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Board Policy EL-7: Communication and Support to the Board

The BAOs inform and support the Board in its work.

Further, a BAO shall:

Inform the Board of relevant trends, anticipated adverse media coverage, or material external and internal changes, particularly changes in the assumptions upon which any Board policy has previously been established.

Report in a timely manner an actual or anticipated noncompliance with any policy of the Board.

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Operational Cost Savings Resulting from Effective Energy Management

Since 2005, the water district has actively participated in the Power and Water Resource Pooling Authority (PWRPA), a California Joint Powers Authority that consists of 15 water purveyors to collectively manage individual power assets and loads. PWRPA recently completed a cost comparison study to relate the cost of PWRPA power to the alternative service option, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), for 2010 through 2015.

The cost of power for each PWRPA participant is unique and resulted in participant yearly averages ranging from approximately 8 cents/kilowatt-hour (kWh) to nearly 25 cents/kWh in 2015.

With active planning, monitoring, and consistent coordination between PWRPA and participating directors, the energy management team at the water district achieved an average electricity rate of 8.33 cents/kWh during 2015, over 40 percent less than the comparable PG&E rate of 14.12 cents/kWh for the same duration.

The financial savings during 2015 translate to approximately \$1.25 million in operational savings for the year and are consistent with the results from the previous years. According to the most recent cost comparison, the water district has saved over \$5 million from 2010 through 2015 due to its average PWRPA rate of 8.06 cents/kWh compared to the average PG&E rate of 12.82 cents/kWh during that same period.

In addition to the financial advantages of PWRPA, the water district also benefits from PWRPA's shared interest for promoting energy efficiency and developing renewable resources and technologies to support long-term electrical system reliability.

The water district's recent work with PWRPA to develop solar installations at two water district water treatment plants and to secure participation in two utility-scale solar projects will contribute to water district efforts to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions, while having potential for further operational savings.

For further information, please contact John Brosnan at (408) 630-2849.

BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS

Santos

**Interim CEO to investigate and provide information to Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee on possibility of employing the homeless to clean up after themselves
R-16-0037**

On July 27, 2016, information was provided to the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) for discussion about exploring gainful employment and training for un-housed persons who assist with trash and debris removal from local waterways.

In summary, the report, provided by San Jose Downtown Streets Team (DST), showed that the

water district is currently investing about \$198,000 in the Clean Creeks, Healthy Communities Initiative. This four-year program is an interdisciplinary partnership with the City of San Jose and DST to recruit un-housed persons from encampments for creek cleanups, while providing incentives and assistance for them to find permanent housing.

To date, 63 individuals, who were previously living in encampments, have been successfully placed into permanent housing.

For further information, please contact Chris Elias at (408) 630-2379.

Santos

**Staff to provide Director Santos with a drought update presentation for a 08/18/16 Berryessa Business Association meeting
I-16-0029**

On July 29, 2016, Director Santos was provided the requested drought update presentation and talking points for the August 18, 2016, Berryessa Business Association meeting.

For further information, please contact Rick Callender at (408) 630-2017.

Kremen

**Request for Designated Land-use and Zoning for the SCVWD Winfield Facility under the City of San Jose General Plan
I-16-0030**

Board member Gary Kremen inquired about the potential use of water district property for affordable housing. A water district-owned site that is currently zoned "Combined Industrial/Commercial" under the City of San Jose (City), "Envision San Jose" General Plan 2040 was discussed specifically. The address is 5905 Winfield Boulevard, also known as the Winfield Warehouse site.

In reviewing the zoning of the property, the City of San Jose indicated that rezoning the property for residential use would be next to impossible given the Envision San José 2040 General Plan and the city's goal of jobs to housing ratio.

A review of the 2040 General Plan indicates that a primary objective is to create a plan to "strongly promote job growth opportunities and improve the city's jobs-housing balance. To advance this objective, the city's general plan incorporates the city's employment land preservation framework policies to restrict the conversion of light and heavy industrial lands to non-industrial use and require the city to maintain its overall planned growth capacity."

For further information, please contact Jesús Nava at (408) 630-2764.
