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DIRECTOR AB 1234 REPORT

Name of Director: Jerry Gladbach

Name of Meeting: NWRA's Board of Directors Date of Meeting: April 28, 2021 Date of Meeting to be Presented at: May 4, 2021 Points of Interest:

Budget: Most states have paid their full years dues so revenue is really up and the registrations for the first two meetings is above expectations, so income is above the budget. Expenses: the main expense is the management contract, which is on budget, other expenses are way down. Overall the budget is doing great.

The investment in Edward Jones has increased from \$759,000 to \$973,000 in the last 13 months.

The Western Water Seminar, NWRA's summer meeting, will be a mix of virtual and an in-person tour of the Columbia River from Portland to the Grand Coulee Dam. The dates are August 10-12.

The Annual meeting will be in Phoenix from Nov. 8-11. The meetings will be held in the offices of the Salt River Project, and NWRA will not reserve a block of rooms nor have a contract for food and beverage, this approach really reduces the cost of the meeting.

The Audit for 2020 is underway.

The Strategic Planning Committee has updated the Strategic Plan, it mainly consisted of reorganizing the Plan to make it more readable.

Jennifer Persike, has stepped down as the Chair of the PR Committee, the Vice-Chair will take over the Chair. The committee is looking for more members. NWRA is working with other associations in media efforts, including press releases. The last press release, following the unveiling of the American Jobs Plan was picked up by AgriPulse, Water and Waste Digest, Ag Net West, The Fence Post, Lake County News, Agriculture World, and Produce Industry World. NWRA is working on an op-ed with the Family Farm Alliance regarding water infrastructure.

NWRA has been very active in advocating for water issues, particularly regarding infrastructure, and the American Jobs Act. NWRA is also a part of a coalition with ACWA, The Family Farm Alliance, and Western Growers.

Mike Conner has been nominated to head the Corps of Engineers, Civil Works and Camille Toulon has been appointed as the Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation. NWRA and many of its members have worked with both of these individuals and we are fortunate to have them in these positions.

# **National Water Resources Association**

## **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Federal Water Issues Conference  
Zoom

Wednesday, April 28, 2021  
11:30 am (Eastern)

## **AGENDA**

1. Certification of Quorum
  2. Seating of the Board
  3. Approval of Minutes
  4. Treasurer's Report
    - a. 2021 1st Quarter Financials
    - b. Investment Account Update
    - c. 2020 Financials
    - d. Resolution to Authorize Maintenance of Fidelity Account
  5. Conference Committee Report
  6. Audit Committee Report
  7. Strategic Planning Committee Update
  8. Litigation Review Committee Report
  9. Public Affairs Committee Report
  10. Federal Affairs Committee Report
  11. Other Business
  12. Adjournment
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Director name: Gary Martin

Meetings attended: Delta Conveyance Design & Construction Authority (DCA) Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SEC) meeting.

Dates of meetings: April 28, 2021

Location: Virtual

SCV Water Board meeting to be presented at: May 4, 2021

On April 28, 2021, I attended the DCA Stakeholder Engagement Committee meeting conducted virtually on the RingCentral platform. The meeting agenda and points of interest are listed below.

1. Welcome and Call to Order by SEC Chair Sarah Palmer
2. Roll Call
3. Review of Minutes for February 24, 2021 SEC Meeting
4. Updates and Committee Discussion
  - 4a. DCA Review and Updates
  - 4b. DWR CEQA Status Update
  - 4c. SEC Questions or Comments on February 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting Presentation
  - 4d. Public Comment on Item 4
5. Presentation and Committee Discussion
  - 5a. Design Changes
  - 5b. Ongoing Outreach Efforts
  - 5c. Environmental Justice Survey Results
  - 5d. Community Benefits Program Update
  - 5e. Public Comment on Item 5
6. Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting
  - 6a. Community Benefits Framework
  - 6b. Design Change Updates
7. Non-Agendized SEC Questions or Comments
8. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items
9. Adjournment

Key Points of Interest:

- Mr. Graham Bradner was introduced as the interim executive director by Chair Palmer and Mr. Bradner provided a brief summary of his background and experience.
- Mr. Bradner described the 5 guiding principles of the DCA moving forward as collaboration, communications, quality, innovation and community.
- Mr. Bradner presented a bar schedule showing the 4 focus areas going forward through FY23/24 as the geotechnical program, stakeholder engagement, RFI's and change requests from DWR, support of DWR in permit preparation and hearings.
- Ms. Carrie Buckman, DWR Environmental Program Manager provided an update on environmental review and an estimated schedule going, showing the final EIR/EIS and ROD/NOD complete in the Q3 of 2023, and other environmental processes complete in Q2 of 2024.
- DCA staff addressed questions raised by SEC members at the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- DCA Staff provided a brief presentation on design changes, including changes to the southern complex power supply, and re-alignment of Bethany Reservoir access roads.

- Janet Barbieri, DCA Communications Manager provided a brief summary of the Delta Conveyance Project 2021-2022 Communications Plan and Public Outreach and Community Engagement Plan.
- A presentation was made on the Environmental Justice Survey results.
- Comments were made by committee members on the Community Benefits Program that is under development.

I found the meeting to be informative and helpful in understanding the public involvement and input from members of the committee and efforts underway by the project team to address comments.

AB1234 Report  
Lynne Plambeck  
SoCal Water Dialogue  
4/28/21 12PM- 1:30PM  
Virtual Meeting Webinar

Topic

**JPL/NASA Scientist to Speak on Predicting Future Water Availability in a Changing Climate**

Dr. Michael Gunson is the Manager, Global Change & Energy Program and Project Scientist @The Orbiting Carbon Observatory

After getting his degrees in chemistry from Bristol University, he moved to JPL in 1987. Since then, he has been involved in a number of NASA satellite and instrument projects aimed at measuring the composition of Earth's atmosphere from the ozone layer to nearer the Earth surface. In between cups of tea and biscuits, he is currently the Project Scientist for the Orbiting Carbon Observatory and also working to help see how JPL's expertise can address emerging needs and have direct societal benefits

Predicting future water availability in a changing climate presents a real challenge for scientific research on many fronts. But broadening our understanding is critical to adapting our water systems for the future.

The Orbiting Carbon Observatory (OCO-2) maps and monitors carbon emissions throughout the world. It was responsible for many of the maps that showed a drop in emissions during pandemic shutdowns. JPL/NASA scientist Dr. Michael Gunson provided an in-depth exploration of the fundamental and essential role of water and clouds in the greenhouse effect and a look at why predicting changes to the cycling of water through all of its phases presents some of the biggest questions in climate research.

According to Dr. Gunson, cloud elevation makes a difference in whether sunlight will be reflected outwards or trapped within the atmosphere causing increased temperatures. He provided simple drawings to illustrate physical cycles, making them more understandable.

Big questions - How will the water cycle that we have depended on in the past, change in the future. More precipitation in some areas. Stronger storms, reduced snow cover (this is dramatic for SoCal water supply), earth surface gets warmer, so snow melts faster.