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DIRECTOR AB 1234 REPORTS

Director Name: Maria Gutzeit

Meetings Attended:

- 02/20/26 Virtual Meeting w/ Joe Byrne on draft General Manager Contract
- 02/25/26-02/27/26. Urban Water Institute Conference Indian Wells

Board Meeting to Be Presented At: 03/03/26

Points of Interest:

02/02/26: We discussed scheduling options, reviewed proposed draft contract, and discussed what information would be helpful for Directors during upcoming contract discussions.

02/25-27/26: I attended the UWI conference in Indian Wells with several Directors and GM Stone. Unlike ACWA, this is a smaller group that generally met in the same room the entire time. Speakers and panels were excellent and included a mix of issues including SGMA, Ag, PR, affordability, and the Colorado River. One favorite session was "How to Change Public Perception" where one speaker talked about how customer service chatbots can help customers navigate websites. In that session another panelist quipped that agency websites shouldn't be a "junk drawer of PDFs." SCV Water was a session sponsor for "Beyond the Labels: Understanding Generational Changes in the Workforce."

I enjoyed "The Water Association Dating Game: Find Your Match in Today's Changing Landscape." The "winner" was Charley Wilson of Southern California Water Coalition, who made a strong case for his organization (which SCV Water is a part of.) Second place went to Danielle Blacet-Hyden of the California Municipal Utilities Association, who pointed out policy wins her organization has had, including securing $2 billion in funding to pay for past-due utility bills after Covid. CMUA emphasized that they advocate for public water, wastewater and power entities in California, and that by joining together they have a stronger voice than just water alone. This organization might be worth a look for SCV Water.

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Director AB 1234 Report
March 3, 2026

Director name: Gary Martin
Meetings attended:
1) 2/19/26 Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board Meeting via Zoom.
2) 2/25 – 2/27/26 Urban Water Institute Board Meeting and Spring Conference in Indian Wells, CA.
Board Meeting to be presented: March 3, 2026.

2/19/26

I attended the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board of Directors meeting via Zoom at the SCV Water board room. The agenda and points of interest are as follows:
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call.
3. Closed Session – the board adjourned to closed session to discuss the item agendized. The board took no reportable action and reported as such when open session resumed.
4. Open regular meeting & pledge of allegiance.
5. Public Comment.
6. Approval of Minutes – the board approved the minutes of the December 18th Regular Board meeting.
7. Discussion Items
7a. Executive Director Graham Bradner presented the February monthly board report for information only.
7b. The Senior Leadership Spotlight was presented for Ashley Partida, Human Resources Manager. This was an information only item.
7c. The Board adopted an Amendment to the DCA Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation.
7e. In a single motion, the Board adopted the Third Amendment to the Associated Right-of-Way Services Service Agreement; The Third Amendment to the Hamner, Jewel and Assoc. Real Estate Services Agreement; and the Fourth Amendment to the Bender Rosenthal Real Estate Services Agreement.
7f. The board took action to appoint Director Jacque McMillan to the position of Legislative Liaison.
8. Reports and Announcements. The following reports were provided to the Board for information only:
8a. General Counsel's Report.
8b. Treasure's Report.
8c. DCP Communication Report
8d. DCP Environmental Report.
8e. Verbal Reports
9. Future Agenda Items – none requested.
10. Adjournment

2/25/26

I attended the Urban Water Institute Board Meeting and Spring Conference in Indian Wells, CA.
The agenda and points of interest are as follows:
1. Call to Order at 10:00 AM
2. Welcome and declaration of quorum by Board Chair Andree Lee
3. Action Items:
   - The minutes of the August 20, 2025 board meeting were accepted.

- The board approved 10 new board members.
- The board approved the proposed 2026 board officer slate as follows: Board Chair Dave Pedersen; Vice Chairs Jason Philips and Rich Nagel; Secretary Greg Newmark; Treasurer Lisa Ohland; Assistant Treasurer Laura Freese; Membership Chair John Coleman; Program Chair Jennifer Persike; Members at Large Larry Dick, Stephen Dopudja, and Brian Probolsky.
- The board received a proposal presentation and approved CA-United Partnership proposal.
- The treasurer's reports (2025 financial report and the 2026 proposed budget) were presented by Lisa Ohland.
- 2026 Spring Conference metrics (registrations and sponsorships) were presented by Jessica Ouwerkerk and Paula Currie.
- Executive Director Darcy Burke discussed the Spring workshop.
- Jessica Ouwerkerk provided the membership committee report, including membership and sponsorship updates.
- The 2026 Annual Conference will be held on August 19-21 at the Loews Coranado Bay Resort.
- Executive Director Darcy Burke led a discussion of annual conference topics and speakers.
- Upcoming dates for future meetings were announced.
- Adjournment

2/25/26 – 2/27/26

I attended the UWI Spring Conference in Indian Wells, CA. Program sessions and any points of interest are as follows:

2/25/26

1:00 PM to 1:15 PM

Conference welcomes were given by incoming board chair Dave Pedersen and Executive Director Darcy Burke.

1:15 to 2:00

The opening Keynote, "Changing California's Water Planning Process to Meet Our Unpredictable Future," was presented by Joel Metzger, Deputy Director, Statewide Water Resources Planning and Enterprise Project management, California Department of Water Resources.

2:15 to 3:30

"The Projected Change is Here; a Peek into SGMA's Impact on the Central Valley."

Moderator: Jason Philips; Panel: Janie Gatzman, Jim Moreland, Aaron Fukuda.

3:45 to 5:00

"Change Makers"

Moderator: John Coleman; Panel: Shivaji Deshmuhk, Anona Dutton, Valerie Kindcaid.

2/26/26

9:00 AM to 10:15 AM

"Changing Affordability Metrics" A four-member panel discussed various methods of determining affordability of water and wastewater treatment rates, and what utilities are doing to help keep water affordable.

Moderator: Andree Lee; Panel: Joe Mouawad, Greg Thomas, Dr. Kurt Schwabe, Peiffer Brandt.

10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

"How to Change Public Perception." A panel looked at ways to improve public trust in tap water.

Moderator: Heather Collins; Panel: Will Ketchum, Bratton Riley.

1:15 PM to 2:15 PM
"Beyond the Labels: Understanding Generational Changes in the Workforces." A panel of representatives from 3 different generations of water professionals discussed the different ways each looked at employment priorities.
Moderators: Jennifer Persike and Liji Thomas; Panel: Hailey Rowbatham (Gen Z); William McDonnell (Millennial); and Ofelia Rubio (Gen X).
2:30 PM to 3:30 PM
"The Water Association Dating Game; Find Your Match in Today's Changing Landscape."
Moderators: Lisa Ohland and Rich Nagel; Panel: Sue Mosburg, Danielle Blacet-Hyden; Charley Wilson.
A series of participants asked each panelist a question and responses were evaluated by the audience (I think?) It was entertaining (especially Rich), but I may not have gotten the point.
3:45 PM to 5:00 PM
"Changing Commodity Markets; California's (Wine) Grapes of Wrath." The panel of California wine grape growers and producers discussed the challenges they face in the California wine industry.
Moderator: Darcy Burke; Panel: John Chandler; J. D. Harkey; Glenn Spyksma.

2/27/26

9:30 AM to 10:45 AM
"A Changing Colorado River." A panel of experts discussed "inside baseball" insights into the negotiation process and challenges in getting an agreement done amongst the Colorado River stakeholders.
Moderator: Meena Westford; Panel: Bill Hasencamp; Amy Ostdiek; Kathryn Sorensen.