CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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. Advocacy Update
2. Outreach Update

ACTION ITEMS:
3. Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Seats Election
4. 2018 Water Bonds

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:
Items recommended for approval at this meeting may be agendized for approval at a future Board meeting.

5. Special District Leadership Foundation

REPORTS:
7. Directors’ Reports and Comments
INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

CLOSED SESSION:

8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:
   Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9 (d) (1) and 54954.5 (c)
   Case: Costa Mesa Sanitary District v. Mesa Water District
   Case No. 30-2017-00923819-CU-PT-CJC

   RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

In compliance with California law and the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aids or services in order to participate in the meeting, or if you need the agenda provided in an alternative format, please contact the District Secretary at (949) 631-1206. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable Mesa Water District (Mesa Water) to make reasonable arrangements to accommodate your requests.

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
MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager
DATE: April 23, 2018
SUBJECT: 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 a verbal report to the Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2018, $84,000 is budgeted; $64,000 has been spent to date.

ATTACHMENTS

None.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager
DATE: April 23, 2018
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.

DISCUSSION

Mesa Water District’s outreach program aims to connect Mesa Water with its constituents in order to achieve Goal #4 of the District’s Strategic Plan. Outreach activities are also designed to achieve the Strategic Plan goals related to human resources, 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, water districts and special districts; and media – as well as internal audiences such as staff, retirees and Board members.

Upcoming Fiscal Year 2018 Events

1. **Solar Cup Tech Visit** – Saturday, May 5, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Three Valleys Municipal Water District, 1021 E. Miramar Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711

2. **Solar Cup 2018 at Lake Skinner**, 37701 Warren Road, Winchester, CA 92596 – **Qualifying Events**: Friday, May 18, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; **Endurance Races**: Saturday, May 19, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; **Sprint Races, Awards Ceremony**: Sunday, May 20, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

3. **5th Grade In-School Water Education Assemblies** – **Adams Elementary**: Tuesday, June 12, 1:00 p.m., 2850 Clubhouse Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92626; **Paularino Elementary**: Wednesday, June 13, 1:15 p.m., 1060 Paularino Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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;
• 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 2018, $478,450 is budgeted for the District’s Public Affairs department expenses; $293,503 has been spent to date.

ATTACHMENTS

None.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
DATE: April 23, 2018
SUBJECT: Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Seats Election

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize President Jim Atkinson to cast Mesa Water District’s electronic ballots in the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Seats Election in support of Douglass S. Davert for Regular Special District Member and James R. Fisler for Alternate Special District Member.

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 March 8, 2018 meeting, the Board of Directors (Board) approved the nomination of James R. Fisler to the alternate special district seat on the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission and authorized President Jim Atkinson to be the voting delegate and Vice President Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E. as the alternate voting delegate for the Special District Seats Election.

DISCUSSION

The terms of office for the regular and alternate special district seats on the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO) expire on June 30, 2018. Currently, the regular special district seat is held by John Withers of Irvine Ranch Water District and the alternate special district seat is held by James R. Fisler of Mesa Water District. The election process for special district seats is governed by Government Code Section 56332 and the Special District Selection Committee Bylaws.

The nomination period for the Regular and Alternate Special District seats officially closed Monday, April 9, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Below are the nominations received for each seat:

Regular Special District Member:
Fred Adjarian, El Toro Water District
Cecilia Aguinaga, Orange County Mosquito & Vector Control District
Duane D. Cave, Moulton Niguel Water District
Douglass S. Davert, East Orange County Water District
**Alternate Special District Member:**
James Fisler, Mesa Water District  
Robert “Bob” Ooten, Costa Mesa 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 Tuesday, April 17, 2018 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 May 25, 2018. Any ballot received after the specified date and time is deemed invalid.

Ballots will be tallied by OC LAFCO staff and results announced by electronic email on Thursday, May 31, 2018. The Oath of Office will be administered on July 11, 2018.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

None.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: LAFCO Correspondence Dated April 17, 2018  
Attachment B: Regular Special District Member Ballot and Supplemental Candidate Information  
Attachment C: Alternate Special District Member Ballot and Supplemental Candidate Information
From: Cheryl Carter-Benjamin [mailto:ccarter-benjamin@oclafco.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:05 AM
To: James Atkinson; Fred Bockmiller; Paul E. Shoenberger, PE
Subject: BALLOTS - Orange County LAFCO Special District Seat Elections (Regular and Alternate)

Dear Presiding Officers,

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, Tuesday, April 17 and closes by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2018. Ballots and supplemental candidate information for the regular special district member and the alternate special district member are attached to this email. Only the Presiding Officers or designee as identified in the “Declaration of Qualification to Vote Form” previously received by OC LAFCO may complete the ballots. 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 Special District Selection Committee bylaws, any ballot received by the Executive Officer or designee after the specified date and time is deemed invalid.

Ballots will be tallied by OC LAFCO staff and results announced by electronic email on Thursday, May 31, 2018. 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)
From: Cheryl Carter-Benjamin [mailto:ccarter-benjamin@oclafco.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 6:01 PM
To: James Atkinson; Fred Bockmiller; Paul E. Shoenberger, PE
Subject: IMPORTANT: Reissuing of Ballots
Importance: High

Dear Presiding Officers,

It has been brought to our attention that the ballots for the OC LAFCO special district regular member and alternate member seats, previously emailed to the district Presiding Officers today at 10:00 a.m. on April 17 referenced the incorrect date for the expiration of the term. Therefore, please disregard all previously sent ballots. Attached are the replacement ballots for use in voting in the regular special district member and alternate special district member appointment process.

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
carter-benjamin@oclafco.org
714.640.5100 (Main)
REGULAR 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 REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER OF OC LAFCO:
(Check one ONLY.)

___ FRED ADJARIAN, EL TORO WATER DISTRICT

___ CECILIA AGUIINAGA, ORANGE COUNTY MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

___ DOUGLASS S. DAVERT, EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

___ Abstain
March 9, 2018

The Honorable Jim Atkinson
President
Mesa Water District
1965 Placentia Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Dear President Atkinson:

I am writing to formally announce my candidacy for Special District Representative to the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). The seat will be filled in a “vote by email/mail/fax” election that will be held during the April/May timeframe. I would be honored to receive your district’s support to elect me as your next LAFCO commissioner.

There are many issues on the horizon at LAFCO that will likely affect special district governance in our county, not the least of which are issues that will arise from the current round of Municipal Service Reviews. As your LAFCO representative, I will be an outspoken champion for preserving local control and a leader who will respect and defend special districts’ ability to continue serving their communities and their constituents in a manner that is right for them.

During my 15 years of local government service, I have had the privilege of providing leadership in my roles as president of East Orange County Water District, director and chairman of the Orange County Sanitation District, director and chairman of the Orange County Fire Authority, trustee of Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District, and councilmember and mayor of the city of Tustin. Serving in these roles afforded me opportunities to participate in and observe a range of LAFCO-related processes which have prepared me to step into the role of LAFCO commissioner.

Enclosed is some background information about me, my public service experience, and my platform as a candidate for Special District Representative to LAFCO. I would be pleased to speak with you or your board colleagues about my candidacy and answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact me at (714) 318-9550 or doug@davertlaw.com.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my candidacy for LAFCO Special District Representative.

Sincerely,

Douglass Davert
President
DOUG DAVERT
Candidate for Special District seat at OC LAFCO

- President, East Orange County Water District (current; board member since 2012)
- ISDOC Secretary and Member of Executive Committee (current; since 2017)
- Past Chairman, Orange County Sanitation District (2008-10; board member 2004-10)
- Past Chairman, Orange County Fire Authority (2009; board member 2006-10)
- Former Mayor (2006; 2009) and Councilmember (2002-10) City of Tustin
- Former Trustee, Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (2003-05)

- Recognized by California Special District Association (CSDA) as a Board President of the Year (2008) for service at Orange County Sanitation District

- Recognized by Orange County Sanitation District “Honor Walk” for service to the organization as Board Chairman (2011)

- Successful LAFCO applicant/participant in annexation/consolidation/transfer of 17,000+ local sewers in Sewer Area 7 from the Orange County Sanitation District to the East Orange County Water District.

I am a married father of two teenage daughters. My wife and I grew up in Tustin and our children attend the same schools we did. I have been a practicing attorney since 1992 and have an “AV-Preeminent” rating which is the highest rating for an attorney from the Martindale-Hubbell rating agency. My practice is primarily focused on business matters. I do not represent public agencies. I do not represent clients with matters pending before public agencies. I do not have any conflicts-of-interest or other external influences that would affect my judgment as a LAFCO commissioner.

I do not support forced or involuntary consolidations or dissolutions of special districts except in the most extreme cases (insolvency/abandonment). I believe in local control. I believe local communities know what is best for their residents, businesses and ratepayers. I also believe that cooperative and voluntary applications to LAFCO should be supported with the least resistance and interference. LAFCO should be a facilitator rather than an authority.
The Honorable Jim Atkinson, President
Mesa Water District
1965 Placentia Ave.
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Dear President Atkinson,

I am a candidate for the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission’s [OCLAFCO] Regular Special District Member position. I respectfully request your District’s favorable consideration as your next OCLAFCO commissioner. My professional education, training, and extensive local government experience in California’s water industry would complement OCLAFCO’s government organization, governance and policy roles as follows:

- Over 42 years of professional experience, with 34 years of local government service of which 27 years involved the executive-level management of 5 water agencies;
- Worked closely with Boards of Directors, City Councils, County Boards of Supervisors, State and Federal legislators plus other decision-makers to implement organizational strategic goals;
- Detailed knowledge of the structure and function of local government, plus direct experience with several LAFCO processes addressing institutional organization, governance and policy issues;
- Currently serving as ETWD’s designated Director to attend, monitor and report on all OCLAFCO monthly meetings [since 2014];
- Extensive experience in retail / regional wholesaler / state / federal water institutional relationships and policy issues affecting the sustainability of California’s water resources and infrastructure;
- Cultivated collaborative and enduring working relationships with business and community leaders, regulatory agencies, and special interest groups.

With regard to governance, I support local control by local agencies like special districts who can best serve the needs of their ratepayers. In my view, LAFCO should be a facilitator of voluntary applications for reorganization, dissolution and related LAFCO proceedings which encourage cooperative, cost-effective and sensible approaches to governmental service delivery.

The key strengths I would bring to OCLAFCO is my extensive California water institutional experience, a passion for integrity and excellence, attention to detail, a proven track record as a team player, and great enthusiasm in all of my endeavors.

My professional background is enclosed for your information. I welcome the opportunity to speak before your Board of Directors about my candidacy, and answer any questions. Please contact me at 562.477.2371 or at fadjarian@etwd.com.

Very truly yours,

Frederick J. Adarian, Director
El Toro Water District
ADJARIAN
CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

Education

- B.A. Geography/Ecosystems, University of California at Los Angeles
- M.P.A. Public Administration, California State University, Long Beach

Professional Experience

2014 – Present: Member/Board of Directors – EL TORO WATER DISTRICT: Alternate ETWD representative to South OC Wastewater Authority plus Finance Committee; ETWD Representative to OC LAFCO, and Association of California Water Agencies – Joint Powers insurance Authority.

2012-2014: District Manager – GOLDENS TATE WATER COMPANY/Managed an investor-owned water utility with staff 58 and an operating budget of $150M, serving 175,000 customer accounts in eight cities plus unincorporated LA County areas.

2010-2012: Acting Water Manager – CITY OF ORANGE WATER DIVISION/Managed a municipal water system with a staff of 42 and an operating budget of $22.8 M, serving 36,000 customer accounts.

2005 – 2010: Water Services Manager – CITY OF TUSTIN WATER SERVICES DIVISION/Managed a municipal water system with a staff of 20 and an operating budget of $8.9M, serving 20,000 customer accounts.

2003-2005: Water Resources Projects Administrator – MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT/Managed fiscal, administrative, CIP, environmental planning and water quality projects for a rapidly-growing water & sewer District.

1993-2003: General Manager/Secretary to the Board – MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT/Managed District water system with a staff of 25 and an operating budget of $8.0M, serving 8,000 customer accounts.

1989-1999: General Manager/Secretary to the Board – RINCON DEL DIABLO MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT/Managed all facets of District water and fire services with a staff of 18 and an operating budget of $5.0M, serving 38,000 customer accounts.

Professional Appointments, Certifications, and Awards

- Elected Board of Directors/El Toro Water District/December 2014
- Board Member/California Regional Water Quality Control Board/San Diego Region 9/1996-1999
- State Water Resources Control Board/Grade D-4/Operator No. 15594
- State Water Resources Control Board/Grade T-2/Operator No. 27052
- M.P.A. Public Administration/Awarded Distinguished Thesis Honors

P.O. Box 2890 – Laguna Hills, CA 92654 – fadjarian77@gmail.com
March 19, 2018

VIA EMAIL AND US MAIL

Jim Atkinson
Board President
Mesa Water District
1965 Placentia Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92627-3467

Dear Mr. Atkinson:

I would like to announce my candidacy for the position of Special District Representative to the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). I am honored to have the unanimous support of my fellow members of the Board of Directors of the Moulton Niguel Water District for this position. It would be my honor to receive the support of your district to represent you as a Special District Commissioner for LAFCO.

I have served as a Director for the Moulton Niguel Water District since 2014. As a Director, I chair the District’s Citizens Advisory Committee and serve on the Audit Ad-hoc and Outreach Ad-hoc committees. I advocate for open communications and transparency in government as we receive public input, deliberate and ultimately make decisions that affect both special districts and our citizens throughout Orange County. I have an unwavering commitment to local decision-making, local control and fiscal responsibility. With the many issues that may arise this year at LAFCO, I pledge to you if elected that I will always listen to the Special Districts, local communities and stakeholders I represent in matters that come before me.

My business background involves forty-one years experience in the utility industry, having worked with Southern California Gas Company and San Diego Gas and Electric. My experience ranges from Operations to Risk Management and Human Resources, with my last eighteen years in External Relations, where I work daily with local elected officials, city/municipal staffs and the public at large. I have been extremely active in local chambers of commerce and civic, political and other community organizations within this region. I believe that my work and elected background has provided me the experience necessary to make the thoughtful decisions that you expect as a LAFCO Commissioner. I invite you to contact me directly at (714) 309-5733 or dcave@mnwd.com to answer any questions you may have or to discuss my qualifications and candidacy in greater detail.
Thank you for your time. I would be honored to receive your district’s support for my candidacy for LAFCO Special District Representative.

Sincerely,

Duane D. Cave
Director

cc: Paul Shoenberger, General Manager
April 7, 2018

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I’m writing you to officially announce my candidacy for Special District 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, prudent oversight, and integrity are in place to continue serving our communities.

I have attached to this letter my resume and biography which detail my 25 years of experience volunteering on different boards and commissions serving the Orange County community. Especially the many years I have served as a Board Member on the Orange County Mosquito Vector Control District (OCMVCD) which has given me the foundational experience needed to be part of the LAFCO board.

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

Best Regards,

Cecilia Aguinaga
REALTOR®
BRE#01936111
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Cecilia Aguinaga  
P.O. BOX 4442, Santa Ana CA 92702  
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Education

Santa Ana College  
Associates Degree  
Graduated: 5/2004 GPA 3.5

Training:
- Real Estate certified on Military on the move/Relocation Specialist  
- Gang Prevention Workshop, Washington DC  
- PTA workshops in Sacramento and San Jose, CA  
- Union workshops in Sacramento and San Jose, CA  
- Site Council Workshops, Sacramento, CA

Experience

Corner Market Liquor Store  
Santa Ana, CA  
Assistant Manager  
2009-2018

- Customer Service  
- Inventory Control  
- Merchandise Ordering  
- Daily Sales Reports  
- Increase sales and customer service at 90%  
- Hiring employees  
- Public Relations

First Team Real Estate  
Anaheim Hills CA  
Real Estate Agent  
2015-2018

Real Estate certified on Military on the move/Relocation Specialist

Assisted the community in buying or selling their home, and help them to achieve their goals in having their dream house.

Santa Ana School District  
Santa Ana, CA  
School Police Parent Outreach  
2004-2009

increased parental Involvement at all levels throughout K-12 system by developing workshops emphasizing the importance of parent participation in a child’s education at an early age

- At the City and State level advocated for the School Police Programs by promoting open and collaborative communication between community, social services, and elected officials
- Key individual in successfully securing a grant worth $398K to benefit school traffic control officers
- Created and facilitated workshops for parents and education staff to study how to develop and improve home to school communication
• Significantly impacted the lives of students who were at risk of drug, gang, and violent life choices, these issues were addressed by speakers with expert knowledge and background in these areas, speakers sought to motivate, educate, empower and teach intervention techniques to parents regarding these issues.

Santa Ana High School
Santa Ana, CA Bilingual Community Worker  
2002 – 2004
• Improved educational programs (ELAC, Site Council, Parent Institute and PTA)
• Increased parent school site support, participation, and commitment from 20% to 90%
• Proactively organized and successfully bridged the needs of parents, students and educational staff with local community and county resources.

Santa Ana High School
Santa Ana, CA Special Education Bilingual Instructional Assistant  
1996-2002
• Improved communication between teachers, students and parents by phone, flyers, and personal contact
• Successfully motivated students with autism and special needs to participate in various educational programs inside and outside of the classroom.

Diamond/Hoover Elementary
Santa Ana, CA Bilingual Instructional Assistant  
1994-1996
• Increased student attendance and academic success through effective lesson planning and classroom management
• Facilitated, managed, and resolved challenging learning issues between students, parents and teachers.

Community Involvement
• Present Trustee of the Vector Control Board, representing the city of Santa Ana, to maintain control of our city sanitation
• Present Parks and Recreation Vice-Chair
• Former Chair of the Santa Ana Community Housing Redevelopment Commissioner
• Chair of the Human Relations Commission for the City of Santa Ana 2004-2009
• presided over the selection and evaluation of social service programs and funding to improve the quality of life in Santa Ana
• Past President, Santa Ana Lions Club (first female in 85-year history); currently Vice-Chair; most recent focus includes helping the visually impaired children of Santa Ana
• Past Secretary, current honorary member of the board of United Mexican American Veterans Association; assist and honor veterans
• Past Historian, Parliamentarian, Vice President, and active member, PTA Council for Santa Unified School District
• Current Member, executive board of the Regional Occupational Program (ROP); providing career guidance to high school students
• Current volunteer for the Young Motivation Team. This organization concentrate in having speakers in High Schools to motivate the students pursue their education.
Cecilia was born in Jalisco, México and immigrated to the United States in 1978. She has lived more than 37 years in the city of Santa Ana in Orange County, California with her husband, Armando Aguinaga. Cecilia and her husband, have two sons (Ramsey and Allan) and a daughter (Sylvia). Ramsey became a police officer for the Santa Ana and Los Angeles Police Department. Unfortunately, he pass away this year February 15 of a Sarcoma cancer. Allan graduated from the Culinary School of the Arts. He is working as the main Chef at the Garden Rogers, in the Farm House Restaurant. Their daughter Sylvia graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a degree on Public Health, and Phycology. Sylvia obtained her master’s degree as a Librarian from San Jose State University, and is currently teaching for two nonprofit organizations, helping and creating programs to help children. 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 a high school level where she worked for 7 years. Then she was promoted as a 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 served in the board of the Housing Redevelopment Commission as a Chair, Vice-Chair and commissioner for the City of Santa Ana. In this role, she continue participating in the selection of social programs and funds to help the community, and helping people who can’t afford housing.

Cecilia was the first woman President in their 85 years of history of the Lions Club of the City of Santa Ana. As a Lions Club member, she was devoted helping the children of Santa Ana with their eye problems.

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 Unified School District. This inspired her to help to become an advocate for parents and their school- age children. She was a board member of the executive board for YLI Latino Youth Leadership Institute organization, to help high school students become leaders, within their community.

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

- English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC),
- District Language Advisory Committee (DELA) 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 understands the issues that need attention in education. Her involvements in 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 has 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 board of the:

- 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.

- Cecilia is an active member of YMTF (Young Motivation Task Force) to motivate students to pursue their education.

- Cecilia serves on the 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 enable her to help students who can’t or do not want to pursue higher education.

- She is presently a member, and 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.

- Cecilia serves in the board of Parks and Recreation Commission as a Vice-Chair, representing the City of Santa Ana. In this capacity she works to help people who can’t afford housing.

- Cecilia is currently board member of Measure Q for the Santa Ana College to make sure that the money of the tax payers is invested correctly.
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:
(What one ONLY.)

___ JAMES FISLER, MESA WATER DISTRICT

___ ROBERT “BOB” OOTEN, COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT

___ Abstain
March 26, 2018

Mr. Paul Shoenberger  
General Manager  
Mesa Consolidated Water District  
1965 Placentia Avenue  
Costa Mesa, CA  92627  

RE: Support for James R. Fisler as OC LAFCO Alternate Commissioner  

Dear Mr. Shoenberger,  

I am writing on behalf of Mesa Water District to request your organization’s consideration of James (Jim) R. Fisler, a Mesa Water® Board member since 2009, for the position of Alternate Commissioner representing Orange County’s Special Districts at the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO).  

Enclosed with this letter is a Statement of Qualifications for Director Fisler. Listed below are highlights of his recent government and leadership experience relevant to serving on the OC LAFCO Commission:  

- Elected in 2011, and re-elected in 2014, as OC LAFCO Alternate Commissioner representing the Special Districts of Orange County  
- Currently serves as President of the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC)  
- Previously served as ISDOC 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President  
- Served as Mesa Water Board President from 2012-2014  
- Currently President of the Mesa Water District Improvement Corporation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation formed to assist Mesa Water in financing certain improvements to the District’s water system  

I am confident that, if re-elected to OC LAFCO, Director Fisler will be committed to facilitating collaboration, coordination, cooperation and communications among special districts in Orange County. I am also confident that Director Fisler will represent you well on important issues that are of mutual interest to Orange County’s Special Districts.  

If you have any questions or requests for more information, please contact Mesa Water’s External Affairs Manager, Stacy Taylor, at 714.791.0848 or StacyT@MesaWater.org. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.  

Sincerely,  

[Signature]  

Jim Atkinson  
Board President  

c: Mesa Water Board of Directors  
  Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., Mesa Water General Manager  

Encl.
Re-Elect James R. Fisler to OC LAFCO

James R. Fisler – Director, Mesa Water District

With a passion for public policy and public service, James (Jim) R. Fisler would be honored to receive your vote to continue serving you as Alternate Commissioner representing Orange County’s Special Districts. First elected to this position in 2011, Director Fisler was re-elected in 2014 and has been your advocate at OC LAFCO for the past 7 years.

Director Fisler is committed to representing the mutual interests of Orange County’s water, wastewater, sanitary, cemetery, vector control, library, recreation and parks, and other districts that provide specialized services within their communities.

Appointed to the Mesa Water District Board of Directors in August 2009, Director Fisler was elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2012 and 2016. He served as Mesa Water’s Board President from 2012-2014. Since 2014, Director Fisler has served as 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and currently as President of the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) where he has been a strong leader and voice for Special Districts. Director Fisler is honored and grateful to have been elected by the Special Districts as your representative at both OC LAFCO and ISDOC.

Additionally, Director Fisler is serving as a member of the Local Government Committee of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). He is also on the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and serves as Chairman for the City of Costa Mesa’s Finance and Pension Advisory Committee. Recently, the Orange County Board of Supervisors appointed him as a Commissioner for the County of Orange Housing and Community Development Commission.

Currently for Mesa Water®, Director Fisler is Chairman of the District’s Legislative & Public Affairs Committee, Chairman of the Engineering & Operations Committee, and he serves as an Alternate on Mesa Water’s Finance Committee. He also serves as President of the Mesa Water District Improvement Corporation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation formed to assist Mesa Water in financing certain improvements to the District’s water system.

Previously, Director Fisler served as a Board member of the Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries and of the Costa Mesa Senior Center. He also served as Vice Chair of the City of Costa Mesa’s Planning Commission and as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner for the City. Additionally, he was a member of the City of Costa Mesa’s Residential Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Committee for more than a decade. He also volunteered in the City’s Neighbors for Neighbors program for over 10 years and is a graduate of the Costa Mesa Citizens Police Academy.

Director Fisler is a Real Estate Broker and Mortgage Loan Originator and worked as a regional manager for Nordstrom for more than 12 years. These positions have equipped him with the necessary skills 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.

Please consider voting for Director Fisler as your OC LAFCO representative.
April 4, 2018

Carolyn Emery, Executive Officer
Orange County LAFCO
2677 N Main Street, Suite 1050
Santa Ana, CA 92705

RE: OC LAFCO ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER SEAT

Dear Carolyn:

My name is Bob Ooten and it would be my honor and privilege to represent special districts as the Alternate Special District Member of OC LAFCO. I believe my five decades of public service, which includes 37 years with special districts, makes me well qualified to serve as your representative on LAFCO.

This experience with special districts includes 25 years with the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD), where I was responsible for operating and maintaining two wastewater treatment plants that treated 185 million gallons of wastewater per day. I currently serve as an alternate Board member at OCSD. For the past twelve years I have been elected member of the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) Board of Directors where I served as President in 2011 and 2012. In addition, I served previously as 2nd Vice President to ISDOC and I am an active member of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), which recently collaborated with CALAFCO and the Little Hoover Commission to advance a variety of special district reforms, such as improving oversight and transparency.

Though alternate Commission members do not get to vote on agenda items unless regular members are absent, I believe it’s still critically important to have an unbiased opinion at the table. I’m a strong proponent of preserving local control for special districts and advocating for good governance and efficient delivery of service. Enclosed is some additional information about my experience with special districts and my position relative to serving on the Commission.

Finally, my experience with developing and implementing strategic plans at CMSD and OCSD will help fulfill LAFCO’s annual strategic plan for long-range projects, along with ensuring an efficient allocation of resources. I have the temperament, experience and patience to be a team player, contributing to OC LAFCO’s continuing success.

Sincerely,

Bob Ooten
Assistant Secretary
Robert "Bob" Ooten
Costa Mesa Sanitary District

For the past thirty seven years I have dedicated myself to serving the public good as a special district representative. For twenty-five years I worked for the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) where I served as Director of Operations & Maintenance responsible for ensuring that two wastewater treatment plants safely and efficiently treat 185 million gallons of wastewater a day. I now serve as an alternate Board Member on OCSD Board of Directors. For the past twelve years I have been an elected member of the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) Board of Directors. I am proud to be part of an organization that has been a District of Distinction since 2009, earned the Transparency Certificate of Excellence for six consecutive years and received Gold Recognition for exemplary governance from the California Special Districts Association.

Recently, California LAFCOs and special districts have been under scrutiny from grand juries and state agencies. In 2015, the Orange County Grand Jury issued a report, "It's Time to Redraw the Line," which falsely accused OC LAFCO of failing to effectively fulfill its legislative mandate and using its latent powers. More recently, the Little Hoover Commission held numerous public hearings about LAFCOs and special districts and while the Commission's final report to the legislature had positive recommendations it still reminds me that we can never let our guard down. I am seeking your support to be your representative as the alternate special district member seat on LAFCO to ensure special districts have an active voice and remain independent. I also believe that homelessness is no longer a city or county problem and that it will take the involvement of other agencies, including special districts and LAFCO, to end homelessness in Orange County. If elected, I will work with LAFCO Commissioners and staff to include homelessness as one of the key municipal services when LAFCO prepares the next Municipal Service Review (MSR).

Let's continue to make special districts strong in Orange County. Please vote for Robert "Bob" Ooten by May 25, 2018.
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TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee  
FROM: Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager  
DATE: April 23, 2018  
SUBJECT: 2018 Water Bonds

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the Board of Directors adopt draft Resolution No. XXXX Supporting the 2018 Water Bonds.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

DISCUSSION

At least two water bonds will likely be on the ballot in 2018, as listed below.

- **Proposition 68** (SB5, de León) is a $4.1 billion general obligation bond which will appear on the June 5, 2018 ballot as a legislatively referred bond act that would provide $1.6 billion to fund water-related projects. The funding categories and levels are:

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<td><strong>$1.14 Billion</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Grand Total:</strong></td>
<td><strong>$4.1 Billion</strong></td>
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An $8.9 billion water bond (Gerald Meral, Ph.D.) is pending qualification for the November ballot. Known as the *State Water Supply Infrastructure, Water Conveyance, Ecosystem and Watershed Protection and Restoration, and Drinking Water Protection Act of 2018*, the funding categories and levels are:

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<td><strong>SubTotal: Water Supply &amp; Quality</strong></td>
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<td>Watershed Improvement (for State Agencies)</td>
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If approved, the bonds would provide more than $10 billion for drought preparedness solutions, flood protection, safe drinking water, implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), repairs to major infrastructure, and other projects that will improve California’s water supply reliability and ecosystem health. Though separate initiatives, both bonds would work together to assist in securing California’s water future.

Last November, the Board of Directors for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) voted to support both bonds and views the two as complementary. ACWA is urging its members to support both bonds by passing a support resolution (Attachment A).
A toolkit from ACWA is available to assist its members in educating key audiences about the 2018 water bonds. Intended to provide general information and guidance to ACWA member agencies on Proposition 68 and the November 2018 bond, the ACWA toolkit includes the following items:

- 2018 Water Bonds Brochure (Attachment B) – with information about how passage of the two bonds would work together to benefit water supply reliability and ecosystem health; and,
- Ballot Guidelines – with information about permissible activities for public agencies to adhere to with respect to the bonds.

ACWA is encouraging its members to educate water customers, local officials, and the media on the bonds by:

- Sharing our support position on MesaWater.org, with a story in Mesa Water’s newsletter, and/or sharing information with local media; and,
- Sharing information with our public on the bonds with balanced, educational materials on the bonds to inform our community at public meetings and/or in community presentations when asked.

Proponents’ views on Proposition 68 can be read at Yes68CA.com; and proponents’ views on the November bond can be read at WaterBond.org. There was no opponents’ website available about either bond at the time this memorandum was written.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Draft Resolution No. XXXX Supporting the 2018 Water Bonds
Attachment B: ACWA 2018 Water Bonds Brochure
RESOLUTION NO. XXXX

RESOLUTION OF THE
MESA WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUPPORTING THE 2018 WATER BONDS: PROPOSITION 68 AND
THE STATE WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE, WATER CONVEYANCE,
ECOSYSTEM AND WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION, AND
DRINKING WATER PROTECTION ACT OF 2018

WHEREAS, the Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) is a county water district organized and operating pursuant to the provisions of the laws of the State of California (State or California); and

WHEREAS, California faces a new climate reality and a growing list of challenges associated with aging infrastructure, natural disasters, climate change, population growth and other factors; and

WHEREAS, the water community agrees that funding is needed to improve water supply reliability and ecosystem health in California; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed SB 5 (de León) which will be on the June 2018 ballot as Proposition 68 and which would set forth The California Drought, Water, Parks, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018; and

WHEREAS, a diverse group of stakeholders including water managers has developed The State Water Supply Infrastructure, Water Conveyance, Ecosystem and Watershed Protection and Restoration, and Drinking Water Protection Act of 2018, which will likely appear on the November 2018 ballot; and

WHEREAS, if approved by voters, these complementary measures would provide more than $10 billion in General Obligation bond funding for drought preparedness projects, flood protection, safe drinking water, implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, and other projects that will improve water supply reliability and ecosystem health; and

WHEREAS, projects funded through these bonds would provide substantial benefits for California communities and help ensure safe and reliable water for California’s future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MESA WATER DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Directors of Mesa Water District formally supports Proposition 68 (June ballot) and the State Water Supply Infrastructure, Water Conveyance, Ecosystem and Watershed Protection and Restoration, and Drinking Water Protection Act of 2018 (November ballot).
ADOPTED, SIGNED, and APPROVED this <DATE> day of <MONTH> <YEAR> by a roll call vote.

AYES: DIRECTORS:
NOES: DIRECTORS:
ABSENT: DIRECTORS:
ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS:

Jim Atkinson
President, Board of Directors

Denise Garcia
District Secretary
As securing California's water future becomes increasingly challenging, ensuring funding to mitigate the results of climate change, aging infrastructure, natural disasters and population growth are more important than ever. In response to those challenges, voters will have the opportunity to approve two general obligation bonds in 2018. One measure will appear on the June 2018 ballot, and the other measure will likely appear on the November 2018 ballot.

The two measures are complementary and, if approved, would work together to fund water-related projects intended to provide safe drinking water to disadvantaged communities, improve water supply reliability, help implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and restore watersheds.

In recognition of the need for this funding, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Board of Directors voted unanimously to support both bonds.

The California Drought, Water, Parks, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, will be placed on the June 2018 ballot as Proposition 68. This legislative bond measure resulted from the passage with bipartisan support of SB 5 (de León, 2017). This measure would authorize $4.1 billion in general obligation bonds to finance water and park projects, climate change preparedness, coastal protection, and outdoor access.

Examples of its water project funding include money for safe drinking water for disadvantaged communities and funding for SGMA implementation.

The State Water Supply Infrastructure, Water Conveyance, Ecosystem and Watershed Protection and Restoration and Drinking Water Protection Act of 2018 (the November bond) is an $8.9 billion water bond initiative measure. Initiative backers are currently completing the signature collection process to qualify the measure for placement on the November 2018 ballot. This bond would fund a wide range of water projects from safe drinking water projects to SGMA implementation and watershed improvements.

Though two separate measures, both would work together as a complementary pair to appropriate funding to a variety of needed projects. Together, they would provide more than $10 billion for drought preparedness projects, flood protection, safe drinking water, implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, and other projects that will improve water supply reliability and ecosystem health.

The Association of California Water Agencies Board of Directors voted unanimously to support both bonds.
INVESTMENT IN THE
CALIFORNIA WATER ACTION PLAN

The California Water Action Plan of 2014, was a major step in the right direction during California’s most severe drought in recent history. The multi-prong plan, whose roots stem from ACWA’s Statewide Water Action Plan (SWAP), outlines priority actions addressing water conservation, groundwater management, ecological restoration, Delta conveyance solutions, water storage, safe drinking water and more.

Since 2014, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (also known as Proposition 1) has provided much needed investment in water supply reliability and ecosystem health projects and has also leveraged local and federal cost share funds.

Much like Proposition 1, both 2018 bonds, if approved, would result in an influx of local investment. Except for the storage component, pending qualification for bond funds, it’s expected most of the money from Proposition 1 will be committed by 2019. As such, Proposition 68 and the November bond will help replenish the soon-to-be depleted funding source.

ACWA believes the two bonds are complementary initiatives that would serve California tremendously and help build upon the successes of Proposition 1. Enactment of the measures would secure further investment in the California Water Action Plan.
The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) established a new program for management of California's groundwater. SGMA required the formation of local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). It requires GSAs to develop and implement Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) that are consistent with Department of Water Resources’ GSP regulations. This is a complex program that is very challenging and costly to implement.

The Legislature passed SGMA and the bill (AB 1471, Rendon, 2014) that became Proposition 1 (the 2014 Water Bond) in the same year. Because the bills that comprised SGMA and AB 1471 were being written and moved through the Legislature at the same time, the funding for SGMA implementation was added late in the bond negotiation process. As a result, Proposition 1 included only $100 million for SGMA implementation. The Legislature recognized then that more funding was needed. Essentially all of the remaining Proposition 1 SGMA funding is being committed in 2018.

The writers of Proposition 68 and the November bond recognized that additional bond funding was needed for SGMA implementation. Proposition 68 and the November bond would provide $50 million and $640 million, respectively, for SGMA implementation.

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## WATER BONDS FUNDING COMPARISON

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This is a highlight comparison of the funding categories in the two water bonds. This is not a complete list of the funding categories.

This publication is intended to provide general information about how Proposition 68 and the proposed November water bond would affect ACWA member agencies. Readers are encouraged to research the opponents’ and proponents’ views on both bonds.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Questions about the two water bonds may be directed to ACWA Deputy Executive Director for Government Relations **Cindy Tuck** at cindyt@acwa.com.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
DATE: April 23, 2018
SUBJECT: Special District Leadership Foundation

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for provided for discussion only.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.
Goal #4: Increase public awareness about Mesa Water and about water.
Goal #6: Provide outstanding customer service.

DISCUSSION

The Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California’s special districts through certification, accreditation and other recognition programs. The SDLF and its activities are supported by the California Special Districts Association and the Special District Risk Management Authority.

SDLF has four programs to promote good governance and best practices, including:
• Special District Administrator Certification
• Recognition in Special District Governance
• District Transparency Certificate of Excellence
• Districts of Distinction Accreditation

In a time where proper fiscal management and responsibility in public agencies is paramount and the task of governing these agencies has become even more complex, it has become increasingly important to demonstrate to constituents that districts have sound fiscal management policies and practices in place among other areas of importance in district operations.

The Districts of Distinction Accreditation is designed as a way for districts to highlight their prudent fiscal practices along with other areas important to effectively operate and govern a special district. Accreditation criterion demonstrates that the District:
• Understands and respects the responsibilities inherent in providing essential public services
• Has clean financial audits and operates in a fiscally responsible and transparent manner
• Is conscious of the ever-changing operating environment by having current and relevant policies and procedures in place that conform to all statutes and regulations under state law
• Places an emphasis on continuing education by having each of the district’s board members and executive staff complete training in ethics, governance and leadership
• Focuses on having sound policies in the areas of governance, board conduct, district finances, transparency and reserves
The requirements to become a District of Distinction are:

- Undergo regular financial audits, have no major deficiencies and apply any recommendations to future years
- Conform to all statutes and regulations under state law as reflected in a policies and procedures manual
- All directors/trustees, general manager and executive staff (as designated by the district) have received training in governance as well as compliance with AB 1234 Ethics Training and AB 1825 Harassment Prevention Training
- Completed SDLF’s District Transparency Certificate of Excellence

Historically, Mesa Water has earned both the District of Distinction Accreditation and the District Transparency of Excellence Certificate. SDLF has recently developed and approved new levels to the Districts of Distinction Accreditation. In addition to the base level recognition that Mesa Water has currently achieved, there are now three new levels:

- Silver Level - additionally requires the majority of the Board to attain the Recognition of Governance, which entails completion of the Special District Leadership Academy plus ten hours of other related continuing education
- Gold Level - requires the full Board and General Manager to earn the Recognition of Governance.
- Platinum Level - requires all of the above plus the General Manager attaining the Special District Administrator (SDA) Certification which is a voluntary professional designation that helps document and recognize an individual’s knowledge, skills, experience, and capabilities as a special district Administrator/Manager

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Staff remains committed to attaining the base level District of Distinction Accreditation and the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence and awaits the Board’s direction to assist in facilitating a further and higher level of accreditation, if deemed necessary.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact for the discussion of this matter.

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Attachment A: SDLF Correspondence Dated March 27, 2018
Attachment B: SDLF New Levels and Programs
March 27, 2018

Mr. Paul E. Shoenberger, General Manager
Mesa Water District
1965 Placentia Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

RE: New Opportunities for District Recognition!

Dear Mr. Shoenberger:

The Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) has recently developed and approved new levels to the District of Distinction (DoD) Accreditation that your district has earned.

After a thorough review of each of the SDLF programs, the SDLF Board of Directors approved enhanced opportunities that provide even greater recognition to those districts that have worked through and completed the majority or all of the SDLF programs.

_We know your district has worked hard to stand-out as a District of Distinction and SDLF wants to showcase those efforts!_

Attached is a flyer detailing the new DoD Accreditation tiers and what is needed to take your district to the next level. There are now three new levels: Silver, Gold, and Platinum. The progression through the SDLF programs shows the dedication of individuals at your district (board members and staff) to further continue comprehensive professional development and the implementation of best practices.

Currently, based on our records, your district is a District of Distinction. You can contact Beth Hummel at 916.231.2909 or bethh@sdlf.org to get a print quality logo for your level to be used on any district communications you would like and to arrange a presentation sometime this year.

Also, if you haven’t quite made it through all of the SDLF programs as outlined in the attached flyer, I encourage your district to continue making progress toward a Platinum Level recognition! Thank you for your participation in SDLF programs and the continued work by your district to go above and beyond as a District of Distinction.

Best Regards,

Neil McCormick
Chief Executive Officer
Take Your District to the Next Level! Is Your District a District of Distinction?

The District of Distinction is an accreditation program that enables districts to demonstrate to their communities, legislators, and other key stakeholders, their commitment to operate in a sound, responsible manner. Districts apply for designation as a District of Distinction by submitting financial audits, policies and procedures, and proof of training received by directors and executive staff. Showcase your district’s efforts to be among the best and take your district to the next level!

**SDLF’s base level accreditation confirming core administration and governance best practices.**

District of Distinction → Transparency Certificate

Demonstrates a district’s commitment to take their district to the next level by also incorporating governance training as a core value.

District of Distinction → Transparency Certificate → Recognition in Governance (Majority of Board)

Demonstrates a district’s commitment to transparency, sound operating practices, and comprehensive governance training for the entire Board.

District of Distinction → Transparency Certificate → Recognition in Governance (Full Board and General Manager)

**SDLF’s highest level of recognition for a district. Incorporates completion of all SDLF programs demonstrating a comprehensive approach to excellence in district administration and governance.**

District of Distinction → Transparency Certificate → Recognition in Governance → SDA Certification (Full Board and General Manager) (General Manager)
The Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California’s special districts through certification, accreditation, and other recognition programs. The SDLF and its activities are supported by the California Special Districts Association and the Special District Risk Management Authority.

### Recognition in Special District Governance Certificate
Designed to honor special district board members and trustees that have taken the time to receive specific professional development training to include core governance curriculum through completion of the Special District Leadership Academy plus 10 hours of other related continuing education.

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<td>1x $65; No Renewal</td>
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### Special District Administrator (SDA) Certification
A voluntary professional designation that helps document and recognize an individual’s knowledge, skills, experience, and capabilities as a special district Administrator/Manager.

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<td>Every 4 Years $300 App Fee $150 Exam Fee $50 Re-Certification Fee</td>
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### District Transparency Certificate of Excellence
Created in an effort to further promote transparency in the operations and governance of special districts to the public and to provide special districts with an opportunity to showcase their efforts in transparency.

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<td>Legal, website, best practices requirements</td>
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### District of Distinction Accreditation (Transparency Certificate is a required component)
Designed as a way for districts to strive to be among the best through a comprehensive approach to implementing governance, administration, transparency, and fiscal best practices.

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<td>Transparency certificate, policies/procedures best practices, board/staff professional development, 3+ years clean audits</td>
<td>Accreditation platinum, gold, silver, base levels</td>
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### SDLF Scholarships
Annually, SDLF awards thousands of dollars in professional development scholarships to individuals (board members & staff) in districts. Visit sdlf.org to learn what is available and apply!

### Contact SDLF and get involved
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t: 916.231.2909
www.sdlf.org
e: info@sdlf.org
REPORTS:

6. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:
REPORTS:

7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS:
CLOSED SESSION:

8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:
Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9 (d) (1) and 54954.5 (c)
Case: Costa Mesa Sanitary District v. Mesa Water District
Case No. 30-2017-00923819-CU-PT-CJC