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**AGENDA
MESA WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, February 25, 2019
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
3:30 p.m. Special Board Meeting**

**LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, February 25, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Items Not on the Agenda: Members of the public are invited to address the Board on items which are not on the agenda. Each speaker is limited to three minutes. The Board will set aside 30 minutes for public comments.

Items on the Agenda: Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken, or after the Board has discussed the item. Each speaker is limited to three minutes. The Board will set aside 60 minutes for public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Approve all matters under the Consent Calendar by one motion unless a Board member, staff, or a member of the public requests a separate action.

1. State Advocacy Update

ACTION ITEMS:

2. Committee Meeting Dates and Chair Appointment

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Items recommended for approval at this meeting may be agendized for approval at a future Board meeting.

3. Orange County Update
4. Outreach Update

REPORTS:

5. Report of the General Manager
6. Directors' Reports and Comments

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None



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Members of the public desiring to make verbal comments utilizing a translator to present their comments into English shall be provided reasonable time accommodations that are consistent with California law.

Agenda materials that are public records, which have been distributed to a majority of the Mesa Water Board of Directors (Board), will be available for public inspection at the District Boardroom, 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA and on Mesa Water's website at www.MesaWater.org. If materials are distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior or during the meeting, the materials will be available at the time of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager
DATE: February 25, 2019
SUBJECT: State Advocacy Update

RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided for information only.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

This item is updated for the bimonthly meeting of the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee.

DISCUSSION

Staff will provide a verbal report to the Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2019, \$89,000 is budgeted for Legal Services; \$42,000 has been spent to date.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Sara J. Fahy, Public Affairs Manager
DATE: February 25, 2019
SUBJECT: Committee Meeting Dates and Chair Appointment

RECOMMENDATION

Confirm the 2019 Legislative & Public Affairs Committee regular meetings for the fourth Monday, every other month, beginning in February, starting at 3:30 p.m., and appoint the Committee Chair.

STRATEGIC PLAN

- Goal #1: Provide a safe, abundant, and reliable water supply.
- Goal #2: Practice perpetual infrastructure renewal and improvement.
- Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.
- Goal #4: Increase public awareness about Mesa Water® and about water.
- Goal #5: Attract and retain skilled employees.
- Goal #6: Provide outstanding customer service.
- Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

This item is annually updated at a meeting of the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee (LPAC).

DISCUSSION

Annually, the LPAC appoints a Committee Chair and approves the regular meeting date and time. Historically, the LPAC had met at 3:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month. In 2018, the LPAC meeting moved to the fourth Monday of every other month starting at 3:30 p.m.

In 2019, staff recommends that the LPAC continue to meet at 3:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every other month unless that date has a conflict or falls on a holiday in which case the meeting moves to the Monday prior (as noted with an asterisk below):

- February 25
- April 22
- June 24
- August 26
- October 28
- December 23* - *reschedule to Monday, December 16*

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Stacy Taylor, External Affairs Manager
DATE: February 25, 2019
SUBJECT: Orange County Update

RECOMMENDATION

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STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

This item is updated for the bimonthly meeting of the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee.

DISCUSSION

The Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) government relations program includes monitoring local and regional political issues and policy-setting authorities (i.e., County of Orange, Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission, etc.). Mesa Water's consulting firm, Lewis Consulting Group, will provide an update to the Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2019, \$50,000 is budgeted for Support Services; \$28,000 has been spent to date.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
FROM: Sara J. Fahy, Public Affairs Manager
DATE: February 25, 2019
SUBJECT: Outreach Update

RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided for discussion.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #4: Increase public awareness about Mesa Water® and about water.
Goal #6: Provide outstanding customer service.
Goal #7: Actively participate in regional water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

This item is updated for the bimonthly meeting of the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee.

DISCUSSION

Mesa Water District's (Mesa Water®) outreach program aims to connect Mesa Water with its constituents in order to achieve Goal #4 of the District's Strategic Plan. Outreach activities are also designed to achieve the Strategic Plan goals related to human resources, customer service, and/or regional water issues involvement by educating and informing the District's constituents about Mesa Water, water issues, and water in general. Mesa Water's constituents include external audiences – such as customers; community members; elected officials; industry colleagues, water districts and special districts; and media – as well as internal audiences such as staff, retirees and Board members. Currently, staff have planned for participation in approximately 22 events in a Fiscal Year (FY) which are summarized below.

Planned Fiscal Year 2020 Events

1. One Mesa Water Flagship Event - In FY 2020 Spring such as a Mesa Water 60th Anniversary Event
2. One Specialist Event such as a Water Issues Study Group
3. Two Water Use Efficiency Events such as Landscape workshops
4. Five over 14 days – General Community Events such as Lions Club Fish Fry, Children's Water Education Festival, Concerts in the Park and Environmental Nature Center Fall Faire
5. Eight - MWRF VIP Tours / Open houses / Ad Hoc – such as Costa Mesa Elected Officials Tour, ACWA Communications Committee Industry Tour, Institute for Conservation Research and Education (approximately 150ppl)
6. Five – Townhalls / Community Chats – such as local Board member meet and greet at division locations



Upcoming Fiscal Year 2019 Events

1. **5th Grade Assembly** - Pomona Elementary School, 2051 Pomona Avenue, Costa Mesa: Monday, March 25, 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.
2. **Children's Water Education Festival** - University of California, Irvine: Wednesday, March 27 through Thursday, March 28, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The benefits of Mesa Water's outreach program include:

- Informing constituents about Southern California's perpetual drought, the historical drought facing California, and the importance of developing local and cost-effective sources of safe, reliable water for Mesa Water's service area and the region at large;
- Educating constituents about the importance of water and water stewardship, in order to sustain Southern California's population, quality of life, business, and economy;
- Educating constituents about Mesa Water's stewardship of ratepayer funds and financial responsibility to fund, invest in, and save for the current and future provision of safe and reliable water for the District's service area;
- Informing constituents of the District's infrastructure improvements to ensure water quality and water reliability for its service area;
- Learning from constituents and evolving as a well-informed Board of Directors (Board);
- Promoting water use efficiency to Mesa Water's customers and community members to help them save water, money, and the environment;
- Ensuring, for public health and safety reasons, that Mesa Water customers and community members identify the District as their water provider and as the source of information about water in emergency situations;
- Supporting Mesa Water's service area as an actively involved participant in programs that provide added value and benefits to the community;
- Informing the media of Mesa Water's activities that benefit the District's customers and community;
- Empowering Mesa Water's Board and staff with information that will help them provide the best possible service to the District's customers and community members; and,
- Strengthening Mesa Water's industry relations to provide opportunities for improving the District's business and operations -- including the areas of financial and human resources strength, infrastructure and technological innovation, and setting/supporting policies that have a positive impact on Mesa Water's service area -- so that the District can continue to provide safe, high-quality, reliable, and affordable water to its customers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2019, \$292,000 is budgeted for the District's Public Affairs department expenses; \$153,000 has been spent to date.



ATTACHMENTS

None.

REPORTS:

7. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

REPORTS:

6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS