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BOARD POLICY

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY POLICY

ARTICLE 1 PURPOSE

To establish a process for the Ironhouse Sanitary District ("District") to take a position on proposed state or federal legislation when appropriate.

ARTICLE 2 POLICY

It is the policy of the District to take positions on proposed state or federal legislation that directly impacts the District's operations.

ARTICLE 3 PROCEDURE

3.1 Adoption of Board Position on Proposed Legislation

The District will only review legislation that District Staff or a Board Member has determined will have a direct impact on District operations.

This review process will rely on District staff and the Board's individual and collective expertise as well as engagement and participation with the District's numerous membership organizations including, but not limited to the: California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA), National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), California Water Reuse, California Special Districts Association (CSDA), American Water Works Association, Water Environment Federation, East Bay Leadership Council, California Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCO), California State Association of Counties, League of California Cities, and State/local chambers ("Member Organizations").

The District may also use other resources, as appropriate, in making assessments of proposed legislation.

When legislation has been determined to have a direct impact on District Operations, the General Manager or his or her designee shall present the reviewed legislation to the Board either with or without a recommendation for a position to be taken by the District. The Board will then determine whether to take one of the following positions:

- A. Support: The legislation, if passed, will have a direct and positive effect on the District.
- B. Support if Amended: The legislation, if amended to address specific shortcomings identified by the District, will have a direct and positive effect on the District.
- C. Watch: The legislation will be monitored as it progresses through the legislative process, but no action will be taken at this time. Action may be taken at a later date.
- D. Oppose Unless Amended: The legislation, unless amended to address specific shortcomings identified by the District, will have a direct and detrimental effect on the District.
- E. Oppose: The legislation will have a direct and detrimental effect on the District.

3.2 **General Manager Authority to Respond to Requests for Support**

The General Manager may provide a letter of concern or interest regarding a legislative issue without taking a formal position on a piece of legislation.