

Item 5 – General Manager Speaking/Acting of Behalf of the District

There are two parts to agenda item. They are:

1. Authorization to speak on behalf of the District concerning any matters affecting the District, including but not limited to local governments, State agencies, and the Legislature, and
2. Engage a legislative consultant, if needed.

Although it is obviously part of the General Manager's duties to speak and act on behalf of the District, there are times when issues arise requiring immediate response or action with no time to call a Board meeting for input. This is the point where the above listed authority allows action to be taken which benefits the District. The 85th Legislative Session is such a venue. This happens as well with local governments and State agencies.

Engaging a legislative consultant was first posted and talked about during the September, 2016 Board meeting. This is a follow up allowing the General Manager to hire a legislative consultant, if needed, to further any legislative efforts on behalf of the District or address issues that arise during the 85th Legislative Session that would be detrimental to the District.

The recommendation from the General Manager is to authorize the General Manager to speak on behalf of the District concerning any matters affecting the District, including but not limited to local governments, State agencies, and the Legislature and engage a legislative consultant, if needed.