Director AB 1234 Report November 1, 2022

ITEM NO. 11.2

Director name: Gary Martin

Meetings attended:

1) 10/20/22 Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board of Directors Meeting -hybrid

2) 10/27/22 City of Santa Clarita State of the City, at the Canyon Country Community Center

Dates of meetings: October 20 and 27, 2022

Locations: as noted above

SCV Water Board meeting to be presented at: November 1, 2022

On October 20, 2022 I attended the regular meeting of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board of Directors on the RingCentral virtual platform. The agenda was as follows:

- Call to Order by Board President Sarah Palmer
- Roll Call
- · Pledge of Allegiance
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes (8/18, 9/15 and 10/14 DCA board meetings)
- Consent Calendar one item for continuation of hybrid meetings pursuant to AB 361.
- Discussion Items
- 7a. October DCA Monthly Report Information Only
- 7b. Field Work Activities Program Report Information Only
- 7c. DCA Policy against Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation -- Adoption of Resolution
- 7d. Amendment to the Procurement Policy Adoption of Resolution
- Staff Reports and Announcements
- 8a. General Counsel's Report
- 8b. Treasurer's Report
- 8c. Verbal Reports, if any
- Future Agenda Items
- Adjournment

Points of interest:

- The consent calendar was approved.
- Resolutions were adopted approving Items 7c and 7d.
- The monthly report shows that works is on schedule and expenditures are in line with the approved budget. Field work for subsurface exploration (soil borings) is a major effort that is underway.

On October 27, 2022 I attended the City of Santa Clarita State of the State held in-person at the Canyon Country Community Center. The program was as follows:

- Welcome by City Manager Ken Striplin
- Invocation by Pastor David Hegg, Grace Baptist Church
- Color Guard by the Golden Valley High School Air Force Junior ROTC
- · Pledge of Allegiance led by Congressman Mike Garcia
- National Anthem by the Saugus High School Marching Centurions

Presentations on City's 35-year history and 2022 accomplishments:

- Mayor Laurene Weste
- Mayor Pro Tem Jason Gibbs
- Councilwoman Marsha McLean
- Councilmember Bill Miranda
- Councilmember Cameron Smyth

Lynne Plambeck AB1234 Wednesday, October 26, 2022 12:00 – 1:30 pm Zoom Webinar

Can We Conserve Our Way Out of this Drought?

Innovative and experienced water conservation experts provided an exploration of how conservation actions and projects can be accelerated to better manage the current mega drought. Speakers discussed actions that can be taken immediately, strategies to move past barriers, and approaches to hasten the application of promising policies and technologies.

Max Gomberg, former Water Conservation and Climate Change Manager, State Water Resources Control Board, We need to re-evaluate business as usual attitude of water agencies. Updated plumbing and other technologies have allowed us to decouple population increases from the need for future increased water supply.

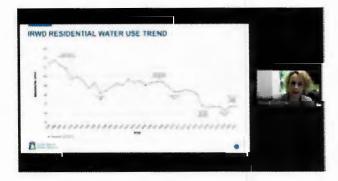
Tracy Quinn — Chief Executive Officer, Heal the Bay, former Director of California Urban Water Policy at the Natural Resources Defense Council Conservation for low income households Water Now and Pacific Institute — alternative funding for low income households

We should be banning Non-functional turf. We can still conserve much more water.



Fiona Sanchez - Director, Water Resources, Irvine Ranch Water District

Why are we constantly going into drought emergencies? We need more storage – preserving and restoring existing infrastructure, Must maximize surface and ground water storage. Need more investment in state water conveyance. Irvine Ranch is now only 18% dependant of State Water Supplies. Water Conservation is a critical tool in the tool box, but Irvine has already done a lot of water conservation and there isn't much more to be had. To get to 20% reduction, would have to ban all outdoor potable irrigation – Looking at demand hardening. \$5 per sq foot for turf removal. Removing additional turf is very expensive, may not be cost effective. Unintended consequences – state policies may disincentivize investments into resiliency.



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Director Name: <u>Maria Gutzeit</u>

Meeting Attended: <u>State of the City, City of Santa Clarita</u>

Date of Meeting: _____10/27/2022

Board Meeting to Be Presented At: 11/01/22

Points of Interest:

The State of the City was again held at the relatively new Canyon Country Community Center. It was well attended by local people and elected officials including all of the City Council as well as Congressman Garcia, Assemblywoman Valladares, County, School, Water and College representatives, and first responders from the fire department, CHP, and Sheriffs.

Each Councilmember highlighted certain areas of the City activities that happened in the last year. Of particular interest to me was how the traffic safety team reduced vehicular accidents and injuries. The City also highlighted the stormwater catch basin underneath the community center itself, and stated that even with our low rainfall they estimate they had diverted 14 million gallons of stormwater for recharge while also reducing stormwater pollution. They gave an example of water saved in terms of football fields of water 1 foot deep HOWEVER I would have liked it in acre feet or households' worth of water, being from the water world. The pictures illustrating the construction were also well done.

I continue to think this event is MUCH improved from years past. It is fast moving, fun, positive, informative and showcases a nice city facility. They even give out a "snack box" from one of the local farmer's markets and featured one of the high school bands, and a color guard. This is a terrific example of an event that builds community awareness in a positive manner and may be a good example for SCV Water to look at.