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**AGENDA
MESA WATER DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.
Panian Conference Room**

Committee Members: Shawn Dewane, President
Marice H. DePasquale, Vice President
Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
Denise Garcia, Chief Administrative Officer

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Items Not on the Agenda: Members of the public are invited to address the Board regarding items which are not appearing on the posted agenda. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes. The Executive Committee will set aside 30 minutes for public comments for items not appearing on the posted agenda.

Items on the Agenda: Members of the public shall be permitted to comment on agenda items before action is taken, or after the Executive Committee has discussed the item. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes. The Executive Committee will set aside 60 minutes for public comments for items appearing on the posted agenda.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

None

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Federal Government Advocacy Consulting Services

REPORTS:

2. Future Agenda Topics
3. Report of the General Manager
4. Directors' Reports and Comments



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ADJOURNMENT



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager
DATE: November 1, 2023
SUBJECT: Federal Government Advocacy Consulting Services

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the Board of Directors approve a contract renewal with Van Scoyoc Associates, Inc. for \$135,000 to provide Federal Government Advocacy Consulting Services through December 31, 2024.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #1: Provide an abundant, local, reliable and safe water supply.
Goal #2: Perpetually renew and improve our infrastructure.
Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.
Goal #4: Increase favorable opinion of Mesa Water.
Goal #7: Actively participate in regional and statewide water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

At its November 15, 2022 meeting, the Board of Directors (Board) awarded a one-year contract to Van Scoyoc Associates, Inc. (VSA) for \$135,000 to provide Federal Government Advocacy Consulting Services.

At its October 11, 2023 meeting, the Board received a presentation from VSA regarding its Federal Government Advocacy 2023 Year in Review.

DISCUSSION

VSA has served as effective Federal Government Advocates for Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®), including, but not limited to, the following activities in 2023: developing the District's Federal Advocacy Plan; collaborating with industry agencies/associations (Association of California Water Agencies, Orange County Water District, etc.) on Federal policy issues; ongoing Orange County Federal Delegation communications (correspondence, meetings) with -- and on behalf of -- the District; securing, through the Federal Appropriations process, Senator Padilla's listing of Mesa Water's priority projects for Congressionally Directed Spending; facilitating the District's advocacy meetings, in Washington D.C., with OC Delegation Congress members, staff, and key Federal agency staff; and, supporting the successful grant funding award of \$250,000 from the United States Bureau of Reclamation for the District's Local groundwater Supply Improvement Project (Local SIP) feasibility study.

Due to VSA's successful year of Federal Government Advocacy engagement for Mesa Water, staff recommends that the Board approve a contract renewal with Van Scoyoc Associates, Inc. for \$135,000 to provide Federal Government Advocacy Consulting Services through December 31, 2024.



FINANCIAL IMPACT

In Fiscal Year 2024, \$475,000 is budgeted for Water Policy Support Services; \$118,300 has been spent to date.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
DATE: November 1, 2023
SUBJECT: Future Agenda Topics

RECOMMENDATION

Review future agenda topics.

STRATEGIC PLAN

- Goal #1: Provide an abundant, local, reliable and safe water supply.
- Goal #2: Perpetually renew and improve our infrastructure.
- Goal #3: Be financially responsible and transparent.
- Goal #4: Increase favorable opinion of Mesa Water.
- Goal #5: Attract, develop and retain skilled employees.
- Goal #6: Provide excellent customer service.
- Goal #7: Actively participate in regional and statewide water issues.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

None.

DISCUSSION

Staff will provide a list of future agenda topics at the Executive Committee meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

REPORTS:

3. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

REPORTS:

4. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS