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Update on 2025-26 Inspection Trip Program

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Subject

Provide a report on the Inspection Trip Program

Purpose

Share background information on the inspection trip program and discuss updates for 2025-26

Inspection Trip Program Update

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



Inspection Trips: A Collaborative Effort



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Inspection Trip Program Update

Program Overview



Inspection Trips

- Trips are conducted September - June
- Directors select trips and dates, invite guests
 - Elected and appointed officials
 - Business, environmental, community leaders
 - Interested citizens

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 are usually focused on infrastructure, local resources, environmental projects and/or DVL
 - All trips will be shared



Sample Itineraries

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
- Delta
- Banks Pumping Plant
- Agriculture in Central Valley (3 days)
- Considering Feather River Watershed

Colorado River Aqueduct (2 or 3 days)

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

Hoover Dam/ Colorado River (3 days)

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

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Gift of Travel

FPPC Reporting for Inspection Trips

- 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-Related Expenses Paid by MWD

- Directors
 - Not reportable, not subject to annual gift limit
- State and local public officials
 - Reportable (very limited exceptions)
 - Must be considered when determining conflict of interest
 - Not subject to annual gift limit

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 limit
- 30-day window to pay down value, avoid excess gift

Managing Costs & Resources

Budget Review

- Current budget of \$700,000 for this fiscal year
- Directors to continue sharing trips
- Capacity for State Water Project trips has changed to 30 guests (previously 36 guests)
- Enhancements at Gene Camp to increase efficiency

Supporting Additional Trips: Maximizing the Value of the Inspection Trip Program



Employee Trips – Spring 2025



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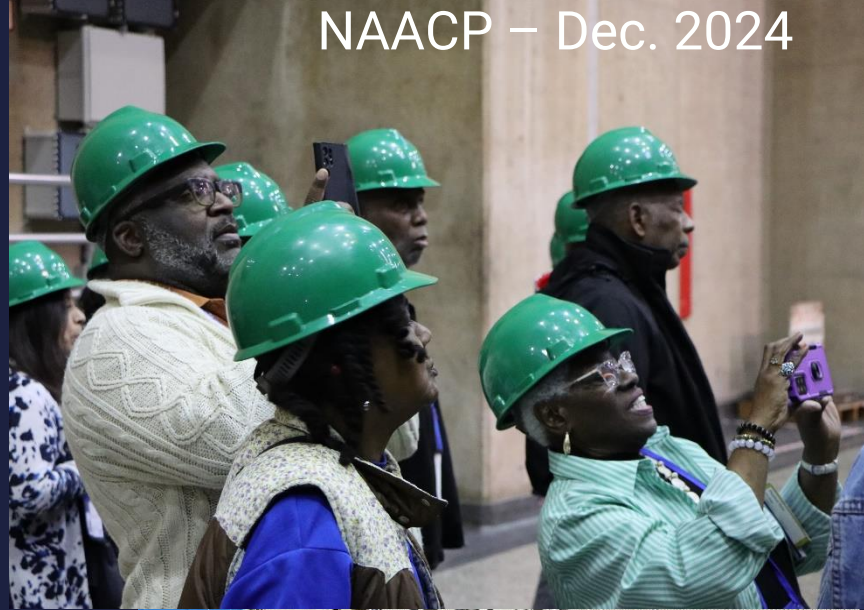


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