

STAFF REPORT

To: Coastside County Water District Board of Directors

From: David Dickson, General Manager

Agenda: January 10, 2012

Subject: Coastside County Water District Board Committees

Recommendation:

Discuss and consider appointment of Board members to serve on District Committees and as District representatives to external organizations and associations. Past practice has established that the President of the Board makes the appointments to committees and designates who will serve as the District representative to external agencies, except for the Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) representative, who must be appointed by CCWD Board action.

Background:

The purpose of the District's Committees is to assist the Board with issues and decisions and provide recommendations pertaining to a variety of areas, including Finance, Water Quality, Human Resources, Water Resources and District Facilities. Each of the committees is comprised of two Board members with interest in the specific subject matter.

Each of the Committees has a particular charge or set of tasks to address, as described further below. Standing Committees do their assigned work on a continuing basis. Committees meet as needed rather than on an established regular schedule. The District notices and conducts all Standing Committee meetings in accordance with Brown Act public meeting requirements.

The Board President and the Board may also form temporary Advisory Committees focused on a specific task or objective. An Advisory Committee dissolves after the completion of the task or achievement of the objectives.

Past District practice has established that committee appointments are the prerogative of the Board President. The paragraphs below provide additional detail on the Standing Committees.

Coastside County Water District Standing Committees

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is responsible for reviewing and providing recommendations regarding the annual Operations and Maintenance and Capital Improvement Program budgets, and annual financial audits, as well as financial performance oversight. This Committee is also responsible for the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) related matters.

Water Quality Committee

This Committee reviews and oversees the health and safety certification and compliance process required by state and federal laws, and all other issues related to water quality. This Committee also reviews the Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report), and the Annual Report to the Drinking Water Program.

Human Resources (Personnel & Recruitment) Committee

The development and review of the General Manager's Performance Plan is the responsibility of this Committee, and includes meeting to discuss both the mid-term and the annual performance evaluations, as well as preparation of the evaluation report to be approved by the Board. This Committee also reviews changes to staff position descriptions, revisions and additions to the District's personnel manual, and recruitment for vacant staff positions when necessary.

Water Resources Committee

This Committee is responsible for oversight of the Pilarcitos Integrated Watershed Management Plan and reviews the District's Urban Water Management Plan, the Water Shortage and Drought Contingency Plan and the Memorandum of Understanding and Best Management Practices associated with the California Urban Water Conservation Council. This Committee may also be involved with San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) matters, including supply contract negotiations with the SFPUC in conjunction with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA).

District Facilities Committee

This Committee oversees the development and implementation of the annual Capital Improvement Program. The Committee also reviews the Capital Improvement Program budget and schedule and presents recommendations to the Finance Committee. This Committee is also involved in the Denniston Restoration Project.

Coastside County Water District Advisory Committees

Montara Water & Sanitary District Mutual Interest Committee

This Committee meets with representatives of the Montara Water & Sanitary District to discuss areas of mutual interest to both Districts.

Coastside County Water District External Organization Representatives

In addition to the District's Standing Committees, Board members may also serve as representatives to several external organizations, including the following:

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)

ACWA is the largest statewide coalition of public water agencies in the country. It is a leader on California water issues and a respected voice for its members in both Sacramento and Washington, D.C. ACWA's 450 public agency members are responsible for 90% of the water delivered to communities, farms, and businesses in California. ACWA plays an active role in managing the states' water resources and promoting investments in water use efficiency, water recycling, ground management and desalination. ACWA's membership is organized into ten geographic regions. The regions provide a structure in which members can discuss issues of mutual concern, and based on that interaction, provide representative input to the ACWA Board. The District's ACWA representative typically attends the annual Spring and Fall Conferences and is eligible to vote as the District's voting designee in ACWA elections. A District Board Member may also serve as an ACWA Region 5 Director or hold other ACWA offices.

Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) -

ACWA/JPIA was formed during the mid 1970's to provide liability coverages tailored to the unique needs of California Water Agencies. The District obtains its property, liability and worker's compensation coverage from the JPIA. As a member of the JPIA, the District names one of its directors and at least one alternate to sit on the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors. The designated representative is able to vote at conferences. If the designated Director cannot attend a conference, then the alternate Director is allowed to vote in his/her absence. The designated Board member's term coincides with their term on the CCWD Board.

California Special District Association (CSDA)

CSDA was formed in 1969 to provide active representation at the State Capitol for its nearly 900 members, made up of independent special districts, including irrigation, water, parks and recreation, cemetery, fire, police protection, library,

utility, harbor, healthcare and community service districts. CSDA pursues statewide policy legislation of benefit to special districts and provides advocacy, training, information, and financial services to help strengthen and increase the efficiency of special district operations. The agency is governed by a 19-member Board of Directors representing six regions throughout California who are elected through a mail-in ballot process. The District designates a CSDA representative to receive information and updates from the CSDA.

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)

LAFCo is a state-mandated, independent agency with countywide jurisdiction over changes in organization and boundaries of cities and special districts, including annexations, detachments, incorporations and formations. The District annually designates a Board member and an alternate to represent the District for the purposes of participation in the LAFCo election of officers.

Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA)

BAWSCA was created on May 27, 2003 to represent the interests of the cities and water districts, and two private utilities located in Alameda, Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties that purchase water on a wholesale basis from the San Francisco Regional Water System. BAWSCA's goals are to ensure a reliable supply of high quality water at a fair price. The agency is governed by a 27-member Board of Directors comprised of representatives from all BAWSCA agencies. The District's BAWSCA representative must be appointed by Coastside County Water District Board action. The CCWD Board appointed Director Coverdell in June 2009 to serve as the BAWSCA representative for the current term through June 30, 2013.

Fiscal Impact:

\$20,000. is included in the CCWD 2011/2012 Budget for Director's attendance at Regular Board meetings, Special Board meetings, and District Committee meetings.

Subject to Section XII of the Code of Conduct, each Board member is compensated in the amount of \$150.00 per meeting for attendance at Regular or Special meetings of the Board and Committees that are duly noticed in accordance with the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code 54950 et seq), and for other service rendered as a director at the request of the Board, subject to a maximum of \$150.00 per day and \$600.00 per calendar month.

