

MINUTES
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
November 24, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:03 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 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

Item #1 was discussed after Item #2.

Manager of Public Outreach and Government Affairs Pantaleon provided an update on the Public Outreach and Government Affairs intern recruitment, and indicated they are working with Fleet on procuring a Hydro Van and recently did some test drives to help select a vehicle. Additionally, Ms. Pantaleon reported that staff has been communicating with Cal State San Bernardino about a potential fellowship program and will be bringing information to the Human Resources Committee.

Human Resources and Risk Manager Sainz provided an update on IE Works.

2. Federal Update (Verbal)

David Turch & Associates representative Jones provided an update on the reopening of the government and the short-term Continuing Resolution.

Mr. Jones discussed potential D.C. advocacy trips and recommended splitting the trip into two separate trips with the Board to increase visibility, strengthen engagement, and create additional opportunities for Board members to directly interact with members of congress and federal agencies.

3. September 29, 2025 and October 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The Committee Approved the minutes.

4. Sponsorship Request

Manager of Public Outreach and Government Affairs Pantaleon presented two sponsorship requests from (1) Fontana Santa's Program, requesting \$2,500, and (2) Milor High School requesting funds to cover school bus cost to tour our facilities. The committee approved these sponsorship requests as per the Sponsorship Policy.

5. Social Media Report - Oct. - Nov.

Senior Public Outreach and Government Affairs Representative Hartley presented the report. The committee received and filed the report.

IV. ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:

Paola Lara

Paola Lara, Acting Board Secretary

Minutes were approved by the External Affairs Committee on 2/09/26.