

RESOLUTION 17-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT
ESTABLISHING LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY POLICY PRINCIPLES**

WHEREAS, the Twentynine Palms Water District has formed a legislative and regulatory committee (the "Committee") to examine proposed legislation and regulations related to the District's mission;

WHEREAS, the Committee is making recommendations to the District Board of Directors regarding policy positions for the District to take on propose legislation and regulations being considered in 2018 and those recommendations are embodied in the attached Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to express its support for the policy positions described in Exhibit A.

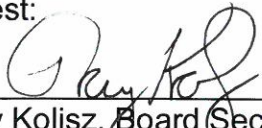
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Twentynine Palms Water District does hereby resolve to support the position on the policy and regulatory proposals described in Exhibit A, as recommended by the Committee, and does hereby direct the Committee, the General Manager and staff to take all necessary and appropriate actions to carry forward such policy positions on behalf of the District.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of December 2017 by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Coghill, Giannini, Horn, and Leazer
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Director Moore


Carol Giannini, Vice President
Board of Directors

Attest:


Ray Kolisz, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District



Twentynine Palms Water District Legislative & Regulatory Committee Policy Principles

Twentynine Palms Water District serves a disadvantaged community whose rate and tax payers have incurred the costs of providing safe and reliable drinking water at affordable rates.

Our position on efforts to levy safe drinking water fees by the state from water users shall be weighed upon the following factors:

- A) The potential impact on the ability to raise revenues for local challenges with arsenic, hexavalent chromium, fluoride, and potential issues with nitrates and threats to divert flows that would otherwise replenish the basin;
- B) The degree to which state fees for safe drinking water include priorities that are important to the overall Morongo Basin-area;
- C) The likelihood that ratepayers can afford to pay such fees;
- D) The probability that funds collected through such means will return to the area in the form of grants.

The Twentynine Palms area is a dry, high desert whose residents severely limit outdoor water use and instead, dedicate water uses during warm peak periods to the protection of health and safety through the use of evaporative coolers:

Our position on legislation and regulations to make "*Water Conservation A Way of Life*" will be based upon:

- A) Recognition of the natural weather and resource characteristics of the Morongo Basin;
- B) The need to protect the general and vulnerable segments of the population from periods of excessive heat in the most cost effective and efficient ways possible;
- C) Availability of state resources for incentives for water and energy-efficient cooling device retrofits and replacements.

The Board of Directors of the Twentynine Palms Water District recognizes that the management of legislative and regulatory affairs issues may require the Board's Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee members to travel for the purposes of attending legislative and regulatory forums. Travel and daily stipends must be approved by the Board of Directors; however, in the event that there is insufficient notice of a meeting/event, committee members' travel and accompanying daily stipend may be approved by the President and/or Vice President of the Board so long as the following criteria are met:

- A) The issues addressed at such forums are relevant to the approved policy principles and/or specific related board actions;
- B) That any action to take formal positions in support or opposition to legislation or regulations will not be taken on issues by members of the legislation and Regulatory Affairs Committee or the General Manager for which the board has not consented through prior action or until action is taken to the board at a later date.