

Government and Public Affairs Committee Notes

April 2, 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: 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.

I. 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. Much of the discussion centered on the legislative and regulatory action in response to COVID-19.
- The April 1 snowpack survey indicated that the snowpack was up to 54% average for this time of year with two more storms coming this week. They are both expected to bring significant amounts of snow to the Eastern Sierra's that will help the statewide water supply.
- The Legislature is in recess due to COVID-19 tentatively until April 13, 2020; however, this date will most likely be extended. The Policy Committee Chairs have asked their members to only bring forward COVID-19 related or urgent bills. Some of the legislative priorities after the COVID-19 pandemic will help the economy and education arenas recover.
- The Constitutional deadline of June 15, 2020 for the adoption of the State budget must still be met. One of the challenges with the State Budget is that 70% of the State's revenue is from personal income tax so with the filing deadline extended until July 1, 2020 it makes putting together the budget more difficult. CALPERS has been negatively impacted due to recent market losses and CalPERS may request additional funding from its members in the future. Unemployment insurance has also significantly

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increased which will negatively affect the existing and new budget. The Climate Resiliency bonds are still being discussed but the chances of them moving forward is now highly unlikely.

- State Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) recently issued the incidental take permit for the Central Valley Project (CVP) and the State Water Project (SWP). The ruling creates additional problems for water supply and voluntary agreements. The State Water Contractors Association and/or its individual members will most likely end up in court with the Department of Water Resources and the CDFW.
- Governor Newsom issued an Executive Order today addressing water shutoffs during COVID-19.
- The Senate passed emergency legislation before they left to relax restrictions on meeting remotely. The Assembly did not pass similar legislation. Both houses are finding it difficult to meet remotely and are exploring their options on how to proceed without meeting in person.
- Mr. Boccadoro and Ms. Olhasso exited the call at 5:25 p.m.

2. Sponsorship Budget

- One of the practices of our recently adopted sponsorship policy is to bring the proposed line-item budget for each fiscal year during the operating budget process to the Government & Public Affairs Committee for review and approval.
- Staff provided the committee with a proposed sponsorship line-item budget for FY 21 & 22 for review and approval.
- The Committee members acknowledged and appreciated the reduction of approximately 36% in the sponsorship budget and expressed the desire to maintain the more efficient level of sponsorships in the future.
- Chairman Cetina requested to modify the amount of sponsorships for the Upland Chamber of Commerce from \$250 to \$500 and to add the Fontana Chamber of Commerce at \$1,000 annually since both cities are in the District's service area. The Committee agreed with the recommended budgets along with the two amendments.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:40 p.m.