AGENDA

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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. 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.

5. POSSIBLE NEEDS ASSESSMENT LEGISLATION
Staff Recommendation: The External Affairs Committee to direct staff to pursue introduction of legislation for which WRD would sponsor and seek State funding to implement Phases 1 and 2 of the needs assessment proposal.

6. POSSIBLE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEAN UP FUND AMENDMENT LEGISLATION
Staff Recommendation: The External Affairs Committee direct staff to pursue legislation to amend statutory provisions relating to the UST Cleanup Fund in the California Health and Safety Code to expand the definition of “local agency” for purposes of grant funding to also include a water replenishment district.

Staff further recommends that the committee choose a legislator to author and introduce the legislation.

7. 2019 SPECIAL EVENTS DISCUSSION
Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.

8. SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE
Staff Recommendation: For information only
9. **WRD EDUCATION OUTREACH REPORT**  
   *Staff Recommendation:* For discussion only.

10. **THE LONG BEACH PROMISE 2.0 PARTNERSHIP**  
    *Staff Recommendation:* For discussion and possible action.

11. **DEPARTMENT REPORT**  
    *Staff Recommendation:* The Committee will receive and file report.

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

13. **ADJOURNMENT**  
    *Adjourn to the next regular meeting which is currently scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2019.*

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MEMORANDUM
ITEM NO. 3

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2019
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT

SUMMARY
Verbal reports on current legislation will be provided by our Sacramento and Washington D.C. legislative consultants.

FISCAL IMPACT
None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
For discussion and possible action.
DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2019
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: SPONSORSHIP FOR CLIMATE RESOLVE ANNUAL EVENT

SUMMARY
Climate Resolve is a Los Angeles based organization that focuses on local solutions to
global climate change, and works to achieve outcomes that bestow multiple benefits.
Climate Resolve works to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build collaborations to
implement regional climate initiatives.
Climate Resolve is hosting their annual celebration of climate leadership on March 13,
2019. This event will honor local leaders including California State Controller Betty T.
Yee and Victor Griego, President and Founder of Water Education for Latino Leaders
(WELL).

FISCAL IMPACT
The amount will be drawn from the External Affairs EAC 5910 account in an amount not
to exceed $1,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
The External Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve a
sponsorship in an amount not to exceed $1,000.
JOIN US IN HONORING THE FOLLOWING LEADERS WHO ARE MAKING CALIFORNIA A MORE JUST, LIVABLE, AND PROSPEROUS STATE.

Betty T. Yee  
California State Controller

Victor Griego  
President and Founder  
Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL)

John Moon  
Director, Community Development  
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Melody Winter Head  
Regional Manager, Community Development  
Southern California Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

George Minter  
Renewable Natural Gas Champion

AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION THIS YEAR TO THE RECIPIENT OF OUR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Wendy James
Be Cool. Buy Early.

Early Bird tickets are now available for Climate Resolve's 6th Annual Coolest in LA Awards

A Celebration of Innovation in Southern California's Fight Against Climate Change

Two Weeks Only! $125
(Save $75 – normally $200; Ends 1/29)

Purchase Early Bird Tickets!
# A Celebration of Innovation in Southern California's Fight Against Climate Change

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

**Japanese American National Museum**

**Little Tokyo • Los Angeles, CA**

## Sponsorship Packages

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| **Diamond** - $15,000 | | - Speaking role at the gala  
- Dedicated plasma with branded content  
- On screen logo placement - preferred position  
- Logo and hyperlink on climate resolve website - preferred position  
- Fourteen (14) passes to the gala & exclusive pre-event VIP reception  
- Logo and hyperlink on electronic invitation & event webpage  
- Exhibitor table in ballroom |
| **Platinum** - $10,000 | | - Dedicated plasma with branded content  
- On screen logo placement - preferred position  
- Logo and hyperlink on climate resolve website - preferred position  
- Ten (10) passes to the gala & exclusive pre-event VIP reception  
- Logo and hyperlink on electronic invitation & event webpage  
- Exhibitor table in ballroom |
| **Gold** - $5,000 | | - On screen logo placement - preferred position  
- Logo and hyperlink on climate resolve website - preferred position  
- Eight (8) passes to the gala  
- Six (6) passes to the exclusive pre-event VIP reception  
- Logo and hyperlink on electronic invitation & event webpage |
| **Silver** - $2,500 | | - On screen logo placement  
- Logo and hyperlink on climate resolve website  
- Six (6) passes to the gala  
- Two (2) passes to the exclusive pre-event VIP reception  
- Logo and hyperlink on electronic invitation & event webpage |
| **Bronze** - $1,000 | | - On screen logo placement  
- Four (4) passes to the gala  
- One (1) pass to the exclusive pre-event VIP reception  
- Logo and hyperlink on electronic invitation & event webpage |

Contact Kristina von Hoffmann (kvonhoffmann@climateresolve.org) or Alexandra Jackson (ajackson@climateresolve.org)  
(213) 634-3790 CLIMATERESOLVE.ORG
DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2019
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NEED ASSESSMENT LEGISLATION

SUMMARY
WRD’s Safe Drinking Water Program (“SDWP”) has operated since 1991 and is intended to promote the cleanup of groundwater resources at specific well locations. Through the installation of wellhead treatment facilities at existing production wells, the District removes contaminants from the underground supply and delivers the extracted water for potable purposes. Projects implemented through this program are accomplished in collaboration with well owners. This approach has multiple benefits, including remediating contaminated groundwater, reducing reliance on more expensive imported water supplies, and keeping water rates more affordable.

As an adjunct to SDWP, WRD has collaborated with the Office of the Assembly Speaker and local agencies to address critical safe drinking water challenges for mutual water companies and water systems serving disadvantaged communities. These collaborative efforts have resulted in a request from the Speaker’s office that WRD consider accepting a more formal role in assisting water systems that serve disadvantaged communities within its boundaries, including infrastructure project delivery and technical, managerial and financial capability assistance. WRD staff and consultants have been working over the past several months to develop a 3-phase Needs Assessment Proposal that would be conducted for water systems within WRD territory and funded by the State of California. The WRD Board of Directors reviewed a draft proposal and scope of work during its annual legislative planning meeting last November.

The needs assessment proposal would include:

Phase 1. An assessment of the infrastructure, technical, managerial and financial capabilities of systems that serve disadvantaged communities within WRD territory.

Phase 2. Development of a plan to address water system needs, including improvements to infrastructure, TMF improvements and governance.
Phase 3. Project implementation would proceed with a combination of Federal, state and local resources using existing strategies already in place at WRD.

It is anticipated that Phases 1 and 2 could be completed in one to two years with implementation of projects to start concurrently when feasible.

The Speaker’s office has asked Assembly Member Mike Gipson to author the legislation and WRD would sponsor the legislation. Additionally, Mr. Gipson will take the lead—at least for the Assembly—in requesting an appropriation in the FY 2019-20 state budget act to pay for the first two phases of the project (estimated to total $300,000). The final proposal, which will form the basis for the legislation, is attached.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The External Affairs Committee to direct staff to pursue introduction of legislation for which WRD would sponsor and seek State funding to implement Phases 1 and 2 of the needs assessment proposal.
MEMORANDUM
ITEM NO. 6

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2019
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEAN UP FUND AMENDMENT LEGISLATION

SUMMARY
The Underground Storage Tank (UST) Cleanup Fund (Fund) provides a means for petroleum UST owners and operators to meet the federal and state requirements of maintaining financial responsibility to pay for any damages arising from their tank operations. The Fund assists a large number of small businesses and individuals by providing reimbursement for expenses associated with the cleanup of leaking USTs. The Fund also provides money to the Regional Water Boards and local regulatory agencies to abate emergency situations or to cleanup abandoned sites that pose a threat to human health, safety, and the environment, as a result of a UST petroleum release.

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) relies on the Fund to reimburse eligible corrective action costs incurred in the cleanup of contamination resulting from the unauthorized release of petroleum from USTs. State law restricts eligibility for Fund grants to Certified Uniform Program Agencies (CUPA) and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCB). State Water Board staff would like to work with WRD in remediating groundwater contamination in the Central and West Coast basins, but is unable to do so utilizing the Fund because WRD does not meet the eligibility definition.

State Water Board staff is further challenged in rapidly responding to groundwater contamination resulting from a leaking UST due to the statutory scheme that first requires identification of a Responsible Party (RP) for the contamination. Further, the majority of the UST applicants are small business who do not have the wherewithal to pursue a remediation project. The approach to remediating the contamination can be subject to delay, therefore, which often results in a contamination plume spreading to drinking water wells (due to the operation of those wells pulling the plume toward the well).

State Water Board staff recognizes that WRD is well positioned to remediate groundwater contamination in partnership with the State Water Board and the Los
Angeles RWQCB. Because WRD is not a CUPA or the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the existing statutory language must be broadened to include a local agency such as WRD.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the External Affairs Committee direct staff to pursue legislation to amend statutory provisions relating to the UST Cleanup Fund in the California Health and Safety Code to expand the definition of “local agency” for purposes of grant funding to also include a water replenishment district.

Staff further recommends that the committee choose a legislator to author and introduce the legislation.
The people of the State of California do hereby enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 25299.50.6 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:
25299.50.6. (a) The Site Cleanup Subaccount is hereby established in the State Treasury. Moneys shall be deposited in the subaccount pursuant to subdivision (m) of Section 25299.51.

(b) The board may expend the funds in the Site Cleanup Subaccount, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the following purposes:
(1) To pay for reasonable and necessary expenditures that the board, a regional board, or a local agency incurs to identify the source of surface or groundwater contamination.

(2) To pay for reasonable and necessary expenditures that the board, a regional board, or a local agency incurs to remediate the harm or threat of harm to human health, safety, and the environment caused by existing or threatened surface or groundwater contamination. The board shall consider the following factors when approving expenditures for specific locations:
(A) The degree to which human health, safety, and the environment are threatened by contamination at the location.

(B) Whether the location is located in a small or financially disadvantaged community.

(C) The cost and potential environmental benefit of the investigation or cleanup.

(D) Whether there are other potential sources of funding for the investigation or cleanup.

(E) Any other information the board identifies as necessary for consideration.

(3) To issue grants pursuant to this section for the reasonable and necessary costs of actions to remediate the harm or threat of harm to human health, safety, and the environment caused by existing or threatened surface or groundwater contamination at a location that meets both of the following conditions:

(A) The board, a regional board, or local agency requires the responsible parties to undertake or contract for investigation or cleanup, pursuant to an oral or written order, directive, notification, or approval issued pursuant to Section 25296.10, or pursuant to a cleanup and abatement order issued under Section 13304 of the Water Code. The board may waive this requirement if the board finds that it is infeasible for an order to be issued before initiation of remediation.

(B) The responsible parties lack sufficient financial resources to pay for the required response actions.

(4) For payments to the Attorney General by the board pursuant to subdivision (g).

(5) For purposes of this subdivision, a local agency shall include a water replenishment district.

(c) At least annually, the board shall review grant applications and adopt a list of applicants to be awarded grants pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b). In addition to the conditions specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), the board shall consider all of the following factors when awarding grants:

(1) The degree to which human health, safety, and the environment are threatened by surface water or groundwater contamination at the location.
(2) Whether the location is located in a small or financially disadvantaged community.
(3) The cost and potential environmental benefit of the investigation or cleanup.
(4) Whether there are other potential sources of funding for the investigation or cleanup.
(5) Any other information the board identifies as necessary for consideration.

(d) (1) The board shall specify the information that shall be included in a grant application, consistent with this section, including, but not limited to, a provision requiring the applicant to make a sworn verification of the information in the application to the best of the applicant’s knowledge.
(2) The board may adopt procedures to implement this section.
(3) The board shall post any procedures or information requirements adopted pursuant to this section on its Internet Web site.

(e) (1) The recipient of grant moneys shall expend those funds only for the reasonable costs necessary to protect human health, safety, and the environment, incurred on or after the effective date of the act adding this section.
(2) The board shall not issue a grant for any costs for which the applicant has been, or will be, paid by another source.
(3) The board may terminate a grant and may bar the applicant from receiving any future grants from the Site Cleanup Subaccount if the board finds that the applicant has made a misrepresentation or false claim.

(f) (1) Any funds in the Site Cleanup Subaccount that are not expended in a fiscal year shall remain in the subaccount until they are encumbered.
(2) Notwithstanding Section 16304.1 of the Government Code, the board shall encumber the funds appropriated pursuant to this section within three years of the appropriation and the board may make a disbursement in liquidation of an encumbrance before or during the three years following the last day the appropriation is available for encumbrance.
(3) Notwithstanding Section 16475 of the Government Code, any interest earned upon the money in the Site Cleanup Subaccount shall be deposited in the Site Cleanup Subaccount.

(g) The Attorney General may recover the actual, reasonable costs of investigation or cleanup undertaken pursuant to this section in a civil action, upon request from the board, from any responsible party. All money recovered by the Attorney General pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Site Cleanup Subaccount.
MEMORANDUM
ITEM NO. 7

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2019
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: 2019 WRD SPECIAL EVENTS DISCUSSION

SUMMARY
The 2019 WRD calendar is expected to be filled with multiple large events. WRD is expected to hold two major events including the Grand Opening of ARC and WRD’s 60th Anniversary Celebration. Staff will provide the Committee an update on planning efforts for each of the events mentioned above.

FISCAL IMPACT
None at this time.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
For discussion only and possible action.
MEMORANDUM
ITEM NO. 8

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2019
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

SUMMARY
WRD has maintained a robust social media presence by developing approved content to be delivered consistently across multiple social media platforms. Content is focused on photo and video elements to maximize engagement, with the goal of educating the public on water issues by promoting district projects and events, the WIN initiative and Board of Directors’ policy directives. However, our social media program has been on hiatus pending review of our social media policy and means for moderation of comments.

Staff will provide an update on findings related to a social media policy which will allow staff to moderate interactions and ensure that our platforms remain an environment that fosters informative dialogue.

FISCAL IMPACT
None at this time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
For information.
MEMORANDUM
ITEM NO. 9

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2019
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: WRD EDUCATION OUTREACH

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 staff’s educational activities throughout the service area.

FISCAL IMPACT
None at this time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
For discussion only.
MEMORANDUM
ITEM NO. 10

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2019
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: THE LONG BEACH PROMISE 2.0 PARTNERSHIP

SUMMARY
The Long Beach College Promise (Promise 2.0) was formed to solidify a seamless pathway to college and career for students. The Promise 2.0 is a commitment of the three local education institutions to improve college preparation, access to completion for members of the greater Long Beach Community. The Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach each provide significant programs and support their students which together comprise the Long Beach Promise.

WRD is able to participate in three different ways:

1. Career Opportunities- This involves supporting the employment of LBCC students, including advertising job openings, job fairs, or a number of different options
2. Internships- Internships provide students hands-on experience which further their knowledge and help them prepare for a career.
3. Scholarships- Scholarships provide support for enrolled in the LB College Promise 2.0 by defraying the cost of education for these outstanding students.

By partnering with Promise 2.0, WRD will be a part of a community that will provide access to internships, scholarships, and career opportunities for the next generation of innovators.

Staff has contacted Promise 2.0 staff to request more information on the programs that are being offered.

FISCAL IMPACT
None at this time.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION
For discussion and possible action.
Greetings!

We would like to invite you to become an industry partner with the Long Beach College Promise 2.0. Promise 2.0’s community partnership program is a groundbreaking initiative that links employers to students trained to fill needs in high-demand jobs.

**What are the benefits of becoming a Promise 2.0 industry partner?**

- Long Beach City College (LBCC) offers an incredibly diverse student population, with students from a number of cultures and backgrounds: [https://www.lbcc.edu/sites/main/files/file-attachments/college-facts.pdf](https://www.lbcc.edu/sites/main/files/file-attachments/college-facts.pdf)
- Community support for Promise 2.0 is tremendous, gaining support from the mayor and City of Long Beach, California State University, Long Beach, the Port of Long Beach Harbor Commission and Executive Leadership, Long Beach Unified School District, along with a fully dedicated team from LBCC: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtuQs7FxgzQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtuQs7FxgzQ)
- LBCC offers majors that provide students with the training to make an immediate impact including Logistics, Cybersecurity, Engineering, Advanced Transportation Technology and many more.
- Promise 2.0 leads the way in national community partnership programs, championed by both national and state-wide initiatives: [https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-media-psychology-effect/201812/the-college-promise-goes-20](https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-media-psychology-effect/201812/the-college-promise-goes-20)

Now is an excellent time to become a part of this groundbreaking initiative. Promise 2.0 corporate/industry partners will lead the way in providing access to internships, scholarships, and career opportunities for the next generation of innovators.

Attached please find an interest form to indicate your commitment. We are ecstatic about the opportunity to work with you. For questions about Promise 2.0, please feel welcome to contact Marcia Parker, LBCC Director of Community Relations and Enrollment Development, at mparker@lbcc.edu.

Best Regards,

Sunny Zia
President, LBCC Board of Trustees

Reagan Ferragamo Romali, Ph.D.
Superintendent-President, LBCC
YES! I’M INTERESTED IN BEING A PARTNER...

I am interested in learning more about how I can partner to further the education of Long Beach City College students and support the Long Beach (LB) College Promise 2.0. Please contact me with further information regarding:

□ Career Opportunities
  This involves supporting the employment of LBCC students, including advertising job openings, job fairs, or a number of different options.

□ Internships
  Internships provide students hands-on experience which further their knowledge and help them prepare for a career.

□ Scholarships
  Scholarships provide support for students enrolled in the LB College Promise 2.0 by defraying the cost of education for these outstanding students.

I want to be a Long Beach College Promise 2.0 Corporate Partner. Please provide me additional information on how I can help support the student's success at Long Beach City College.

Printed Name

Organization

Title

Phone

Email

Signature

Date

Please return this form to:

Marcia Parker, Director, Community Relations and Enrollment Development
(562) 938-5007
mparker@lbcc.edu

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DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 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
The External Affairs Committee receive and file the report.