

**MIDWAY CITY SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
14451 CEDARWOOD STREET
WESTMINSTER, CA**

**November 19, 2025
12:00 PM**

A G E N D A

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROVIDE INNOVATIVE AND COST-EFFECTIVE EXCEPTIONAL WASTEWATER AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES WITH INTEGRITY AND EXCELLENCE. WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH, PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT, AND FOSTERING EDUCATION AND COLLABORATION. BY PRIORITIZING EXCEPTIONAL SERVICES, COMMUNITY HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, WE STRIVE TO BUILD A CLEANER, HEALTHIER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**
- 2. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

All persons wishing to address the Board on specific Agenda items should do so at this time. As determined by the President, speakers may be deferred until the specific item is taken for discussion and remarks may be limited to three (3) minutes.

- 4. PRESENTATIONS - None**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discuss Future Legislative and Grant Opportunities and Provide Staff Direction as Necessary

6. **BOARD CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**
 7. **GM/STAFF CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**
 8. **GENERAL COUNSEL CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**
 9. **ADJOURNMENT**
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AGENDA ITEM 5A

Date: November 19, 2025

To: Board of Directors

From: Robert Housley, General Manager

Prepared by: Robert Housley, General Manager

Subject: Discuss Future Legislative and Grant Opportunities and Provide Staff Direction as Necessary

BACKGROUND

At its November 5, 2025 meeting, the Board approved holding a special meeting in lieu of the November Legislative and Public Affairs Subcommittee meeting to allow all Board Members the opportunity to provide input on legislative and grant opportunities for the District in 2026.

DISCUSSION

Although the Board has established a standing Legislative and Public Affairs Outreach Subcommittee, it is occasionally necessary and appropriate for the full Board to meet to discuss upcoming legislative and grant opportunities, as well as to provide feedback on the District's overall direction and priorities. This item will give all Board Members the opportunity to share their input on these topics and help guide the District's future.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact for this item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Board of Directors discuss future legislative and grant opportunities and provide staff direction as necessary.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Townsend Legislative & Grants Update Presentation

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Legislative & Grants Update

November 19, 2025

TPA Overview

Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. (TPA) was founded in 1998 by Christopher Townsend with a mission to support organizations that improve our communities.

TPA has represented 316 clients, including 251 local public agencies, such as cities, counties, transportation agencies, water and sanitation districts, school districts, community college districts, park and recreation districts, and other special districts, as well as nonprofit organizations.

TPA is the only Top Ten lobbying firm in California that specializes in both legislative advocacy AND grant funding in Sacramento AND Washington, DC.

TPA has secured over **\$3.2 billion** in public sector funding for our clients.



The TPA Advantage

TPA has a team of 19 registered state and federal lobbyists and grant writers, with the policy expertise, advocacy experience, and bi-partisan relationships necessary to achieve legislative and funding results.

TPA maintains five offices to serve its clients:

- State Capitol Office in Sacramento
- Federal Office in Washington, DC
- Southern California Office in Newport Beach
- Northern California Office in Oakland
- Central California Office in Fresno



The TPA Advantage

TPA uses a collaborative approach to provide “the best of all worlds.”

- **Attention of a Small Firm:** Customized and focused customer service from a dedicated client manager, as well as senior executives based in Sacramento and Washington, DC.
- **Strength of a Large Firm:** Extensive network of relationships and knowledge of public policy issues and grant funding opportunities from a large team of legislative advocates with the breadth and depth of lobbying experience not available at smaller firms.
- **Commitment of Senior Executives:** Active participation by the firm’s senior executives to develop strategy, engage top-level relationships, and personally ensure high-quality customer service.

Approach to Legislative Advocacy

1

Conduct Detailed Orientation

- Meet with District leadership
- Develop customized advocacy strategy with orientation insights
- Craft strategy for success in current political climate

2

Develop Customized Legislative Strategy

- Prepare official legislative platform and strategy
- Brief key stakeholders on legislative priorities

3

Implement the Legislative Strategy

- Build and strengthen relevant relationships
- Track legislation
- Coordinate advocacy trips
- Shepherd client-sponsored legislation

4

Ongoing Advocacy and Administration

- Maintain regular communication
- Provide written reports including bill and committee analyses
- Prepare and file all applicable lobbying reports

Approach to Grant Writing

1

Craft a Strategic Funding Plan

- Proactive and comprehensive customized funding plan
- Multiple programs identified for each project
- Identify key “strings attached”

2

Identify, Research, and Monitor Funding Opportunities

- Ensure every opportunity is identified (state, federal, local, foundation, private, etc.)
- Opportunity assessment
- Comprehensive grant matrix

3

Grant Application Development and Submittal

- Establish clear accountabilities
- Draft written proposal and conduct client review
- Ensure applications are submitted prior to the deadline

4

Comprehensive Follow-Up

- Advocate for client application with legislators and agency staff
- Assist with post-award administration and compliance
- Coordinate debrief sessions for unsuccessful applications

Midway City Sanitary District & TPA: Past Activity

SLCGP FY2024

\$250,000 awarded for District-wide cybersecurity upgrades

Community Project Funding FY2025

Two requests submitted to Rep. Steel, Sen. Padilla, and Sen. Butler

Microgrid Resiliency Project selected by Rep. Steel for \$1,125,000 and included in draft Homeland Security Appropriations bill

No earmarks awarded in FY2025 due to the passage of a year-long CR

Community Project Funding FY2026

Re-submitted Microgrid Resiliency Project to Rep. Tran, Sen. Padilla, and Sen. Schiff

Project was not selected for the FY2026 cycle

Conducted meeting with Rep. Tran's staff to gauge FY2027 priorities

Upcoming Deadlines



Ongoing

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (California State Water Resources Control Board)

Summer 2026

Carl Moyer Program (South Coast AQMD)



2025 Legislative Session: Bill Overview



2,397 Total Bills Introduced



1,536 Bills Passed Legislature
(600 Senate/936 Assembly)



794 Chaptered and 123 Vetoed



Sign/Veto Deadline – October 12

State Budget Solutions



\$7.1 Billion
Rainy Day Fund
withdrawal



\$3.5 Billion
in cost reductions



\$7.8 Billion
in revenue
generation and
internal borrowing



\$11.2 Billion
remaining in Rainy
Day Fund



\$1 Billion
in fund shifts from
Cap and Trade



\$228 Billion
General Fund
spending

2025 Legislative Session: Notable Outcomes



Cap and Invest
Reauthorization



CEQA Changes



Immigration
Response



Congressional
Redistricting



New Senate
Leadership

2025 Legislative Session: Notable Legislation

AB 339 (Ortega): Local public employee organizations: notice requirements

Details

- AB 339 would require the governing body of a public agency like MCSD to give recognized employee organizations no less than 45 days' written notice before issuing a request for proposals, request for quotes, or renewing or extending an existing contract to perform services that are within the scope of work of the job classifications represented by the recognized employee organization.

Status

- Signed into law the Governor

2025 Legislative Session: Notable Legislation

SB 682 (Allen): Non-Essential PFAS Use Ban

Details

- Prohibits a person from distributing, selling, or offering for sale in the state a cleaning product, cookware, dental floss, juvenile product, food packaging, or ski wax that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to enforce these prohibitions using its existing authority. CASA sponsored.

Status

- Vetoed by the Governor

2025 Legislative Session: Notable Legislation

AB 823 (Boerner): Plastic Microbeads/Plastic Glitter

Details

- This bill prohibits a person from selling or offering for promotional purposes in the state any of the following:
 - A personal care product containing plastic microbeads used as an abrasive to clean, exfoliate, or polish, in a non-rinse-off product.
 - A cleaning product, as defined, containing plastic microbeads used as an abrasive to clean, exfoliate, or polish.
 - A personal care product containing plastic glitter.

Status

- Vetoed by the Governor

2026 Upcoming Opportunities



State Budget



Legislative
Influence



Climate Bond
Funding Rollout

Federal Government is Open!

Federal Government Shutdown Impacts

- During the shutdown the Administration threatened to withhold, pause, and/or cancel funding for federally funded projects, including U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects.

Previous Government Shutdowns

- 2013 shutdown lasted 16 days
- 2018 shutdown lasted 35 days
- 2025 shutdown lasted 44 days



FY26 Appropriations Progress



- Continuing Resolution (CR) passed to extend current funding levels through January 30, 2026.
- 3 of 12 federal appropriations bills passed as a part of the CR
- Bi-partisan support for community project funding (earmarks)

Upcoming Opportunities



- FY27 Appropriations
- One-time funding opportunity secured through the annual appropriations process
- Awards range from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000
- Must have a well-defined scope & detailed budget
- Must be able to obligate funds within the fiscal year of the award

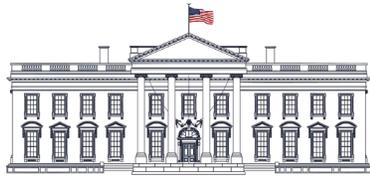
Upcoming Opportunities

2026 Water Resources Development Act

WRDA is the federal government's biannual authorization bill for the United States Army Corps of Engineers' civil works projects

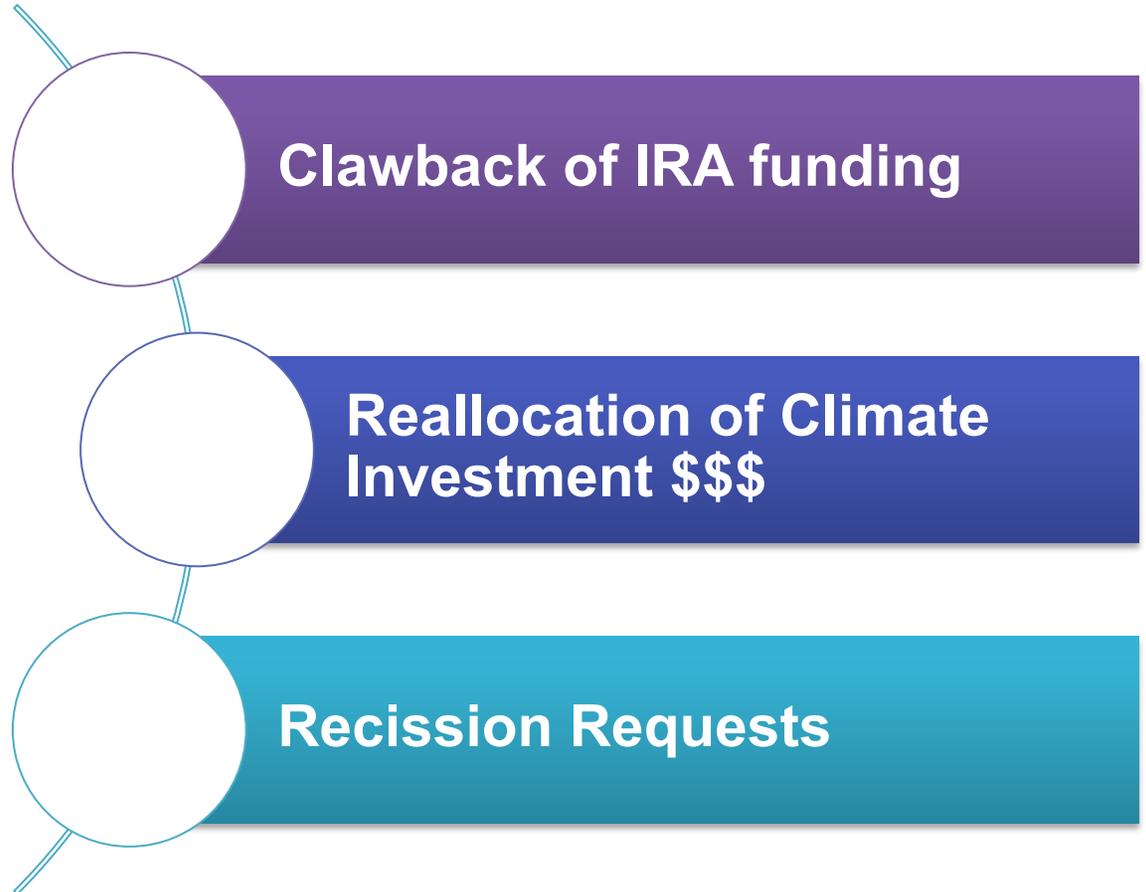
WRDA is strictly authorizing legislation; it does not include funding. The funding of WRDA-authorized studies and projects is provided separately through the annual Energy and Water Development appropriations process.

Administration Priorities



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