

Government and Public Affairs Committee Notes March 17, 2022

Attendees:

Committee members: Luis Cetina (Chair) and Kevin Kenley

Staff members: Luis Cetina, Kevin Kenley, John Bosler, Eduardo Espinoza, Rob Hills, Chad Brantley, , Eric Grubb, , Joanna Gonzalez, Elizabeth Becker, Evette Ounanian, Amanda Coker, and Jiwon Seung.

Members of the Public: Beth Olhasso of 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 Resolution No. 2022-3-1 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. Legislative Conference Call

- Beth Olhasso provided an update on the statewide water supply and legislative issues. California's snowpack is at an average of 54% and Lake Orville is at 46% capacity.
- The State Water Resources Control Board's 15% water reduction is not being met as Californians are not meeting the voluntary goal.
- Some of the key water bills that West Coast is monitoring include:
 - SB1157 Hertzberg: Will require that from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2030, the standard for indoor residential water use by 47 gallons per capita daily, and beginning January 1, 2030, the standard be 42 gallons per capita daily.
 - AB 2247 Bloom: Would regulate sources of PFAS.
- Beth Olhasso exited the call at 5:21 p.m.

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2. Biennial Review of Administrative Policy No. 2.7, Social Media

- Staff recommended one amendment to the policy: the addition of the District’s LinkedIn account. The use of LinkedIn creates a technical two-way communication in the social network for job seekers, professionals, and businesses. The committee concurred with staff’s recommendation and forwarded the item to the Board for consideration and approval.

3. Biennial Review of Administrative Policy No. 2.10, Sponsorships

- Currently the policy states that the District’s criteria for sponsorship support must be industry-based and/or community-based in the District’s service area. It also sets approval guidelines as follows: GPA Department reviews sponsorship requests up to \$5,000; GPA Committee and Board approval are required for requests above \$5,000.
- The committee recommended modifying the language in the policy to include considering sponsorship events in the Districts “sphere of influence” rather than restricting to service area and forwarded the item to the Board for consideration and approval.

4. Sponsorship Budget for FY2023-2024

- Staff presented the sponsorship budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. The sponsorship the budget amount for 2023 is \$29,075, and for 2024 is \$27,325. The committee concurred with staff’s sponsorship budget items and recommended they be forwarded to the Board for consideration and approval as part of the overall operating budget.

5. Legislative Policy Principles Review

- Staff presented an update to the District’s Legislative Policy Principles which support the District’s mission and provide clear direction for staff to adopt official District positions on legislative issues throughout the year. The committee concurred with staff’s recommendation and forwarded the item to the Board for consideration and approval.

6. Environmental Learning Center CIP Update

- The District opened the Environmental Learning Center in 2006. The ELC educates 1,000 students annually and had a total of 19,000 students since the program began. Staff has obtained bids for the ELC building renovations; major improvements include a new roof, new windows, new doors, water damage replacement, a new air conditioning unit, and ADA compliant ramp for wheelchair accessibility.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.