

Legislation and Communications Committee

# Report on Inspection Trip Program

Item 6a November 19, 2024 Report on Inspection Trip Program Subject

Provide an update on the Inspection Trip Program

Purpose

Discuss status of the program for 2024-25

## Authorization and Purpose

- Admin Code Sections 2610 - 2615
- Inform and educate on water issues and MWD's operations, programs and objectives
- Visual inspection of District and related facilities



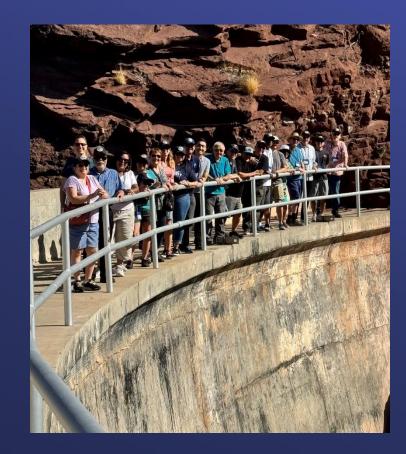
Program

Overview

### Trips for Directors

Program Overview

- Directors may take two trips an overnight and a one-day per fiscal year
- Overnight trips are either to SWP or Colorado River
- One-day trips focus on infrastructure, local resources, environmental projects and/or DVL



## Budget Review

 Current budget of \$700,000 for this year and next

Managing Costs

- Travel costs have increased significantly
  - Airfare: varying rates with dynamic pricing
  - Bus transportation: rates are up 30-40% Meals: food costs up 10-25%
- Board motion to restore budget if funding becomes available.

## Budget Review

- Controlling costs through following measures
  - No shuttle buses
  - On-time registration to allow timely booking of air travel
  - Meals served buffet-style at Gene Camp
- Information shared with MA Trip Coordinators during meeting in August

#### Managing Costs

## 2024-25 Inspection Trip Program



## Expecting 19 overnight trips

- 17 Director trips confirmed
- Two Director trips to be booked

# Expecting nine one-day trips

- Five Director trips confirmed
- Four trips to be booked

# To restore full program requires:

- Additional funds for travel
- New inspection trip mgr. position
- Additional staff at Gene Camp

