

## **STAFF REPORT**

**To:** **Coastside County Water District Board of Directors**

**From:** **Mary Rogren, General Manager**

**Agenda:** **February 10, 2026**

**Report Date:** **February 6, 2026**

**Agenda Title:** Authorize the Board President to Create Board Advisory Committees, to Make Appointments of Board Members to the District Board Committees, and to Make Appointments of District Representatives to External Organizations and Associations. Review of District Board Committees.

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**Recommendation/Motion:**

**Authorize the Board President to (1) Create Board Advisory Committees, (2) Make Appointments of Board Members to the District Board Committees, and (3) Make Appointments of District Representatives to External Organizations and Associations. Review of District Board Committees.**

**Background:**

At the January 13, 2026 Board of Directors meeting, President Feldman deferred discussion of the Board Committee appointments to the February 10, 2026 meeting. At the January meeting, the Board also discussed the process for appointing Board members to Board Committees and to external organizations and associations.

Currently, by Board action, the Board approves appointments to Board Committees and to external organizations and associations, as well as the creation of temporary Advisory Committees. Prior to 2019, past practice established that the Board President make appointments of Board members to Committees and also appoint District Representatives to external organizations and associations, with the exception for the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) representative. Under this prior practice, the Board President also had authority to create Advisory Committees.

Based on discussion at the January 13, 2026 meeting, Board members expressed interest in returning to this prior practice. At this meeting, the Board will have the opportunity to discuss and decide on the appointment process.

**Purpose of Committees:**

The purpose of the District's Committees is to assist the Board with issues and decisions and provide recommendations pertaining to a variety of areas, including Finance, Human Resources, and District Facilities. Each of the committees is comprised of two Board members with interest in the specific subject matter.

Each of the Committees has a particular charge or set of tasks to address. Standing Committees do their assigned work on a continuing basis. Committees meet as needed rather than on an established regular schedule. The District notices and conducts all Standing Committee meetings in accordance with Brown Act public meeting requirements.

Temporary Advisory Committees may be created for a specific task or objective. An Advisory Committee dissolves after the completion of the task or achievement of the objectives.

The paragraphs below provide additional detail on the District's Committees.

See the attached Exhibit A for a listing of the current Board Committees (as of January 2025) and appointees.

**Coastside County Water District Standing Committees:****Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee is responsible for reviewing and providing recommendations regarding the annual Operations and Maintenance and Capital Improvement Program budgets, and annual financial audits, as well as financial performance oversight. This Committee is also responsible for the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) related matters.

**Human Resources (Personnel & Recruitment) Committee**

The development and review of the General Manager's Performance Plan is the responsibility of this Committee and includes meeting to discuss the mid-term and the annual performance evaluations, as well as preparation of the evaluation report to be approved by the Board. This Committee also reviews changes to staff position descriptions, revisions and additions to the District's personnel manual, and recruitment for vacant staff positions when appropriate.

**District Facilities Committee**

This Committee oversees the development and implementation of the annual Capital Improvement Program. The Committee also reviews the Capital Improvement Program budget and schedule and presents recommendations to the Finance Committee. This Committee is also involved in the Denniston Restoration Project.

**Coastside County Water District Advisory Committees:****Water Reuse Committee**

This Committee meets with representatives from the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside (SAM) and its member agencies to discuss potential recycled water opportunities for the Coastside.

**Coastside County Water District External Organization Representatives**

In addition to the District's Standing and Advisory Committees, Board members may also serve as representatives to several external organizations, including the following:

**Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)**

ACWA is the largest statewide coalition of public water agencies in the country. It is a leader on California water issues and a respected voice for its members in both Sacramento and Washington, D.C. ACWA's 450 public agency members are responsible for 90% of the water delivered to communities, farms, and businesses in California. ACWA plays an active role in managing the states' water resources and promoting investments in water use efficiency, water recycling, ground management and desalination. ACWA's membership is organized into ten geographic regions. The regions provide a structure in which members can discuss issues of mutual concern, and based on that interaction, provide representative input to the ACWA Board. The District's ACWA representative typically attends the annual Spring and Fall Conferences and is eligible to vote as the District's voting designee in ACWA elections. A District Board Member may also serve as an ACWA Region 5 Director. Director Muller was elected in September 2025 to serve as the ACWA Region 5 Director for the 2026-2027 term.

**Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA)** - ACWA/JPIA provides liability coverages tailored to the unique needs of California Water Agencies. The District obtains its property, liability, and worker's compensation coverage from the JPIA. As a member of the JPIA, the District names one of its directors and at least one alternate to sit on the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors. The designated representative is able to vote at conferences. If the designated Director cannot attend a conference, then the alternate Director is allowed to vote in his/her absence. The designated Board member's term coincides with their term on the CCWD Board.

**California Special District Association (CSDA)**

CSDA was formed in 1969 to provide active representation at the State Capitol for its 1,300 members, made up of independent special districts, including irrigation, water,

parks and recreation, cemetery, fire, police protection, library, utility, harbor, healthcare and community service districts. CSDA pursues statewide policy legislation of benefit to special districts and provides advocacy, training, information, and financial services to help strengthen and increase the efficiency of special district operations. The agency is governed by a 19-member Board of Directors representing 6 regions throughout California. The District designates a CSDA representative to receive information and updates from CSDA.

### **Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA)**

BAWSCA was created on May 27, 2003 to represent the interests of the cities and water districts, and two private utilities located in Alameda, Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties that purchase water on a wholesale basis from the San Francisco Regional Water System. BAWSCA's goals are to ensure a reliable supply of high-quality water at a fair price. The agency is governed by a 27-member Board of Directors comprised of representatives from all BAWSCA agencies. The District's BAWSCA representative must be appointed by Coastside County Water District Board action. The CCWD Board appointed Director Mickelsen in June of 2013, in 2017, in 2021, and again in 2025 to serve as the BAWSCA representative for the current term through June 30, 2029.

### **Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)**

LAFCo is a state-mandated, independent agency with countywide jurisdiction over changes in organization and boundaries of cities and special districts, including annexations, detachments, incorporations and formations. The District annually designates a Board member and an alternate to represent the District for the purposes of participation in the LAFCo election of officers.

### **American Water Works Association (AWWA)**

The American Water Works Association is an international, nonprofit, scientific and educational society dedicated to providing total water solutions assuring the effective management of water. Founded in 1881, membership includes 4,300 utilities that supply 80% of the nation's drinking water. In addition to participating at a national level, the District actively participates in the Cal-Nevada section of the AWWA.

## EXHIBIT A

### COASTSIDE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEES

**January 14, 2025**

#### Standing Committees

Finance Committee

#### Directors

Coverdell, Feldman

Human Resources Committee

Feldman, Muller

District Facilities Committee

Mickelsen, Reynolds

#### Advisory Committees

#### Directors

Water Reuse Committee

Coverdell, Muller

#### External Organizations

#### Directors

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)

Feldman

Association of California Water Agencies  
Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA)

Feldman

California Special District Association (CSDA)

Muller

Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency  
(BAWSA) - 4 year term - June 2021 to June 30, 2025

Mickelsen

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)

Board President \*

American Water Works Association (AWWA)

Reynolds

*\* All other Directors are designated as alternates for  
the purpose of participation in LAFCo's election of officers*