

## Government and Public Affairs Committee Notes September 14, 2020

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### Attendees:

Committee members:	Luis Cetina (Chair) and Mark Gibboney
Staff members:	Chad Brantley, Eduardo Espinoza, Rob Hills, Eric Grubb, Tuan Trong, John Roberts, Erin Morales, and Gidti Ludesirishoti
Members of the Public:	Beth Olhasso, West Coast Advisors

**Call to Order:** 3:00 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

- Beth Olhasso of West Coast Advisors (WCA) provided an update on state legislation, regulations, and policy items.
- Recap of end of legislative session, which ended August 31. There will be no Climate Resilience Bond on the November ballot. Governor Newsom has until September 30 to sign or veto bills. Next year the legislature will have many budget shortfall discussions. State budget cuts will come from education and healthcare. If there is going to be a climate bond it must be on a general election ballot, which will be in 2022.
- SB 1386 (Moorlaach, Fire Hydrants) and AB 2560 (Quirk, Notification Levels) were sent to the Governor for his signature. AB 1672 (Bloom, Wet Wipe Labeling) and AB 3030 (Kalra, Resource Conservation) were held in the Appropriations Committee. AB 1659 (Assembly Coalition, Water Utility Charge) was held and did not come up for a vote.
- We will have a new Senator in Senate District 23 since Senator Morrell is terming out. The two candidates are Abigail Medina (D) and Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh (R). Assembly District 40 is also on the general election ballot, the incumbent Assemblymember Ramos (D) is considered a strong favorite for re-election, and the other candidate is Jennifer Tullius (R).
- Ms. Olhasso exited the call at 3:25 p.m.

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#### **2. Reservoir 3A Outreach (Verbal)**

- Staff provided the Committee with an update on the Reservoir 3A Outreach Plan. The Outreach Plan includes notifications to customers most impacted by the project. Customers directly adjacent to the project site will receive an in-person notification along with a letter, and the surrounding neighbors will receive a letter via mail. There will also be an on-site project sign with a customer hotline, the use of social media, posting about the project on the District's website, and the Fall Pipeline Customer Newsletter.

#### **3. Customer Service Appreciation Week (Verbal)**

- Customer Service Week is October 5-9 and will include the following activities:
  - i. Family Friendly Virtual Landscape Workshop
  - ii. Kahoot Activity with Toilet Raffle
  - iii. Social Media
  - iv. Thank you video from staff to customers

#### **4. Proposed Changes to District's Legislative Priorities**

- It is common practice for Governmental agencies to have legislative policy principles to help guide staff and board when making decisions on legislative and regulatory issues. By approving legislative policy principles, the District's Board sets a clear direction for staff to adopt official district positions on clearly stated legislative and regulatory issues throughout the year. Staff is proposing seven succinct & general principles to cover all types of activities the District encounters.
- Chair Cetina requested that this item be discussed in detail at the October 12 Government and Public Affairs Committee meeting so that he and Director Gibboney have more time to review the proposed principles.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:37 p.m.