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**AGENDA
MESA WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, February 24, 2020
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
3:30 p.m. Special Board Meeting**

LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

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

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. 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 Marc Marcantonio

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4. Orange County Update

REPORTS:

5. Report of the General Manager
6. Directors' Reports and Comments



INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

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



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager
DATE: February 24, 2020
SUBJECT: State Advocacy Update

RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided for information.

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 2020, \$176,000 is budgeted for Support Services; \$140,055 has been spent to date.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator
DATE: February 24, 2020
SUBJECT: Outreach Update

RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided for information.

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 (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. **Mesa Water Neighborhood Chat, Division 2** – Mesa Verde Methodist Church, 1701 Baker Street, Costa Mesa: Tuesday, February 25, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
2. **Mesa Water Neighborhood Chat, Division 4** – Sonora Elementary School, 966 Sonora Road, Costa Mesa: Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
3. **5th Grade Assembly** - Pomona Elementary School, 2051 Pomona Avenue, Costa Mesa: Monday, March 23, 2:00 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;
- 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 2020, \$437,180 is budgeted for the District’s Public Affairs department expenses; \$264,045 has been spent to date.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager
DATE: February 24, 2020
SUBJECT: Proclamation Honoring Marc Marcantonio

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a proclamation honoring Marc Marcantonio for his dedicated service and commitment to the Yorba Linda Water District, the Association of California Water Agencies, and other statewide water industry and government organizations.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

DISCUSSION

Marc Marcantonio has served as General Manager of Yorba Linda Water District since September 2014. He has announced that he will be retiring in March 2020.

Over his 45 year career, Mr. Marcantonio has provided exemplary public service and distinguished leadership, including the past 6 years as General Manager of Yorba Linda Water District (YLWD).

During his tenure at YLWD, Mr. Marcantonio spearheaded the construction of the Heli-Hydrant, a 12-foot-wide water tank that is open to the sky and can serve as a remote water source for water-dropping helicopters to use during wildfires, and he oversaw the completion of the Fairmont Booster Pump Station, which increased YLWD's capability to utilize either groundwater or imported water from the Diemer Plant.

During severe drought, Mr. Marcantonio successfully led YLWD through the Emergency Drought Declaration, including a 36% conservation mandate from the State. With a parallel reduction in revenue, his leadership was relied upon to carry YLWD through the largest water rationing and financial hardship of any agency in the State.

Mr. Marcantonio retires from a long career that includes service as an active duty military officer, as a Lieutenant Colonel, as a fisheries biologist, as the Salmon Habitat Recovery Department Manager for the State of Washington, and as General Manager at both Mt. View Edgewood Water Company and YLWD.

Mr. Marcantonio's last Board meeting will be on March 10, 2020 at 6 p.m. at which a Mesa Water District representative will present the proclamation.



FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Draft Proclamation

A Day of Celebration to Honor the Career of Marc Marcantonio

Whereas, Marc Marcantonio has served as General Manager of the Yorba Linda Water District since September 2014; and

Whereas, over his career, Mr. Marcantonio has provided exemplary public service and distinguished leadership for more than 45 years, including the past 6 years as General Manager of Yorba Linda Water District (YLWD), from which he is retiring in 2020; and

Whereas, during his tenure at YLWD, Mr. Marcantonio spearheaded the construction of the Heli-Hydrant, a 12-foot wide water tank that can serve as a remote water source for water-dropping helicopters to use during wildfires, and he oversaw the completion of the Fairmont Booster Pump Station, which increased YLWD's capability to utilize either groundwater or imported water from the Diemer Plant; and

Whereas, during severe drought, Mr. Marcantonio's leadership was relied upon to carry YLWD through the Emergency Drought Declaration, the largest water rationing and financial hardship of any agency in the State; and

Whereas, Mr. Marcantonio retires from a career that includes service as an active duty military officer, as a Lieutenant Colonel, as a fisheries biologist, as the Salmon Habitat Recovery Department Manager for the State of Washington, and as General Manager at both Mt. View Edgewood Water Company and YLWD.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of Mesa Water District hereby congratulates and recognizes Marc Marcantonio for his faithful, dedicated leadership and service as Yorba Linda Water District's General Manager.

Shawn Dewane, President

Marice H. DePasquale, Vice President

March 10, 2020

Jim Atkinson, Director

Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director

James R. Fisler, Director



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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager
DATE: February 24, 2020
SUBJECT: Orange County Update

RECOMMENDATION

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STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

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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 2020, \$176,000 is budgeted for Support Services; \$140,055 has been spent to date.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

REPORTS:

5. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

REPORTS:

6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS