



EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

October 8, 2020 - 2:00 PM

31111 Greenspot Road, Highland, CA 92346

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
2. Community Advisory Commission Vacancy Update
3. Sterling Natural Resource Center Update
4. Outreach Update
5. Legislative Update
6. Director's Comments
7. Staff's Comments

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STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item #1.

Meeting Date: October 8, 2020

To: LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

From: Director of Strategic Services

Subject: Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for informational purposes only.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

An effective emergency response program begins with active preparation before an emergency exists. The thorough consideration of what could occur allows critical infrastructure organizations, like East Valley Water District to take steps that will ensure continuity in operations. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 provides the legal basis for state, local, tribal, and territory governments to undertake risk-based approaches to reducing natural hazard risks through mitigation planning. Specifically, the Stafford Act requires state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to develop and adopt FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plans as a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) require communities and organizations to develop and maintain a Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). This plan allows the District to be eligible for grant assistance after a disaster and is to be updated every five years and submitted to FEMA for review and approval. The HMP is the only emergency related plan that is available for public review, however with the addition of information required by the American Water and Infrastructure Act of 2018's Risk and Resiliency Assessment, sensitive portions of this document have been redacted. This community-driven, living document examines vulnerabilities to natural and man-made hazards and then identifies strategies to reduce or eliminate impacts.

Within the HMP is a review of projects completed within the last five years, recent natural and man-made events, and most recent scientific data on hazards which is then used to develop the Hazard Mitigation Plan's strategy to identify and prioritize the most effective mitigation actions. Much like other strategic planning elements in place throughout the District, the HMP includes a series of measurable goals and objectives that facilitate success evaluation and project progress. In the District's case, the Hazard Mitigation Plan focuses on reducing damage to infrastructure and interruption in critical lifeline services that could be impacted within the service area. Hazard mitigation projects such as sewer and main pipeline replacement with earthquake resistant material, can help protect the community from the effects of a disaster.

A Planning Team with representatives from the District's internal programs was developed to provide input to

the document update. The District also hosted a Community Advisory Commission meeting which included inviting outside stakeholders to provide additional input. CalOES and FEMA have both reviewed the document and provided comments. The final step in the five-year process requires consideration of formal approval by the Governing Board.

AGENCY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Goal and Objectives III - Deliver Public Service with Purpose While Embracing Continuous Growth

a) Advance Emergency Preparedness Efforts

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Recommended by:

Kelly Malloy
Director of Strategic Services



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Agenda Item #2.
Meeting Date: October 8, 2020

To: LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

From: Director of Strategic Services

Subject: Community Advisory Commission Vacancy Update

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

The District strives to maintain high degrees of engagement with the public. Input from residents is a key part of the planning process for District operations. The Community Advisory Commission provides an opportunity for a group of residents to discuss projects and programs of interest.

Over the last few months, the District called for application submissions to fill vacancies on the Community Advisory Commission. As a result of the process, staff is recommending the following appointments:

Reappointment of Current Commissioners:

Vincent Laster

Dr. Pamela Miller

Fred Yauger

Appointment of New Commissioners:

Dr. Alan Kay

Gail Shelton

All individuals recommended for appointment are highly motivated members of this community that have taken an interest in the future of the District. This item is scheduled for consideration at the October 14 Board meeting. If approved, the new Community Advisory Commission would meet in November.

AGENCY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Goal and Objectives II - Maintain a Commitment to Sustainability, Transparency, and Accountability

d) Provide Quality Information to Encourage Community Engagement

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Recommended by:

Kelly Malloy

Director of Strategic Services



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Agenda Item #3.
Meeting Date: October 8, 2020

To: LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

From: Director of Strategic Services

Subject: Sterling Natural Resource Center Update

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only, no action is recommended at this time.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

Construction activities continues for the Sterling Natural Resource Center. Since the project is using the progressive design-build model, construction continues while design efforts are underway in a collaborative team environment with the project partners. The design team is incorporating the bio-energy enhancement into the various elements of the treatment process, offsite improvements, and pipeline.

Efforts continue to work through the various regulatory approvals necessary for the project, working closely with Southern California Edison, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the cities of Highland and San Bernardino. This is an on-going process in tandem with the construction effort.

The District continues to provide information through website content, social media posts and bill inserts. Additional outreach is being sent bi-monthly to residents living in the vicinity of the site. Maintaining dialogue with the community in spite of the COVID restrictions and gathering limitations.

AGENCY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Goal and Objectives I - Implement Effective Solutions Through Visionary Leadership

a) Identify Opportunities to Optimize Natural Resources

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

Respectfully submitted:

Kelly Malloy
Director of Strategic Services



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Agenda Item #4.
Meeting Date: October 8, 2020

To: LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

From: Director of Strategic Services

Subject: Outreach Update

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for informational purposes only.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

The District continues to utilize various avenues of communication to engage with the community. Recent projects have included, but are not limited to:

- COVID-19 Outreach
- Capital Improvement Project Construction
- Pathway Program (Indian Springs High School)
- SNRC Updates
- Conservation

Methods of communication vary depending on the project, but may include:

- Social Media
- Bill Inserts
- Direct Mailers
- Signage
- Print Advertisements

The District continues to actively utilize social media as part of its on-going outreach efforts. Through posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, the District provides the public with Sterling Natural Resource Center project benefits and progress, news updates, conservation tips, rebate program information, and services available to customers. Bill inserts continue to be one of the most effective outreach outlets. By including informational materials in the water bill, the District ensures community members within the service area have information readily accessible and are encouraged to engage with the District as a result of the insert.

Additionally, the District is involved in a number of construction projects within the service area. A focused effort is undertaken on each project to inform residents that could have their service directly impacted along with residents that could be indirectly impacted by lane closures or equipment staging.

AGENCY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Goal and Objectives II - Maintain a Commitment to Sustainability, Transparency, and Accountability

- b) Utilize Effective Communication Methods
- d) Provide Quality Information to Encourage Community Engagement

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

Respectfully submitted:

Kelly Malloy
Director of Strategic Services



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Agenda Item #5.
Meeting Date: October 8, 2020

To: LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

From: Director of Strategic Services

Subject: Legislative Update

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for informational purposes only.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

Active engagement in the legislative process is imperative to public administration. The decisions made by elected officials and staff shape the day-to-day activities of the District. The District works closely with The Onate Group and Resolute who are based in Sacramento and have excellent working relationships with regulatory agencies, elected officials, and administration staff.

Due to COVID-19, the legislative session has been significantly different than a typical year. The legislature suspended session twice due to elected officials and their staff being confirmed to have cases of COVID-19. This has significantly compressed time for required hearings leading up to an August 30 constitutional deadline. COVID-19 also had significant impacts on the revenue projections for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 State Budget, resulting in the need to prepare for expenditure cuts.

Legislation the District is monitoring includes:

- AB 685; imminent hazard to employees: exposure: notification: serious violations
- SB 1099; Emergency backup generators: critical facilities
- SB 1386; Local government: assessments, fees, and charges: water: hydrants
- FY 2020-21 State Budget and subsequent Trailer Bills

The District continues to be engaged in the evolving Executive Orders and permanent regulations as a result of COVID-19. This includes addressing the ability to disconnect utilities for delinquency during and immediately following an COVID-19 emergency, and the impacts that this has on both water agencies and property owners.

Staff will continue to work closely with legislative advocates in Sacramento. Through the District's member in ACWA and California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), staff is receiving briefings, participating in working groups, and advocating for regulations and legislation that could impact our community.

Additionally, the District is monitoring activity for the upcoming General Election in November. This includes the races for Assembly and Senate seats along with ballot initiatives. These results will shape the topics for discussion in the next two-year session which begins in January 2021.

AGENCY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Goal and Objectives I - Implement Effective Solutions Through Visionary Leadership

c) Strengthen Regional, State and National Partnerships

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

Respectfully submitted:

Kelly Malloy
Director of Strategic Services