SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
4040 PARAMOUNT BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CA., 90712
11:00 A.M., MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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 AUGUST 12, 2019
Staff Recommendation: The External Affairs Committee approved the minutes as submitted.

4. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2019
Staff Recommendation: The External Affairs Committee approved the minutes as submitted.

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

6. CO-HOST WATER EDUCATION FOR LATINO LEADERS WORKSHOPS
Staff Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.

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

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

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

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

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

12. ADJOURNMENT
The Committee will adjourn to the next currently scheduled meeting on November 12, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.

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MEMORANDUM
ITEM NO. 3

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2019
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2019

SUMMARY
A meeting of the External Affairs Committee of the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District was held on August 12, 2019 at 11:18 a.m., at the District Office, 4040 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712. Committee Alternate Chair John Allen called the meeting to order and presided thereafter.

FISCAL IMPACT
None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
The External Affairs Committee approve the minutes as submitted.
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1. **DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
   
   A quorum was present, which included:
   
   **Committee:** President John D. S. Allen, Director Vera Robles-Dewitt, Director Rob Katherman; Directors Willard H. Murray, Jr., and Sergio Calderon were excused
   
   **Staff:** Angie Mancillas; Kimberly Badescu; Jenn Swart; Monica Sijder; Brandon Mims; David Alvarez
   
   **Public:** Maria Kennedy - Kennedy Communications; Julie Chlopecki - Pacific Atlantic Partners; Bob Reeb - Reeb Government Relations, LLC; Rick Taylor – Dakota Communications

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
   
   None.

3. **LEGISLATIVE REPORT** *Staff Recommendation:* For discussion and possible action.

   WRD legislative consultants Julie Chlopecki of Pacific Atlantic Partners and Bob Reeb of Reeb Government Relations, LLC opened discussion for this item via teleconference call. Maria Kennedy of Kennedy Communications also provided a brief presentation.

   The Committee agreed that the retreat date would be on Friday, November 15th at the Albert Robles Center at 10 a.m. or 12 p.m.

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

   Public Affairs Representative Jenn Swart presented this item. She stated that the next AdHoc Committee meeting would be set for September 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

5. **SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT** *Staff Recommendation:* For discussion and possible action.

   Ms. Swart provided the Committee with an update on the District’s social media.

   No action was taken.
6. **APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR CATERING SERVICES FOR THE ARC GRAND OPENING** *Staff Recommendation:* The External Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve a contract with Thank Goodness it’s Sofia (TGIS), for the ARC Grand Opening for an amount not to exceed $32,041.31.

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This will be a regular item on the Board of Directors meeting agenda.

7. **APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR THE RENTAL OF AIR CONDITIONING UNITS FOR THE ARC GRAND OPENING EVENT** *Staff Recommendation:* The External Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve a contract with La Brea Air Inc., for the ARC Grand Opening for an amount not to exceed $16,000.00.

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8. **APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR ARC GRAND OPENING FOR AUDIO AND VISUAL EQUIPMENT** *Staff Recommendation:* The External Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve a contract with McCune Audio and Visual, for the ARC Grand Opening for an amount not to exceed $16,000.00.

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9. **DEPARTMENT REPORT**
Manager of External Affairs Angie Mancillas reported on upcoming events, namely the District’s rock-painting project. Discussion followed.
No action was taken.

10. **DIRECTORS’ REPORTS, INQUIRIES AND FOLLOW-UP OF DIRECTIONS TO STAFF**
    None.

11. **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: OCTOBER 21, 2019
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

SUMMARY
A meeting of the External Affairs Committee of the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District was held on September 16, 2019 at 10:40 a.m., at the District Office, 4040 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712. Committee Alternate Chair Vera Robles-Dewitt called the meeting to order and presided thereafter.

FISCAL IMPACT
None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
The External Affairs Committee approve the minutes as submitted.
A meeting of the External Affairs Committee of the Board of Directors of the Water Replenishment District was held on September 16, 2019 at 10:40 a.m., at the District Office, 4040 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712. Committee Alternate Chair Vera Robles-Dewitt called the meeting to order and presided thereafter.

1. **DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
   A quorum was present, which included:
   - **Committee:** Director Vera Robles-Dewitt, Director Rob Katherman; President John D. S. Allen (10:50 arrival), Directors Willard H. Murray, Jr., and Sergio Calderon were excused
   - **Staff:** Diane Gatza; Lawrence Chiu; Angie Mancillas; Francisco Leal; Robb Whitaker; Rob Beste; Ted Johnson; Monica Sijder; Jenn Swart
   - **Public:** Rick Taylor – Dakota Communications; Julie Chlopecki - Pacific Atlantic Partners; Bob Reeb - Reeb Government Relations, LLC; Awet Kidane - Kidane and Associates

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
   None.

3. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2019** *Staff Recommendation:* The External Affairs Committee approved the minutes as submitted.

   | First:   | Katherman |
   | Second:  | Dewitt    |
   | Discussion: | None      |
   | Vote:    | DeWitt, Yes; Allen, 10:50 arrival; Katherman, Yes; Murray, Excused; Calderon, Excused; |
   | Result:  | ITEM 3 PASSED |

4. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2019** *Staff Recommendation:* The External Affairs Committee approved the minutes as submitted.

   | First:   | Katherman |
   | Second:  | Dewitt    |
   | Discussion: | None      |
   | Vote:    | DeWitt, Yes; Allen, 10:50 arrival; Katherman, Yes; Murray, Excused; Calderon, Excused; |
   | Result:  | ITEM 4 PASSED |

5. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2019** *Staff Recommendation:* The External Affairs Committee approved the minutes as submitted.
6. ADDITIONAL FEES FOR THE ARC GRAND OPENING AIR CONDITIONING UNIT

Staff Recommendation: The External Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve an additional amount for La Brea Air Inc., for the ARC Grand Opening for an amount not to exceed $1,347.00.

Manager of External Affairs Angie Mancillas provided a brief overview.

First: Katherman  
Second: Dewitt  
Discussion: None  
Vote: DeWitt, Yes; Allen, 10:50 arrival; Katherman, Yes; Murray, Excused; Calderon, Excused;  
Result: ITEM 5 PASSED

7. RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE FOR MONTEBELLO MAYOR JACK HADJINIAN

Staff Recommendation: The External Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve recognition for Mayor Jack Hadjinian for his work on water projects throughout the City of Montebello.

First: Katherman  
Second: Dewitt  
Discussion: None  
Vote: DeWitt, Yes; Allen, 10:50 arrival; Katherman, Yes; Murray, Excused; Calderon, Excused;  
Result: ITEM 6 PASSED

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

Julie Chlopecki of Pacific Atlantic Partners opened the legislative report for discussion via phone call. Ms. Chlopecki stated that the Energy and Water Appropriations Committee had passed a bill containing funding for the Albert Robles Center in the week prior.

Next, Bob Reeb of Reeb Government Relations, LLC stated that SB 519 had moved to the Governor’s desk, who has until October 13 to take action on it. Maria Kennedy of Kennedy Communications will be reaching out to the State Water Board staff to inquire about the needs assessment included in AB 955. Appropriations were fixed in AB 109. Discussion followed.
No action was taken.

9. **STATE OF CALIFORNIA WATER RESILIENCE PORTFOLIO INITIATIVE**  
   *Staff Recommendation:* For discussion and possible action.

   Manager of Water Resources Diane Gatza presented this item. Ms. Gatza stated that the Portfolio was ready to submit.

   
   **First:** Katherman  
   **Second:** Dewitt  
   **Discussion:** None  
   **Vote:** DeWitt, Yes; Allen, Yes; Katherman, Yes; Murray, Excused; Calderon, Excused;  
   **Result:** The External Affairs Committee adopted the State of California Water Resilience Portfolio Initiative

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

    Public Affairs Representative Jenn Swart provided the update. Ms. Swart stated that her department had determined that the WRD Education Foundation Board would be composed of five or more directors and that they would sit for two-year staggered terms. Additionally, the board members would need to fundraise.

    Ms. Swart also stated that Attorney for WRD David Alvarez would check if the Foundation Board would be bound by the Brown Act. Discussion followed.

    No action was taken.

11. **DEPARTMENT REPORT**  
    *Staff Recommendation:* For discussion and possible action.

    Ms. Mancillas requested direction from the Board on where to hold the Groundwater festival. Director Allen suggested that a lavish location would be best. Discussion followed.

    Rick Taylor of Dakota Communications suggested dates of January 14-16 for the District’s 60th Anniversary. Discussion followed.

    Ms. Mancillas stated that the Senior Legislative Luncheon would be held on September 26, 2019.

    She also stated that the grand opening of the Regional Recycled Water Advanced Purification Center would be on October 10th from 2-4 p.m.

    Additionally, the Friends of the LA River Gala would be held on October 10th.
The District will be sponsoring a booth at the West Basin Water Harvest Festival on October 26th.

Finally, Ms. Mancillas presented a drafted statement on the mandated testing of PFOS and PFOA to the Committee. Discussion followed.

No action was taken.

12. DIRECTORS’ REPORTS, INQUIRIES AND FOLLOW-UP OF DIRECTIONS TO STAFF
Director Allen inquired about whether the District has reached an end to answering comments regarding its health bills. Discussion followed.

General Manager Robb Whitaker requested that the next board meeting adjourn in the memory of a communications specialist in the water reuse community of Santa Cruz.

13. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 A.M. to the next scheduled meeting on October 21, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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MEMBER

Approved in minutes of:  

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MEMORANDUM
ITEM NO. 5

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 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.
DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2019
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: CO-HOST WATER EDUCATION FOR LATINO LEADERS WORKSHOPS

SUMMARY
The Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) was established in 2012 to educate leaders who represent Latino communities about water policy in order to promote timely and equitable actions that ensure a robust economy, healthy communities, and a resilient environment for all Californians. Several local elected officials from throughout WRD’s service area have participated in the WELL program.

WRD has been invited to co-host WELL UnTapped workshops in South Gate and Pico Rivera. These workshops will be co-hosted by California State Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon in South Gate and California State Senator Bob Archuleta in Pico Rivera. In addition, WELL has requested to use of the Albert Robles Center for the workshop to be held on Saturday, January 11th from 10am to 1pm in Pico Rivera.

FISCAL IMPACT
None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
For discussion and possible action.
DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2019
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: 2019 WRD SPECIAL EVENTS DISCUSSION

SUMMARY
This year, WRD celebrates its 60th Anniversary. The committee will discuss a possible 60th Anniversary celebration to determine location and scope.

FISCAL IMPACT
None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
For discussion and possible action.
MEMORANDUM
ITEM NO. 8

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2019
TO: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER
SUBJECT: WRD NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION UPDATE

SUMMARY
Staff has been directed to form a nonprofit WRD Education Foundation (WRD Foundation) to support educational programming that will be provided at ARC and in the community.

To support the effort of creating the tax exempt WRD Education Foundation, WRD staff have joined Board Directors Robert Katherman and Vera DeWitt in forming the WRD Education Foundation Ad Hoc Committee.

The committee first convened in August 2019 and meets monthly to discuss items as they pertain to the establishment of the WRD Foundation. Items covered thus far include discussions about the Foundation’s governance structure as well as drafting bylaws and articles of incorporation. Next, the committee will seek input from the WRD Board Directors for nominations to the inaugural WRD Foundation Board.

FISCAL IMPACT
None

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

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 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. 10

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 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.