

Meeting Date: 10/21/2014

Report Type: Consent

Report ID: 2014-00736

Title: Support the Service of William O. Busath if elected as a Board Member of Region 4 of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution supporting the service of William O. Busath, if elected as a Board Member of Region 4 of the Association of California Water Agencies.

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Presenter: None

Department: Department Of Utilities

Division: Government Affairs - Utilities

Dept ID: 14001071

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Background

3-Resolution

City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form

Joe Robinson

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Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Bill Busath - 9/22/2014 4:24:24 PM

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The City is a member of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), an organization that advances the interests of water suppliers throughout the State. ACWA has 10 regional boards, and the City of Sacramento is in Region 4. In order for a City representative to run for election on the Region 4 Board, the City must provide a Resolution that provides council support for that representative to serve on the board, if elected.

Policy Considerations: Election of the Interim Director of Utilities to the ACWA Region 4 Board would allow a City representative to advocate for the City's and region's interest in a statewide water policy venue.

Economic Impacts: Not Applicable

Environmental Considerations: Not Applicable

Sustainability: Not Applicable

Commission/Committee Action: Not Applicable

Rationale for Recommendation: The proposed action supports election of the Interim Director of Utilities to the ACWA Region 4 Board, and hence would allow a City representative to advocate for the City's and region's interest in a statewide water policy venue.

Financial Considerations: The proposed action will have no financial impact to the City.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): No goods or services are being purchased.

Background

- The City is a member of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). This organization is the largest statewide coalition of public water agencies in the country. Its nearly 450 public agency members collectively are responsible for 90% of the water delivered to cities, farms and businesses in California.
- ACWA identifies issues of concern to the water industry and the public it serves; accumulates and communicates the best available scientific and technical information to the public and policy makers; facilitates consensus building; develops reasonable goals and objectives for water resources management; advocates sound legislation; provides additional services of value to its members; and fosters cooperation among all interest groups concerned with stewardship of the state's water resources.
- ACWA has 10 regional boards and the City of Sacramento is located in Region 4. Regional boards provide input on statewide water issues.
- There currently is a vacancy on the Region 4 Board. Staff is recommending that William O. Busath, Interim Director of Utilities, run for election to fill that vacancy.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

Date, 2014

SUPPORTING THE SERVICE OF WILLIAM O. BUSATH, INTERIM UTILITIES DIRECTOR, IF ELECTED AS A BOARD MEMBER OF ACWA REGION 4

BACKGROUND

- A. The City Council of the City of Sacramento supports the participation of City officials and staff in the affairs of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA).
- B. The City is in Region 4 of ACWA, and a vacancy exists on the Region 4 Board.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Council supports the service of William O. Busath, if elected as a Board Member of Region 4 of the Association of California Water Agencies.