



Legislation and Communications Committee

Report on Inspection Trip Program

Item 6a

November 19, 2024

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Subject

Provide an update on the Inspection Trip Program

Purpose

Discuss status of the program for 2024-25

Program Overview

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

- 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



Managing Costs

Budget Review

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

Managing Costs

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

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

