



**ACTION ITEM**  
February 15, 2017

**TO: Board of Directors**

**FROM: Administration & Finance Committee  
(Directors Thomas, Barbre, Finnegan)**

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**SUBJECT: Committee and Resolution Options Relating to Joint/Consolidated  
Committee with OCWD and Desalination Projects**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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The Staff recommends that the Administration & Finance (A&F) Committee consider and discuss the various options to configure a potential committee structure and the desirability and content of a resolution (if any) dealing with any singular desalination project or combination of projects, Based on conclusions reached, the Committee should instruct the staff as to necessary follow-up actions for future Committee or Board discussions or actions.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee meeting)

**DETAILED REPORT**

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Various proposals have been discussed in both the Executive and Planning & Operations (P&O) Committees during December and January as to how the MWDOC Board would prefer to organize discussions relative to desalination projects. These discussions have included considerations as to the need for or desirability of a joint resolution with OCWD and the possible assignment of the issue to a specific committee. These deliberations have included the concept of a new committee structure of a

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“consolidated” or “combined agency” committee. The combined agency committee structure would facilitate directors from more than one agency (e.g., MWDOC and OCWD) being appointed to the same committee. This committee structure is distinct from a “joint committee” where each agency has their own committee and the two committees simply meet together or jointly. It is also distinct from having the existing MWDOC Ad Hoc Desalination Committee meet with “certain individual or entities” as specified in the current code. The creation of the combined agency structure would require a change to the Administrative Code.

Joint resolutions have been approved in the past and do not require any modifications to the Administrative Code.

The alternative proposals before the Directors consist of the following combinations of committee structure and resolution action.

1. Combined Agency Committee with a joint resolution
2. Combined Agency Committee without a joint resolution
3. Standing or Ad Hoc Committee with a joint resolution
4. Standing or Ad Hoc Committee without a joint resolution
5. Existing Joint Planning Committee with a joint resolution
6. Existing Joint Planning Committee without a joint resolution

Discussions at the January 19, 2017 Executive Committee meeting appeared to have been favoring the use of the existing Joint Planning Committee structure (Alternative 6).

The motion that was passed at the January 3, 2017 Planning and Operations (P&O) Committee meeting directed staff to develop and bring forward to the Board of Directors two alternate resolutions (Revised-A & Revised-B). If the Board preference is for a resolution then further discussion is required of the two alternatives.