

## Government and Public Affairs Committee Notes May 16, 2022

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### Attendees:

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| Committee members:     | Luis Cetina (Chair) and Kevin Kenley   |
| Staff members:         | John Bosler, Eduardo Espinoza, Roberta Perez, Rob Hills, Amanda Coker, Eric Grubb, Erin Morales, Joanna Gonzalez, Elizabeth Becker, Jiwon Seung, and Evette Ounanian |
| Members of the Public: | Michael Boccadoro and Beth Olhasso   |

**Call to Order:** 4:00 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** None

### Introductory Remarks

Chair Cetina announced for the record that this meeting was conducted by teleconference pursuant to Resolution No. 2022-5-1 in response to the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Further, the agenda states that there is no public location for attending this meeting in person. The agenda states 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

Mr. Boccadoro provided an update on the state budget including funds dedicated to address the drought. Drought funding has increased to \$1.5 billion dollars; this includes education outreach, recycled water, and emergency water supplies for communities in need. In addition, the Senate has released a blueprint of their budget of \$7.5 billion general fund revenue to address the drought.

- SBI 157 Hertzberg: Will require that from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2030, the standard for indoor residential water use be 47 gallons per capita per day, and beginning January 1, 2030, the standard will be 42 gallons per capita per day. ACWA, West Coast Advisors, and District staff are continuing to provide comments on this bill.
- Mr. Boccadoro and Ms. Olhasso exited the call at 4:55 p.m.

### 2. Conservation and Outreach Update (Verbal)

- Staff provided an update on the District's current drought messaging efforts which include social media and website posts, press releases, programable signs placed strategically throughout the District, electronic billboards, bill inserts, and targeted outreach to large users.

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- Mr. Espinoza provided an update on water supply. The District is worked with the Inland Empire Utilities Agency to address Metropolitan Water District's water allocations and their anticipated plans to enforce conservation on retails agencies. The result was a favorable outcome for the District in which we have control over our allocated water and can decide how to implement conservation with our customers.
- Staff will bring this item to the May 24 Board Meeting and recommend that the Board enact stage 3 of our Water Supply Contingency Plan to achieve the 20% conservation.

Meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.