of WRD will be held on November 14th or 21st.

8. **SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE**

Jen Swart presented this item. She mentioned that the WRD Facebook page had grown in following from 1,700 followers to 7,700 followers. She also provided examples of how a post can bolster the WRD message. She emphasized that as a public agency, WRD has a duty to uphold free speech and limit censorship, particularly on online forums.

Ms. Swart provided a number of examples illustrating different ways various agencies moderate their comments.
Ms. Swart suggested WRD adopt a social media policy to moderate what it allows on social media. Additionally, she recommends archiving the public comments on online forums and also joining the Government Media Social Organization to keep up to speed on what other agencies are doing.

Director Katherman inquired about the nature of comments. Ms. Swart clarified that the majority of comments pertained to water issues and comments of encouragement directed towards WRD.

Director Dewitt posed a question regarding the price range of three vendors for the third party software. Ms. Swart responded that the price is $200 per month.

| First:    | Allen  |
| Second:  | Katherman |
| Discussion: | None |
| Vote:    | Calderon, Yes; Katherman, Yes; DeWitt, Yes; Allen, Yes; Murray, Yes |
| Result:  | District Counsel will work with staff to bring back a social media policy to review in March. |

9. **WRD EDUCATION OUTREACH REPORT**

WRD Senior Public Affairs Representative Monica Sijder presented this item. She stated that WRD will distribute calendars to schools throughout 43 cities. She then reported of several WRD Education Outreach projects, namely that WRD will give out promotional items at the Liberty Elementary School Science Fair. It previously provided water bottles at the East Los Angeles Skills Center and it will be judging at the Bell Gardens Elementary School Science Fair. Jenn Swart provided a presentation at Oak Street Elementary School.

Chairman Murray inquired about the means of distributing calendars. Ms. Sijder reported that she had been going “door-to-door” to various schools in LA County.

Director Dewitt asked if there were any schools to be visited over the next six weeks and Ms. Sijder stated a number of schools. No action was taken.

10. **THE LONG BEACH PROMISE 2.0 PARTNERSHIP**

Angie Mancillas presented this item. Discussion followed.

Director Allen inquired about the feasibility of giving out scholarships. District Counsel confirmed that WRD had given out scholarships in the past. Discussion followed.

Director Katherman called a question for WRD to partner with Long Beach Promise 2.0 partnership.
11. DEPARTMENT REPORT
Jenn Swart provided the department report. Ms. Swart stated that WRD could be eligible for more grant opportunities by working through a nonprofit, namely the ARC education program. Discussion followed.

Ms. Swart stated that she and Monica Sijder had been working on what a field trip plan might entail. She also stated that together they reached a discussion of 10 field trips during summer, 32 during fall, and 32 during spring semester of the LAUSD school year. She identified the cost as being $105,000 for the pilot program. Discussion followed.

Ms. Swart stated that with the direction of the Board and Assistant General Manager Ken Ortega, WRD visited other water districts such as the Cucamonga Valley Water District and the Springs Preserve. Discussion of the steps to building a nonprofit followed.

Director Katherman suggested discussing the Pilot summer program at the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) meeting scheduled for February 13, 2019. Discussion followed.

Director Katherman made a motion for the establishment of a 501(c)(3) with corporate documents.

First: Katherman
Second: Allen
Discussion: None
Vote: Calderon, Yes; Katherman, Yes; DeWitt, Yes; Allen, Yes; Murray, Yes
Result: The Board will authorize the establishment of a nonprofit.

Public Affairs Representative Lyndsey Bloxom discussed upcoming WRD conferences. No action was taken.

12. DIRECTORS REPORTS, INQUIRIES AND FOLLOW-UP OF DIRECTIONS TO STAFF
Director Katherman introduced the new Manager of Engineering Eric Owens. Mr. Owens spoke highly of WRD while emphasizing his interest in WRD’s projects.

Director Allen mentioned that Treasurer Albert Robles was requesting a budget retreat. After some discussion, the Committee agreed on the date of March 6th, 2019 at 12 p.m.
Director Allen suggested a retreat to consider the Brackish water report and an in-depth discussion on WRD’s social media to be held after June 30th and before July 28th.

Angie Mancillas requested some input as to the availability of the Board in April to discuss the construction of wells in Huntington Park.

13. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the Committee, after a motion made by Chairman Murray and seconded by Director Dewitt, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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MEMBER

Approved in minutes of:

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DATE: JULY 8, 2019

TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2019

SUMMARY
A meeting of the External Affairs Committee of the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California was held on March 11, 2019 at 11:30 a.m., at the District Office, 4040 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712. Committee Vice Chair Sergio Calderon called the meeting to order and presided thereafter.

FISCAL IMPACT
None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
The External Affairs Committee approves the minutes as submitted.
MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2019
MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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1. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was present, which included:
Committee: Committee Chair Willard H. Murray, Jr was excused; Director Sergio Calderon, Director Rob Katherman, President John D. S. Allen, Director Vera Robles-Dewitt
Staff: Eric Owens; Scott Ota; Brandon Mims; H. Francisco Leal; Angie Mancillas; Lyndsey Bloxom; Monica Sijder; Kim Badescu
Public: Maria Kennedy - Kennedy Communications; Julie Chlopecki - Pacific Atlantic Partners; Bob Reeb - Reeb Government Relations, LLC; Rick Taylor - Dakota Communications; Awet Kidane - Kidane and Associates; Bob Giroux – Lang, Hansen, O’Malley & Miller

2. PUBLIC COMMENT
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3
None

3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT
Government Affairs Representative Angie Mancillas introduced WRD legislative consultants from Sacramento who updated the committee on WRD sponsored legislation. Bob Giroux of Lang, Hansen, O’Malley & Miller reminded the Committee that SB519 ((Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund Legislation (Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund Legislation) was set for the 3rd of April and also that they would work to amend AB955 (Needs Assessment Legislation). Discussion followed.
No action was taken.

4. CALIFORNIA LATINO LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SOUTHEAST YOUTH PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP

First: Allen
Second: Katherman
Discussion: None
Vote: Calderon, Yes; Katherman, Yes; DeWitt, Yes; Allen, Yes; Murray, Yes
Result: The Board of Directors will approve a sponsorship for the California Latino Leadership Institute for an amount not to exceed $5,000. This item will be added to the Consent Calendar for the Board meeting scheduled for the 18th of April.

5. CORO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP
Ms. Mancillas presented this item.

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<td>Result:</td>
<td>The Board of Directors will approve the District’s partnership with Coro Southern California for an amount not to exceed $1,500. This item will be added to the Consent Calendar for the Board meeting scheduled for the 18th of April.</td>
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6. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY
Ms. Mancillas presented this item.

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<td>The Board of Directors will adopt the proposed WRD Social Media Policy. This item will be added to the Consent Calendar for the Board meeting scheduled for the 18th of April.</td>
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7. SOCIAL MEDIA ARCHIVING SERVICE
Ms. Mancillas presented this item.

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<td>Result:</td>
<td>The Board of Directors will direct staff to purchase social media archiving services from ArchiveSocial and join the Government Social Media Organizations. This item will be added to the Consent Calendar for the Board meeting scheduled for the 18th of April.</td>
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8. 2019 WRD SPECIAL EVENTS DISCUSSION
Ms. Mancillas stated that WRD sent an invitation to Governor Newsom for the grand opening of ARC and is awaiting a response. Ms. Mancillas added that the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) staff contacted WRD inquiring about grand openings in the next 3 months and that WRD extended an invitation to them as well.
Ms. Mancillas also stated that WRD is waiting to schedule a Special Events Ad Hoc Committee.

She concluded by stating that the majority of the sponsorship funds for the Groundwater Festival have been received.

Director Allen stated that Central Basin Water Association was planning to gather at the Albert Robles Center in June. He requested that Ms. Mancillas and her department reach out to them to hold their event in September.

No action was taken.

9. WRD EDUCATION OUTREACH REPORT
   Senior Public Affairs Representative Monica Sijder presented this item. Ms. Sijder reported on the several schools she will present at.
   No action was taken.

10. DEPARTMENT REPORT
    Ms. Mancillas and Communication & Education Service Representative Kimberly Badescu reminded the Committee of the various events that were scheduled for the next three months: a homage to Victor Griego on the 13th of March at the Japanese American National Museum, a water re-use tour on the 17th of March, a tour of the spreading grounds for the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board, a Los Angeles Business Council Sustainability Summit at the Getty Center, Earth Day events.
    Ms. Sijder reminded the Committee of the LARAEC (Los Angeles Regional Adult Education Consortium) event at the Sheraton Universal where WRD made a presence.
    Finally, Ms. Mancillas informed the Committee that spaces were available for the Water Education for Latino Leaders event at the Queen Mary.
    No action was taken.

11. DIRECTORS’ REPORTS, INQUIRIES AND FOLLOW-UP OF DIRECTIONS TO STAFF
    Director Katherman suggested a revamping of the WRD website (by way of a consultant) to make information more accessible. This would be calendared for the next External Affairs meeting scheduled for the 8th of April.
    Director Allen inquired about whether or not there would be a Capital Improvement Projects meeting on the 13th of March. Director Katherman reminded him that there would be a meeting on that day.
    Director Allen made a motion to add a subsequent need item to the agenda.

   First: Katherman
   Second: Allen
   Discussion: None
   Vote: Calderon, Yes; Katherman, Yes; DeWitt, Yes; Allen, Yes; Murray, Yes
Result: Subsequent need item 11A added to agenda.

11A. SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2019 DAN FOLEY OUTSTANDING LABOR LEADER AWARD

| First:   | Katherman |
| Second:  | Allen     |
| Discussion: | None     |
| Vote:    | Calderon, Yes; Katherman, Yes; DeWitt, Yes; Allen, Yes; Murray, Yes |
| Result:  | The Board of Directors will authorize a $2,500 sponsorship for the 2019 Dan Foley Outstanding Labor Leader Award. |

Director Calderon notified the Committee of his attendance at the LARAEC event on the 9th of March. He stated that various attendees at the event had requested tote bags and thus suggested WRD distribute joint logo tote bags. This item would be on the agenda for the next External Affairs meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 P.M.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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MEMBER

Approved in minutes of:

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DATE: JULY 8, 2019

TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT

SUMMARY
WRD’s Federal and State Legislative Consultants will update the External Affairs Committee on legislation impacting the District. They will also alert the committee about potential funding opportunities available to the district that will allow WRD to accomplish its goals.

In addition, our state consultants will update the committee on WRD sponsored legislation including AB955 (Needs Assessment Legislation) and SB519 (Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund Legislation)

Legislative Consultants:
Julie Chlopecki, Pacific Atlantic Partners
Bob Reeb, Reeb Government Relations, LLC
Awet Kidane, Kidane and Associates
Bob Giroux, Lang, Hansen, O'Malley & Miller

FISCAL IMPACT
None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
For discussion and possible action.
MEMORANDUM
ITEM NO. 7

DATE: JULY 8, 2019
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: WRD NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION UPDATE

SUMMARY
Staff has been directed to form a Non-Profit WRD Education Foundation to support educational programming that will be provided at ARC and in the community.
Staff will provide an update on this project’s developments.

FISCAL IMPACT
None at this time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
For discussion and possible action.
DATE: JULY 8, 2019

TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: WRD EDUCATION PROGRAM REPORT

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.

WRD’s education team will provide an update on planned education programming at ARC.

FISCAL IMPACT
None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
For discussion and possible action.
MEMORANDUM
ITEM NO. 9

DATE: JULY 8, 2019
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 part of the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT
None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
For discussion and possible action.