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4.2

I would like to

Express Opposition

Comment Form

As you know, when you have a process or procedure, I expect you to follow it or change it, not ignore it. This is especially important when it comes to openness and transparency. This item "approves the formation" of two "Board Working Groups". You have a Governance Process GP-8 that addresses the "creation of advisory boards, committees, or commissions by resolution to assist the Board in performing its job." It identifies two types of Board Committees (Standing Committee

and Ad Hoc Committee) and notes that the policy applies to any group which is formed by Board action, whether or not it is called a committee. So if you believe that "approve the formation" exempts you from GP-8, please clearly state that.

There is no mention of "Working Group" in GP-8. Nor will you find any results for that term in a search of the District web site. The only occurrence is in the proposed District Budget, under Valley Water Overview: Board Committees. There we find Board Committees, Board Advisory Committees, Joint Committees, and Board Working Groups. Under Board Working Groups we find Delta Conveyance Authority Group, Financial Sustainability Group, and FAHCE Committee. For unknown reason, FAHCE has not become responsible under the Brown Act, and now it is in this undefined category of Working Group with no guidance as to openness. GP-8 requires that "Board Committees will conduct their meetings in accordance with the provisions of the Brown Act (Open Meetings Law), even when the Brown Act would not otherwise apply."