

MINUTES
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
February 10, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Arrived
Angela Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kelvin Moore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Socorro Pantaleon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
John Thiel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mary Jo Hartley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kimberly Ceron	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Isabelle Medina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Director Garcia inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak. No requests were received, therefore Director Garcia closed the public comment period.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Federal Update.

David Turch & Associates representative Jones provided an update on the current political climate in Washington and discussed the appropriations process and how it may impact the District's funding. Mr. Jones also provided an update on the upcoming ACWA D.C. conference and meetings that will be held with various congressional offices and agencies, and noted the suspension of environmental justice programs at the EPA.

2. State Legislative Update

California Strategies representative Brulte provided an update on the recent Sacramento Legislative trip, noting how well the District was prepared and as a result was well received, and discussed follow-up items.

Additionally, updates were provided on Assemblyman Ramos' bill related to tribal communities for which ACWA took an oppose-unless-amended position; SB 72, relating to the State Water

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Resource Management Plan; and the Water Theft Bill, for which we provided information to ACWA, and they have used our information in their handout.

3. WVWD Legislative Report

Public Outreach and Government Affairs Representative Medina provided a Legislative Report that included: ACWA updates, high-priority issues and legislative positions on various bills, and the potential for funding zero-emission vehicles and benefits of pre-purchasing large vehicles to meet potential regulations.

4. Updates to External Affairs Committee

Manager of Public Outreach and Government Affairs Pantaleon provided an Update on Earth Day 2025, which will include a collaboration with Colton Unified School District and will include hosting over 200 local second graders here at the District Headquarters; staff is planning to host a stakeholder tour of District facilities in May or June for local organizations including our local Chambers of Commerce; and the importance of community outreach was discussed to ensure we are communicating to the public our efforts to enhance our infrastructure and fire hydrant capabilities.

Additionally, the West Valley Water District Video was presented which highlights the District and services provided. The video will be used for workshops, community events, social media, and website.

5. Social Media Report

Senior Public Affairs Representative Hartley provided the Social Media Report and reported on the efforts by the District to grow our social media presence, noting a big part of this endeavor was including our mascots in an array of videos and posts. Overall, our social media presence has grown on all of the platforms last year and we continue to see engagement with posts about our community, initiatives, and continuing to invest in our infrastructure.

IV. ADJOURN

Director Garcia adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

ATTEST:



Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary

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