

**LEGAL, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES
Tuesday, January 14, 2020
4:15 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE

Directors: Jim Gunther (Chair), Paul Sethy 
Staff: Robert Shaver, Sharene Gonzales, Renee W. Gonzales, Laura Hidas
Legislative Representative: Jonathan Clay, Erin Gilbert (by phone)

DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Update on State Legislation: Jonathan Clay and Erin Gilbert of JGC Government Relations provided a monthly report including legislative updates. A detailed report of Mr. Clay and Ms. Gilbert's update is included. Mr. Clay and Ms. Gilbert responded to questions from the Committee.
2. SB 45 (Allen): Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020: Mr. Clay provided an update on the proposed legislation of this two-year bill. SB 45 is one of the resiliency bond measures (with competing bonds in the Assembly) that have recently gained a lot of attention. The bond is an estimated \$4.1B with \$1.2B slated for safe drinking water. Mr. Clay responded to questions from the Committee.
3. Public Outreach Update: Sharene Gonzales, Public Affairs Supervisor, provided a communications and outreach update covering December 12, 2019 through January 14, 2020. The update included an overview of a variety of District communication and outreach efforts, including routine communications and program outreach documented in the attached detailed report.

Ms. Gonzales highlighted routine District communications including the water bill message, website articles and social and traditional media updates for the reporting period. The update included finance outreach with a rate increase letter sent to 18 customers outside of the service area and conservation outreach to include 300 copies of conservation and landscape efficiency flyers to the Tri-City Urban Forest Alliance. Lastly, Ms. Gonzales highlighted several meetings and presentations, including: Public Affairs Specialist Corinne Behnam attending the Bay Area Regional PIO meeting, a tour of TP2 provided to LEGO League participants, and the coordination of an ACWD sponsored ¼-page ad in the League of Women Voters 100th year anniversary publication.

4. School Programs Update: Renee W. Gonzales, Public Affairs Specialist II, provided an update on the school education program.

For the 2019/20 school year, ZunZun has completed 24 assemblies at 10 different schools.

For the 2019/20 school year to date, 25,194 pieces of water education materials have been distributed to teachers in the ACWD service area.

During this reporting period, staff heavily promoted the WaterClips student video contest to include: 21,793 emails sent via Peachjar to 38 schools in Fremont and New Haven school districts, calls and/or emails to 156 schools in Fremont, Newark and Union City to promote contest marketing materials, and the distribution of 150 contest flyers to Tri-City libraries.

In addition, staff confirmed participation in Newark Unified School District's Science Night events scheduled at seven schools in February and April.

Ms. Sharene Gonzales and Ms. Renee Gonzales responded to questions from the Directors.

5. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Topics discussed by the Committee were informational only, and no recommendations are being made.