

### Legislation, Regulatory Affairs, and Communications Committee

# Update on Inspection Trips

Item 7a July 10, 2023 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

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### Trip Planning



## Sponsoring Trips

- Directors select trips and dates, invite guests
  - Elected and appointed officials
  - Business, environmental, community leaders
  - Interested citizens

### Trip Planning



## Sponsoring Trips (cont'd)

- MWD Inspection Trip staff coordinate with directors, member agency staff
  - 2 months ahead registration link provided
  - I month ahead registration closes, airfare purchased, reservations confirmed

#### In Region (1 day)

- Water Treatment/Lab/LaVerne
  Shops
- Diamond Valley Lake
- Water Resources / Pure Water
- Environmental Stewardship

### State Water Project (2 day)

- Lake Oroville
- Sites Reservoir
- Delta
- Skinner Fish Facility

Agriculture in Central Valley (3 days)

#### Colorado River Aqueduci (2 or 3 days)

- Gene Camp
- Intake Pumping Plant, Copper Basin
- Palo Verde Valley
- Aqueduct

### Trip Options

Colorado River (3 days)

- Hoover Dam and Lake Mead
- Gene Camp
- Intake Pumping Plant, Copper Basin
- Palo Verde Valley
- Aqueduct

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### Learning from experts



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Gift of Travel

### FPPC Reporting

- California Political Reform Act
  - Government Code Sections 81000 91014
- Fair Political Practices Commission
  - CA Code of Regulations, Title 2, Division 6 Sections 18104-18998
- Advice from FPPC
- Consult with legal advisors

FPPC Reporting

### Travel Expenses Paid by MWD

- Directors
  - Not reportable, not subject to annual gift limit
- Local public officials
  - Reportable (exceptions on a case-bycase basis)
  - Must be considered when determining conflict of interest
  - Not subject to annual gift limits

FPPC Reporting

### Travel Expenses Paid by MWD (cont'd)

- Companion of a local official
  - Considered gift to public official
  - Reportable
  - Must be considered when determining conflict of interest
  - Subject to annual gift limits
- 30-day period for paying down value

