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DIRECTOR AB 1234 REPORT

Director Name: Maria Gutzeit

Meeting Attended: Conference Call with Senator Wilk

Date of Meeting: 4/28/20

Board Meeting to Be Presented At: 5/5/20

Points of Interest: Senator Wilk participated in a phone call with board officers and staff. He asked (in advance) if we had any questions related to Covid-19 and the legislature, which will resume in May. Many things are uncertain. They are expecting severe budget cuts but that will not be fully known until July. The early budget will not show the complete impact of the cuts needed.

Water agency staff asked about some bills, particularly one regarding generator use in Public Safety Power Shutoffs. Senator Wilk later informed us that is still moving, but many bills will not be acted on. Only a handful of bills are moving, though there are some spot bills that will be worked on as well. The water agency's primary concern is handling (or "borrowing") of 1% tax revenues, forcing us to raise rates. Senator Wilk suggested we write a formal letter on that topic to all our representatives ASAP.