CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Non-Agendized Matters: Members of the public are invited to address the Board on matters which are not on the Agenda. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. The Board will set aside thirty (30) minutes for public comments.

Agendized Matters: 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 five (5) minutes.

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 Consulting Services Report
2. Legislative Consulting Services Report
3. Outreach Update

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

4. Committee Meeting Dates and Chair Appointment

ACTION ITEMS:

5. ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee Election Nomination
6. ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee Election Concurring Nomination
7. California WaterFix and California EcoRestore

REPORTS:

9. Directors’ Reports and Comments

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None
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ADJOURNMENT
TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee  
FROM: Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager  
DATE: January 26, 2017  
SUBJECT: Advocacy Consulting Services Report

RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided for information only.

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

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 2017, $84,000 is budgeted; $42,000 has been spent to date.

ATTACHMENTS

None.
TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee  
FROM: Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager  
DATE: January 26, 2017  
SUBJECT: Legislative Consulting Services Report

RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided for information only.

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

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

DISCUSSION

Mesa Water receives legislative consulting services from Townsend Public Affairs (TPA). As part of its service to Mesa Water, TPA submits a monthly written report of its activities on behalf of the District.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2017, $60,000 is budgeted; $30,000 has been spent to date.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: TPA Monthly Political and Activity Report
MEMORANDUM

To: Mesa Water®
From: Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.
Date: January 17, 2017
Subject: Monthly Political and Activity Report

Specific Activities for the Month:

- TPA provided Mesa Water staff with a summary of the Governor’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget.

- Following the November 8 election, TPA continued to draft congratulatory messages to each newly elected State and local representative. TPA continued to assist Mesa Water staff in finalizing and distributing these messages.

- TPA updated Mesa Water staff on Senator Hertzberg’s decision to not re-introduce SB 163 (2015), which would have deemed ocean outfalls an unreasonable use of water and would have required water districts to accept this water. Instead, he has announced he will be focusing primarily on Proposition 218 in the next year.

- TPA secured Senator John Moorlach to perform the swearing in of three Mesa Water District Directors.

- TPA provided Mesa Water staff with updates regarding the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) and related drought funding information.
State Political Update

The Legislature returned to the Capitol on December 5, 2016 to be sworn into office, officially kicking off the 2017-2018 legislative session. On that day, the first day bills can be introduced, legislators introduced 113 bills and 23 resolutions. Since then, that number has grown to 369 bills and 49 resolutions.

Below is a list of key upcoming deadlines in the Legislature:

February 17 – Last day to introduce a new bill
April 6 – Spring Recess begins
April 28 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills to fiscal committees

In regards to new committee leadership, Senate Pro Tem Kevin De Leon and Speaker Anthony Rendon have announced their 2017 committee chair and vice-chair assignments. While the Senate has announced their full committee membership, the Assembly has only announced committee chairs. This will be particularly important, since the members and chairs of committees could potentially be in their position for up to 12 years due to the new Proposition 28 (2012) term limits. Committee hearings are expected to start after the bill introduction deadline on February 17. Below is a snapshot of the chairs of various Senate and Assembly committees for 2017:

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The Governor is also having a busy January, as he recently announced his $179.5 billion fiscal year 2017-2018 budget proposal. He will also deliver his annual State of the State address on January 24, where he will build upon his budget proposal and outline additional priorities for the State in 2017, as well as give thorough insight into the fiscal health of the State.

Governor’s 2017-2018 Proposed Budget

On January 10, the Governor released his proposed budget for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year. The proposed budget anticipates that the overall state economy, which has been growing steadily for the last several years, will grow at a much slower pace in the upcoming year. According to the Administration’s forecast, if corrective action is not taken, the FY 2017-18 budget would have a $1.6 billion budget deficit, as well as deficits of $1 to $2 billion in the following three budgets.

Overall, the Governor’s January Budget proposes General Fund spending of $122.5 billion in FY 2017-18, which is $200 million lower than FY 2016-17. Proposition 98 spending on K-14 education, which
comprises the largest portion of the budget, is projected to grow by $2.1 billion, for a total spending of $73.5 billion. The budget also contains $178 million for one-time efforts to combat the impacts of the continued drought. Of this $178 million, $91 million will go to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and $53 million will be used to aid local agencies in the removal of dead or dying trees that pose a risk to public safety.

In order to address the potential budget deficit in FY 2017-18, the Administration is proposing $3.2 billion in corrective actions. If the Legislature adopts these actions then the budget will contain a $1.6 billion reserve in FY 2017-18 and will be balanced into the future. The key components of the corrective actions proposed by the Administration include:

- **Adjust the spending level of Proposition 98** – The Proposition 98 funding level is determined based on the level of State revenue and the Governors’ budget proposes funding only the minimum Proposition 98 guarantee. This action, while still resulting in an overall growth in Proposition 98 spending, will result in $1.7 billion in savings in FY 2017-18.
- **Recapture unspent one-time funds** – The FY 2016-17 budget contained significant levels of one-time spending, and many of these one-time allocations have not yet been spent. The Administration proposes savings of $900 million by recapturing some of these one-time allocations. The two largest of these allocations is the $400 million in affordable housing money that was to accompany the Governor’s “by-right” housing proposal and the $300 million that was allocated for modernization of state office buildings in Sacramento.
- **Limit spending growth** – The Governor’s budget proposal calls for limits on spending for programs that would otherwise be funded, if the General Fund was in a stronger position. The Administration anticipates that it can save $600 million by limiting spending on programs. The Governor is proposing to pause rate increases for child care, as well as to phase out the Middle Class Scholarship program by not extending the scholarship to any new students.

In addition to the corrective actions outlined above, the Governor’s January Budget proposal contains numerous policy proposals and funding adjustments.

A few brief items to highlight include:

- **Cap and Trade** – The Governor’s January Budget proposes spending $2.2 billion in cap and trade proceeds on various programs. However, the Administration acknowledges that the cap and trade auction proceeds for the past several auctions has been well below forecasted levels. The Administration believes that this, in part, is due to the uncertainty surrounding the future of the cap and trade program. In order to address this issue, the Administration will be putting forth legislation, which will require a 2/3 vote, to extend the cap and trade program beyond its current 2020 sunset date. The Administration has indicated that it will not appropriate the $2.2 billion in proposed cap and trade spending until the Legislature has acted on the cap and trade extension legislation.

- **Federal Uncertainties** – The Governor’s Budget acknowledges that there are numerous uncertainties that accompany the change in Administration in Washington DC. These uncertainties could have a significant impact on California and the State budget. For example, the FY 2017-18 budget contains $800 million for the State’s portion of Medi-Cal expansion from the Affordable Care Act. This $800 million assumes that the federal government will continue to provide a 95% funding level, as was set forth in the ACA. Should Congress act in a way that modifies the funding provisions of the ACA, then California could be responsible for a significantly higher level of funding. The Governor’s budget acknowledges these federal uncertainties, but given that the President-Elect has not even been sworn in to office yet, does not include specific
provisions to deal with these uncertainties. Instead, Governor Brown has indicated that he will wait until the May Revise to evaluate what actions, if any, have been taken in Washington DC, and how those may impact the State budget.

Since the Governor released his proposed budget, the Legislature has begun the task of gathering information and evaluating the proposals contained within the Governor’s budget. The Assembly and Senate Budget committees will conduct informational hearings during which the Department of Finance will provide an overview of the proposed budget. Afterwards, the Assembly and Senate Budget Sub-committees will hold a series of hearings over the coming weeks to evaluate specific proposals within the budget. In mid-May the Governor will introduce his May Revise, which will contain updated revenue and expenditure forecasts for the Legislature to evaluate and act on by June 15. TPA will continue to track the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget and keep the District informed.

Drought Update

The 2017 water year officially began in October 2016. Despite increased rainfall and snowpack compared to the same months in previous years, California remained locked in drought conditions for the remainder of 2016. However, large storms in Northern California in January 2017 have begun to reverse drought conditions. According to the US Drought Monitor, more than 40% of California is no longer experiencing drought conditions. This improvement to water resources in Northern California is a good sign for the future of the State’s water resources, however Central California and Southern California remain under serious drought conditions.

Despite the lingering drought, there are signs of Central and Southern California drought conditions improving. In just over a week, the amount of the State that was classified as being within an “exceptional drought” has decreased from 18 percent to 2 percent. Additionally, Sierra snowpack has been measured at 161 percent of normal. This snowpack is a major source of water for Central and Southern California.

Long Term Water Conservation Measures

The Governor’s Executive Order B-37-16 in May 2016 directed the State Water Resources Control Board to develop a proposal by January 2017 that builds off the mandatory 25% reduction that was called for by the Governor in a previous executive order. As a result, the State Water Resources Control Board is hosting a public workshop on January 18 to solicit public feedback on the extension or modification of the emergency conservation regulations set to expire in February 2017.

The meeting will involve a staff led presentation regarding the current water supply conditions across the State, followed by public comment and Board Member discussion. TPA will take notes and report back to Mesa Water staff.

State Water Use: November 2016

In the month of November, California urban water suppliers reduced their water use by 18.3 percent when compared to November 2013, a decrease of 0.8% from October 2016. The State Water Resources Control Board has also stated that conservation levels for communities that certified they did not need state-imposed mandates has remained significant since the amending of the regulations in May 2016. Without state-imposed mandates, 44 percent of urban water suppliers representing approximately 13 million people reported water savings above 20 percent.

In November:
• Statewide water savings for November 2016 was 18.8 percent (86,793 acre feet or 28.3 billion gallons), a decrease from October 2016’s 19.6 percent savings, and a decrease from November 2015’s 20.2 percent statewide savings (30.9 billion gallons). November 2016 water savings are nine percent lower than November 2015 savings.

• Cumulative statewide percent reduction for June 2015 – November 2016 (18 months) is 22.6 percent, which equates to 2,347,125 acre-feet (764.8 billion gallons).

• Statewide average residential gallons per capita per day (R-GPCD) for November 2016 was 76.6 gallons, below the 89.8 R-GPCD in October 2016 and slightly above 75.6 RGPCD reported for November 2015.

Federal Legislative Update

Congress, the White House, and the President-elect have started 2017 with a flurry of action. Since the 115th Congress was sworn in on January 3, 2017, nearly 700 new bills have been introduced, including legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act and limit Administration rulemaking powers. With the January 20 Inauguration Day looming, President-elect Trump’s cabinet nominees have begun their confirmation hearings. While the White House and the Obama administration had hoped for a smooth transition, ongoing debate over Russian interference in the 2016 election have raised concerns among both Democrats and Republicans on Capitol Hill and rankled the President-elect.

Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act:

On December 16, President Obama signed the “Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act,” or WIIN Act (S. 612). The Act authorizes $12 billion for a wide range of water infrastructure, flood control, and ecological restoration projects and programs previously included in the Water Resources Development Act (S. 2848/H.R. 5303), California drought legislation (H.R. 2898/S. 2533) and a number of other bills.

Drought bill provisions included by the House were the product of negotiations led by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) over the last three years. Senator Boxer and many Northern California House Democrats strongly opposed the drought rider, arguing that certain provisions would override the Endangered Species Act and jeopardize fragile salmon and smelt populations. Despite Senator Boxer’s efforts to filibuster the legislation, supporters of the WIIN Act prevailed in large part due to the nationwide benefits in WRDA, a bill that the retiring Senator helped craft.

The Feinstein-McCarthy compromise language authorizes $558 million in new water infrastructure funding. A summary of the key provisions and authorizations follows:

• Drought Bill ($558 million):
  - Funding includes support for water infrastructure projects, including:
    - $335 million for storage and groundwater projects
    - $100 million increase for the WaterSMART Program for water recycling, reuse and conservation (raising WaterSMART authorization from $350m to $450m)
    - $30 million for design and construction of desalination projects (Desalination Act reauthorized and expanded, allowing funds to be used for design and construction of both brackish and seawater desalination projects)
  - Funding eligibility limited to Reclamation states (17 Western states)
- WIIN authorizes the Bureau of Reclamation to offer competitive grants for water recycling projects (Title XVI projects), instead of requiring individual Congressional authorizations.
  - The Act authorizes $50 million for water recycling projects recommended by the Secretary.
  - Same cost share as existing Title XVI projects, 75% state/local – 25% federal

- **Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) ($20 million):**
  - This EPA program helps fund water infrastructure projects through loan assistance was established in the 2014 WRDA bill, but limited funding was appropriated.
  - WIIN Act includes $20 million in budget authority, which was also included in the FY2017 Omnibus Appropriations bill.
  - After administrative costs (capped at $3 million), EPA estimates that its $17 million in budget authority could support more than $1 billion in credit assistance and more than $2 billion in water infrastructure investment.
  - WIIN expands WIFIA eligibility to projects that prevent, reduce, or mitigate the effect of drought.
  - The Act further specifies that financing fees can be covered under loan amounts and clarifies that project costs incurred before a WIFIA loan is received can be credited towards the 51 percent of project costs that must be provided by sources other than WIFIA loans.
  - The Act also clarifies that Congress intends for WIFIA appropriations to be *in addition to, and not instead of*, those made to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (the “CWSRF”) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (the “DWSRF” and, together with the CWSRF, the “SRFs”).
  - WIFIA eligible projects may include those to address lead and other contaminants in drinking water systems.

**New California Water Bill**

Despite the passage of California drought legislation at the end of the 114th Congress (S. 612), new legislation has been introduced by Representative David Valadao to further expand the supply and delivery of water south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Known as the “Gaining Responsibility on Water Act” or “GROW Act” (H.R. 23), the legislation includes many of the California and West-wide provisions included in previous bills introduced by Representative Valadao, which were dropped from the compromise bill developed by House Republicans and Senator Dianne Feinstein over the last two years. Many of the provisions in the Valadao bill date back to H.R. 1837, introduced by Representative Devin Nunes (R-CA) in 2011, which passed the House but failed to win support in the Senate. That bill was strongly opposed by Congressional Democrats, Governor Jerry Brown, and numerous environmental groups.

Like the previous bills, H.R. 23 proposes to increase the flow of Northern California water to California’s Central Valley and ease environmental flow restrictions that are intended to protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem. The bill would codify the 1994 Bay Delta Accord, restoring water deliveries to Central California users that Valadao contends were cut off by environmental lawsuits and a series of illogical regulations. The bill would also expedite several major water storage projects, streamline the dam approval process, amend the 1992 Central Valley Project Improvement Act to give water users more authority over how restoration funds are spent, and equate wild fish with fish from hatcheries to meet Endangered Species Act requirements.

H.R. 23 is co-sponsored by twelve California Republicans including Representatives Calvert, Cook, Hunter, Issa, Knight, LaMalfa, McCarthy, McClintock, Nunes, Rohrabacher, Royce, and Walters, as well as one Central Valley Democrat (Representative Costa).
MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Noelle Collins, Public Affairs Coordinator
DATE: January 26, 2017
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 #5: Attract and retain skilled employees.
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 constituents about Mesa Water, water issues, and water in general. 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.

Tours of the Mesa Water Reliability Facility (MWRF) are vital to the District’s public outreach and education programs. To date, the number of visitors to the MWRF is 1,341.

Upcoming FY 2017 Events

1. 5th Grade Assemblies at Kaiser Elementary on Monday, January 30, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. at 2130 Santa Ana Ave, Costa Mesa

2. Costa Mesa Senior Center Tour of the MWRF on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at 1350 Gisler Avenue, Costa Mesa

3. State of the District presentation at Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. at Costa Mesa Country Club, 1701 Golf Course Drive, Costa Mesa
4. Turf Removal and Water-Efficient Landscape Workshop on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Mesa Water Boardroom, 1965 Placentia Ave, Costa Mesa

5. Children’s Water Education Festival on Wednesday and Thursday, March 29 and 30, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at University of California, Irvine

6. Costa Mesa Community Run on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at Estancia High School, 2323 Placentia Ave, Costa Mesa

7. O.C. Water Summit on Friday, June 16, 2017 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Disneyland Grand Californian Hotel, 1600 Disneyland Drive, Anaheim

The benefits of Mesa Water’s outreach program include:

- Informing constituents about California’s persisting drought 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 customers and the community 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;
- 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; and
- Supporting Mesa Water’s service area as an actively involved participant in programs that provide added value and benefits to the community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2017, $100,000 is budgeted; $42,267 has been spent to date.

ATTACHMENTS

None.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Paul E. Shoenberger, General Manager
DATE: January 26, 2017
SUBJECT: Committee Meeting Dates and Chair Appointment

RECOMMENDATION

Confirm the 2017 Legislative & Public Affairs Committee regular meetings for the fourth Thursday of each month, starting at 3:30 p.m., and appoint the Committee Chair.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #4: Increase public awareness about Mesa Water® and about water.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

This item is annually updated at the January meeting of the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee (LPAC).

DISCUSSION

Annually, LPAC appoints a Committee Chair and approves the regular meeting date and time. Historically, LPAC has been meeting at 3:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month, unless that day falls on a holiday in which case the meeting moves to the Thursday prior.

In 2017, November and December are the only two months where this occurs and November 16 and December 21 are proposed as the revised meeting dates.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
DATE: January 26, 2017
SUBJECT: Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority Executive Committee Election Nomination

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. XXXX nominating Fred R. Bockmiller as a candidate to the Executive Committee of the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA).

STRATEGIC PLAN

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 #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

DISCUSSION

At the ACWA/JPIA’s Board of Directors’ meeting to be held on May 8, 2017, during the spring conference in Monterey, California, there will be an Executive Committee election. Director Bockmiller currently represents Mesa Water® on the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors and has requested that the District submit a resolution of support for his nomination.

This election will fill four Executive Committee member positions, each for a four-year term each.

The deadline to submit the nominating resolution to ACWA/JPIA is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Draft Resolution No. XXXX
Attachment B: ACWA/JPIA Letter dated January 3, 2017
RESOLUTION NO. XXXX

RESOLUTION OF THE
MESNA WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOMINATING FRED R. BOCKMILLER
TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) is a county water district organized and operating according to California law; and

WHEREAS, Mesa Water® is a member district of the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) and participates in all four of its Programs: Liability, Property, Workers’ Compensation, and Employee Benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the ACWA/JPIA provide that in order for a nomination to be made to ACWA/JPIA’s Executive Committee, the member district must place into nomination its member of the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors for such open position.

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 hereby nominates its member of the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors, Fred R. Bockmiller, as a candidate for the Executive Committee in the election to be held on May 8, 2017.

Section 2. The ACWA/JPIA staff is hereby requested, upon receipt of the formal concurrence of three other member districts, to effect such nomination.

Section 3. The District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the ACWA/JPIA at P.O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082, forthwith.

ADOPTED, SIGNED, and APPROVED this 9th day of February 2017 by a roll call vote.

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

Ethan Temianka
President, Board of Directors

Coleen L. Monteleone
District Secretary
To: JPIA Directors, Alternates, and Others
From: Sylvia Robinson, Publications & Web Editor
Date: January 3, 2017
Subject: 2017 ACWA JPIA Executive Committee Election Notice

Notice is hereby given that there will be an Executive Committee election during the JPIA’s Board of Directors’ meeting to be held on May 8, 2017, at the spring conference in Monterey, California.

This election will fill four Executive Committee member positions, each for a four-year term each.

The incumbents are Tom Cuquet, South Sutter WD; David Drake, Rincon Del Diablo MWD; and Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley WCD. There is one vacant position.

Candidates for the election must be elected or appointed directors of the JPIA member that they represent and must have been appointed by that member to be on the JPIA’s Board of Directors. Further, candidates for the election must also be representatives of JPIA members that participate in all four of the JPIA’s Programs: Liability, Property, Workers’ Compensation, and Employee Benefits.

The candidates must also each receive concurring in nomination resolutions from three other JPIA members. However, JPIA members may concur in the nomination of as many candidates as they wish. When asking other JPIA members to concur in a nomination, it would be helpful to them to include some information about the Director and his/her background.

The submission of the nominating resolution, the three concurring in nomination resolutions, and the candidate's statement of qualifications is the sole responsibility of the nominating member. These nominations must reach the JPIA by the close of business (4:30 pm) on Friday, March 24, 2017. Nominations may be mailed to the attention of Sylvia Robinson at the JPIA: P. O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082 or emailed to srobinson@acwajpia.com.

Final notice of the qualified candidates will be included as part of the Board of Directors’ meeting packet, which will be mailed on or before April 24, 2017, to those who request a meeting packet.

Use this link to find copies of this notice, the nominating procedures, and sample resolutions on the JPIA’s website.
ACWA JPIA
Nomination Procedures

Approximately 120 Days before Election (January 6, 2017)

All ACWA JPIA Directors and Member Districts are to be notified of:

A) Date and place of Election;
B) Executive Committee positions and terms of office to be filled by Election;
C) Incumbent office holders; and
D) Nomination Procedures.

120 to 45 Days before Election (January 6 – March 24, 2017)

A) A district may place into nomination its member of the Board of Directors of ACWA JPIA with the concurrence of three districts, then members of the ACWA JPIA, in addition to the nominating district.
B) Sample resolutions are available on the ACWA JPIA website.
C) The district is solely responsible for timely submission of the nominating resolution and the three additional concurring in nomination resolutions of its candidate for office.

45 Days before Election (March 24, 2017)

A) Deadline and location for receiving the nominating and concurring in nomination resolutions in the ACWA JPIA office:

Friday – March 24 2017 – 4:30 p.m.

Sylvia Robinson
Publications & Web Editor
ACWA JPIA
P. O. Box 619082
Roseville, CA 95661-9082
(srobinson@acwajpia.com)

B) Candidates’ statement of qualifications must be submitted, if desired, with the nominating resolutions. The statement of qualifications must be submitted on one side of an 8½ x 11” sheet of paper suitable for reproduction and distribution to all districts (MSWord or PDF documents preferred).

14 Days before Election (April 24, 2017)

Final notice of the upcoming Election of Executive Committee members will be included as part of the Board of Directors’ meeting packet. Final notice shall include:

A) Date, Time, and Place of Election;
B) Name and District of all qualified candidates;
C) Candidate’s statement of qualifications (if received); and
D) Election Procedures and Rules.
RESOLUTION NO. ______

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

(NAME OF MEMBER DISTRICT)

CONCURRING IN NOMINATION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES

JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY ("ACWA JPIA")

WHEREAS, this district is a member district of the ACWA JPIA; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the ACWA JPIA provide that in order for a nomination to be made to ACWA JPIA's Executive Committee, three member districts must concur with the nominating district, and

WHEREAS, another ACWA JPIA member district, the (NAME OF NOMINATING DISTRICT) has requested that this district concur in its nomination of its member of the ACWA JPIA Board of Directors to the Executive Committee of the ACWA JPIA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the (NAME OF MEMBER DISTRICT) that this district concur with the nomination of (NAME OF NOMINEE) of (NAME OF NOMINATING DISTRICT) to the Executive Committee of the ACWA JPIA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the ACWA JPIA at P.O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082, forthwith.

ADOPTED this (DATE) day of (MONTH), 2017.

(SIGNATURE)  
Board President

ATTEST:

(SIGNATURE)  
Secretary
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

(NAME OF MEMBER DISTRICT)

NOMINATING ITS ACWA JPIA BOARD MEMBER TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES

JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY ("ACWA JPIA")

WHEREAS, this district is a member district of the ACWA JPIA that participates in all four of its Programs: Liability, Property, Workers' Compensation, and Employee Benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the ACWA JPIA provide that in order for a nomination to be made to ACWA JPIA's Executive Committee, the member district must place into nomination its member of the ACWA JPIA Board of Directors for such open position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the (NAME OF MEMBER DISTRICT) that its member of the ACWA JPIA Board of Directors, (NAME OF BOARD MEMBER) be nominated as a candidate for the Executive Committee for the election to be held on May 8, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ACWA JPIA staff is hereby requested, upon receipt of the formal concurrence of three other member districts to effect such nomination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the ACWA JPIA at P.O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082, forthwith.

ADOPTED this (DATE) day of (MONTH), 2017.

(SIGNATURE)
Board President

ATTEST:

(SIGNATURE)
Secretary
MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
DATE: January 26, 2017
SUBJECT: Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority Executive Committee Election Concurring Nomination

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. XXXX concurring in the nomination of Kathleen J. Tiegs as a candidate to the Executive Committee of the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA).

STRATEGIC PLAN

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 #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

DISCUSSION

At the ACWA/JPIA's Board of Directors' meeting to be held on May 8, 2017, during the spring conference in Monterey, California, there will be an Executive Committee election. Ms. Tiegs is currently serving a two-year term as President of ACWA and, since 2005, has held a position as Director on the Cucamonga Valley Water District’s (CVWD) Board of Directors. CVWD has reached out to Mesa Water requesting that the District submit a resolution of support concurring in the nomination of Kathleen J. Tiegs to the Executive Committee of the ACWA/JPIA.

This election will fill four Executive Committee member positions, each for a four-year term each.

The deadline to submit the nominating resolution to ACWA/JPIA is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Draft Resolution No. XXXX
Attachment B: CVWD Email dated January 17, 2017
RESOLUTION NO. XXXX

RESOLUTION OF THE
MESA WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CONCURRING IN NOMINATION
TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) is a county water district organized and operating according to California law; and

WHEREAS, Mesa Water® is a member district of the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) and participates in all four of its Programs: Liability, Property, Workers’ Compensation, and Employee Benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the ACWA/JPIA provide that in order for a nomination to be made to ACWA/JPIA’s Executive Committee, three member districts must concur with the nominating district; and

WHEREAS, another ACWA/JPIA member district, the Cucamonga Valley Water District, has requested that this district concur in its nomination of its member of the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors to the Executive Committee of the ACWA/JPIA.

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 hereby concurs with the nomination by the Cucamonga Valley Water District of its member of the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors, Kathleen J. Tiegs, as a candidate for the Executive Committee in the election to be held on May 8, 2017.

Section 2. The ACWA/JPIA staff is hereby requested, upon receipt of the formal concurrence of two other member districts, to effect such nomination.

Section 3. The District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the ACWA/JPIA at P.O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082, forthwith.
ADOPTED, SIGNED, and APPROVED this 9th day of February 2017 by a roll call vote.

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

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Ethan Temianka
President, Board of Directors

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Coleen L. Monteleone
District Secretary
Hello and Happy New Year!

I am contacting you to let you know we are planning to nominate Director Tiegs for the open position on the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee. As a friend of CVWD we hope that we could count on your support for her nomination. If you are interested in submitting a Resolution in support of her nomination please contact me and we will send you the necessary materials. Thanks in advance for your support. 😊
MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager
DATE: January 26, 2017
SUBJECT: California WaterFix and California EcoRestore

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. XXXX supporting the California WaterFix and California EcoRestore.

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 #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

DISCUSSION

The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) are seeking a support resolution for the California WaterFix and California EcoRestore proposal (Preferred Alternative No.4A as described in the environmental documents) which provides a framework of how best to approach management of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta) and its combined water and land resources in a way that will realistically achieve improvements in water supply reliability and ecosystem protection for the Delta. Mesa Water District’s 2017 Legislative Platforms includes support for a “MWDOC/MWD Delta Solution.”

The Bay Delta Conservation Program (BDCP) was split into two separate programs -- the California WaterFix and California EcoRestore -- with success in the Delta continuing to rely on the implementation of both programs to achieve the co-equal goals. The ecological health of the Delta and fish species are fundamentally linked to the reasonable use and export of water supplies. During the intensive environmental review process for California WaterFix, much as been discussed and detailed about the construction and design of the three new water intakes north of the Delta and the two 32-mile 9,000 cfs underground tunnels that will provide operational pumping flexibility and protect against water supply disruption.

With California WaterFix in the final stages of its permits and final environmental documents (EIR/EIS and Record of Decision), MWDOC/MWD are requesting that Southern California water agencies raise the profile and level of support for this proposal. With the start of a new federal administration and with Governor Brown’s administration entering its final two years, the timing for this effort is important to convey official support positions for a critical water supply source—the State Water Project (SWP).
MWDOC/MWD are also planning outreach campaigns to: 1) build public awareness and understanding of the proposal and its critical nature to Orange County, Southern California and the California economy; 2) build strong coalitions for engaging elected officials statewide to ensure they understand the proposal’s importance for California; and 3) gain priority support for the proposal and action by Orange County’s legislative delegations in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento. For this effort, MWDOC/MWD are contacting member agencies, other utilities, city and county officials, and private and public organizations (i.e., ACC-OC, BIA, Chambers of Commerce, OCBC, environmental, political and tax organizations, etc.).

Based on modeling from MWDOC’s recent Orange County Water Reliability Study, the California WaterFix represents the most cost-effective large-scale solution to improving regional water supply reliability -- and hence the reliability for Orange County -- for the next 25 years. The supply analyses therein assumed that the California WaterFix results in “recovery” (i.e., prevents the future loss) of historical supplies in the amount of 440,000 acre-feet per year on average. Preventing loss of these SWP supplies can increase regional storage reserve levels, especially during wet years, which can be used to protect Orange County and Southern California from the devastating effects of drought and other emergencies. Moreover, SWP supplies can enhance water quality in local supplies via blending impaired local supplies, maximizing recycled water, and increasing groundwater replenishment and recovery deliveries with lower salinity water.

Additionally, there is a large and growing consensus that the Delta is in an unsustainable position and needs to be “fixed” to deal with the many competing interests for the future, especially with regard to ensuring the area is a sustainable ecosystem. The status quo is yielding a continuing degradation of the Delta systems, levee integrity and water supply reliability. The companion initiative to the California WaterFix is the California EcoRestore, which seeks to achieve the State’s co-equal goal of habitat restoration and reliability of supplies. California EcoRestore is initially charged with 30,000 acres of restoration efforts under an accelerated effort by 2020 to improve habitat conditions for fisheries migration, restore tidal and non-tidal wetland habitat for native wildlife, and improve connectivity among existing grassland and other natural habitats.

Though total Delta restoration to its historical past is not possible, there can be significant improvements in how best to approach managing the Delta’s combined water and land resources in a way that will realistically achieve improvements in water supply reliability and ecosystem protection of the Delta’s endangered or threatened species. Based on the proposed improvements in system conveyance and habitat restoration, staff recommends the Board of Directors adopt a support position for California WaterFix and California EcoRestore with reasonable adherence to the current, public operating criteria and cost allocation principles and assumptions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Draft Resolution No. XXXX
RESOLUTION NO. XXXX

RESOLUTION OF THE
MESA WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUPPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA WATER FIX
AND CALIFORNIA ECO RESTORE

WHEREAS, the Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) is a county water district organized and operating according to California law; and

WHEREAS, while Mesa Water is 100 percent reliable on local water supply sources, those sources depend on Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta) water via Mesa Water’s imported water supplier, the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC), a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD); and

WHEREAS, the Delta, formed by the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers as they come together and flow into San Francisco Bay, is a major water hub for California’s water supply system for the majority of the State, including 30 percent of the supplies for Southern California, and therefore underpins the overall economy of California, which stands equivalent to the 6th largest Country in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Delta historically was a complex and dynamic natural system driven by tidal fluctuations and natural marsh flooding that has been highly altered over the last 100 years, with many of the levees and islands reclaimed from former marshlands for development or farming; and

WHEREAS, the Delta was never intended to be a water conveyance facility and the scientific consensus is that the Delta is not sustainable as it exists today and that changes must be made in order to stabilize conditions; and

WHEREAS, from a fisheries, farming and water management perspective, the Delta will continue to worsen and decline, at an ever-increasing rate as sea levels rise and continuing subsidence caused by farming result in salinity intrusion, artesian conditions and levee related failures, which will become more frequent and more expensive to mitigate or repair as time passes; and

WHEREAS, 25 million residents in California rely on water from the Delta, and local conservation efforts will not be able to replace the water that the Delta has historically supplied to Southern California even though the amount exported is only 4 percent of the overall Delta average annual flows; and
WHEREAS, there is no practicable and economically efficient way to construct, heighten and reinforce the existing levees to keep pace with sea level rise or prevent the levees from collapsing during a large seismic earthquake, whereby the consequences to the Bay Delta ecosystem, the water supply and the California economy would be immediate, severe and negative when these events occur; and

WHEREAS, it has been about 55 years since voter approval of the State Water Project (SWP), that was never completed as originally envisioned to include an independent conveyance facility which would allow increased capture and storage of water during periods of high flows and would also minimize conflicts with fisheries; and

WHEREAS, as the result of federal court decisions, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service Biological Opinions, as well as other regulatory constraints to protect native species in the Delta, the SWP has not been able to collect, store and deliver an estimated volume of 3.6 million acre-feet of water since 2008; and

WHEREAS, although total restoration of the Delta to the conditions of the historical past is not possible, much has been learned through science studies about what is needed to improve the management and utilization of the Delta that can enhance fish, wildlife and water management for the future; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brown’s California WaterFix and California EcoRestore proposal provides a framework of how best to approach management of the Delta's combined water and land resources in a way that will realistically achieve improvements in both water supply reliability and ecosystem protection for the Delta as an evolving place by balancing the many competing demands; and

WHEREAS, the California WaterFix and EcoRestore proposal will help with water supply reliability by improving essential ecosystem functions so that populations of endangered or threatened aquatic species will be strengthened; and

WHEREAS, the California EcoRestore will pursue more than 30,000 acres of critical Delta restoration over the next 5 years, including the improvements of habitat conditions for fisheries migration, restoring tidal and non-tidal wetland habitat for native wildlife, and improving connectivity among existing grassland and other natural habitats; and

WHEREAS, the California WaterFix includes the construction of three intakes north of the Delta, a 35-mile 9,000 cfs underground diversion facility, and modification of Clifton Court forebay that will provide operational pumping flexibility and protect against water supply disruption due to sea-level rise, earthquakes and flood events; and

WHEREAS, the three new intakes north of the Delta will improve existing environmental conditions in the Delta by reducing the current reverse flow conditions, minimizing the trapping of migrating fish and reducing diversions during critical fish migration periods, which will provide for more operational flexibility to enhance water deliveries, especially during wet periods; and
WHEREAS, the California WaterFix conveyance project includes proposed operations to meet the State Water Control Board's Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan regulatory requirements for "in-Delta" water quality to protect the designated beneficial uses with new conveyance operations that would also provide water moving through the south Delta channels to reduce salinity levels; and

WHEREAS, improving the SWP system can increase regional storage reserve levels, which are used to protect the region from devastating effects of drought and other emergencies, with the California WaterFix helping to ensure that Orange County will have sufficient supplies at critical times when needed; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Orange County Water Reliability Study revealed a number of important findings with implications for Orange County's water reliability including the finding that without new supply and system investments made by MWD, MWD's member agencies (including MWDOC) and Orange County, projected water shortages would be too frequent and overall reliability would not be sustainable by as early as 2030; and

WHEREAS, Orange County should continue to support and strongly advocate for the implementation of the California WaterFix and EcoRestore proposal, as it represents the most cost-effective large-scale reliability solution to improving regional water supply reliability for Southern California and hence the reliability for Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Water Reliability Study assumes the California WaterFix results in "recovery" of historical supplies in the amount of approximately 440,000 acre-feet per year on average and noted that changes in the project costs or supply development could result in changes to this recommendation; and

WHEREAS, Orange County ratepayers have already invested millions of dollars over the years to build and maintain the SWP system in Northern California as well as portions of MWD's regional storage, distribution and treatment systems that take delivery of SWP supplies; and

WHEREAS, modernizing the SWP system through the California WaterFix will help protect this investment for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, moving forward with the California WaterFix will not be an inexpensive endeavor with all of the costs to be paid for exclusively by water agencies benefiting from the project; however, it is the most cost-effective investment of the ratepayers' dollars to maintain and continue economic vitality for the region; and

WHEREAS, to do nothing in the Delta is far costlier to the businesses, residents and economy in the State of California and Orange County than investing in the California WaterFix and California EcoRestore; and

WHEREAS, Mesa Water adopted a legislative platform for 2017 to support a MWDOC/MWD long-term solution for the Delta that includes optimal statewide water supply
reliability, sustainability and quality, and Delta ecosystem health and restoration for the public benefit.

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

Section 1. That the Mesa Water District supports the California WaterFix and California EcoRestore Preferred Alternative (No.4A) as described in the environmental documents with reasonable adherence to the current, public operating criteria and cost allocation principles and assumptions.

ADOPTED, SIGNED, and APPROVED this 9th day of February 2017 by a roll call vote.

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

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Ethan Temianka
President, Board of Directors

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Coleen L. Monteleone
District Secretary
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8. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:
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