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Planning and Administration Committee

Carol Lee Brady, Chairman
Lisa Herman, Member
John Rossi, Member
Angel García, Alternate
AGENDA

JOINT REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT

Board Room
Rancho California Water District
42135 Winchester Road
Temecula, California

Thursday, February 21, 2019
8:30 AM

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ITEM 1: SANTA ANA RIVER CONSERVATION AND CONJUNCTIVE USE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

RESPONSIBLE/LEAD STAFF MEMBER(S):  Assistant General Manager-Engineering & Operations, Eva Plajzer

RECOMMENDATION:  This item is presented for the Planning and Administration Committee’s information.

DISCUSSION:  Ryan Shaw, Western Municipal Water District’s (WMWD) director of Water Resources, will provide an overview of the Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP). WMWD has been developing this program over the last few years as a collaborative regional program between the five Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority agencies: Eastern Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Orange County Water District, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, and WMWD. The primary goal of the program is to store available imported water in a groundwater bank during wet periods and use the stored water as an extraordinary supply during times of reduced imported water supplies. WMWD has indicated that they are working on making the program available to all of their member agencies, even those that are not within the Santa Ana River watershed.

ALTERNATIVES:  Not applicable

FISCAL ANALYSIS:  Not applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS:  Not applicable

EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS:  A. SARCCUP Summary Presentation
Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP)

Summary of Program for Western Member Agencies

February 21, 2019
Key Goals for Proposition 84 IRWMP Grant Accomplished by Project Proposal

• Creates new water supply/demand management:
  • Habitat Improvement: Arundo Removal & Santa Ana Sucker fish habitat restoration
    • 2,400 AFY from Arundo Donax Removal
  • Water Use Efficiency: Conservation-Based Rates Support, Efficient Landscaping Design
    • 7,236 AFY of demand reduction
  • Groundwater Banking: “Put and Take” Conjunctive Use Facilities
    • 60,000 AFY dry-year yield capacity
**SARCCUP Funding**

SARCCUP Grant Total = $55 million

![GRANT AMOUNT BY SARCCUP COMPONENT]

- **Project Management**: $1,288,266
- **Water Use Efficiency**: $503,933
- **Conjunctive Use**: $47,287,238
- **Habitat**: $5,920,563

**Santa Ana River Watershed**
Overview of Groundwater Bank

- **Water Sources** – Valley District, MWD, Northern CA Non-SWP Agencies
- **Bank size** – 180,000 AF, Dry-year yield – 60,000 AFY (3 yrs.)
  - Storage Share – 36,000 AF for each of the five SAWPA agencies
  - Dry-year Yield Share – 12,000 AFY for each of the five SAWPA agencies
- **Storage** – Six different basins throughout the watershed
- **New Facilities** – Allow for movement of water within the watershed, with and without MWD facilities, once the water is stored
- **Operating Committee** – Determines annual decisions on water purchase, storage location(s), and extractions/deliveries
  - Committee members consist of those participating in the program
Groundwater Banking Locations (180,000 AF)
Estimated Cost of Water from the Bank

SARCCUP Cost Compared to MWD Cost

Estimated cost of SARCCUP water developed by CH2M, as part of the Decision Support Modeling effort.
Proposed Schedule

30-Year Program

Design
Construction
Operation

2016 2019 2022 2052

180,000 AF

Fill
Draw
Operating Committee Framework

Program Funding
- Capital Funding Agreements
  - SARCCUP Agencies

Program Operations
- Coordinated Operating, Storage, Exchange and Management Agreement
  - SARCCUP Agencies
- Operating Committee
  - EMWD, IEUA, OCWD, SBVMWD, WMWD

Grant & Construction
- PA-23 Agreement (Grant Administration & Construction Management)
  - SARCCUP Agencies
  - SAWPA

Other Agreements:
- MWD Agreements
- Watermaster Agreements
- Retail Agency Agreements
SARCCUP Participation and Opportunities

- **Storage** – Western will have 36,000 AF of storage throughout the watershed
  - **Opportunity** – Western will offer “shares” of storage to its member agencies
- **Operating Committee** – determines annual decisions on water purchase, storage location(s), and extractions/deliveries
  - **Opportunity** – Western, along with its member agencies, will be part of the decision making process
- **Operating Cost** – Western and its member agencies would be expected to pay the actual operating cost to access the storage and the stored water
  - **Costs Include** – water supply, conveyance, storage, extraction and delivery
    - Estimated cost is $1,100/AF – $1,300/AF (today’s dollars)
  - **Opportunity** – access storage for dry-year yield needs, mitigates water shortage scenarios
- **Capital Cost** – Western and the other SARCCUP agencies are covering the capital cost to build the water bank
Questions
ITEM 2: PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT’S SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD RECEIVED FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY FOR RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT’S LIABILITY, PROPERTY, AND WORKERS COMPENSATION PROGRAMS

RESPONSIBLE/LEAD STAFF MEMBER(S):
Safety/Risk Officer, Tom Marcoux

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff requests the Planning and Administration Committee recommend the Board of Director’s acceptance of the President’s Special Recognition Award from the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) to the Rancho California Water District (RCWD/District) for loss ratios in the District for the period 2014-2017 for Liability, Property, and Workers Compensation Programs.

DISCUSSION:
Each year at the Fall ACWA/JPIA conference, the JPIA recognizes members that have achieved a loss ratio of 20 percent or less in either liability, property, or worker’s compensation programs. Members meeting the criteria receive the “President’s Special Recognition Award” for each qualifying program.

For the period 2014-2017, RCWD received this recognition for all three insurance programs. Safety/Risk Officer Tom Marcoux will be present at the meeting to discuss this milestone and acknowledge the efforts of District staff.

ALTERNATIVES:
Take no action

FISCAL ANALYSIS:
Not applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS:
Not applicable

EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS:
A. ACWA/JPIA Presidents Special Recognition Award
January 10, 2019

Rancho California Water District (R003)
Jeff Armstrong
P.O. Box 9017
Temecula, CA 92589-9017

Dear Jeff:

Each year at Fall Conference, the JPIA recognizes members that have a Loss Ratio of 20% or less in either of the Liability, Property, or Workers’ Compensation programs (loss ratio = total losses / total premiums).

The members with this distinction receive the “President’s Special Recognition Award” certificate for each Program that they qualify in.

The JPIA is extremely pleased to present Rancho California Water District (R003) with this special recognition and commends the District on the hard work in reducing claims.

Congratulations to you, your staff, Board, and District. Keep up the good work!

The JPIA wishes you the best in 2019.

Sincerely,

E.G. “Jerry” Gladbach
President

Enclosure: President’s Special Recognition Award(s)
President's Special Recognition Award

The President of the
ACWA JPIA
hereby gives Special Recognition to

Rancho California Water District

for achieving a low ratio of "Paid Claims and Case Reserves" to "Deposit Premiums" in the Liability Program for the period 10/01/2014 - 09/30/2017
announced at the Board of Directors' Meeting in San Diego.

E. G. “Jerry” Gladbach, President

November 26, 2018
President's Special Recognition Award

The President of the
ACWA JPIA
hereby gives Special Recognition to

Rancho California Water District

for achieving a low ratio of "Paid Claims and Case Reserves" to "Deposit Premiums" in the Property Program for the period 04/01/2014 - 03/31/2017 announced at the Board of Directors' Meeting in San Diego.

E. G. “Jerry” Gladbach, President

November 26, 2018
President's Special Recognition Award

The President of the
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Rancho California Water District

for achieving a low ratio of "Paid Claims and Case Reserves" to "Deposit Premiums" in the Workers' Compensation Program for the period 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2017 announced at the Board of Directors' Meeting in San Diego.

E. G. “Jerry” Gladbach, President

November 26, 2018
ITEM 3:  REVIEW AND CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY CAPTIVE INSURANCE BOARD, THE CALIFORNIA WATER INSURANCE FUND AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESPONSIBLE/LEAD STAFF MEMBER(S):
Assistant General Manager-Engineering & Operations, Eva Plajzer

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff requests the Planning and Administration Committee (Committee) recommend the Rancho California Water District (RCWD/District) Board of Directors (Board) the preferred approach for the elections to the California Water Insurance Fund Board, an Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) Captive Insurance Company, and to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee.

DISCUSSION:
Staff received notice in February that there are two positions to be filled on ACWA/JPIA’s newly formed captive insurance company board, the California Water Insurance Fund (CWIF), and that the 2019 ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee election will also be held. The elections will be held during the ACWA/JPIA’s Board of Directors’ meeting on May 6, 2019, at the spring conference in Monterey.

Over the last year, ACWA/JPIA has been investigating the formation of a captive insurance company. At the fall 2018 membership meeting in San Diego, ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors voted to approve the formation of the captive insurance company (captive). As part of the formation, the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors voted to create a new Board of Directors for the captive made of seven members: four Executive Committee members, two at-large members from the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors, and one Utah resident, where the CWIF is domiciled. The Executive Committee will appoint the four members to serve two-year terms while the two at-large members will be selected at the ACWA/JPIA Spring Conference to two-year terms, with the initial term being three years. The Utah resident will be the CWIF Counsel from Utah.
In addition to the CWIF election, ACWA/JPIA will hold its election of the Executive Committee to fill four of the nine executive committee member positions. The current members of the ACWA/JPIA executive committee are:

Appointment terms ending May 2019:

- ACWA/JPIA President: E.G. “Jerry” Gladbach, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
- J. Bruce Rupp, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District
- W.D. “Bill” Knutson, Yuima Municipal Water District
- Vacant position

Appointment terms ending May 2021:

- ACWA/JPIA Vice President: Tom Cuquet; South Sutter Water District
- David Drake, Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District
- Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
- Kathleen J. Tiegs, Cucamonga Valley Water District

The ninth position is held by Steve LaMar, Irvine Ranch Water District and ACWA Vice President as an ex officio member of the Executive Committee. The election procedures for the Executive Committee are the same as for the CWIF and are provide as reference and summarized below:

1. A district may place into nomination its member of the Board of Directors of ACWA/JPIA
2. The district must obtain concurrence from at least three other districts
3. Nominating and concurring resolutions must be prepared and approved by the districts’ Board of Directors
4. The candidate may prepare and submit a statement of qualifications
5. All resolutions and statements must be submitted to ACWA/JPIA by March 22, 2019, 4:30 pm.
6. On April 22, 2019, ACWA/JPIA will issue meeting packet containing information on all qualifying candidates and election procedures and rules
7. Election will be held May 6, 2019
8. A district can prepare multiple concurring resolutions
The District’s representative to the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors is Director Plummer. Director Brady is the alternate.

To date, RCWD has received one formal request for a concurring nomination from Vista Irrigation District for nomination of Paul E. Dorey to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee and one inquiry from Andy Morris for a nomination to the CWIF Board of Directors. Director Morris is the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District’s representative on the Santa Rosa Regional Resources Authority (SRRRA) Board of Directors and SRRRA’s director on the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Staff requests that the Committee provide direction to the RCWD Board on the various options to nominate and concur in nomination to the two elections held by the ACWA/JPIA. Various options that staff identified include:

1. Nominate RCWD’s current member on the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors to either the Executive Committee or the California Water Insurance Fund Board
2. Change RCWD’s member on the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors and nominate the revised member to the either the Executive Committee or the California Water Insurance Fund Board
3. Support Concurring in Nomination of Paul E. Dorey to the Executive Committee
4. Support Concurring in Nomination of Andy Morris to the California Water Insurance Fund Board
5. Don’t support already received requests for Concurring in Nomination
6. Don’t support any nominations or request for Concurring in Nomination
7. Do not nominate any RCWD Directors

The District can elect to issue its own nomination and issue concurring nominations at the same time. If the pleasure of the Board is to nominate its own candidate for either the Executive Committee or the California Water Insurance Fund Board, RCWD will need to request from other districts, who are members of ACWA/JPIA, for Concurring in Nomination resolutions.
FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Fiscal impacts are none to minor, depending on travel and cost sharing with ACWA/JPIA.

ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS:

Not applicable

EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS:

A. 2019 JPIA Executive Committee Election Notice  
B. ACWA/JPIA Nomination Procedures  
C. California Water Insurance Fund Board Nomination Procedures  
D. Sample ACWA/JPIA Concuring in Nomination to the Executive Committee Resolution  
E. Sample ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee Nomination Resolution  
F. Sample California Water Insurance Fund Board Concuring in Nomination Resolution  
G. Sample California Water Insurance Fund Board Nomination Resolution  
H. Vista Irrigation District Nomination of Paul E. Dorey
To: JPIA Members  
From: Sylvia Robinson, Publications & Web Editor  
Date: January 8, 2019  
Subject: 2019 JPIA Executive Committee Election Notice

There will be an Executive Committee election during the JPIA’s Board of Directors’ meeting to be held on May 6, 2019, at the spring conference in Monterey.

This election will fill four Executive Committee member positions, each for a four-year term each. The incumbents are E.G. “Jerry” Gladbach, Santa Clarita Valley WA; and Bruce Rupp, Humboldt Bay MWD. There are two vacant positions.

JPIA Directors who are interested in being candidates for the election must represent a District that participates in all four of the JPIA’s Programs: Liability, Property, Workers’ Compensation, and Employee Benefits.

The candidates’ district must submit a nominating resolution and 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.

These nominations must reach the JPIA by the close of business (4:30 pm) on Friday, March 22, 2019. 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.

The nominating procedures and copies of the nominating and concurring in nomination resolutions can be found on the JPIA’s website.
ACWA JPIA
Nomination Procedures

Approximately 120 Days before Election (January 8, 2019)

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 8 – March 22, 2019)

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 22, 2019)

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

Friday – March 22 2019 – 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 22, 2019)

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.
California Water Insurance Fund Board
An ACWA JPIA Captive Insurance Company
Nomination Procedures

Approximately 90 Days before Election (February 5, 2019)

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

A) Date and place of Election;
B) California Water Insurance Fund Board positions and terms of office to be filled by election; and
C) Nomination Procedures.

90 to 45 Days before Election (February 5 – March 22, 2019)

A) A district (that participates in the JPIA Liability Program and at least one of the other programs: Property, Workers’ Compensation, or Employee Benefits) 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.
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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), 2019.

(SIGNATURE)  
Board President

ATTEST:

(SIGNATURE)  
Secretary
RESOLUTION NO.: _______

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 6, 2019.

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), 2019.

(SIGNATURE)
Board President

ATTEST:

(SIGNATURE)
Secretary
RESOLUTION NO. ________

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

(NAME OF MEMBER DISTRICT)

CONCURRING IN NOMINATION TO THE
CALIFORNIA WATER INSURANCE FUND BOARD
AN ACWA JPIA CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY

WHEREAS, this district is a member district of the ACWA JPIA; and
WHEREAS, the Nominating Procedures for the California Water Insurance Fund Board provide that in order for a nomination to be made to the California Water Insurance Fund Board, 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 California Water Insurance Fund Board;

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 California Water Insurance Fund Board.

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), 2019.

(SIGNATURE)
Board President

ATTEST:

(SIGNATURE)
Secretary
RESOLUTION NO.: _______

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

(Name of Member District)

NOMINATING ITS ACWA JPIA BOARD MEMBER TO THE

CALIFORNIA WATER INSURANCE FUND BOARD

AN ACWA JPIA CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY

WHEREAS, this district is a member district of the ACWA JPIA that participates in the JPIA’s Liability Program and at least one of the other programs: Property, Workers’ Compensation, or Employee Benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Nominating Procedures for the California Water Insurance Fund Board provide that in order for a nomination to be made to the California Water Insurance Fund Board, 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 California Water Insurance Fund Board for the election to be held on May 6, 2019.

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), 2019.

(Signature)
Board President

ATTEST:

(Signature)
Secretary
February 7, 2019

ACWA/JPIA Member Agencies

Re: Nomination of Paul E. Dorey to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee

Dear General Manager:

The Vista Irrigation District (VID) has nominated Board member Paul E. Dorey to serve on the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee. Elections will take place at the JPIA Board of Directors meeting on May 8, 2017 at the Spring ACWA Conference in Monterey, California.

Paul has served as VID’s representative to the JPIA Board of Directors for 12 years, and he has been a member of the JPIA Liability Subcommittee for 9 years. We hope your organization will concur with this nomination.

As a member of ACWA/JPIA, Vista Irrigation District requests that your Board submit a resolution of support concurring with the nomination of Paul Dorey to serve on the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee, and vote for him at the election. As you can see from the attached background information regarding Paul Dorey, he is well qualified for this position. All concurring nominations must reach the JPIA office to the attention of Sylvia Robinson at P.O. Box 619082, Roseville, CA 95661-9082 by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2019. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brett Hodgkiss
General Manager

Attachments:
- Statement of candidacy for Paul E. Dorey
- Vista Irrigation District nominating resolution
- Sample concurring resolution

A public agency serving the city of Vista and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside and San Diego County
Paul E. Dorey

Statement of Candidacy

I have served on the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors since 2007. During the last nine years, I have had the privilege of serving on the Liability Committee of the JPIA. The Liability Committee has successfully kept its focus on providing member agencies with the most comprehensive, affordable and reliable liability insurance possible. Our Committee has recommended significant reductions in the premiums paid by member agencies while also increasing the insurance coverages provided.

I was elected to the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors in 2006. The District provides water service to over 135,000 residents in northern San Diego County. I served on the Board of Directors of the Groundwater Resources Association of California, and I currently serve on the San Luis Rey Watershed Council and the Southern California Water Coalition. My wife Nancy and I have lived in Vista since 1971, where we raised our two daughters.

My forty-six years of public service, first in the United States Marine Corps and then in the water industry, have given me the necessary experience and background to serve as a member of the JPIA Executive Committee. This experience has helped me recognize the importance of safety and risk management and the value of developing appropriate policies and procedures, as well as establishing conservative fiscal controls.

As a member of the JPIA’s Executive Committee, I will perform my duties and make decisions to guide the organization to most efficiently benefit its member agencies. I will take my responsibility seriously and serve as a very useful and productive member of the Executive Committee. I value your trust and will honor it if elected to the Executive Committee.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions about my candidacy, feel free to contact me at (760) 208-5263 or Paul.Dorey@vidwater.org.
RESOLUTION NO. 19-08

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
NOMINATING PAUL E. DOREY TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY ("ACWA/JPIA")

WHEREAS, Vista Irrigation 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 Vista Irrigation District that its member of the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors, Paul E. Dorey, be nominated as a candidate for the Executive Committee for the election to be held on May 6, 2019.

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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following roll call vote of the Board of Directors for the Vista Irrigation District this 6th day of February 2019.

AYES: Directors Miller, Vásquez, Dorey, Sanchez, and MacKenzie
NOS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Jo MacKenzie, President

ATTEST:

Lisa R. Soto, Secretary
Board of Directors
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
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), 2019.

(SIGNATURE)
Board President

ATTEST:

(SIGNATURE)
Secretary
ITEM 4: PRESENTATION ON GROUP TO TEAM LEADERSHIP SOLUTIONS TRAINING FOR BOARD/MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

RESPONSIBLE/LEAD STAFF MEMBER(S):

Director of Human Resources, Eileen Dienzo
General Manager, Jeff Armstrong

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is presented for the Planning and Administration Committee’s (Committee) direction. Staff is providing an overview of training options from training consultant, Group to Team Leadership Solutions, to seek Committee feedback and input.

DISCUSSION:

There have been some recent interest to look into team building opportunities with the Rancho California Water District (District) Board of Directors (Board) in order to assist with enhanced communication and Board engagement. The Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) recently had a consulting group, Group to Team Leadership Solutions, present a team building module at the November ACWA/JPIA conference. The presentation outlined a training module, which will help inspire Board members and District management to support sustainable, productive, and powerful teams. The training will provide tools to help the Board and staff organize around a common cause and focus efforts to a common organization purpose, generating and building a culture of team.

The General Manager and Human Resources Director recently met with training consultants from Group to Team Leadership Solutions to review a training initiative to present to the Board for consideration. The chart outlines two options for Board/Management Workshops and a supplemental option targeting the employees of the District.
The two proposals for Board and Manager Workshops are identified below:

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The one-day retreat will focus on their signature program “From Group to TEAM.” This will serve to create a sense of common cause and instill practical steps to develop and maintain a strong culture of team. It will include discussion of personal ownership when fostering teams and overview behavior and thinking. The multi-day retreat will include everything from the one-day and will add a second program “Leading to TEAM” which addresses leadership skills and how to effectively create commitments from others. Both options will also include access to a Robert’s Rules of Order webinar. A sample of an agenda, which outlines the training modules covered, is attached for the Committee’s review. The session will include approximately 20-25 participants.

The District also received a proposal focused on internal staff development. Consistent with efforts over the last four years to improve organizational effectiveness through greater staff collaboration, District management will consider the proposal to implement this training to all departments. However, management will not commit to this effort until after the Board/Manager Workshop is complete and the results are evaluated. The proposal for the staff workshop is to hold four separate identical half-day workshops so that every employee in the organization can be included in this training initiative. The cost of this option is outlined below:

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**ALTERNATIVES:**
- Take no action.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**
- Costs are outlined in the report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS:**
Not applicable

**EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS:**

A. Group to TEAM 1.5 Day Training - Sample Agenda
Group to TEAM Training Agenda for Rancho California Water District

Day 1:

Morning Session (3-hour session - typically 9am-12pm)
1. Mindset - the optimal mindset for collaboration and coordination – between/with board members and between/with managers and board members
2. Power of Intention 1 - Creating context for this meeting – a model for board meetings and manager meetings
3. Who’s in the Room? - Activity – a learning and growth orientation
4. Group and Team Defined - Set the premise, the difference between operating out of self-interest (group) and organizing around a common cause (team). How individuals (on a board or in an organization) can organize around a common cause.
5. Filling the Buckets - (“I’m in group when I…” / “I generate TEAM when I…”) - Group is not negative, it’s normal, it simply isn’t optimal. This activity illustrates the difference in a very personal way.
6. Roles You Play in Group - Activity – How persona prevents TEAM on boards and within organizations.
7. Drama as an Indicator / Drama Triangle - “drama” represents a pattern or habit that people fall into - this reframe allows people to use it as an indicator of group, and easily adjust to discover alignment.
8. Micro-groups (false bonding pattern) - people naturally organize into cliques (like in middle school) - while this may be normal it is also not helpful when desiring to operating as a team.
9. Victim / Responsible - Activity - this is a precursor to a conversation about choice and shifting complaint into requests to activate more empowered choices that lead to better results.
10. Anchoring Statement - this is the label that you want to be identified with - it is a powerful illustration of personal intention

Afternoon Session (3-hour session - typically 1pm-4pm)
12. Marshmallow Challenge - Team Activity - this is a fun activity to put the principles from the morning into action.
13 Patterns and Practices - most people operate out of unintentional habit (pattern) - this session actives intentional choice and ritualized practices to create a desired result.
14. 3 Reflections of TEAM - team is reflected in three areas that we focus on - 1. Meetings 2. Communication 3. Results
15. Communication Environment - Activity - this session illustrates the importance of managing the energetic context in our conversations and communication.
16. **STAY Model** - a simple but powerful tool to stay out of confrontation and contention
17. **High Five Context** - TEAM Vision - Activity - defining the environment that we want to create becomes a harbinger to keep the team on track, going forward.
18. **3 Levels of Respect** - Respect Standard (activity) - adopting this standard will change the way culture of your organization

**Day 2:**

*Half-Day Session (4-hour session - typically 9am-12pm)*

1. **Respect Standard** – Maintaining a respect standard is fundamental to ALL of our interactions.
2. **Be/Do/Have** – Activity – Reverse Engineering Results
3. **Possibility** – Conversations for possibility or conversations for no possibility.
4. **Perspective 101** – a new way of looking at things.
5. **Neutral Event** - Neutralizing Interpretations that don’t serve you - choice
6. **Front of the Boat / Back of the Boat** – Activity – Focusing Forward on what you want verses focusing on what doesn’t work and trying to fix that. Obstacles are overcome much quicker when the focus is forward rather than back.
8. **Dialogue vs. Debate** (healthy vs. unhealthy debate) – Aligned boards handle disagreements and dissent more gracefully to find consensus more quickly.
9. **Care-fronting** – Communication tool to set and re-set the context of difficult conversations.
10. **Speech ACTS** – Conversations for commitment rather than conversations for no commitment – how speech generates results.
11. **Respect Standard** – Confirming commitment to high regard.
ITEM 5:  UPDATE ON CONSERVATION EFFORTS

RESPONSIBLE/LEAD STAFF MEMBER(S):

Sr. Water Resources Planner, Justin Haessly

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Planning and Administration Committee’s (Committee) review and information.

DISCUSSION:

As part of its efforts to achieve the vision of its Strategic Business Plan, Rancho California Water District (RCWD/District) actively promotes water conservation and water-use efficiency. The following provides a brief summary of programs currently being implemented, programs that are expected to begin in the near future, and programs that have been completed.

Existing/Ongoing Programs:

Water Waste Program

- Description – Conservation staff responds to reports of water waste that come through the District website and from field staff. Staff responses include verbal and written correspondence sent to customers.
- Update – The District responded to 44 reports of water waste during the month of January 2019. For calendar year 2018, the District responded to 372 reports of water waste.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Rebate Programs

- Description – MWD offers rebates for conservation devices to RCWD’s customers. RCWD’s financial commitment to its implementation is staff time.
- Update – District customers take advantage of MWD’s variety of rebates. Staff advertises and tracks customer participation for these rebate programs. The table on the following page summarizes RCWD customer participation in these programs.
### Water Use Efficiency Evaluations

- **Description** – RCWD provides water-use efficiency evaluations to its urban customers to help them become more water-efficient. The cost of these evaluations are paid by RCWD. The cost for evaluations conducted in the Rancho Division is partially reimbursed by Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) through MWD.

- **Update** – During calendar year 2018, 89 water-use evaluations were conducted for RCWD’s residential and dedicated landscape accounts. One evaluation was conducted in January 2019.

### Expanded Recycled Water & Plant Material Conversion Project

- **Description** – RCWD received a $750,000 grant through the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to convert the irrigation systems at six City of Temecula (City) sites and three home owner association (HOA) common-area sites from...
potable to recycled water. There is no cash match required from RCWD for this grant; therefore, the District’s financial contribution is staff time only.

- Update – At this point, all three of the HOA sites have been converted to the recycled water system. The remaining six City sites are currently in the design approval phase and are due to be completed in 2020.

**CropSWAP**

- Description – RCWD was awarded a $2M grant through the DWR and an additional $1M grant through the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) for a program that provides growers with financial incentives for replacing higher-water-use crops with those that require less water. A $1M cash match was approved by RCWD’s Board of Directors for this project.

- Update – As of February 2019, 60 customers have submitted applications for participating in the Program. Of these 60 customers, 18 have completed their projects and converted a combined 69 acres of higher water-use crops to lower water-use varieties. In total, the 18 customers are to be provided with ~$850K in financial incentives.

**Agricultural Irrigation Efficiency Program**

- Description – RCWD provides agricultural (Ag) customers with technical assistance and financial incentives for improving their irrigation systems. Since grant funding for this program is no longer available, the District now pays for the program.

- Update – To date, 280 sites have received technical assistance through the program and 87 sites have retrofitted their irrigation systems. The average efficiency of these systems have increased from 62 to 88 percent, because of the retrofits.

**Vinduino Soil Moisture Pilot Project**

- Description – RCWD is implementing a soil moisture pilot project that tests and demonstrates the use of the Vinduino soil moisture devices and remote control valves for implementing efficient irrigation schedules in winegrape vineyards. The effort is has cost ~$20,000 and was funded entirely by RCWD.
- Update – Vinduino sensors were installed at eight winegrape growing operations in the Temecula Valley. Sensor data was made available to each of the eight sites, and each grower is learning how to use the data for irrigation scheduling. The devices have remained installed in each of the vineyards for an additional growing season, and the idea is to monitor their effectiveness in helping growers to be more water efficient. At this point, combined water use for the eight sites is approximately 8 percent lower than in previous years.

**Revenue Protection Program**

- Description – As an addition to the SmartWorks Water Conservation Manager Project, RCWD is working with Harris Computer Systems to use the existing data and algorithms within the SmartWorks software to develop a tool that helps the District to identify malfunctioning meters. The idea is that this effort will enable the District to better identify apparent water loss, avoid lost revenue, and perhaps, develop a new meter replacement program. The cost for this software addition is $10,000 for this fiscal year.

- Update – RCWD’s Information Technology and Water Use Efficiency Departments, together with the Operations Department, have collaborated with Harris Computer Systems to develop the tool. District staff is currently using and improving the tool, and so far, staff has identified a number of malfunctioning/stuck meters that have since been replaced. Identification and replacement of these meters has allowed the District to recover $700K through back-billing efforts. The projected 5-year revenue recovery for this effort is $9.7M.

**Drip Conversion Kit Voucher Program**

- Description – The Drip Conversion Kit Voucher Program provides financial assistance to RCWD’s residential customers for purchasing spray-to-drip conversion kits. The kits are paid for through a partnership between RCWD, MWD, and the participating customer. Kits cost a total of $125: MWD pays $50; RCWD $50; and the customer pays $25 plus tax.
Update – Since April 1, 2017 when the Program was initiated, 75 drip conversion kits have been distributed to RCWD customers. Of these 75 kits, all of them have been verified as installed. Staff will be staging another workshop event on April 20, 2019, during which more of the kits will be distributed to customers.

**Water Bottle Filling Stations**
- Description – To improve District visibility, enhance public relations, and help keep plastic bottles from harming the environment, the District is working with community partners to install water-bottle-filling stations along with interpretive information at local school sites. The two-year budget for this effort is $100K.
- Update – 20 fill stations have been installed at sites owned by the Cities of Temecula and Murrieta, the Promenade Mall, Temecula Valley Unified School District, and Murrieta Valley Unified School District. One more is slated for installation at the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve.

**MyWaterTracker Upgrade**
- Description – To provide better service to the District’s customers, Water Use Efficiency Staff is working to upgrade the MyWaterTracker Tool. Upgrades will include providing water use data to customers more frequently (i.e. hourly usage data available every three hours rather than every twenty-four hours), and providing customers with the ability to customize leak alerts. The project cost is approximately $20K, all of which will be paid using grant funding awarded to the District by the US Bureau of Reclamation.
- Update – The grant agreement for this project has been executed, and work is beginning now.

**Recently Completed Programs:**

**Inland Empire Landscape Guidelines Handbook**
- Description – To encourage customers to implement landscape transformations, the District collaborated with multiple inland empire water agencies to develop and Inland Empire Landscape Guidelines Handbook.
- Update – The Handbook has been completed, and the District has made copies available to its customers.
**SmartWorks Water Conservation Manager**

- **Description** – RCWD worked with Harris Computer Systems to develop a tool that integrates with the District’s billing system and conservation program database to measure water savings that result from the different conservation programs implemented by the District and to provide the District’s customers with scorecards that allow them to compare their property’s water use with similar properties. The total two-year cost for this software was ~$55,000, of which $40,000 was paid for by Western Municipal Water District. The remaining cost was paid by RCWD.

- **Update** – RCWD’s Information Technology (IT) and Water Use Efficiency Departments collaborated with Harris Computer Systems to develop a version of the SmartWorks Conservation Manager that is tailored to meet the needs of the District and its customers. District staff is currently using the software to measure the effectiveness of its conservation programs and has made scorecards, which measure customers’ efficiencies against those of their neighbors, available to its customers via the District website.

**Outdoor Water Conservation Device Demonstration Project**

- **Description** – RCWD received an $85,000 grant through the Reclamation to implement a project, whereby the integration of outdoor water conservation technologies (Wi-Fi Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers [WBICs], high-efficiency nozzles, and pressure-regulating sprinkler stems) were demonstrated to residential customers through the installation of the devices at five residential sites. The match requirement for this grant was met using RCWD staff time.

- **Update** – Wi-Fi WBICs, high-efficiency nozzles, and pressure-regulating sprinkler stems were installed at five sites. RCWD taught participants how to use the technologies and staff monitored changes in usage at the sites. The Project included the creation of a video that highlighted the benefits of the technology, which was made available on the District’s website. In addition, a workshop was held during which the project was described and the technologies were demonstrated and distributed.
Hot-Water Heater Recirculating Pump Rebate Program

- Description – RCWD provided $50 rebates following the purchase of hot-water-heater recirculating pumps. The cost of these rebates was paid for by RCWD.
- Update – Over the life of the Program, RCWD provided 32 customers with a $50 financial incentive for installation of these devices.

Agriculture (Ag) Allocation Review

- Description – Staff periodically reviews the accuracy of Ag customers' water allocations and makes adjustments based on changes in crop types and/or irrigated areas.
- Update – District staff identified 230 customer accounts classified as “Ag,” which do not meet the requirements for Ag account status, as per the District’s Administrative Code. Staff has therefore changed the status of these accounts from “Ag” to “residential” and informed the customers of the change. In addition, staff identified approximately 500 accounts for which irrigated areas have changed significantly since the last review of Ag water allocations was conducted. Staff has finished with the process of modifying water allocations for these accounts to reflect actual irrigated areas and informing affected customers.

Ag Website Upgrade

- Description – RCWD received an $110,000 grant through DWR to upgrade its webpage for Ag customers to include technical-assistance information and data useful to Ag-growing operations. The full match for this grant was met using a previously awarded federal grant.
- Update – Version 1.0 of the upgraded webpage has been published. This grant helped pay for a significant portion of the costs for the most recent MyWaterTracker upgrade, which is complete and provides hourly usage data to growers. At this point, staff is monitoring usage among customers who use the MyWaterTracker tool to assess results in water-savings benefits.

Vineyard Research Project

- Description – RCWD received an $85,000 grant through the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for collaborating with the University
of California Cooperative Extension and South Coast Vineyards for performing research related to RDI for winegrape vineyards. There was no match requirement for this project.

- **Update** – Research is complete, and the final report for this project has been accepted by the CDFA. A separate report will be developed for the local winegrape growing community.

**Recycled Water & Plant Material Conversion Project**

- **Description** – RCWD received a $390,000 grant through the DWR to convert the irrigation systems at three HOA’s common-area sites from potable to recycled water and to replace turf at these sites with lower-water-use plant species. The match requirement for this project was met with RCWD staff time and cash contributions from other entities.

- **Update** – Rainbow Canyon, Meadowview, and Paloma Del Sol HOAs have been converted to the recycled water system. This project has been completed.

**Public Entity & HOA Turf Replacement Program**

- **Description** – RCWD received a $520,000 grant through the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority to implement turf replacement projects at properties owned by HOAs, public agencies, or institutions. There was no matching requirement for this grant.

- **Update** – Nine turf-replacement projects totaling more than 520,000 square-feet were completed through implementation of this project. Three were completed by the City of Temecula, one by the Colony HOA, and six others by the City of Murrieta.

**Turf Replacement Program for HOAs, Public Entities, and Commercial Customers (Funding Source #1)**

- **Description** – RCWD shifted $150,000 in remaining Proposition 84 grant money from its Agricultural Irrigation Efficiency Program to this Turf Replacement effort. The matching requirement for this grant will be met with RCWD staff time.

- **Update** – The turf replacement projects are complete. Over 150,000 square-feet of turf was converted to low-water-use landscape plantings through this effort.
The work took place at Paloma Del Sol HOA, Paseo Del Sol HOA, The Villages HOA, and Erle Stanley Gardner Middle School.

**Turf Replacement Program for HOAs, Public Entities, and Commercial Customers (Funding Source #2)**

- **Description** – RCWD collaborated with EMWD on a $265,000 grant project funded through Proposition 84, which provides $1 per square foot rebates to Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) customers for turf replacement. The matching requirement for this grant has been met with funding provided by MWD for turf replacement efforts during prior years, which means RCWD’s financial commitment to the project is staff time.

- **Update** – 18 applications were submitted by RCWD customers for participation in the Program. Staff evaluated the applications based on criteria such as water savings, public visibility, and ability to complete the project on time as per the terms of the grant agreement. Eight applications were chosen for funding, totaling ~280,000 square-feet of turf replacement. All eight projects are complete, and the final inspections have been conducted to verify actual square footage. Rebates have been processed.

**Community Based Social Marketing Pilot**

- **Description** – Staff worked with the California Water Efficiency Partnership, formerly known as the California Urban Water Conservation Council, on a pilot project that identifies barriers, which prevent urban water users who are “high water users” from transforming high water use lawns to low water use, sustainable landscapes. Other water agencies collaborating on the Project are the City of Long Beach and East Bay Municipal Utilities District.

- **Update** – The survey has been completed and the partnering agencies have completed work with a consultant to make sense of its data. The consultant has completed a final report, which has been reviewed by staff. Staff will use information to develop a strategy for marketing its conservation programs.
Promenade Mall Demonstration Garden

- Description – RCWD works to facilitate the implementation of a demonstration garden at the Promenade Mall, which would function as a community showcase for water-wise landscaping with plant materials that are climate-appropriate.
- Update – The demonstration water-wise garden at the Promenade Mall has been completed.

Sap-Flow Sensor Pilot Project

- Description – RCWD implemented a two-year sap-flow sensor pilot project that tested and demonstrated the use of the devices for implementing regulated deficit irrigation (RDI) strategies in wine grape vineyards. The first year of this effort was funded using previously acquired state grant funding. The second year was funded by RCWD at a cost of ~$16,000.
- Update – Sap-flow sensors were installed for two growing seasons at South Coast Vineyards. The District worked with a consultant to evaluate the ability of the sensors to assist with effective implementation of RDI. The conclusion was that while they can be effective in helping to implement RDI, the cost of the devices is prohibitive.

ALTERNATIVES:
Not applicable

FISCAL ANALYSIS:
Not applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS:
Not applicable

EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS:
ITEM 6: UPDATE ON OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS

RESPONSIBLE/LEAD STAFF MEMBER(S):
Public Information Officer, Grace Cardenas

RECOMMENDATION:
This item is presented for the Planning and Administration Committee’s (Committee) information.

DISCUSSION:
Customer Outreach

It is important Rancho California Water District (RCWD/District) continue to educate our customers about the significance of Vail Lake and how we manage our groundwater supply. RCWD staff is creating an educational campaign that will bring awareness to the unique components of our water supply, how we manage it, and why our District is different from neighboring water agencies. Staff will be creating multimedia components including video and graphics. Staff will also use several outreach approaches such as email blasts, water bill inserts, social media, and the District’s customer newsletter.

In addition to the campaign above, staff is working on new ways to reengage RCWD audiences. The goal is to build relationships with District customers which, in turns, builds trust and confidence in what staff is doing at the District and how we are managing public funds. There will be several layers to this campaign but it will start with simple messaging that is clear and concise, using consistent marketing materials and demonstrating a stronger presence in the community. Instead of a one-time campaign, the focus will be to create something that can be used as a foundation to grow from.

In an ongoing effort to provide customers with helpful information, staff created two videos about water meters. The first video instructs someone how to turn off their water in case of an emergency. The second video describes how to use a water meter to check for possible leaks. The videos will be posted to the District’s social media sites and will be easily accessible on the website as a reference when needed.
Staff is beginning to work on the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The report needs to be completed on an annual basis and posted before June 30. Each year RCWD chooses a topic that guides the design and development of the CCR. Staff is currently deciding on the theme with the help of the water quality team.

Staff will also be attending i-Shine Charter School’s STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) night. The District will be creating edible aquifers with students and their parents. This activity is a fun way to engage students and teach them the importance of groundwater.

On an annual basis, the District holds a contest for middle and high school students to create menus with water facts and activities as part of the District's Education Program. RCWD received over 200 menu design submissions and selected four winners. RCWD and Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) partner each year to hold the Write-Off Contest. This is a class-based project for students in grades 6-8. Students are asked to author and illustrate a story for elementary-aged students about a topic that we provide. This year’s topic was healthy sewers. We’ve received hundreds of submission from our service areas. Staff from RCWD and EMWD read through each story and selected a winner. The District will hold a recognition event on March 14 to honor the winners of the Poster Contest, Menu Contest, and Write-Off Contests. Invitations have been mailed to students and teachers.

Staff is also working on designing a new costume for RCWD’s mascot, Drippy the Water Drop. It was time for Drippy to get an updated look as we’ve had the same costume for several years. The mascot is always a hit at community events and helps to draw interest. Staff will provide more details as the new water drop comes to life.

**Alternatives:**

Not applicable

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Not applicable

**Environmental Requirements:**

Not applicable

**Exhibits/Attachments:**
ITEM 7: UPDATE ON STATE LEGISLATIVE AND FEDERAL LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

RESPONSIBLE/LEAD STAFF MEMBER(S):
Public Affairs Manager, Meggan Valencia

RECOMMENDATION:
This item is presented for the Planning and Administration Committee’s (Committee) information.

DISCUSSION:
This report will highlight legislative activities that affect Rancho California Water District (RCWD/District).

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) released the draft report on *Options for Implementation of a Statewide Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program*, as required by Assembly Bill (AB) 401 (2015, Dodd) and accepted comments until February 1, 2019. The draft report analyzed options for the design, funding and administration of a low-income assistance program, as well as other proposals to improve water affordability. The draft report recommended the program be funded by progressive revenue sources. The draft report also discussed various options for benefit distribution. Once the report is finalized, it will be submitted to the Legislature. Implementing legislation may follow and could result in a water bill subsidy to a significant percentage of California households. Prior to submitting the public comments, RCWD staff met with Max Gomberg from the State Board to discuss the options that were provided in the draft implementation document and how staff felt the different options would affect the District. The goal of the meeting was to look at options and consider what the best alternatives for RCWD would be. The meeting was successful and District staff submitted written comments to the State Board.

On January 11, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom released his first draft State Budget. During his speech introducing the budget and speaking to the issue of safe drinking water the new Governor declared, “We have to get that Monning fee done.” Additionally, the budget document establishes the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water
Fund that will receive funding from new water, fertilizer, and dairy fees, to enable the State Board to assist communities in paying for short-term and long-term costs of obtaining access to safe and affordable drinking water. The Budget also allocates $4.9 million from the General Fund on a one-time basis for the State Board and the California Department of Food and Agriculture Drinking Water Program, for implementation of a collection system, adoption of an annual implementation plan, and development of a map of high risk aquifers used as drinking water sources.

Senator Anna Caballero submitted bill language to implement the Small System Water Authority Act of 2019. The language came from Eastern Municipal Water District and the California Municipal Utilities Association and the language is similar to the language from last year, which passed but was ultimately vetoed by Governor Brown.

During the State of the State speech on February 12, Governor Gavin Newsom scaled back the scope of the WaterFix. The California WaterFix project was designed to divert water from the Sacramento River as it enters the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and carry it through a pair of 35-mile tunnels to existing state and federal pumping stations in the southern part of the delta. “I do not support the WaterFix as currently configured,” Newsome said. “Meaning, I do not support the twin tunnels. But we can build on the important work that’s already been done. That’s why I do support a single tunnel.” Jeffrey Kightlinger, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California’s General Manager said the agency plans to work with Newsom’s office to ensure the region’s water supplies.

Also during the State of the State speech, the Governor announced a new Chair of the State Board. “We have a big state with diverse water needs. Cities that need clean water to drink, farms that need irrigation to keep feeding the world, fragile ecosystems that must be protected,” said Governor Newsom. “We need a portfolio approach to building water infrastructure and meeting long-term demand. To help bring this balance, I’m appointing a new chair of the California water board, Joaquin Esquivel.” Mr. Esquivel has served on the State Board since 2017. Prior to that he was the assistant secretary for federal policy at the California Natural Resources Agency and prior to that he served in the Office of U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer from 2007 to
2015 as a research assistant, legislative aide, and legislative assistant for water and agricultural issues, and as director of information and technology. RCWD has worked closely with Mr. Esquivel for many years dealing with the Pechanga settlement agreement and recently in his role on the State Board.

Laurel Firestone was also appointed to the State Board. Ms. Firestone has been co-founder and co-director of the Community Water Center since 2006. She previously served as the director of the Rural Poverty Water Project at the Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment from 2004 to 2006.

William Lyons was appointed Agricultural Liaison in the Office of the Governor. Mr. Lyons has been chief executive officer of Lyons Investments Management, LLC since 1976. He previously served as Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture from 1999 to 2004. He has an extensive background in agriculture and water policy.

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) commissioner Brenda Burman issued a new deadline of March 4, 2019 for states to finish the Drought Contingency plans or she says she will be collecting comments from the state’s governors on how to solve the region’s water scarcity conundrum. Currently, the seven states are working to collaboratively finish the plans and put them into action themselves. Some language in the plans would then need approval by Congress and the president. If this is not done, the federal government will use its broad authority to manage how water is distributed in the river’s Lower Basin. Hours ahead of the midnight deadline on the afternoon of January 31, a group of Arizona lawmakers gathered in the old state Capitol building to watch Governor Doug Ducey sign a resolution giving the state’s top water official the ability to sign on to the Drought Contingency Plan. However, the federal government came in and said the state did not do enough for the deal to be considered done. Commissioner Burman said additional agreements among the state, individual water districts and tribes were left incomplete. California was also singled out by Commissioner Burman for failure to meet her January 31 deadline. Imperial Irrigation District (IID) is seeking to secure a federal match of $200 million in Farm Bill funds for projects at the Salton Sea. IID board members said they’d support the Drought
Contingency Plan if three conditions were met, one being that the board would be able to vote on a full package of agreements when they were done and that hasn’t happened yet. If these deals are finished they will set to expire in 2026, therefore water managers will begin negotiating a new agreement next year.

Once again, RCWD will participate with other local agencies to host an Inland Empire and Orange County D.C. luncheon for elected officials and staff during the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) D.C. Conference in February. The luncheon always draws many attendees to hear about the water districts projects and priorities. The briefing and luncheon will take place on February 27 at 12:00 in the Gold Room in the Rayburn Building in D.C.

In coordination with the ACWA Legislative Symposium, the District will once again participate in the State Legislative Reception hosted by Inland Empire and Orange County water agency. The reception will take place on March 5 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Esquire Grill in Sacramento.

The last day to submit a state bill to the Legislative Counsel was January 25. February 22 is the deadline to introduce a bill. Currently there are many bills of interest to the District on the following subjects: consolidation/safe drinking water legislation, accessory dwelling units, microplastics, onsite treatment for process water, recycled water, grants/loans/funding, and other miscellaneous bills. Staff will provide additional information as the legislative session continues.

One of the priorities that staff has been working on is securing funding for the Vail Dam project. Two different federal programs that the District are currently pursuing include the Bureau's WIIN funding, section 4007 and the Federal Emergency Management Agency pre-disaster mitigation funds. In order to qualify for these funding opportunities staff has been meeting with many different staff members and elected officials to ensure that the District meets all of the requirements. One of the requirements for the WIIN section 4007 funding is to have support from the Governor. RCWD staff met with Senator Jeff Stone’s staff and the Senator and his staff committed to helping the District get a support letter from the Governor.

Staff met with Mr. Esquival from the State Board to also discuss getting support
from the Governor for the Vail Dam project. During the meeting staff also discussed the water tax and the different proposals and legislation that is being introduced. Mr. Esquivel also expressed interest in coming to the District to see how RCWD is using technology to help our customers. During the meeting Assembly Bill (AB) 401, the shut-off legislation, and the water use efficiency legislation were also discussed. It is important for the District to continue to have a good working relationship with the State Board.

Staff met with Assembly Member Melendez’s staff in January to discuss the District’s priorities and positions on potential legislative proposals. Staff will keep the Assembly Member’s office informed of positions on bills throughout the legislative session. Also in the next month, RCWD staff will give a tour to the Assembly Member of Vail Dam, as well as discuss the Vail Dam project.

Additionally, attached for the Committee’s information is a report prepared by Federal Lobbyist, Eric Sapirstein.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Not applicable

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

Not applicable

**ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Not applicable

**EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS:**

A. State Legislative Matrix - February 2019
B. ENS Resources, Inc. Federal Affairs Legislative Report, dated February 13, 2019
C. Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act Summary Background
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<td>Prohibits an ordinance from imposing requirements on minimum lot size, lot coverage, or floor area ratio. Prohibits an ordinance from establishing size requirements for accessory dwelling units that do not permit at least an 800 square feet unit of at least 16 feet in height to be constructed. Provides that, if a local agency imposes an owner-occupancy restriction, the monitoring for compliance shall not be more frequent than annually and be based on specified published documents.</td>
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<td>AB 305</td>
<td>Nazarian (D)</td>
<td>Public Facilities: Water Quality: Rate Reduction Bonds</td>
<td>Extends indefinitely the authorization for a joint powers authority to issue rate reduction bonds to finance utility projects subject to certain requirements, and the requirement that the California Pollution Control Financing Authority submit an annual report to the Legislature.</td>
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<td>AB 402</td>
<td>Quirk (D)</td>
<td>Water Resources Control Board: Local Primacy Delegation</td>
<td>Includes enforcement costs as costs covered by the annual drinking water surveillance program grant. Authorizes any local primacy agency, with the approval of the State Water Resources Control Board, to elect to participate in a funding stabilization program. Requires the state board, during any fiscal year for which a primacy agency participates in the funding stabilization program, to establish and collect all fees payable by public water systems for the local primacy agency activities.</td>
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<td>SB 45</td>
<td>Allen (D)</td>
<td>Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act 2020</td>
<td>Enacts the Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by voters, authorizes the issuance of bonds to finance projects to restore fire damaged areas, reduce wildfire risk, create healthy forests and watersheds, reduce climate impacts on urban areas and vulnerable populations, protect water supply and water quality, protect rivers, lakes and streams, reduce flood risk, protect fish and wildlife.</td>
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<td>Watershed Restoration: Grant Program</td>
<td>Requires the Natural Resources Agency to develop and implement a watershed restoration grant program for purposes of awarding grants to private property land owners to assist them with watershed restoration on watersheds that have been affected by wildfire. Requires the agency to provide technical resources to the private property land owners seeking assistance with watershed restoration.</td>
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<td>Released Waste: Certification of Local Officers</td>
<td>Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in cooperation with the Department of Toxic Substances Control, to develop and implement a certification program for local officers who enter into remedial action agreements. Establishes the criteria for certification, and procedures for the review and revocation of that certification.</td>
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<td>SB 19</td>
<td>Water Resources: Stream Gages</td>
<td>Requires the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board, upon an appropriation of funds by the Legislature, to develop a plan to deploy a network of stream gages that includes a determination of funding needs and opportunities for modernizing and reactivating existing gages and deploying new gages.</td>
<td>01/16/19 Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water</td>
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<td>SB 204</td>
<td>State Water Projects: Contracts</td>
<td>Requires the Department of Water Resources to provide at least 10 days’ notice to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature before holding public sessions to negotiate any potential amendment of a long-term water supply contract that is of projectwide significance with substantially similar terms intended to be offered to all contractors, or that would permanently transfer a contractual water amount between contractors.</td>
<td>02/04/19 Senate</td>
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Meggan Valencia
FROM: Eric Sapirstein
DATE: February 13, 2019
SUBJECT: Washington Update

Efforts to develop a pathway to finalize fiscal year 2019 spending bills, including USEPA, are on the cusp of being enacted. Congressional negotiators completed action on a compromise and the White House appears prepared to sign the measure that remains to be reviewed by the president. Under the agreement, the border wall funding level is $1.3 billion. The White House is likely to seek to reprogram federal dollars to secure the full $5.7 billion. However, congressional budget leaders are reviewing if this is legal given the limits on the Executive Branch. The prospect of a national emergency being declared appears less likely as Senate Republicans in the form of the Majority Leader have informed the White House that such an action could lead to a resolution of disapproval. With actions to complete fiscal year 2019 agency budgets all but enacted, the next budgetary hurdle will be the transmittal of the fiscal year 2020 budget request. This is expected to take place by mid-March.

The 116th Congress Convenes and Committee Assignment Announced

On January 3, the 116th Congress convened and elected the leadership for the next two years. As reported, Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) was elected Speaker, becoming the first Member of Congress in fifty-five years to reclaim the Speakership. The Republican leader will be Representative Kevin McCarthy (R-CA). It is important to note that for the first time in modern history of the House of Representatives, the chamber’s leaders will be from the same state.

The new House committee structure appears to provide California congressional delegation with significant roles and specifically Southern California. First,
Representative Ken Calvert will become the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations. He will remain a member of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee. However, with his new role at Defense, he leaves the Interior and Environment Subcommittee. Representative Duncan Hunter remains on the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure where the infrastructure policy will be developed.

In the Senate, Senator Dianne Feinstein will continue to serve as the senior Democrat on the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development Appropriations. In this role, Feinstein will continue to advocate for funding of water infrastructure programs and projects. The Senator will also continue to sit on the Subcommittee on Interior and Environment Appropriations with the responsibility for funding USEPA water infrastructure programs and overall water quality programs. In each instance, we expect the Senator will continue to work to provide California with maximum funding of water infrastructure assistance.

**Regulation of PFAS**

Efforts to regulate PFAS in drinking water appear to be unlikely at this writing. Acting USEPA Administrator Wheeler has been provided a recommendation not to set a standard under the Safe Drinking Water Act. PFAS have been found to exist within military bases because of the use of fire retardants. However, the agency is expected to list PFAS as a pollutant under the Superfund program. This action, if it occurs, will allow the fund to be used to cleanup sites on military bases. If Pendleton, or nearby water sources, are subject to contamination, then Superfund might be available to assist in any required cleanups.

**Rewrite of the Clean Water Rule (WOTUS) Impacted by Shutdown**

Efforts to clarify which waters are subject to regulation under the Clean Water Act remains an ongoing effort. Specifically, USEPA, prior to the shutdown, was expediting the rewrite of the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule. USEPA planned to launch the public comment period in January. This comment period would then lead, after the closing of the comment period, to finalization of the rule. It is unclear when the rule might be finalized due to the delay attributable to the shutdown. The existing WOTUS regulatory framework provides that water recycling and treatment facilities are not subject to further regulation and this currently remains in place with the proposed rewrite, but because the rulemaking process was delayed, the public comment period will be restarted with the likelihood that any final rule will not be issued for several months. Even with promulgation, the rule will likely be the subject of litigation and it appears that the existing approach to avoid new regulatory burdens on water agencies will ultimately be part of any final rulemaking.

**Infrastructure Policy Front and Center**

Within the water recycling arena, Representative Grace Napolitano (D-CA) introduced a new water recycling bill (attached) to renew the WIIN program that expended its $50 million authorization. The bill also provides for fixes to expedite
project awards. According to Napolitano, the bill will provide $500 million over five years and increase the project cap to $30 million. Prospects for the bill will hinge on overall infrastructure legislation. It appears highly probable that the measure would be rolled into a larger infrastructure bill. Senator Feinstein’s staff have informed us that the Senator is committed to supporting increased federal assistance to agencies to develop water recycling projects.

Finally, the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure kicked off its policymaking effort when it convened a hearing to examine infrastructure needs across the nation, including water infrastructure. In a marathon hearing of more than six year, the committee heard from witnesses ranging from the Mayor of Los Angeles to the Chamber of Commerce. In the course of the hearing, the issue of privatization was reviewed. The committee heard from the Mayor and public agency heads that transportation projects, for example, could be considered for public private partnerships or privatization, because of the ability to levy tolls. However, water projects were expressly stated as inappropriate for such a development approach due to the complexity of the projects and the need to have well-structured rates. Instead, a call for a robust federal commitment through the SRF, WIFIA and grants was stated. The committee appeared to be receptive to this position, indicating that a priority to preserve the SRF is important. Efforts to develop legislation is expected to begin in earnest over the next several months with the hope that a measure could be voted upon by the House later this summer or early fall.

**Green New Deal Resolution Introduced**

As expected, a House and Senate resolution was introduced. The soup to nuts initiative is a smorgasbord of a resolution. It is meant to serve as a first step toward developing a comprehensive approach to deal with a new green economy. It presents a roadmap that touches on every facet of life in the U.S. Under the resolution, the UN Panel on Climate Change’s findings on the causes of climate change and the resulting impacts from sea level rise to severe storms to economic impacts on communities and public health are recognized as the call for action. The resolution further declares that with stagnation in wage growth, declining life expectancy, and inadequate resources to combat climate impacts, along with threats to national security, a New Green Deal can serve to mobilize the country and create sustainable economic growth, while addressing economic and social “injustices”. The resolution is not expected to be passed by Congress, but floor debate might occur to allow Members to go on the record about the proposed priorities. As Speaker Pelosi stated when asked about the resolution, her reference to the resolution as the “green dream” suggests that the Leadership in House is at best uncertain about the measure’s viability.
H.R. #####, the Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act
By Rep. Grace F. Napolitano

Bill Summary:

The Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act increases the Title XVI authorization under the WIIN Act from $50 million to $500 million. This program is a major federal cost-share program supporting the construction of water recycling projects in the 17 Western states.

Background:

Water supplies across the U.S. have witnessed increasing strains from climate change, droughts and a growing population throughout the past decades. As we work to explore new ways to expand our water portfolio and safeguard our local communities from future water shortages and drought, it is imperative that we continue to promote, expand and explore water recycling infrastructure projects. Title XVI has proven to be one of the most cost effective grant programs to improve our water supply in the 17 Western states by providing long term savings while also boosting local economies with short-term jobs and assists in decreases the reliance on imported water.

Through Title XVI, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) provides funding for water recycling projects that reclaim and reuse municipal, industrial, domestic or agricultural wastewater and naturally impaired ground or surface waters. Applicants are eligible to request cost-shared funding for the planning, design, or construction of these projects. Title XVI projects have not been authorized in over 10 years because Congress now considers them earmarks. Due to this issue, the WIIN Act which was passed in 2016 included a $50 million authorization for new Title XVI projects to continue this vital grant program. In the first round of new WIIN Act Title XVI projects, Congress has received 44 approved studies from Reclamation with a combined total cost of $3,635,834,497. With approved studies totaling upwards of 3.6 billion dollars, it is apparent that the $50 million authorization for Title XVI projects is not anywhere near sufficient.

Full Summary:

Title XVI Water Recycling Program

- Increases the WIIN Act authorization for Title XVI from $50 million to $500 million
- Makes the WIIN Act Title XVI program permanent as it currently expires in 2021.
- Strikes the requirement that projects must be in drought or disaster areas
- Strikes the requirement that the projects need to be designated in an appropriations legislation
- Increase the limitation on the federal share of individual Title XVI projects from the current $20 million in October 1996 prices to $30 million in January 2019 prices.

*Does not change the 25% federal cost share.*
To establish a grant program for the funding of water recycling and reuse projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. NAPOLITANO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ____________________

A BILL

To establish a grant program for the funding of water recycling and reuse projects, and for other purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

3 This Act may be cited as the “Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act”.

(Original Signature of Member)
SEC. 2. COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE FUNDING OF WATER RECYCLING AND REUSE PROJECTS.

(a) COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE FUNDING OF WATER RECYCLING AND REUSE PROJECTS.—Section 1602(f) of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (title XVI of Public Law 102–575; 43 U.S.C. 390h et. seq.) is amended by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and inserting the following:

“(2) PRIORITY.—When funding projects under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall give funding priority to projects that meet one or more of the following criteria:

“(A) Projects that are likely to provide a more reliable water supply for States and local governments.

“(B) Projects that are likely to increase the water management flexibility and reduce impacts on environmental resources from projects operated by Federal and State agencies.

“(C) Projects that are regional in nature.

“(D) Projects with multiple stakeholders.

“(E) Projects that provide multiple benefits, including water supply reliability, eco-sys-
tem benefits, groundwater management and enhancements, and water quality improvements.”.

(b) Authorization of Appropriations.—Section 1602(g) of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (title XVI of Public Law 102–575; 43 U.S.C. 390h et. seq.) is amended—

(1) by striking “$50,000,000” and inserting “$500,000,000”; and

(2) by striking “if enacted appropriations legislation designates funding to them by name,”.

(c) Duration.—Section 4013 of the WIIN Act (43 U.S.C. 390b(2)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and”;

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) section 4009(c).”.

(d) Limitation on Funding.—Section 1631(d) of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (43 U.S.C. 390h–13(d)) is amended by striking “$20,000,000 (October 1996 prices)” and inserting “$30,000,000 (January 2019 prices)”.
ITEM 8: PRESENTATION ON HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITIES

RESPONSIBLE/LEAD STAFF MEMBER(S):
Director of Human Resources, Eileen Dienzo

RECOMMENDATION:
This item is presented for the Planning and Administration Committee’s (Committee) information.

DISCUSSION:
The following narrative report is a summary of the routine activity at Rancho California Water District (RCWD/District) during the reporting period of January 11, 2019 through February 14, 2019.

- **Recruitments:**
  
  - An open recruitment for a Senior Customer Service Representative position opened on Friday, January 3, 2019 and closed Monday, January 14, 2019. Interviews will be held in the coming month(s).

  - An open recruitment for a Construction Inspector I/II or Senior position opened on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 and closed on Friday, January 4, 2019. Interviews were held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019. No suitable candidate was found and a decision was made to reopen the recruitment in the summer. Further updates will be provided as the recruitment progresses.

  - Interviews for two (2) Electrical Controls/Instrumentation Technician I/II or Senior positions were held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019. Offers were extended and accepted by two (2) candidates. Pre-employment testing will be completed soon. Further updates will be given as the recruitment progresses.

  - An open recruitment for a Field Distribution Operator Meter/AMR I/II or Senior opened on Monday, January 14, 2019 and closed on Monday,
January 28, 2019. Interviews were held on Thursday, February 14, 2019. Further updates will be given as the recruitment progresses.

- Promotions/Transfers/Reclassifications: None at this time.
- New Hires: None at this time.
- Resignations/Terminations: None at this time.
- Retirements with Approved Benefits: None at this time.
- Leaves of Absence: The attached listing shows District employees currently on leave of absence.
- Temporary Employees: The attached listing indicates the temporary employees being utilized for the variety of projects requiring additional assistance. This listing is sorted by project/work area to better understand and visually see the resources devoted to each project/work area.
- 2019 Wellness Campaign: The Wellness Committee will begin their campaign in March 2019.

**Alternatives:**

Not applicable

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Not applicable

**Environmental Requirements:**

Not applicable

**Exhibits/Attachments:**

A. Human Resources Status Report - January 11, 2019 - February 14, 2019
B. Employee Population Report - February 21, 2019
# HUMAN RESOURCES STATUS REPORT DETAILED ACTIVITY

## JANUARY 11, 2019 - FEBRUARY 14, 2019

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ITEM 9:    VAIL LAKE PROPERTY UPDATE

RESPONSIBLE/LEAD STAFF MEMBER(S):
    General Manager, Jeff Armstrong

RECOMMENDATION:
    This item is presented for the Planning and Administration Committee’s (Committee) information.

DISCUSSION:
    This item is included on each month’s Committee meeting agenda, as a means for staff to provide a verbal update on matters related to the Vail Lake Property.

ALTERNATIVES:
    Not applicable

FISCAL ANALYSIS:
    Not applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS:
    Not applicable

EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS: