

MINUTES
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
April 28, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:17 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"/>	
Linda Jadeski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mary Jo Hartley	<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 (Verbal)

David Turch & Associates representative Jones provided an update on Congressman Aguilar's submittal of our Cybersecurity Project as one of his 15 project requests for the FY 26 earmarks, update on the Water and Energy Efficiency Grant application for our AMI Project for which we should get a response in the next month or two, and provided an overview of H.R. H.R. 2766, Special District Fairness and Accessibility Act, which the District is supporting.

2. State Legislative Update (Verbal)

California Strategies representative Olsen provided an overview of various legislative bills that the District is supporting or opposing, and indicated that the Governors May Revision will be released on May 10th. Additionally, California Strategies is working with staff to set up meetings in May during CSDA's Legislative Days as well as setting up additional advocacy meetings in June.

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3. 2025 April Federal/State Legislative Update

Public Affairs and Government Outreach Representative Medina presented the report. The committee reviewed the legislative packet.

4. Updates to the External Affairs Committee

Manager of Public Outreach and Government Affairs Pantaleon provided an update on the Earth Day Event, for which there were 230 second graders in attendance and we received great feedback from the students and teachers. The Committee recommended also partnering with Rialto Unified School District for future Earth Day events.

Ms. Pantaleon also reported a list of past and upcoming events, and reported on recent monetary sponsorships and water donation requests. She indicated that staff is working on a sponsorships and donations policy that will be brought back to the committee for review and comment.

5. February 10, 2025 and March 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The committee approved the minutes.

6. March/April Social Media Report

Senior Public Affairs and Government Outreach Representative Hartley presented the Social Media Report. The Committee received and filed the report.

7. Branding Guidelines

Manager of Public Outreach and Government Affairs Pantaleon presented a draft of the branding guidelines, which will standardize the District's brand across all platforms including the website, social media, printed materials, signage, and presentations, and ensure a consistent professional appearance to our customers and stakeholders.

The committee provided comments and requested that this item be brought back to the next committee meeting for additional review.

IV. ADJOURN

Director Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

ATTEST:



Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary

Minutes were approved on June 23, 2025 by the External Affairs Committee of the West Valley Water District.

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