On May 28, 2014 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 (Chair), Director Guglielmana, Nemesciano Ochoa, John Vega, Terese Quintanar, Grant Yates, Don Polese, Bonnie Woodrome, Serena Johns and Greg Morrison.

Public Comments: None

1. **The Committee approved donations to:**
   - Elsinore Elementary 5th Grade: 10 cases of water
   - Lake Elsinore Citizens Corps: 30 cases of water
   - The Recreation Committee on the Farm: 20 cases of water
   - Lake Elsinore Girls Softball Team: 10 cases of water & $100
   - Cub Scout Day Camp: 20 cases of water
   - Cops for Kids: 7 cases of water

   Greg Morrison explained that the water is EVMWD’s own water and the poster contest winner’s posters are featured on the water bottles. The bottling is funded by unclaimed monies.

2. **Review Sponsorships and Donations Budget Review** – 97 cases of water and $100 was contributed.

3. **2013-14 Education Report** - Bonnie Woodrome presented results of various programs, including the poster contest, tours, classroom outreach (through materials) for grades K through 8th. Classroom material orders doubled from last year. She also facilitated the placement program, Krieger Grants, Science Fair, Solar Cup and MWD Poster Awards, Lakeland Village Science Night, Teacher Education, Special Olympics, Splash into Spring and Scout Program. In all, 11,500 students have been reached through the activities and the programs will continue to expand.

4. **Project Update on Grant Activity Efforts** - Greg Morrison reported that in April, staff identified all projects and opportunities for grant monies. Blais and Associates have been assisting since and our internal list has shortened. We have five viable projects at this point. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) funding for the County Water Company (CWC) is one. We also applied
for the Income Survey in Sedco Hills, but that was denied. The Wells Fargo Community Grant application is still pending. The WaterSmart Grant was applied for, through the Bureau of Reclamation. We anticipate that we will hear back in June. The application is in the Denver office and is getting a lot of support from our legislators. Software for all 3,000 meters would be awarded. We were denied by Supervisor Jeffries office because of the dollar amount. The Pre proposal for the Desalination and Water Purification grant for planning and design will be submitted. Also, CDPH is allowing another project on their priority list because of the work we are doing for the CWC. In response, we are taking advantage of submitting projects for multiple grants. Greg Morrison reported that we have been implementing our grant strategy. Next month, Don Polese and Blais and Associates will attend this Committee meeting to review grant efforts from a functional and administrative perspective. The political work is provided by Packard Governmental Affairs. The two strategies are being combine to maximize grant funding percentages. The contract with Blais and Associates can be narrowed to time and materials, now that we have definite focus on our direction for pursuing the grants. Staff is still pursuing funds for septic tank conversions, and the response to surveys has resulted in 89 out of 177 needed. Staff will go door to door if we do not receive the responses required.

Greg Morrison continued that the desalter is a large focus at this point and the timing of securing grants at this point is very important. Director Ryan suggested that Mr. Morrison relay to legislators that the survey is in progress. In regard to the CDPH – Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, application is being made for about $1.2M for planning and design of a permanent desalter. Staff is stepping up the design phase and encouraging Metropolitan Water District to follow suit. We may have two separate facilities in the future; one to treat groundwater and another to treat water from the Plant.

5. Thank you Letters – Were reviewed and appreciated.

6. Other – Bonnie Woodrome displayed some photos of various water displays that we can consider to include in our lobby. Ms. Woodrome is working on a plan for interactive displays for the lobby and will have more information for the Committee at the August meeting.

Greg Morrison provided a comprehensive plan, or roadmap for the combining of efforts of Blais and Associates and Packard Government Affairs. Mr. Polese explained that Federal Funding is essential. There is more money available for diligent agencies. We have good working relationships and support of assemblymen, local congressmen and legislative representatives. Mr. Polese described the steps in the process. A call for projects is expected as soon as the President signs the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) Bill. The Desalter is a potential project.
7. **Consider Items for Board Review** – The 2013-14 Education Report will be provided.

8. **Adjourned at 5:12 p.m.**