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Third report

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Subject: Tuesday, December 1. ACWA Conference

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Today I attended the "Strengthening Your Staff for Future Success". Ron Porter of The Back School presented the secrets to increased productivity and performance by investing in safety and ergonomic programs and improvements.

He presented statistics on worker compensation expenses, aging of the work force, injury risks, and hidden expenses.

He then showed how money spent on ergonomic improvements provided excellent return on investment in improving performance, increasing productivity, reducing costs, and strengthening your work force.

He discussed the primary risk factors for ergonomic injuries: posture, force, repetition, contact stress, and vibration. He showed several examples that were applicable to our District.

He also discussed methods to address musculoskeletal disorders such as engineering controls, administrative controls, personal protective equipment, and work practice controls.

I attended the second session on "Building the Foundation to Meet Tomorrow's Challenges" presented by Clint Camac, President of the Leadership Development Network.

He started by asking the attendees what their major challenges were and how to deal with volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous environments in the future.

The foundation must be built on leadership where it acts as lubricant for organization fiction. It also acts as an additive to cool down fiction such as differences in opinions, belief, goals, etc.

Leadership matters since it increases employee engagement which will benefit the organization.

He presented the ugly truth of employee engagement where only 43 percent of surveyed employees fully and moderately engaged. The engagement process went through three phases: membership, performance, and actual involvement.

The takeaways of the session were the importance of developing employee engagement, the practice of strategies, and the reshaping of your view on leadership.

As similar to previous conferences, the District paid the registration fees and meals associated with speakers. I paid for the transportation costs and other expenses.

Let me know if you have any questions on my reports on the ACWA Conference.

Peter

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Second report

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December 2, 2015

Hello,

Dr. Michael Dettinger, a research hydrologist with U.S. Geological Survey, was the morning speaker. He discussed the current El Nino conditions and compared with the 1983 and 1997 El Nino. He used the historical data and computer model to predict potential impacts of the current El Nino.

His opinions were the current EN may not necessarily produce more rain or cause floods (monster). It may be just colder and produce more snow (blob). If the current EN continues for another year, it probably will cause floods.

The first session was a debate and discussion between two sides on the public trust doctrine and whether groundwater was a public resource and, thus, belongs to the PTD. Both sides discussed the history of the PTD, many court decisions, the development of the ecological PTD, and how the PTD applies to groundwater in California.

John Laird, California Secretary of Water Resources, was the noon speakers. He spoke on the California Water Action Plan, the history and development of the voter-approved water bond, how money from this bond will be used, the need to prepare for natural disaster, and his experience with the 1983 and 1997 floods and the Loma Prieta earthquake while he served in Santa Cruz.

The first afternoon session was about Groundwater and the Act: Where We Have Been and Where We Are Going Under SGMA. The speaker from California Water Commission presented past work and events that lead to the passing and approval of the Act, additional work and potential outcomes. The second speaker presented the experience in forming the GSA at Kern County. The third speaker from California Water Foundation described key issues and needed efforts to successful implement the SGMA.

The second afternoon session was the technical presentation of "Impacts of Four Years of Drought". Staff from California Department of Water Resources presented historical data on precipitation, snow depths and lake levels. NASA JPL used their satellites and satellites from Japan, Italy, and Canada to measure the ground subsidence in Central Valley. NASA ARC also used satellites to monitor crop planted and soil fallowed. The project also involved CSUMB students. NASA wanted to measure evapotranspiration in future projects.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Peter

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Report on ACWA Conference to the Board

December 3, 2015

The morning session was about Urban Conservation Regulations and in a town hall meeting format.

Tim Quinn, ACWA Executive Director, talked about past advocacy efforts during the drafting of the emergency urban conservation regulations and other efforts to combat the four year drought.

Feliciano Marcus, SWRCB Chair, discussed the current regulations and plans to extend the current regulations to be expired in February 2016, and how to address the potential of a fifth year drought.

Questions from the audience included the need to give credits to agencies that have or will make investments in providing alternative or new sources of water supply, consideration in permitting ocean intakes, and a relook at the mandatory water reduction.

The luncheon speaker was Bruce Babbitt, former US Secretary of Interior. He praised the passing and implementation of the SGMA in California and highlighted important provisions. He also discussed the need to address the Governor's proposed Delta tunnel and the need to engage all parties and avoid adversary positions.

The afternoon session was a case study on water system optimization. Honeywell Solutions performed the study for East Valley Water District and constructed the system improvements from savings in energy charges, thus at no cost to the District. The total cost was about four million dollars for a ten year term. We should ask Honeywell to look at our system to see whether we can save energy costs.

I also attended Regional 5 meeting and received updates from various committees.

Again, let me know if you want to receive more information on any item.

And Keith can place my reports on the Board agenda.

Peter

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**Subject:** December 4 - ACWA Conference

December 4, 2015  
Fourth Report

Hello,

The morning began with an update from the Executive Director of ACWA JPIA on the survey of membership and important issues concerning the organization.

Afterwards, it was a town hall meeting where representatives of ACWA, League of California Cities and California State Association of Counties tried to combine their efforts in achieving common interests.

The top priorities for ACWA were flexibility in water conservation regulations, changes in Proposition 218 and strategies to achieve common interests.

The top priorities for the League of California Cities were reducing the costs of compliance to NODES discharge permits, alternative financing options, changes to Propositions 218 and 26, and changes to conservation pricing rates.

The two options to amend Proposition 218 were either by legislation or by initiatives.

This is my final report. Please provide these reports on the agenda or refer to them to conserve papers.

Peter

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