

MINUTES
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
November 25, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Arrived
Angela Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Daniel Jenkins	<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

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

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Updates to the External Affairs Committee.

Scott Goodell, IE Works Representative, provided an overview of the JVS and IE Works program. The Committee discussed the program and shared ideas for expanding the program to focus the people in our service area. Director Garcia inquired about the certifications the interns receive upon completion of the program, stated she would like other regional agencies to participate in the program, and suggested the new contract include that students selected for the program must reside in our service area. This item will be on the January 16, 2025 Board of Directors agenda for review and approval.

Manager of Public Outreach and Government Affairs Pantaleon shared the draft version of the video capturing our commitment to the community and indicated the video will be shared with the Board after some edits; indicated the 2025 Poster Contest Calendars will be received in the next few weeks; and indicated Bloomington High School's ROTC will lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the swear in ceremony on December 5th.

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2. Federal Update.

David Turch & Associates representative Jones provided an update on the current status of Fiscal Year 2024 projects selected by Congressman Aguilar; the need for the District to develop the priority list of projects for the Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations in preparation for the D.C. trip; and connecting with Congressman Aguilar's office to provide a tour of the Bloomington Alleyway Project Phase 3. District staff thanked representative Jones for assisting with the letters of support of the AMI grant application.

3. State Legislative Update

California Strategies representative Lites provided updates on the California Legislature which is anticipated to have a Senate and Assembly democratic supermajority; Governor Newsom's special session that will focus on "Protecting California Values"; State Water Board regulations on hex chromium MCL's and it's ramifications; Prop 4 Climate Bond; suggested the Committee create a list of projects that will require funding in preparation of the new legislative session; and discussed potential dates for the Sacramento advocacy day.

4. October/November Social Media Report

Senior Public Outreach and Government Affairs Representative Hartley provided the social media report, reported the top post for the month featured #WomeninWater, and provided an update regarding engagement on social media.

5. Prop 218 Communications Consultant

Manager of Public Outreach and Government Affairs Pantaleon provided the report and recommendation to move forward with the consulting firm that scored the highest out of the four proposals received. The committee requested the consultant present at the next External Affairs meeting before presenting the contract for approval at the December 19th Board of Directors meeting.

IV. ADJOURN

Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary

Minutes were approved on March 24, 2025 by the External Affairs Committee of the West Valley Water District

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