



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
4040 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90712
12:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

AGENDA

Each item on the agenda, no matter how described, shall be deemed to include any appropriate motion, whether to adopt a minute motion, resolution, payment of any bill, approval of any matter or action, or any other action. Items listed as "For Information" or "For Discussion" may also be the subject of an "action" taken by the Board or a Committee at the same meeting.

- 1. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. INVOCATION**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3
- 5. ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO THE AGENDA**
Determine the need to add items to the agenda. In order for the Board to add an item to the agenda it must make a determination that: (i) The item came to the attention of the Board after the posting of the agenda; (ii) That there is a need for immediate action to be taken by the Board. If these two tests are met, the Board may add the item in question to the agenda for consideration consistent with the provisions of the Brown Act.
- 6. MIDYEAR 2017-18 BUDGET AND 2018-19 DRAFT BUDGET REVIEW**
Finance/Audit Committee Recommendation: The Board of Directors receive and file the report.
- 7. COMMENT LETTER ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM**
External Affairs Committee Recommendation: For discussion and possible action.
- 8. DISTRICT COUNSEL'S REPORT**
- 9. AB 1234 COMPLIANCE REPORTS AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS**



10. WRD BOARD MEETING DATES

- A. February 21, 2018 – 11:00 a.m. – Regular Board of Directors Meeting
- B. March 21, 2018 – 11:00 a.m. – Regular Board of Directors Meeting
- C. April 18, 2018 – 11:00 a.m. – Regular Board of Directors Meeting
- D. May 17, 2017 – Regular Board of Directors Meeting

11. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to Government Code §54956.9
Name of Case: Water Replenishment District v. Tesoro Refining
LASC Case No. BC493914
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (b), One Matter

12. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board will adjourn to a Board of Directors meeting, currently scheduled for February 21, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Agenda posted by Sherri Brown, Senior Administrative Specialist on February 13, 2018. In compliance with ADA requirements, this document can be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 6

DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2018

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: MIDYEAR 2017-18 BUDGET AND 2018-19 DRAFT BUDGET REVIEW

SUMMARY

Each year, the Finance Department prepares a midyear budget review which is designed to provide an update on the current year's activities when compared to the adopted budget. This is then used as a platform for the ensuing year's budget process. Staff will provide the Board of Directors with a presentation on the midyear review process and the draft 2018-19 budget at the Board meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

The budget and replenishment assessment has a direct fiscal impact to the District's operations in the ensuing fiscal year.

FINANCE / AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.



MEMORANDUM

ITEM NO. 7

DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2018

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: ROBB WHITAKER, GENERAL MANAGER

SUBJECT: COMMENT LETTER ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

SUMMARY

WRD has been asked by several other water agencies to consider adding the District's name to a letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors with comments regarding the County's Safe, Clean Water funding initiative that will collect funds on a parcel tax basis to develop stormwater capture and cleanup projects. This letter encourages the Supervisors to ensure that increased water supply is a goal of the initiative. The letter also encourages the development of metrics to best prioritize projects that result in the greatest combination of water supply and water quality benefits. Additionally, the letter encourages the development of a governance structure to administer regional funding similar to the existing Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, of which WRD is a member.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

For discussion and possible action.

Attachment: Draft letter on Los Angeles County Safe, Clean Water Program

January 30, 2018

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

WATER AGENCY COMMENTS ON LA County Water Resiliency Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the County's Safe, Clean Water Plan and for including water agency representatives on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

We recognize the potential role of stormwater capture as part of a more comprehensive strategy to improve water quality, water supply reliability and drought preparedness for Los Angeles County residents. In addition, we applaud the County's efforts to develop a framework for multi-benefit projects that will improve water quality, increase water supply and enhance communities. We believe a carefully planned well-balanced, multi-benefit approach could achieve your stated objectives and would like to offer our collective experience and knowledge as public water supply managers to assist in your planning.

To support success of the program, we offer the following comments:

- 1. Ensure the characterization of the program's anticipated water supply benefits is realistic and achievable.**

To maintain credibility and the trust of County residents, businesses, and taxpayers, it is essential to accurately characterize the anticipated water supply benefits of the program. In our experience, the public has been most supportive of new water quality and water supply investments when they have a clear understanding of the costs and benefits. The program materials note that over 107 billion gallons of water was lost during last year's rainstorms and that Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) could potentially double or triple the amount of rainfall it currently captures. Given that LACFCD achieves approximately 80% of its annual average recharge capacity through 10 major facilities, it is unlikely that the program's comparatively smaller, distributed stormwater capture projects could double, much less triple, the capacity. Furthermore, there are many areas throughout the County where water supply augmentation through stormwater capture and infiltration into groundwater basins is not feasible due to local geology, existing contamination, or project location upstream of existing percolation facilities. We recommend revisiting the program's potential water supply benefit figures and providing more realistic and achievable estimates. The comparative costs and benefits of alternative investment

opportunities would also be useful to help guide an investment strategy that can yield the highest benefits for the least cost. This does not mean that only the least expensive options should be chosen for investment. Multi-benefit options that can be sustained under potentially variable climate conditions could merit higher priority.

2. Provide sufficient flexibility for the watershed-based regional program to fund projects that result in meaningful water supply benefits.

The watershed-based regional program, which would constitute 50% of the total funding, should provide additional flexibility to fund a broader range of projects that would maximize the potential increases to water supply. As written, the definitions included in the draft program framework could unnecessarily limit the types of projects that would meet the threshold eligibility criteria. Enclosed is a document with our suggested refinements to the definitions. These proposed changes would allow funding for projects such as those involving the diversion of urban runoff or stormwater to the sanitary sewer system for subsequent water recycling. Another investment opportunity could be increased water conservation. We have seen great progress in reducing water supply demand as a result of our public education and incentive programs. For the purposes of your planning, it would be important to recognize that these positive results include more capacity in the sanitary system to accept and treat dry weather flows from streets and yards, as well as some wet weather flows. This means more opportunity to cost effectively manage significant flows regulated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board's MS4 Order. The result could be less cost for cities struggling to find ways to pay for their MS4 compliance. It is also well known that a major contributor to dry weather flows is over watering of landscape at homes, businesses, public parks, schools, and street medians. Coordinated investments in converting these properties to more efficient watering systems and drought tolerant landscapes can continue to directly reduce unwanted stormwater flow and contamination. All of these types of investments with measurable cost, water quality, and water supply benefits should be included as part of your Resiliency Plan. We stand ready to help provide information, and to assist County staff to integrate the available data into your planning process.

3. Develop metrics to prioritize projects that result in the greatest combination of water supply and water quality benefits.

Metrics should be developed to support an objective process to prioritize projects that result in the greatest combination of water supply and water quality benefits. To the extent possible, the metrics should be quantitative and recognize that cost of providing the desired benefits. For water supply benefit, the quantity of additional water supply and cost per acre-foot would be valuable metrics.

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4. Establish a governance structure similar to that utilized for administering the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

For governance of the proposed regional program, we recommend a watershed-based model similar to that utilized to administer the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). The Greater Los Angeles County IRWMP governance system consists of a Leadership Committee that is chaired by LACFCD with sub-regional representation from each watershed and representatives for five water management focus areas: groundwater, open space, sanitation, stormwater and surface water (see enclosed organizational structure).

We appreciate your consideration of our comments and look forward to continuing to provide input through the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,