Director AB 1234 Report March 21, 2023

Director name: Gary Martin

Meetings attended:

1) 3/10/23 Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board of Directors Briefing (Zoom);

2) 3/16/23 AWA WaterWise Breakfast Meeting (ZOOM)

Date of meetings: March 10 & 16, 2023.

Location: Both meetings were virtual on Zoom.

SCV Water Board Meeting to be presented at: March 21, 2023

On March 10th and 16th, 2023 respectively, I attended the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board of Directors Briefing, and the AWA WaterWise Breakfast Meeting. Both meetings were held virtually on Zoom. Points of interest for both are as follows:

March 10, DCA Board Briefing

The DCA Board Briefing is held in months where no DCA Board Meeting is scheduled to update 3 of the 7 DCA Directors on issues of importance. The following were discussion points of interest:

- DWR Environmental (Janet Barbieri) updated the attendees on the status of the Draft EIR for the project.
- Tom Philp updated the group on public messaging in various areas of the project, including benefits, traffic issues, pile driving alternate methods, and preparation of video clips and 1-2 page documents to better inform the public on the project.
- Legal counsel provided an update on efforts to obtain entry orders for locations where sub-surface investigations (soil borings) are planned for the rest of this year.
- Executive Director Graham Bradner presented an overview on the monthly report, including work performed and planned, and budget and schedule status.
- Received a very informative presentation from the project tunneling lead on innovations that are
 occurring in tunnel boring machine (TBM) technology.

March 16, Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County (AWA) Breakfast Meeting

The March 16th AWA Breakfast meeting included the 47th Annual Installation of Directors and Officers of the AWA Board, and a presentation from Shanti Rosset, Metropolitan Water District Colorado River Resources Policy Manager, on the current status of the Colorado River from the MWD, Southern California, and historical perspective. Based on Ms. Rosset's presentation, I think it's safe to say that the California and 6-States alternatives for resolving where the water use cuts will come from to address shortages on the Colorado River differ significantly, but that MWD is working with the other 6 states and resource agencies to arrive at a workable solution.

An interesting note - Sheldon Berger, a UWCD Board Director, who was MC'ing the event stated as the meeting was adjourning that he just received a text from Mauricio Guardado (UWCD GM) that Lake Piru was "spilling."

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Director Name:	Maria Gutzeit	

Meeting Attended: Director One-on-One with Matt Stone

Date of Meeting: <u>03/13/23</u>

Board Meeting to Be Presented At: 03/21/23

Points of Interest:

I had my virtual one-on-one with General Manager Stone on 3/13/23. We discussed my concerns with cost controls or at least reality checks on non-competitive bid projects such as administrative contracts. We also briefly discussed the viability of potential actions to get movement on statewide infrastructure as mentioned during the Urban Water Institute.

Mr. Stone provided information on the challenges facing small systems not connected to existing infrastructure.

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Director Name:	Maria Gutzeit	

Meeting Attended: Water Academy

Date of Meeting: <u>03/15/23</u>

Board Meeting to Be Presented At: 03/21/23

Points of Interest:

I attended the first meeting in the new Water Academy program launched by SCV Water. Staff did a good job keeping the meeting on time (5-7:30) and presented information on our water sources, the drought status, and rebates. One topic had to be cut to fit in the allotted time. I especially enjoyed the presentation on our varied water sources....just the right level of detail.

The attendees were quite diverse and of the 25 people only Sandra Cattell has participated in SCV Water activities before. There was a range of ages and backgrounds. Most questions (at the end) were related to rebates. Staff had a flyer on the issue of population growth and water supply, but no one asked that question. The SCVWA staff said will be surveying participants after every meeting in order to fine tune the program.

Board members were not allowed to participate in the meeting until Q&A but it was good to see how this new program was laid out and received. We did get to chat with folks beforehand and during breaks. Of note, everyone seemed to enjoy living in Santa Clarita and was eager to learn more about water and the agency. It was a very positive meeting.