




BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 24, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Steve Cole 
Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: October 20, 2022 Public Outreach and Legislation Committee Meeting Report

The Public Outreach and Legislation Committee met at 5:30 PM on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at the Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom located at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. In attendance were Committee Chair Piotr Orzechowski, Directors Beth Braunstein, R.J. Kelly, Gary Martin and Lynne Plambeck. Staff members present were Steve Cole Assistant General Manager, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, Executive Assistance Eunie Kang and Information Technology Tech I Jonathan Thomas. Attending virtually were Senior Public Affairs Specialist Lindsey Gibson, Public Affairs Specialist II Laura Gallegos, Consultant Geoff Bowman from Van Scoyoc Associate, Consultant Dennis Albiani, Anthony Molina, and Annalee Akin from California Advocates, Consultant Hunt Braly from Poole Shaffery, and members of the public were present. A copy of the Agenda is attached.

Item 2: Public Comment – There was public comment.

Item 3: Legislative Consultant Reports – Staff and the Committee reviewed the federal legislative report by Geoff Bowman, state legislative report by Dennis Albiani, Anthony Molina and Annalee Akin and local legislative report by Hunt Braly.

Item 4: Discussion of Jerry Gladbach Scholarship and/or Internship – After review and discussion, the consensus of the Committee was to bring this item back for further consideration at the November 17, 2022 Committee meeting.

Item 5: Discussion of Water Academy Pilot Session – Staff provided an outline of the SCV Water academy pilot session proposal. The Committee is in full support of the process and staff will implement the session starting in February/March 2023.

Item 6: Agency's New Website Status Report – Staff presented an overview of the Agency's new website platform. The Committee previewed the main priorities achieved in the new site: customer usability, functionality, content management system and promoting SCV Water's goals, identity, and messaging.

Item 7: Communications Manager Activities – Staff and the Committee reviewed the following information:

- Legislative Tracking
- Grant Status Report
- Sponsorship Tracking FY 2022/23
- Public Outreach and Legislation Committee Planning Calendar FY 2022/23

Item 8: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Attachment



Date: October 13, 2022

To: **Public Outreach and Legislation Committee**
Piotr Orzechowski, Chair
Beth Braunstein
R.J. Kelly
Gary Martin
Lynne Plambeck

From: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager 

The **Public Outreach and Legislation Committee** meeting is scheduled on **Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 5:30 PM** at **26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350** in the **Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom**. Members of the public may attend in person or virtually. To attend this meeting virtually, please see below.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

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Attendees should be aware that while the Agency is following all applicable requirements and guidelines regarding COVID-19, the Agency cannot ensure the health of anyone attending a Committee meeting. Attendees should therefore use their own judgment with respect to protecting themselves from exposure to COVID-19.

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MEETING AGENDA

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1.	<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>	
2.	<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> – Members of the public may comment as to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency that are not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this Agenda may do so at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.)	
3.	Legislative Consultant Report:	
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* 3.2	California Advocates	3
* 3.3	Poole & Shaffery	65
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7.	Communications Manager Activities:	
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* 7.4	Committee Planning Calendar FY 2022/23	85
8.	Adjournment	
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•	Indicates Handout	

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Posted on October 13, 2022.

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