

Attachment 9

CHARGE TO THE MPWMD LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

As adopted by the Board of Directors on February 28, 2008 and Revised on July 20, 2009

1. Primary Function

The Legislative Advocacy Committee (Committee) of the MPWMD Board of Directors is acting as liaison with District lobbyists and state and federal officials to make recommendations to the Board regarding statutory regulatory issues; to monitor and make recommendations pertaining to State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) issues; and to coordinate with local, state and federal jurisdictions to facilitate water projects. The committee is authorized to lobby affected local, state and federal legislators and boards in furtherance of the District's water management goals.

2. Process

The Committee shall meet as needed to formulate and carry out its lobbying action plans, and to lobby affected local, state and federal legislators and boards in furtherance of the District's water management goals. All Committee meetings ordinarily are noticed and open to the public by Board policy; however, this committee is not considered to be a "legislative body" as defined by the state Ralph M. Brown Act.

3. Composition and Structure

- a) The Legislative Advocacy Committee is comprised of three Board members with two alternates. The members of the Legislative Advocacy Committee and its chair shall be appointed by the Board Chair and approved by the Board, typically for the calendar year.
- b) A quorum of two (2) Legislative Advocacy Committee members shall be required for an official meeting to be conducted. Action may be taken by majority vote of those Committee members present.
- c) The General Manager or other designated staff member(s), and the General Counsel, shall provide support to the Committee as appropriate.

4. Responsibilities of the Committee

- a) To meet as required on the call of the committee chair, a majority of committee members, Board of Directors or by the General Manager.
- b) To provide timely advice to the MPWMD staff and recommendations to the District Board of Directors regarding statutory regulatory issues; to monitor and make recommendations pertaining to SWRCB issues; and to coordinate with local, state and federal jurisdictions to facilitate water projects.
- c) To undertake other tasks as designated by the Board Chairperson.