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Call to Order

Board of Directors Workshop - Policy
Thursday, July 9, 2020

Chairperson – Director Longville
Vice-Chair – Director Kielhold



Introductions

Following the introduction of Directors and District staff, participants may use this time to state their name and agency/affiliation in order to be included in the formal record of attendees.

Public Comment

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Summary of Previous Meeting (Pg. 3)

Board of Directors Workshop – Policy – June 11, 2020



Discussion Item 4.1 (Pg. 6)

Kristeen Farlow, MPA – External Affairs Manager

Legislative Update by Innovative Federal Strategies

Staff Recommendation
Receive and file.

Items for Discussion

- **Legislative Update**
 - Status of FY21 Appropriations
 - Sites Project/ Section 6 Funding
- **Coronavirus Response/ Stimulus Funding**
- **Infrastructure Package**
 - Status of WRDA
- **Great American Outdoors Act**

Items for Discussion (cont.)

- Administration Updates
- General Updates
 - Schedule for remainder of the Year

Director Comments and Discussion



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Discussion Item 4.2 (Pg. 7)

Kristeen Farlow, MPA – External Affairs Manager

Discuss State and Federal Legislative Update

Staff Recommendation
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State Legislative Highlights

BUDGET

- Compromised budget reached at the end of June
- No cuts made in the area of resources
- Triggers still in place if federal funding comes through



State Legislative Highlights

STILL PENDING

- AB 2560 Water Quality Notification and Response Levels
- AB 2800 Climate Change, Infrastructure Planning
- SB 414- Small Water Systems Authority Act of 2019
- SB 625- Central Municipal Water District: receivership
- SB 1386 Local Government Assessment Fees

FAILED

- No Resource Bond on the Ballot this year
- AB 2693- Watershed Restoration Administration
- SB 1052- Water quality: municipal wastewater agencies

Federal Legislative Highlights

- **\$1.5 trillion infrastructure plan**
 - \$25 billion for drinking water
 - \$70 billion for clean energy projects
 - \$8 billion/year for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- **Great American Outdoors Act**
 - Permanently provide \$900 million for the Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - President Trump signed an EO to expedite permitting for infrastructure projects to speed the nations recovery after the COVID pandemic

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Discussion Item 4.3 (Pg. 12)

Brendan Brandt, JD – House Counsel

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

Review and Discussion on the Powers and Authority of the District

Staff Recommendation

No recommended action. This is an informational item only.

Water Code

Division 20. Municipal Water Districts

- Part 5. Powers and Purposes
 - Chapter 1. Powers Generally
 - Chapter 2. Water
 - Chapter 3. Other Functions
 - Recreation and Electrical Power
 - Sewage, Waste, and Stormwater Disposal
 - Fire Protection
 - Water Replenishment Assessment
 - Sanitation Service
 - Chapter 4. Property
 - Chapter 5. Contracts
 - Chapter 6. Controversies

Chapter 2: Water

- A district may acquire, control, distribute, store, spread, sink, treat, purify, recycle, recapture, and salvage any water, including sewage and storm waters, for the beneficial use of uses of the district...
- Undertake water conservation programs
- Sell water to cities, public corporations, agencies, and persons within the district
- Shall provide service of water... to an Indian tribe's lands not within a district as if the lands had been fully annexed into the district...
- The district may sell or otherwise dispose of surplus water

Chapter 3: Other Functions

Recreation and Electrical Power

A district may construct, maintain, improve, and operate public recreational facilities appurtenant to facilities operated or contracted to be operated by the district.

Sewage, Waste, and Stormwater Disposal

A district may acquire, construct, and operate facilities for the collection, treatment, and disposal of sewage, waste, and storm water of the district and its inhabitants.

Chapter 3: Other Functions

Fire Protection

A district may exercise any of the powers, functions, and duties which are vested in, or imposed upon, a fire district pursuant to the Fire Protection District Law of 1987.

Water Replenishment Assessment

The provisions of this article apply only to districts in which the producers of a majority of the production of ground water within the boundaries of the district are or will within one year from the enactment of this article be subject to a court judgment requiring the delivery of makeup water to downstream users.

Sanitation Service

A district may acquire, construct, and operate facilities for, or may contract with others for, the collection and disposal of the garbage, waste, and trash of the district and its inhabitants.

Director Comments and Discussion



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Staff Recommendation

No recommended action. This is an informational item only.



Discussion Item 4.4 (Pg. 148)

Kristeen Farlow, MPA – External Affairs Manager

Consider Resolution for Western Municipal Water District
Board of Director Robert Stockton

Staff Recommendation

The Board of Directors is asked to discuss this item and provide direction to Staff.

Background

- Director Robert “Bob” Stockton was elected to the Western Municipal Water District in December 2014
- On May 13, 2020, Director Stockton died suddenly
- Director Stockton was a dedicated public servant to the Riverside area and the larger Inland Empire Region
- He had more than 41 years of experience as a civil engineer

Draft Resolution

- Western will be honoring Director Stockton's family
- Staff has prepared a Draft Resolution that reflects Director Stockton's commitment to the region
- It will be presented at a Western Board Meeting on Aug. 5, 2020 (tentative)

Director Comments and Discussion



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Staff Recommendation

The Board of Directors is asked to discuss this item and provide direction to Staff.



Discussion Item 4.5 (Pg. 153)

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

Discuss August 2020 Meeting Schedule

Staff Recommendation

Discuss and provide direction to Staff.

Director Comments and Discussion



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Staff Recommendation
Discuss and provide direction to Staff.



Discussion Item 5.1 (Pg. 154)

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

Director Requests for Consideration

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board consider the following requests and provide direction to staff on each item.



DATE: 7/2/20

Reset Form

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Susan Longville

SUBJECT: Director's Request for Consideration by Board

I. Director's Requested Activity to be Considered by the Board:

The District increased General Fund support for Maven's Notebook from \$2,500 to \$5,000 this year. I would like to invite Chris Austin, the founder and site manager, to make a presentation to the Board.

II. Discussion of Activity's Value to Valley District and/or the Board:

Maven's Notebook provides a daily blog but the website is expansive providing up-to-date information and a repository that is not accessible elsewhere. I believe this presentation would be useful to Directors and worthwhile to our retail agencies.

III. Estimated Staff Time Required (to be completed by Staff):

30 minutes for staff memo preparation

IV. Estimated Cost or Use of District Resources (to be completed by Staff):

None

V. Possible Modification or Suggested Alternative:

None

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Staff Recommendation

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Adjournment
