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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, COMMUNICATION, AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING April 2, 2024, 2:30 P.M.

The Calleguas Municipal Water District's Public Engagement, Communication and Legislative Affairs Committee meeting is noticed as a meeting of the Board of Directors for the purpose of compliance with the Brown Act. Members of the Board who are not assigned to the Public Engagement, Communication, and Legislative Affairs Committee may attend only as observers and cannot participate as members of the Board, whether or not a quorum of the Board is present. In order to preserve the function of the committee as advisory to the Board, members of the Board who are not assigned to the Public Engagement, Communication, and Legislative Affairs Committee will not vote on matters before the Public Engagement, Communication, and Legislative Affairs Committee.

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Jaquelyn McMillan, Chair Raul Avila, Committee Member

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Opportunity for members of the public to address the committee on matters within the committee's jurisdiction (as required by Government Code Section 54954.3(a)). Please limit comments to three minutes.

C. COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. Discussion of outreach strategies regarding the Metropolitan Water District proposed rates for biennial 2025-26 budget.

Metropolitan Water District (MWD), Calleguas's wholesaler, is facing significant revenue shortfalls and contemplating increases to the base untreated and treatment surcharge rates. As a potential revenue-raising solution, MWD is considering an increase in the ad valorem property tax rate. The Committee will discuss methods of communicating this issue to purveyors and the community.

2. Discussion of levels of effort on advocacy in support of the Delta Conveyance Project.

Calleguas has been actively engaged in supporting the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP), including co-authorship of an op-ed last year in the Ventura Star with United Water Conservation District, Casitas Municipal Water District, and the City of Ventura. The Committee will discuss the appropriate level of advocacy for Calleguas on the DCP at this time.

3. Discussion of a ratepayer-focused outreach association to promote discussion of, and disseminate information about, water issues pertinent to the Calleguas service area and the Ventura County region.

Regions throughout the state have ancillary associations that provide venues for community engagement and education on water-related issues. In Ventura County, the Association of Water Agencies provides this service for elected officials and other water industry stakeholders. The Committee will discuss the need for an association whose focus is geared more toward ratepayers and the community at large, and the extent to which it the District should be involved in such an effort.

- D. OTHER COMMITTEE ITEMS
- E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- F. ADJOURNMENT

<u>Note</u>: Calleguas Municipal Water District has resumed in-person meetings in accordance with the Brown Act. In addition to in-person participation, members of the public may also participate by submitting comments by email to info@calleguas.com by 5:00 p.m. on the calendar day prior to the meeting. Email headers should refer to the committee meeting for which comments are offered. Comments received will be placed into the record and distributed appropriately.

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