

Government and Public Affairs Committee Notes February 18, 2021

Attendees:

Committee members:	Luis Cetina (Chair) and Kevin Kenley
Staff members:	John Bosler, Carrie Guarino, Taya Victorino, Chad Brantley, Eduardo Espinoza, Rob Hills, Eric Grubb, Erin Morales, Joanna Gonzalez, Socorro Pantaleon, and Elizabeth Becker
Members of the Public:	Michael Boccadoro & Beth Olhasso, West Coast Advisors

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

Introductory Remarks by Chair Cetina

Chair Cetina announced for the record that this meeting was conducted by teleconference pursuant to the Brown Act waivers provided for under the Governor's Executive Orders, in response to the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Further, the agenda stated that there was no public location for attending this meeting in person. The agenda stated that the public may listen and provide comment telephonically by calling the number listed on the agenda. Chair Cetina took a roll call of Committee members and staff present on the call as listed above.

1. Committee Officers

- The committee members decided that Vice-President Cetina would remain the committee chair.

2. Legislative Conference Call

- Michael Boccadoro and Beth Olhasso of West Coast Advisors (WCA) provided a brief update on key legislation and other policy issues.
- Statewide precipitation is low resulting in a 66% average snowpack for the state and 99% of the state is in some level of drought. Lake Oroville is at 37% capacity and the San Luis reservoir is at 50% capacity, both key to the state water project.
- The bill introduction deadline is February 19 and approximately 1,500 bills have been introduced so far this year. There was a recent state budget allocation to keep the voluntary agreement process moving forward.
- Key legislation relevant to the District was discussed and will continue to be monitored by the WCA and District staff.
- Mr. Boccadoro and Ms. Olhasso exited the call at 5:30pm

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3. GPA Committee and Department Overview

- Staff provided the committee with an overview of the primary duties of the GPA department and the common types of items that the GPA Committee review.

4. Quarterly Sponsorship Update

- Staff provided the committee with an update on sponsorship activity for the second quarter of FY 2021.
- Staff processed three sponsorship payments during this time, which were all budgeted for in the current biennial budget.

5. History Project Update

- Staff provided the committee with a report on the District History Project. Staff shared the background, purpose, the project components, and draft timeline.

6. Spring Programs and Events

- Staff provided the committee with a presentation on Spring Events and Programs. The committee receives this update each spring since this is the busiest time of the year for activities and events.

7. Water Rate Study Timeline

- Staff provided the committee with a timeline for the water rate study and the associated community outreach efforts on the item.

8. Voluntary Agreement Letter

- Staff provided the committee with a letter from the District to IEUA expressing our support for the voluntary agreement process and encouraging IEUA to align with us on this issue. This letter was shared as an informational item.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.