

**MEETING OF THE
FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
4040 PARAMOUNT BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712
9:30 AM, MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020**

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. DIRECTORS' EXPENSES**
Staff Recommendation: The Finance/Audit Committee approve Directors' expenses.
- 4. APPROVE FY 2020-21 CHAMBER/MEMBERSHIP DUES AND REGIONAL SPONSORSHIPS**
Staff Recommendation: The Finance/Audit Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve WRD's FY 2020-21 Chamber/Membership Dues and Regional Sponsorships for the amounts not to exceed \$68,550 and \$170,000 respectively.
- 5. FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET DISCUSSION**
Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.
- 6. DEPARTMENT REPORT**
Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.
- 7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS, INQUIRIES AND FOLLOW-UP OF DIRECTIONS TO STAFF**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**
The Committee will adjourn to the next meeting currently scheduled on March 23, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

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MEMORANDUM
ITEM NO. 3

DATE: MARCH 16, 2020
TO: FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: DIRECTORS' EXPENSES

SUMMARY

As required by the District's Administrative Code section 7.4.1, the Finance/Audit Committee is responsible for approving Directors' monthly expenses.

FISCAL IMPACT

Directors' expenses are approved through the annual budgeting process and must adhere to the guidelines provided in the District's Administrative Code chapter 7.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Finance/Audit Committee approves Directors' expenses.



MEMORANDUM
ITEM NO. 4

DATE: MARCH 16, 2020

TO: FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE

FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVE FY 2020-21 CHAMBER/MEMBERSHIP DUES AND REGIONAL SPONSORSHIPS

SUMMARY

As part of the District's water education program, WRD maintains annual memberships with local and regional chambers of commerce which provide WRD with a platform to educate businesses about WRD projects and programs as well as important regional groundwater planning matters. Through chamber memberships, the District has successfully raised awareness about WRD's efforts to create locally sustainable and resilient projects that will protect the region from future droughts. The anticipated 2020-21 budget for chamber/membership dues is \$68,550.

Similarly, WRD provides regional sponsorships to organizations throughout the service area to advance WRD's outreach efforts educating the public about groundwater issues. The anticipated 2020-21 budget for regional sponsorships is \$170,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds to be allocated in the FY 2020-21 budget for Chamber Dues/Memberships will not exceed \$68,550 and \$170,000 for Regional Sponsorships.

The amount will be drawn from Non-RA funds and will be allocated to the EAC0000 project number, general ledger code 5910.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Finance/Audit Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve WRD's FY 2020-21 Chamber/Membership Dues and Regional Sponsorships for the amounts not to exceed \$68,550 and \$170,000 respectively.



MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 5

DATE: MARCH 16, 2020

TO: FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE

FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET DISCUSSION

SUMMARY

The District's annual budget is the basis for the Board of Directors setting the replenishment assessment each year. The California Water Code requires that the ensuing year's Replenishment Assessment (RA) be adopted no later than the second Tuesday in May following the opening and closing of a Water Code Public Hearing.

The District also currently follows a separate Pumper Notification process which has its own Public Hearing after mailing to all groundwater producers within the District the proposed upper limit being considered by the Board of Directors for the RA and information regarding the hearing, including protest information.

The District has started its budgeting process by presenting the current Fiscal Year 2019-20 mid-year budget projection and the draft ensuing Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget to the Finance/Audit Committee on February 24, 2020 and to the joint meeting of the WRD Board of Directors and the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) on February 26, 2020.

At its meeting on March 5, 2020, the Board of Directors accepted the BAC recommendation and approved the Fiscal Year 2020-21 RA upper limit of 5% for an increase of \$18.25 from \$365.00 per acre feet to \$383.25 per acre-foot, to provide on the Pumper Notification mailing on March 6, 2020. At the March 16, 2020 Finance/Audit Committee meeting, further discussion may be held on the Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget and RA.

The Water Code Public Hearing is scheduled to open at the April 2, 2020 Board of Directors meeting. The Pumper Notification Public Hearing is scheduled to open at a special Board of Directors meeting on April 23, 2020. Both public hearings may be closed, the Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget adopted, and the RA set at the April 23rd meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For discussion and possible action.