

Government and Public Affairs Committee Notes February 10, 2020

Attendees:

Committee members:	Luis Cetina (Chair) and Mark Gibboney
Staff members:	John Bosler, Carrie Guarino, Chad Brantley, Eric Grubb, and Erin Morales
Members of the Public:	Michael Boccadoro and Beth Olhasso, West Coast Advisors

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

1. Legislative Conference Call

- Michael Boccadoro and Beth Olhasso from the West Coast Advisors called in to provide an update on state legislation, regulations, and policy items.
- The legislature is in the second year of a two-year session so active bills introduced last session are now in the second house for action to be taken.
- The fairly significant issues taking shape this year so far include:
 - Voluntary Agreements
 - New PFAS/PFOA requirements
 - MCL Legislation
 - Bonds: Governor's & SB 45 (Allen)
 - Delta Conveyance
 - Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Legislation
- There was discussion regarding the bonds and the District's ability to secure money from them. There was also discussion regarding how agencies will respond to the state against overly burdensome regulations.
- Mr. Boccadoro and Ms. Olhasso exited the call at approximately 6:20 pm.

2. Administrative Policy No. 2.10, Sponsorships

- Staff presented Administrative Policy No. 2.10, Sponsorships for the Committee's review. This policy was created to provide approval criteria for the Board and staff when reviewing sponsorships requests.

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- The goal of the policy is to use the limited funds in a prudent, transparent and financially responsible manner.
- The Finance Committee previously reviewed this policy on October 14, 2019 and the Government and Public Affairs Committee had previously reviewed the policy on November 14, 2019. The committee members requested one change to the policy and then directed staff to take it to the March 10, 2020 Board Meeting for consideration of adoption.

3. Committee/Department Overview

- Staff presented an overview of the primary programs and activities of the Government and Public Affairs Committee. In addition, staff provided an overview of the primary programs, activities, events, and responsibilities of the Government and Public Affairs Department.

4. Water Rate Outreach Plan

- Staff presented an overview of the water rates outreach plan. The outreach efforts will be shared between a professional rate consultant (Raftelis) and District staff. Outreach will focus on communicating the value of water, the services we provide, and the efficiencies we have implemented. The timeline of the process was also provided as part of the presentation.

5. Events and Conferences

- Staff provided a list of events and conferences of particular interest to the Government and Public Affairs Committee members. The events and conferences focus on legislative & regulatory topics and include networking opportunities with other water agencies and elected officials.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.