

**MINUTES**  
**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**of the**  
**WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**  
**December 16, 2024**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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. Updates to the External Affairs Committee.**

Director Garcia nominated Director Moore to serve as Chair for the upcoming year. No decision was made on who would serve as Chair.

Manager of Public Outreach and Government Affairs Pantaleon showcased the new conservation boxes and indicated they can be picked up by customers during normal business hours or at community events, reported on upcoming community events staff will be attending and donating water to, including a monetary sponsorship to Fontana's Unified School District's 27th Fontana Santa's event; reviewed the Public Outreach and Government Affairs projects and initiatives for the upcoming year; provided an Update on Supervisor Armendarez check presentation on January 16, 2025 for the Hydrant Retrofit Project; and the 2025 Poster Contest calendars were distributed.

Manager of Public Outreach and Government Affairs Pantaleon presented a roadmap of the legislative process and provided the latest two versions of the Legislative Principles. David

Turch & Associates Representative Jones provided additional information on the federal legislative process and Manager of Public Outreach and Government Affairs Pantaleon, Public Outreach and Government Affairs Representative Medina, and Public Outreach and Government Affairs Representative II Ceron provided information on the state legislative process. This item is currently on the December 19, 2024 Board of Directors agenda, however the Committee recommended bringing the item to the Board of Directors in January instead.

## 2. Federal Update.

David Turch & Associates representative Jones provided an update on federal legislation and congressional appointments; President Elect Trump's administrative agenda; upcoming legislation and Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations requests; reported that Norma Torres will reintroduce the Arsenic and Nitrates Bill to Congress and suggested and it would be beneficial to contact local agencies to gather support for the bill; and indicated Congresswoman Norma Torres may introduce legislation for Septic to Sewer conversions.

Additionally, Mr. Jones indicated they will be working with staff to prepare for the ACWA D.C. trip and finalize the list of priority projects for the appropriations requests and other District items of interest.

## 3. State Legislative Update

California Strategies representative Mackay provided updates on the California Legislature and the upcoming Sacramento Advocacy trip; discussed SB 937, Development Projects and Fees and Charges, for which they will provide additional information and next steps; and indicated a working group has been created through CMUA for the Low-Income Assistance Workgroup.

## 4. Presentation by JPW on Prop 218 Outreach and Communications Services

JPW representatives Jenny Windle and Leslie Spring presented their proposal for the Prop 218 Outreach and Communication campaign which will include a pre-survey to measure how the community feels about the District and a post-survey to measure the outreach campaign. This item will be presented to the Board of Directors for review and approval at the December 19, 2024 meeting.

## IV. ADJOURN

Director Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:35 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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