

EVMWD BOARD ACTION

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DATE: April 11, 2019

TO: Board of Directors

**SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF THE LEGISLATION, CONSERVATION, AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE ACTION**

On March 27, 2019 at 3:30 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the Legislation, Conservation and Outreach Committee (LCOC) was held. The attendees were as follows: Director Ryan, Director Williams, Brian Macy, Jason Dafforn, Christy Gonzalez, Bonnie Woodrome, Haley Munson, Jennifer Dancho, and Greg Morrison.

Public Comments: None

**1. Sponsorship and Donation Requests –** The Committee approved donations to:

Temescal Valley Heritage Foundation	20 cases of water
LEUSD Special Olympics	50 cases of water
Temescal Canyon High School Aquatics	30 cases of water
ALS One	30 cases of water
Lakeside High School Basketball	30 cases of water
Lakeside High School Football	30 cases of water
Cottonwood Canyon Hills	30 cases of water
Canyon Lake Middle School Disaster Preparedness Program:	30 cases of water

**2. Sponsorship Report – January 2019 –** As of January 31, 2019, \$27,515 remains in the account.

**3. Sponsorship Report – February 2019 –** As of February 28, 2019, \$31,310 remains in the account. Ms. Woodrome reported that the WET workshop will be using approximately \$8,000 from this account in April. Director Ryan requested feedback and follow-up from the teachers.

**4. Conservation Campaign Partnership –** Ms. Munson reported that winter rains brought much needed local water supply to our region, but we still need to do our part to conserve and use water efficiently in order to sustain supplies for the future. Staff have decided to partner with its neighboring water agency, Rancho California Water District, to spread this message consistently throughout the overlapping region. The goal of the messaging is to educate customers that conserving water is no longer something to do just for right now, but to make conservation a California way of life.

The messaging will be developed between both agencies to share collectively with customers. Messaging will be shared through news articles, social media messages, bill inserts and agency websites. Each agency has agreed to a 50/50 cost-share for the campaign which is to not exceed \$3,000. The campaign is scheduled to be implemented starting in April with no set end date.

Director Williams questioned if we have refreshed the gardens at the Storm. Ms. Munson reported that once the City of Lake Elsinore provides authorization, our landscapers will be contacted to refresh the gardens.

Ms. Woodrome clarified that the \$3,000 is a combined cost for the campaign. It is specifically for setting the message.

5. **Thank You Letters February and March 2019** – The letters were reviewed and appreciated.
6. **Other** – Mr. Morrison provided an update on the recent ACOE kickoff meeting. There were 4 representatives from ACOE, along with representatives from the City of Lake Elsinore and SAWPA. Introductory and initial discussions started at the District, then a tour was conducted to the boat launch, outfall of where the recycled water enters the lake, and then ending at the levee to view the Island Wells. He reported that the meeting went very well. The first step with ACOE is to provide a Federal Interest of Determination, which is a high level review of the lake. After this a feasibility study can be done. ACOE will be preparing a site visit report, expecting receipt before the April 8<sup>th</sup> trip to Washington DC.

Replying to a question from Director Williams, Mr. Morrison said that money used from LESJWA could not be counted towards matching funds. Director Ryan asked if this is strictly an ecological project. Mr. Morrison replied that this could be considered an environmental project as well due to endangered species in the back basin.

Mr. Morrison also provided an update on the testimony hearings regarding the water tax with 8 bills total. Director Ryan commented that a trip to Sacramento may be needed for future discussions.

Director Ryan questioned if we have determined if the Lee Lake Dam will be built. Mr. Dafforn replied that once a feasibility study is done, the recommendation will be brought back to the Board.

Ms. Dancho reported that EVMWD will be participating with the Take Your Sons and Daughters to Work Day on April 25, 2019. Background of this day was provided. The theme this year will be "Making Choices for a Better World." Invitations will be sent to the employees. A tentative schedule for the day was provided. Ms. Dancho further explained that the anticipated costs is under \$1,000 mostly consisting of shirts and food.

Director Williams commented that that this appears to be a long day for the children. Ms. Dancho replied that since this is our first time for the event, we will not know how the day will go and if the children need to be dismissed, they would be sent to their parents to take home. Director Williams also commented that this day may have a large impact on our school districts and sanctions may come into effect with the children missing school. Ms. Dancho will contact the school districts.

Ms. Woodrome reported that the Splash into Spring event was a success with over 900 community members participating and over 100 employees volunteering.

**7. Consider Items for Board Review – None.**

**8. Adjourned at 4:31 p.m.**