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**AGENDA
MESA WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, June 24, 2019
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
3:30 p.m. Special Board Meeting**

**LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, June 24, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER - 3:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Finance Committee agenda permits.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Items Not on the Agenda: Members of the public are invited to address the Board on items which are not on the agenda. Each speaker is limited to three minutes. The Board will set aside 30 minutes for public comments.

Items on the Agenda: Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken, or after the Board has discussed the item. Each speaker is limited to three minutes. The Board will set aside 60 minutes for public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Approve all matters under the Consent Calendar by one motion unless a Board member, staff, or a member of the public requests a separate action.

1. State Advocacy Update
2. Outreach Update

ACTION ITEMS:

Items recommended for approval at this meeting may be agendaized for approval at a future Board meeting.

3. Proclamation Honoring James Ferryman
4. Proclamation Honoring Midway City Sanitary District
5. Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission Special Districts Seat Election
6. Association of California Water Agencies Region 10 Board Nomination

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

7. Orange County Update

REPORTS:

8. Report of the General Manager
9. Directors' Reports and Comments



INFORMATION ITEMS:

10. New Customer Welcome/Long-Term Resident Program

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Members of the public desiring to make verbal comments utilizing a translator to present their comments into English shall be provided reasonable time accommodations that are consistent with California law.

Agenda materials that are public records, which have been distributed to a majority of the Mesa Water Board of Directors (Board), will be available for public inspection at the District Boardroom, 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA and on Mesa Water's website at www.MesaWater.org. If materials are distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior or during the meeting, the materials will be available at the time of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager
DATE: June 24, 2019
SUBJECT: State Advocacy Update

RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided for information only.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

This item is updated for the monthly meeting of the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee.

DISCUSSION

Staff will provide an updated State Advocacy report at the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2019, \$89,000 is budgeted for Legal Services; \$77,500 has been spent to date.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator
DATE: June 24, 2019
SUBJECT: Outreach Update

RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided for information only.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #4: Increase public awareness about Mesa Water® and about water.
Goal #6: Provide outstanding customer service.
Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

This item is updated for the monthly meeting of the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee.

BACKGROUND

Mesa Water District's (Mesa Water®) outreach program aims to connect Mesa Water with its constituents in order to achieve Goal #4 of the Board of Directors' (Board) Strategic Plan. Outreach activities are also designed to achieve the Strategic Plan goals related to customer service and/or regional water issues involvement by educating and informing the District's constituents about Mesa Water, water issues, and water in general. Mesa Water's constituents include external audiences, such as customers, community members, elected officials, industry colleagues, media, water districts and special districts – as well as internal audiences, such as staff, retirees and Board members.

Upcoming Fiscal Year 2020 Events

1. **Concerts in the Park** – Fairview Park, 2501 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa: Tuesday, July 9, Preshow 5:00 p.m., Music 6:00 p.m.
2. **Concerts in the Park** – Fairview Park, 2501 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa: Tuesday, July 16, Preshow 5:00 p.m., Music 6:00 p.m.

The benefits of Mesa Water's outreach program include:

- Informing constituents about Southern California's perpetual drought, the historical drought facing California, and the importance of developing local and cost-effective sources of safe, reliable water for Mesa Water's service area and the region at large;
- Educating constituents about the importance of water and water stewardship, in order to sustain Southern California's population, quality of life, business, and economy;
- Educating constituents about Mesa Water's stewardship of ratepayer funds and financial responsibility to fund, invest in, and save for the current and future provision of safe and reliable water for the District's service area;



- Informing constituents of the District's infrastructure improvements to ensure water quality and water reliability for its service area;
- Learning from constituents and evolving as a well-informed Board of Directors (Board);
- Promoting water use efficiency to Mesa Water's customers and community members to help them save water, money, and the environment;
- Ensuring, for public health and safety reasons, that Mesa Water customers and community members identify the District as their water provider and as the source of information about water in emergency situations;
- Supporting Mesa Water's service area as an actively involved participant in programs that provide added value and benefits to the community;
- Informing the media of Mesa Water's activities that benefit the District's customers and community;
- Empowering Mesa Water's Board and staff with information that will help them provide the best possible service to the District's customers and community members; and,
- Strengthening Mesa Water's industry relations to provide opportunities for improving the District's business and operations -- including the areas of financial and human resources strength, infrastructure and technological innovation, and setting/supporting policies that have a positive impact on Mesa Water's service area -- so that the District can continue to provide safe, high-quality, reliable, and affordable water to its customers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2019, \$292,000 is budgeted for the District's Public Affairs department expenses; \$287,700 has been spent to date.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager
DATE: June 24, 2019
SUBJECT: Proclamation Honoring James Ferryman

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a proclamation honoring James Ferryman for his 30 years of dedicated service and commitment to the Orange County Sanitation District.

The Executive Committee reviewed this item at its June 4, 2019 meeting and recommends Board approval.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

DISCUSSION

Director James Ferryman of the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) will be honored -- on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. -- for his 30 years of service on the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Board of Directors, where he also served as Chairman from 2006 to 2008, and as Vice Chairman from 2004 to 2006. Mesa Water District's Director Fisler will present the proclamation to Director Ferryman at OCSD on June 26th.

Director Ferryman is a long-time public servant who served on the CMSD Board since 1988, where he currently serves as President (having also served as CMSD Board President from 1994-1998, and in 2005). Director Ferryman also has a long history of community involvement, including as past President of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District in 1998, and he was chosen as the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce's "Man of the Year" in 1992.

Throughout his career, Director Ferryman has been a leader in environmental protection service, and he currently serves as Chairman of the National Water Research Institute. He is also on the Executive Board of the Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency.

A graduate of Costa Mesa High School, Director Ferryman earned his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management from San Jose State University, where he also played football. Director Ferryman is a successful businessman in residential, commercial, and investment real estate, where he is currently the President of the Howard James Company.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.



ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Draft Proclamation

A Celebration to Honor the Leadership of James Ferryman

Whereas, James Ferryman has served on the Board of Directors of the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD), as a representative of the Costa Mesa Sanitary District, for 30 years, including his service as Chairperson from 2006 to 2008, and as Vice Chairperson from 2004 to 2006; and

Whereas, with his long-standing service to OCSD, Director Ferryman has overseen the completion and commissioning of the initial Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS), the world's largest water purification plant, which provides safe, reliable, high-quality, and locally controlled drought-resilient water to Orange County residents; and,

Whereas, Director Ferryman provided guidance to move forward with the GWRS final expansion, to be online in 2023, thus increasing the GWRS water production from 100 million gallons per day to about 130 million gallons per day; and

Whereas, with his leadership, Director Ferryman, guaranteed the successful upgrade of OCSD's facilities to full secondary treatment to ensure the highest quality of water is released into the ocean and for the GWRS; and

Whereas, Director Ferryman has also served on numerous OCSD committees and represented OCSD with the California Association of Sanitation Agencies, California Special Districts Association, and the Orange County Council of Governments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Mesa Water District hereby recognizes and honors you for your 30 years of dedicated service and commitment to the Orange County Sanitation District.

Shawn Dewane, President

Marice H. DePasquale, Vice President

June 13, 2019

Jim Atkinson, Director

Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director

James R. Fisler, Director



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager
DATE: June 24, 2019
SUBJECT: Proclamation Honoring Midway City Sanitary District

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a proclamation honoring Midway City Sanitary District on its 80th Anniversary.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

DISCUSSION

The Midway City Sanitary District (District) has provided sewer and solid waste services to more than 103,209 residents in the City of Westminster and Midway City since 1939.

The District's top priority is to provide services in an ethical, efficient, and cost-effective manner that will protect the health and safety of their constituents.

The District was recognized by the 2011-2012 Orange County Grand Jury and given the "AAA" rating. The District was placed on the Gold Honor Roll for supplying the best "Compensation Cost Transparency" in government for citizens of the District.

In 2013, the District was awarded the California Association of Sanitation Agencies' "Organizational Excellence Award" for raising reserves without raising rates, and the California Society Municipal Finance Officers' "Operating Budget Excellence Award" for Fiscal Year 2014.

The Board of Directors and employees of the Midway City Sanitary District are dedicated to helping keep both the City of Westminster and Midway City a clean and safe place to live, by successfully reducing the number of sewer spills, providing residents with solid waste containers, and providing special programs.

The Board of Directors of Mesa Water District congratulates the Midway City Sanitary District on its 80th Anniversary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Draft Proclamation

Honoring Midway City Sanitary District's 80th Anniversary

Whereas, the Midway City Sanitary District has provided sewer and solid waste services to more than 103,209 residents in the City of Westminster and Midway City since 1939; and

Whereas, the District's top priority is to provide services in an ethical, efficient, and cost-effective manner that will protect the health and safety of their constituents; and

Whereas, the District was recognized by the 2011-2012 Orange County Grand Jury and given the "AAA" rating and placed on the Gold Honor Roll for supplying the best "Compensation Cost Transparency" in government for citizens of the District; and

Whereas, in 2013, the District was awarded the California Association of Sanitation Agencies' "Organizational Excellence Award" for raising reserves without raising rates, and the California Society Municipal Finance Officers' "Operating Budget Excellence Award" for Fiscal Year 2014; and

Whereas, the Board of Directors and employees of the Midway City Sanitary District are dedicated to helping keep both the City of Westminster and Midway City a clean and safe place to live, by successfully reducing the number of sewer spills, providing residents with solid waste containers, and providing special programs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Mesa Water District hereby congratulates the Midway City Sanitary District on its 80th Anniversary.

Shawn Dewane, President

Marice H. DePasquale, Vice President

July 2, 2019

Jim Atkinson, Director

Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director

James R. Fisler, Director



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
DATE: June 24, 2019
SUBJECT: Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Seats Election

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize President Shawn Dewane to cast Mesa Water District's electronic ballot in the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Seats Election in support of James R. Fisler for Regular Special District Member Seat and to vote his conscience for Alternate Special District Member Seat.

STRATEGIC PLAN

- Goal #1: Provide a safe, abundant, and reliable water supply.
- Goal #2: Practice perpetual infrastructure renewal and improvement.
- Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.
- Goal #4: Increase public awareness about Mesa Water® and about water.
- Goal #6: Provide outstanding customer service.
- Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

At its May 2, 2019 meeting, the Board of Directors (Board) approved the nomination of James R. Fisler to the Regular Special District Member Seat on the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission and authorized President Shawn Dewane to be the voting delegate and Vice President Marice H. DePasquale as the alternate for the Special District Member Seats Election.

DISCUSSION

One of the two Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO) Special District seats was vacated on April 10, 2019. The term of office for the regular special district member seat expires on June 30, 2020.

If the incumbent alternate special district member decides to run for and is elected to the regular special district seat, the alternate seat will also be open. The incumbent is not required to resign from the alternate seat if he decides to run for the open regular seat. The election process for special district seats is governed by Government Code Section 56332 and the Independent Special District Selection Committee Bylaws.

The nomination period for the Regular and Alternate Special District seats officially closed Friday, June 7, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Below are the nominations received for each seat:

Regular Special District Member:

James Fisler, Mesa Water District
Saundra Jacobs, Santa Margarita Water District



Alternate Special District Member:

Cecilia Aguinaga, Orange County Mosquito & Vector Control District

Kathryn Freshley, El Toro Water District

Margie L. Rice, Midway City Sanitary District

In 2011, the Special Districts Selection Committee approved conducting the OC LAFCO special district appointment process by electronic mail. Two ballots, one for the regular special district member and one for the alternate special district member, as well as supplemental candidate information, were sent by email on Monday, June 17, 2019 to independent special district presiding officers or designees as identified in the "Declaration of Qualification to Vote Form". Only one ballot from each agency will be accepted for the regular special district member and one ballot from each agency for the alternate special district member. In accordance with the schedule process and the Special District Selection Committee Bylaws, all ballots are due to OC LAFCO's Executive Officer or designee by 3:00 p.m. on Friday July 19, 2019. Any ballot received after the specified date and time will be deemed invalid.

Ballots will be tallied by OC LAFCO staff and results announced by electronic email on Monday, July 22, 2019. The Oath of Office will be administered on August 14, 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: OC LAFCO Correspondence Dated June 17, 2019

Attachment B: Regular Special District Member Ballot and Supplemental Candidate Information

Attachment C: Alternate Special District Member Ballot and Supplemental Candidate Information

Paul E. Shoenberger, PE

From: Cheryl Carter-Benjamin <ccarter-benjamin@oclafco.org>
ent: Monday, June 17, 2019 10:52 AM
To: Shawn Dewane; Marice DePasquale
Cc: Paul E. Shoenberger, PE; Andie Jacobsen; Denise Garcia
Subject: BALLOTS - Orange County LAFCO Special District Member Seats (Regular and Alternate)
Attachments: MESA WATER_Ballot for Regular Member.pdf; MESA WATER_Ballot for Alternate Member.pdf
Importance: High

Dear Presiding Officers and Designees:

In 2011, the Special Districts Selection Committee approved conducting the OC LAFCO special district appointment process by electronic mail. The voting period for the Regular and Alternate Special District seats officially opens today, **Monday, June 17** and closes by **3:00 p.m.** on **Friday, July 19, 2019**.

Ballots and supplemental candidate information for the regular and alternate special district member seats are attached to this email. Please ensure that only the Presiding Officer or designee, as identified in the "Declaration of Qualification to Vote" previously received by OC LAFCO, completes the ballot. Only one ballot from each agency will be accepted for the regular special district member seat and one ballot for the alternate special district member seat. As a reminder, the ballots for the **alternate** special district member seat will only be counted if the current incumbent of that seat is elected to the **regular** special district seat.

In accordance with State law and the Special District Selection Committee Bylaws, any ballot received by the Executive Officer or designee after the specified date and time will be deemed invalid. Ballots will be tallied by OC LAFCO staff and results announced by electronic email on **Monday, July 22, 2019**. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact me or our Commission Clerk, Cheryl Carter-Benjamin, at (714) 640-5100.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Emery
Executive Officer
cemery@oclafco.org
(714) 640-5100

Cheryl Carter-Benjamin

Office Manager/Commission Clerk

ORANGE COUNTY LAFCO

ccarter-benjamin@oclafco.org

714.640.5100 (Main)



Please note this office is closed every other Friday. You may download the OC LAFCO annual calendar at www.oclafco.org.

BALLOT

REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER

Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission
Term of Office Expires 06/30/2020

Mesa Water District

Print Name of District

Certification of Voting Member

I, _____, hereby certify that I am:
Print Name Here

_____ the presiding officer of the above-named district.

_____ a member of the Board of the above-named district designated to vote in the absence of the presiding officer pursuant to G.C. §56332(a). I have submitted proof of this designation to the Executive Officer of OC LAFCO.

Signature

Date

CANDIDATES FOR REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER OF OC LAFCO: (Check one ONLY.)

_____ James Fisler, Mesa Water District

_____ Sandra Jacobs, Santa Margarita Water District

_____ Abstain



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Division III*

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*Director
Division I*

James R. Fisler
*Director
Division II*

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E.
General Manager

Denise Garcia
District Secretary

Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA
District Treasurer

**Atkinson, Andelson,
Loya, Ruud & Romo**
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May 15, 2019

**RE: Declaration of Candidacy of James R. Fisler for OC LAFCO
representing the Special Districts of Orange County**

It has been my honor to serve on the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO) as your Special District Alternate Commissioner for the last 8 years, having been elected by the Independent Special Districts Selection Committee in 2011 and re-elected in 2014 and 2018.

In April 2019, one of the two Special District voting members resigned from the Commission. I am announcing my candidacy to fill this vacated seat.

During my service as an Alternate Commissioner, I have sat on the dais and participated fully in all OC LAFCO discussions on all agenda items, and thus have broad knowledge of the OC LAFCO process and experience as a Commissioner. As such, I am the most experienced and qualified candidate.

I have been an effective Commissioner at OC LAFCO who has positively influenced decisions that have benefitted and protected special districts and local control. I have been a strong advocate for the Special Districts of Orange County on OC LAFCO, as well as at the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) where I served as President in 2017 and 2018.

I have personally visited all of the Special Districts in Orange County multiple times over the past 8 years. It would be a distinct honor to serve Orange County's Special Districts as a full voting member at OC LAFCO to ensure the economical, effective, and efficient delivery of government services to the public.

There are some who want to "regionalize" this election by saying this seat must go to someone from "South County" due to ongoing and future development of Rancho Mission Viejo. This is a flawed premise since OC LAFCO is strictly prohibited from making land use development decisions. Those development decisions are made by the local governing agency. In the case of Rancho Mission Viejo, the entities involved in development there are the OC Planning Commission and the OC Board of Supervisors. OC LAFCO's role will be looking at future optimal governance structure and identifying the Special Districts that will provide the area's water and wastewater services.

Additionally, the approved OC LAFCO work plan has a multitude of projects located throughout Orange County, not just South Orange County. Feel free to contact me at 714.423.4351 with any questions concerning the OC LAFCO role at Rancho Mission Viejo or the remaining 27 unincorporated islands located throughout Orange County including large islands in Anaheim and North Tustin.

Please review my enclosed statement of qualifications. Thank you for your consideration of my knowledge, experience, and commitment when you vote for this very important seat.

Sincerely,

James R. Fisler
Mesa Water Director

Elect James R. Fisler to OC LAFCO

** KNOWLEDGE * EXPERIENCE * COMMITMENT **

James R. Fisler – Mesa Water District Director



- **Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO)** Special District Alternate Commissioner, 2011-present
- **Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC)** Executive Committee – Immediate Past President; President, 2016-2018
- **Mesa Water District** Director, 2009-present; President, 2012-2014
- **Mesa Water District Improvement Corporation** President, 2010-2012 & 2017-present; Engineering & Operations Committee Chairman; Legislative & Public Affairs Committee Vice Chairman
- **Association of California Water Agencies** Local Government Committee, 2016-present
- **County of Orange Housing & Community Development Commission**, 2017-present (appointed by the Orange County Board of Supervisors)
- **City of Costa Mesa**
 - Planning Commissioner & Vice Chairman
 - Parks & Recreation Commissioner
 - Finance Committee Chairman; Finance & Pension Advisory Committee Chairman
 - Residential Rehabilitation & Redevelopment Committee
 - Citizen's Police Academy graduate; Neighbors for Neighbors volunteer
- **Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce** Board Member
- **Costa Mesa Senior Center** Board Member
- **Friends of Costa Mesa Libraries** Board Member

As your advocate at OC LAFCO over the past 8 years, James R. Fisler has been a strong leader and voice for Special Districts. Director Fisler is grateful to have been elected to serve as your representative at both OC LAFCO and ISDOC.

With a passion for public policy and community service, Director Fisler is committed to representing the mutual interests of Orange County's water, wastewater, sanitary, cemetery, library, vector control, recreation and parks, and other special districts that provide services to their communities.

Director Fisler is a Broker/Associate with Torelli Realty in Mesa Verde. Prior to that, he was a regional manager for Nordstrom for over 12 years. Both positions have equipped him with the skills and expertise to provide outstanding customer service in advocating for your interests in alignment with the shared interests of Orange County's Special Districts and those we serve.

Director Fisler would be honored to receive your vote to serve as Commissioner representing Orange County's Special Districts.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SAUNDRA F. JACOBS BETTY H. OLSON, PH.D

CHARLEY WILSON CHARLES GIBSON

JUSTIN McCUSKER

DANIEL R. FERONS
GENERAL MANAGER



Santa Margarita Water District

Dear OC LAFCO Special District Members:

I am delighted to announce my candidacy for Special District Representative to the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (“LAFCO”). I would be honored to receive your district’s support to elect me as your next LAFCO Commissioner.

In the next few years, LAFCO will be called on to address a host of issues on the governance in our county particularly as it relates to special districts. From the planned schedule of Municipal Service Reviews to the ultimate governance of the remaining unincorporated areas of the county—many of which are in south Orange County where I currently serve on the Board of the Santa Margarita Water District; there is much work to be done.

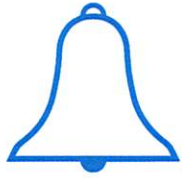
My passion for public service and the work of special districts comes from my 23 years on the Santa Margarita Water District Board. As your President of the Executive Committee for the Independent Special Districts of Orange County I have a keen interest and awareness of the needs and requirements for the success of all special districts—from library, cemetery and vector control districts, to water, sewer, and other community services, both non-enterprise and enterprise. I hope that I have adequately demonstrated my willingness to provide leadership in organization, advocacy, and communications to benefit and nurture special districts of every stripe and that I am fully prepared to step in the role of LAFCO Commissioner.

I have enclosed some background information on my experience in public service and business as well as my platform as a candidate for LAFCO Special District Representative. I would be delighted to discuss my candidacy with you and your board colleagues further and answer any questions you may have. I hope you will contact me at 949/702-1145 or at saundraj@smwd.com. It would be my honor to serve you and our organizations and I humbly ask for your vote and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Saundra Jacobs".

Saundra F. Jacobs, President
Santa Margarita Water District



Santa Margarita Water District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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CHARLEY WILSON
JUSTIN McCUSKER

DANIEL R. FERONS
GENERAL MANAGER

Saundra F. Jacobs Candidate for Special District Representative, LAFCO



Special District Organizations

- President, Santa Margarita Water District, (Current; Elected Board Member since 1996)
- President, Executive Committee, Independent Special Districts of Orange County, (Current; Board Member since 1999)
- South Orange County Watershed Management Area Executive Committee, (Current Member, Former Chair)
- California Special Districts Association, Member
- Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), Region 10 Member, Communications Committee
- ACWA Joint Powers Authority, Executive Committee Member
- Former President, Board of Directors, Lake Mission Viejo Association

Professional Organizations

- Registered Environmental Assessor
- American Planning Association, Member
- Association of Environmental Professionals, Member
- California Wireless Association, Member

Platform

I believe LAFCO is a facilitating organization. Its job is to support and enable cooperative and voluntary applications and conduct the reviews and inquiries required by statute without bias or favor. I believe in local control; that local communities know what is best for their ratepayers, their residents and their businesses. I do not support involuntary consolidations or dissolutions of special districts or other units of government except in extreme cases of insolvency or other dire circumstances.

BALLOT

ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER

Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission
Term of Office Expires 06/30/2022

Mesa Water District

Print Name of District

Certification of Voting Member

I, _____, hereby certify that I am:
Print Name Here

_____ the presiding officer of the above-named district.

_____ a member of the Board of the above-named district designated to vote in the absence of the presiding officer pursuant to G.C. §56332(a). I have submitted proof of this designation to the Executive Officer of OC LAFCO.

Signature

Date

CANDIDATES FOR ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER OF OC LAFCO: (Check one ONLY.)

_____ Cecilia Aguinaga, Orange County Mosquito & Vector Control District

_____ Kathryn Freshley, El Toro Water District

_____ Margie L. Rice, Midway City Sanitary District

_____ Abstain

May 20, 2019

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I'm writing you to officially announce my candidacy for Special District Alternate Representative to the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). I would be honored to receive your support to elect me as your LAFCO representative. As your LAFCO commissioner, I will make sure that transparency, honesty and integrity will be in place to continue serving our communities.

I have attached to this letter my resume and biography of my 25 years of experience volunteering in different boards and commissions serving the community. Especially the many years I have served in the Orange County Mosquito Vector control (OCMVCD) Special district will give the experience need it to be part of the LAFCO board.

As your LAFCO Representative, I will make sure to preserve local control, to respect the rights of our constituents. I will be honor to have your vote. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me, or email me.

Best Regards,



Cecilia Aguinaga

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Website: ceciaguinaga.com

Education: Associate of Arts Degree (Santa Ana College, Santa Ana CA)



Cecilia was born in Jalisco, México and immigrated to the United States in 1978. She has lived with her husband, Armando Aguiñaga, in the city of Santa Ana for more than 37 years. Cecilia and her husband have two sons (Ramsey and Allan) and a daughter (Sylvia). Ramsey served proudly as a police officer for both Santa Ana and Los Angeles Police Departments. Unfortunately he passed of Sarcoma Cancer February 15 2018. Allan graduated from the Culinary School of the Arts. He is now working as a Chef at Farmhouse Restaurant at Roger Gardens. Their daughter Sylvia graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a degree in Psychology. Sylvia obtained her master's degree in Information Science from San Jose State University and is currently a Program Manager for a nonprofit organization aimed to

train teachers to teach computer science. Cecilia and her husband have owned a business for more than 60 years in the City of Santa Ana.

After helping her husband manage the business, Cecilia became interested and devoted to helping children become successful in school. She identified with the local population and realized that many students faced difficulties with language barriers, financial hardships, and crime. Cecilia did not want students to have the limitations that she encountered herself and wanted to help provide students more opportunities. She started working for the District of Santa Ana in 1994 as an Instructional Teacher Assistant at the elementary level. She was promoted to a Bilingual Special Education Teacher Assistant at the high school level where she worked for 7 years. She was promoted to Bilingual Community Worker, and later received a promotion as a School Police Parent Coordinator. She worked for the District of Santa Ana for 15 years.

Cecilia was appointed to the Human Relations Commission of the City of Santa Ana from 2004-2009. She served as a Chair and later, Vice Chair of the Human Relations

Commission. In this role, she presided over the selection of social services programs and funds, to improve the quality of life in the City of Santa Ana.

Cecilia also served on the board of the Housing Redevelopment Commission as a Chair, Vice-Chair, and commissioner for the City of Santa Ana. In this role, she continued participating in the selection of social programs and funds to help the community, as well as helping people who can't afford housing.

Cecilia was the first woman President of the Lions Club of the City of Santa Ana. As a Lions Club member, she devoted herself to helping the children of Santa Ana with eye issues.

Cecilia has served as President, Vice President, Parliamentarian, Historian, Ways and means, and she is currently an active member of the PTA (Parent Teachers Association) Council for The Santa Ana Unified School District. This inspired her to become an advocate for parents and their children. She was a board member of the executive board for LYLI Latino Youth Leadership Institute organization to help high school students become leaders within their community.

Cecilia was also very involved in school and community programs including but not limited to the following:

- English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC),
- District Language Advisory Committee (DELAC) Puente,
 - Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID),
 - Santa Ana High School Site Council,
- SAUSD Workability and Transition Partnership Program,
 - Floral Park Neighborhood Association,
 - Bristol-Warner Neighborhood Association,
 - Central-Mid City Neighborhood Association,
 - Delhi Neighborhood Association,
- Fairlawn Gardens Neighborhood Association,
 - Com-link Neighborhood Associations

During her service with the Santa Ana Unified School District, she has learned about student needs and has a solid understanding of the issues that need attention in education. Her participation on the following boards and committees have given her extensive experience and knowledge in the field of education:

- Public Relations Coordinator for the Executive Board Association of Mexican American Educators (AMAE)
- Santa Ana Unified School District Superintendent Classified Cabinet Representative
- Santa Ana Unified School District Vice President of the Parent Teachers and Students Association (PTSA) at Santa Ana High School
 - Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Council, Historian and Parliamentarian for the Santa Ana Unified School District
- CSEA cite representative and active member of her union to protect the rights of her fellow workers

Cecilia has attended numerous trainings and workshops that have given her a good understanding of the legal system to better help the Santa Ana Communities.

Gang Prevention Conference (Washington D C)

Site Council Conferences (Sacramento)

PTA Conferences (Sacramento, San José, etc.)

CSEA Conferences (Las Vegas, San José, Sacramento, etc.)

Leadership Conferences (Las Vegas, Long Beach, Sacramento, Washington D C., etc.)

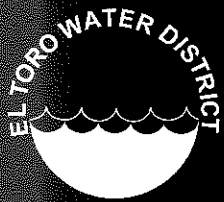
Cecilia currently serves on the following boards:

- ❖ OCVC (Orange County Vector Control), appointed by the mayor and the city council to represent the city of Santa Ana. This agency is dedicated to protecting the public health by controlling rats, flies, mosquitoes, and other vector related problems.
- ❖ Currently Housing Redevelopment Commissioner to allocate the funding given to the city to distributed to the non-profit organizations to help the community.

- ❖ Active member of YMTF (Young Motivation Task Force) to motivate students to pursue their education.

- ❖ Executive Committee Board of the Regional Occupational Program (ROP) for the Santa Ana Unified School District. In this position she advises on how to operate and improve the program. This position enables her to help students who can't or do not want to pursue higher education.

- ❖ Current Life Member, of UMAVA. She has served four years as a Secretary On the executive board of UMAVA (United Mexican American Veterans Association), to help and honor the veterans who fight for our country.
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- ❖ Former Vice-Chair of the board of Parks and Recreation representing the City of Santa Ana. In this capacity she was one of the decision maker to created programs to improved Parks and Receptions.
❖
- ❖ Former board member of Measure Q for the Santa Ana College to represent the tax payers and make sure that the money is invested correctly.



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May 21, 2019

CANDIDANCY OF KATHRYN FRESHLEY FOR OC LAFCO, AS THE ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICTS MEMBER

Special District Directors,

I served on the Orange County LAFCO as the Alternate Public Member for two years, July 2015 through July 2017. As a result, I have a good understanding of the role of the Alternative Special District Member of the commission. California LAFCO's have a unique responsibility to rationalize and evaluate governance of communities and service providers in this state. Having participated in the CALAFCO Annual Conferences and Southern district meetings, I learned that each county LAFCO has similar issues and additionally, unique challenges relating to their location in the state. Legislation creating the commissions is the same, the focus of each commission differs because the needs of each county are different. This leads to questioning the processes and objectives by other government organizations, such as, The Little Hoover Commission and the OC Grand Jury. The LAFCO commissioners need to expand their communication and to ensure a greater understanding of LAFCO's role in our governmental processes.

The legislative delegated responsibilities are intended to facilitate rational development and effective delivery of services to our citizens. As the Special District Alternative Representative, it is critical to review and participate, as appropriate MSR's and SOI studies that will be conducted in 2019 and 2020. These reviews are critical to providing guidance to opportunities of shared services between agencies, as well as ensuring the suggested proposed opportunities that will fulfill the needs of our customers and the agencies involved.

Therefore, my previous service provides me an understanding of OC LAFCO'S role as a county commission and effective advocate for the Special District Agencies in Orange County.

I ask for your support and thank you for considering me.

Respectively,

Kathryn

Kathryn Freshley



Board of Directors

Chi Charlie Nguyen
Sergio Contreras
Al Krippner
Andrew Nguyen
Margie L. Rice

General Manager
Ken Robbins

Margie L. Rice is in her 29th year serving on the Board of Directors for the Midway City Sanitary District (MCS D). Director Rice was first elected in November of 1990 and has served as its President, President Pro-Tem, Secretary and Treasurer. Director Rice has also served as the Districts representative to the Orange County Sanitation District, the Westminster Chamber of Commerce, California Special Districts Association and California Association of Sanitation Agencies. I was also appointed by Janet Nguyen to serve on the Orange County Waste Management Commission for four years.

Director Rice has been instrumental in the following projects for the District: the reorganization of the Garden Grove/Midway City Sanitary District, rehabilitation of all four of the Districts lift stations (completed in 2008), and installation of a SCADA system to monitor the upgraded lift stations. MCS D was one of the first Districts to transform to an automated solid waste collection system, and implementation of a SSMP (Sewer System Master Plan) before it was mandated and many other projects to benefit the District and its patrons. The MCS D not only boasts of a state of the art system but is proud of having some of the lowest rates in the region.

Director Rice served 12 years as Mayor of the City of Westminster (elected for a sixth time in November 2010). In addition, Director Rice has served an additional eight (8) years as a City Council Member. Prior to her service to the City of Westminster Director Rice served seventeen and a half (17 ½) years as a Trustee of the Westminster School District. She has 4 children, 19 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and 13 great-great grandchildren.

When Special Districts were first given the right for representation on LAFCO, a committee was formed to advise them, and I was appointed to that committee. As this is my last term on our Board at MCS D, I would like to serve as the Alternate Special District Member for OC LAFCO.

Thank you for your consideration,

Margie L. Rice



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
DATE: June 24, 2019
SUBJECT: Association of California Water Agencies Region 10 Board Nomination

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 1524 – Placing in Nomination Jim Atkinson as a Board Member of the Association of California Water Agencies Region 10.

This item is being presented for the Committee's consideration without prior recommendation as the notification was received on June 21, 2019.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #4: Increase public awareness about Mesa Water® and about water.
Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

DISCUSSION

On June 21, 2019, Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) received notification from the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) seeking nominations for candidates for the Region 10 Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 term. The ACWA Region 10 Board is comprised of a Chair, Vice Chair, and up to five additional Board member positions for the 2020-2021 term.

Director Atkinson has indicated a desire to continue serving as a Board member of ACWA Region 10 for the 2020-2021 term. According to ACWA's Region 10 Rules and Regulations, each candidate must submit a copy of a resolution of support approved by the candidate's agency. A copy of the resolution must be submitted to ACWA, along with the official Call for Candidate form, and any additional candidate information by June 28, 2019.

The ACWA Board election begins on August 1, 2019, when the region nominating committees announce their recommended slate of candidates. An official electronic ballot identifying the recommended slate and any additional candidates for consideration will be sent to all ACWA member agencies on that date. Only one ballot per agency will be accepted. All region election ballots must be received at ACWA by September 30, 2019; election results will be announced on October 4, 2019. The newly elected Region 10 Board Members will begin their two-year term of service on January 1, 2020.

The ACWA Region 10 Nominating Committee consists of the following members:

- Gary Arant, Valley Center Municipal Water District
- Doug Davert, East Orange County Water District
- Doug Wilson, Padre Dam Municipal Water District
- Rick Shintaku, South Coast Water District



FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Draft Resolution No. 1524

Attachment B: ACWA Region Election Process Correspondence

Support materials for this item will be handed out at the meeting.



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 1, 2019

To: ACWA REGION 10 MEMBER AGENCY PRESIDENTS AND GENERAL MANAGERS
(sent via e-mail)

From: ACWA REGION 10 NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Gary Arant, Valley Center Municipal Water District
Doug Davert, East Orange County Water District
Doug Wilson, Padre Dam Municipal Water District
Rick Shintaku, South Coast Water District

The Region 10 Nominating Committee is looking for ACWA members who are interested in leading the direction of ACWA Region 10 for the 2020-2021 term. The Nominating Committee is currently seeking candidates for the Region 10 Board, which is comprised of Chair, Vice Chair and up to five Board Member positions.

The leadership of ACWA's ten geographical regions is integral to the leadership of the Association as a whole. The Chair and Vice Chair of Region 10 serve on ACWA's Statewide Board of Directors and recommend all committee appointments for Region 10. The members of the Region 10 Board determine the direction and focus of region issues and activities. Additionally, they support the fulfillment of ACWA's goals on behalf of members and serve as a key role in ACWA's grassroots outreach efforts.

If you, or someone within your agency, are interested in serving in a leadership role within ACWA by becoming a Region 10 Board Member, please familiarize yourself with the Role of the Regions and Responsibilities; the Election Timeline; and the [Region 10 Rules and Regulations](#) and complete the following steps:

- **Complete the attached Region Board Candidate Nomination Form [HERE](#)**
- **Obtain a Resolution of Support from your agency's Board of Directors (Sample Resolution [HERE](#))**
- **Submit the requested information to ACWA as indicated by Friday, June 28, 2019**

The Region 10 Nominating Committee will announce their recommended slate by July 31, 2019. On August 1, 2019 the election will begin with ballots sent to General Managers and Board Presidents. One ballot per agency will be counted. The election will be completed on September 30, 2019. On October 4, 2019, election results will be announced. The newly elected Region 10 Board Members will begin their two-year term of service on January 1, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Regional Affairs Representative Brian Sanders, at brians@acwa.com or (916) 441-4545.

2019 ACWA Region Election Timeline 2020-2021 Term

February 28:

NOMINATING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

- With concurrence of the region board, the region chairs appoint at least three region members to serve as the respective region's Nominating Committee
- Those serving on nominating committees are ineligible to seek region offices
- Nominating Committee members are posted online at www.acwa.com

March 1-31:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE TRAINING

- Nominating Committee packets will be e-mailed out to each committee member
- ACWA staff will hold a training session via conference call with each nominating committee to educate them on their specific role and duties
 - Regions 1-10 Nominating Committees: via Go-to-Meeting

May 13:

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

- The call for candidate nominations packet will be e-mailed to ACWA member agency Board Presidents and General Managers

June 28:

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS

- Deadline to submit all Nomination Forms and board resolutions of support for candidacy for region positions
- Nominating Committee members may need to solicit additional candidates in person to achieve a full complement of nominees for the slate

July 10:

CANDIDATE INFORMATION TO NOMINATING COMMITTEES

- All information submitted by candidates will be forwarded from ACWA staff to the respective region Nominating Committee members with a cover memo explaining their task

July 11 - 31:

RECOMMENDED SLATES SELECTED

- Nominating Committees will meet to determine the recommended individuals for their region. The slate will be placed on the election ballot.
- Nominating Committee Chairs will inform their respective ACWA Regional Affairs Representative of their recommended slate by July 24
- Candidates will be notified of the recommended slate by August 1
- The Nominating Committee Chair will approve the official region ballot

August 1:

ELECTIONS BEGIN

- All 10 official electronic ballots identifying the recommended slate and any additional candidates for consideration for each region will be produced and e-mailed to ACWA member agencies only
- Only one ballot per agency will be counted

September 30:

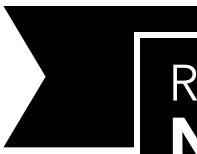
ELECTION BALLOTS DUE

- ***Deadline for all region elections. All region ballots must be received by ACWA by **September 30, 2019*****

October 4:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS

- Newly-elected members of the region boards will be contacted accordingly
- An ACWA Advisory will be distributed electronically to all members reporting the statewide region election results
- Results will be posted at acwa.com and will be published in the October issue of ACWA News



REGION BOARD CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

Name of Candidate: _____

Agency: _____ Title: _____

Agency Phone: _____ Direct Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ ACWA Region: _____ County: _____

Address: _____

Region Board Position Preference: (If you are interested in more than one position, please indicate priority - 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice)

- Chair _____
- Vice Chair _____
- Board Member _____

In the event, you are not chosen for the recommended slate, would you like to be listed on the ballot's individual candidate section? (If neither is selected, your name will **NOT** appear on the ballot.)

- Yes
- No

Agency Function(s): (check all that apply)

- Wholesale
- Sewage Treatment
- Flood Control
- Urban Water Supply
- Retailer
- Groundwater Management / Replenishment
- Ag Water Supply
- Wastewater Reclamation
- Other: _____

Describe your ACWA-related activities that help qualify you for this office:

In the space provided, please write or attach a brief, half-page bio summarizing the experience and qualifications that make you a viable candidate for ACWA Region leadership. Please include the number of years you have served in your current agency position, the number of years you have been involved in water issues and in what capacity you have been involved in the water community.

I acknowledge that the role of a region board member is to actively participate on the Region Board during my term, including attending region board and membership meetings, participating on region conference calls, participating in ACWA's Outreach Program, as well as other ACWA functions to set an example of commitment to the region and the association.

*I hereby submit my name for consideration by the Nominating Committee.
(Please attach a copy of your agency's resolution of support/sponsorship for your candidacy.)*

Signature Title Date

ACWA Region 10
Rules & Regulations

Each region shall organize and adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and affairs not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation or bylaws of the Association (ACWA Bylaw V, 6.).

Officers

The chair and vice chair shall be from different counties.

At least one of the chair or vice chair positions must be an elected/appointed director from a member agency.

The region board members shall alternate every two years with three from one county and two from the other. The county from which the chair comes from shall have two region board members and the county from which the vice chair comes from shall have three region board members.

The chair will provide the region secretary.

Meetings

The region will hold at least quarterly meetings, including the ACWA spring and fall conferences.

The region chair will determine when and if nonmembers are invited to regional activities or events.

Attendance

If a region chair or vice chair is no longer allowed to serve on the Board of Directors due to his / her attendance, the region board shall appoint from the existing region board a new region officer. (ACWA Policy & Guideline Q, 1.)

If a region chair or vice chair misses three consecutive region board / membership meetings, the same process shall be used to backfill the region officer position. (ACWA Policy & Guideline Q, 1.)

If a region board member has three consecutive unexcused absences from a region board meeting or general membership business meeting, the region board will convene to discuss options for removal of the inactive board member. If the vacancy causes the board to fail to meet the minimum requirement of five board members, the region must fill the vacancy according to its rules and regulations. (ACWA Policy & Guideline Q, 3.)

Elections

All nominations received for the region chair, vice chair and board positions must be accompanied by a resolution of support from each sponsoring member agency, signed by an authorized representative of the Board of Directors. Only one individual may be nominated from a given agency to run for election to a region board. Agencies with representatives serving on the nominating committees should strive not to submit nominations for the region board from their agency. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 2.)

Election ballots will be e-mailed to ACWA member agency general managers and presidents.

The nominating committee shall consist of four persons, two from each county.

The nominating committee shall pursue qualified members within the region to run for the region board and consider geographic diversity, agency size and focus in selecting a slate.

A member of the nominating committee cannot be nominated by the committee for an elected position.

See current region election timeline for specific dates.

Endorsements

ACWA, as a statewide organization, may endorse potential nominees and nominees for appointment to local, regional, and statewide commissions and boards. ACWA's regions may submit a recommendation for consideration and action to the ACWA Board of Directors to endorse a potential nominee or nominee for appointment to a local, regional or statewide commission or board. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 3.)

Committee Recommendations & Representation

All regions are given equal opportunity to recommend representatives of the region for appointment to a standing or regular committee of the Association. If a region fails to provide full representation on all ACWA committees, those committee slots will be left open for the remainder of the term or until such time as the region designates a representative to complete the remainder of the term. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 4. A.)

At the first region board / membership meeting of the term, regions shall designate a representative serving on each of the standing and regular committees to serve as the official reporter to and from the committee on behalf of the region to facilitate input and communication. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 4. B.)

The chair and vice chair will recommend an official alternate for excused committee members.

Tours

ACWA may develop and conduct various tours for the regions. All tour attendees must sign a "release and waiver" to attend any and all region tours. Attendees agree to follow environmental guidelines and regulations in accordance with direction from ACWA staff; and will respect the rights and privacy of other attendees. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 6.)

Finances

See "Financial Guidelines for ACWA Region Events" document.

Amending the Region Rules & Regulations

ACWA policies and guidelines can be amended by approval of the ACWA Board of Directors.

The region 10 rules and regulations can be changed at any time with advanced written notice to member agencies.

THE ROLE OF THE REGIONS

Mission:

ACWA Regions will provide the grassroots support to advance ACWA's legislative and regulatory agenda.

Background:

As a result of ACWA's 1993 strategic planning process, known as Vision 2000, ACWA modified its governance structure from one that was based on sections to a regional-based configuration. Ten regions were established to provide geographic balance and to group agencies with similar interests.

The primary charge of regions:

- To provide a structure where agencies can come together and discuss / resolve issues of mutual concern and interest and based on that interaction, provide representative input to the ACWA board.
- To assist the Outreach Task Force in building local grassroots support for the ACWA Outreach Program in order to advance ACWA's legislative and regulatory priorities as determined by the ACWA Board and the State Legislative, Federal Affairs or other policy committees.
- To provide a forum to educate region members on ACWA's priorities and issues of local and statewide concern.
- To assist staff with association membership recruitment at the regional level.
- To recommend specific actions to the ACWA Board on local, regional, state and federal issues as well as to recommend endorsement for various government offices and positions.
 - *Individual region boards CANNOT take positions, action or disseminate communication on issues and endorsements without going through the ACWA Board structure.*

Region chairs and vice chairs, with support from their region boards, provide the regional leadership to fulfill this charge.

GENERAL DUTIES / RESPONSIBILITIES FOR REGION OFFICERS

Region Chair:

- Serves as a member of the ACWA Board of Directors at bimonthly meetings at such times and places as the Board may determine. The Chair will also call at least two Region membership meetings to be held at each of the ACWA Conferences and periodic Region Board meetings.
- Is a member of ACWA's Outreach Program, and encourages region involvement.
 - Appoints Outreach Captain to help lead outreach effort within the region.



- Presides over all region activities and ensures that such activities promote and support accomplishment of ACWA's Goals.
- Makes joint recommendations to the ACWA President regarding regional appointments to all ACWA committees.
- Appoints representatives in concurrence of the region board, to serve on the region's nominating committee with the approval of the region board.
- Facilitates communication from the region board and the region membership to the ACWA board and staff.

Region Vice Chair:

- Serves as a member of the ACWA Board of Directors at bimonthly meetings at such times and places as the Board may determine. The Vice Chair will also participate in at least two Region membership meetings to be held at each of the ACWA Conferences and periodic Region Board meetings.
- In the absence of the chair and in partnership with the chair, exercises the powers and performs duties of the region chair.
- Is a member of ACWA's Outreach Program, and encourages region involvement.
- Makes joint recommendations to the ACWA president regarding regional appointments to all ACWA committees.

Region Board Member:

- May serve as alternate for the chair and/or vice chair in their absence (if appointed) to represent the region to the ACWA Board.
- Will participate in at least two Region membership meetings to be held at each of the ACWA Conferences and periodic Region Board meetings.
- Supports program planning and activities for the region.
- Actively participates and encourages region involvement in ACWA's Outreach Program.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
(DISTRICT NAME)
PLACING IN NOMINATION (NOMINEE NAME)
AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
REGION ____ (POSITION)**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF (DISTRICT NAME) AS FOLLOWS:

A. Recitals

(i) The Board of Directors (Board) of the (District Name) does encourage and support the participation of its members in the affairs of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA).

(ii) (Nominee Title), (Nominee Name) is currently serving as (Position) for ACWA Region ____

and/or

(iii) (Nominee Name) has indicated a desire to serve as a (Position) of ACWA Region ____.

B. Resolves

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF (DISTRICT NAME),

(i) Does place its full and unreserved support in the nomination of (Nominee Name) for the (Position) of ACWA Region ____.

(ii) Does hereby determine that the expenses attendant with the service of (Nominee Name) in ACWA Region ____ shall be borne by the (District Name).

Adopted and approved this ____ day of ____ (month) 2019.

(SEAL)

(Nominee Name), (Title)
(District Name)

ATTEST:

(Secretary Name), Secretary

I, (SECRETARY NAME), Secretary to the Board of Directors of (District Name), hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said District, held on the ____ day of ____ (month) 2017, and was adopted at that meeting by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

(Secretary Name), Secretary to the
Board of Directors of
(District Name)



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager
DATE: June 24, 2019
SUBJECT: Orange County Update

RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided for information only.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

This item is updated for the monthly meeting of the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee.

DISCUSSION

Mesa Water District's (Mesa Water®) government relations program includes monitoring local and regional political issues and policy-setting authorities (i.e., County of Orange, Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission, etc.). Mesa Water's consulting firm, Lewis Consulting Group, will provide an update to the Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2019, \$50,000 is budgeted for Support Services; \$44,000 has been spent to date.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

REPORTS:

8. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

REPORTS:

9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator
DATE: June 24, 2019
SUBJECT: New Customer Welcome/Long-Term Resident Program

RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided for information only.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #4: Increase public awareness about Mesa Water® and about water.
Goal #6: Provide outstanding customer service.
Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

At its March 7, 2019 workshop, the Board of Directors (Board) received information on the New Customer Welcome Program.

BACKGROUND

Mesa Water District's (Mesa Water®) outreach program aims to connect Mesa Water with its constituents in order to achieve Goal #4 of the Board of Directors' (Board) Strategic Plan. As a part of these efforts, the New Customer Welcome and Long-Term Resident Program is scheduled to launch July 2019. The objective of this program is to further develop Mesa Water District's customer onboarding process to meet the Board's strategic plan goal to raise public awareness about Mesa Water and about water through the development of a comprehensive New Customer Welcome Program. In addition, this program will recognize Mesa Water District's long-term customers by providing a similar outreach campaign to re-engage them with Mesa Water.

Below is a summary of the program:

- Staff plans to execute a welcome program for new customers who move into the service area. The program will include a short message developed for Customer Services staff to use with customers who call in to establish a new service, and to let the customer know they will soon receive a welcome kit.
- New Customers will be delivered a Mesa Water kit by the Customer Services Field staff.
- Customers will receive a follow up phone call from their Division Director.
- Long-Term Customers will receive a phone call from their Division Director to thank them for being a long-term customer.
- Long-Term customers will be delivered a Mesa Water kit by the Customer Services Field staff.
- Directors will receive via email their list of residents (new and long-term) to call on the second Monday of each month.



FINANCIAL IMPACT

Staff has included funds for the New Customer Welcome/Long-Term Resident Program in the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

ATTACHMENTS

None.