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Policy Title: Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy	
Policy Description: Taking positions on local, regional, state, and federal legislation and regulations	
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It is the policy of the Board of Directors of Dublin San Ramon Services District to take positions on legislative and regulatory issues that affect the District and to engage in the public policy process when time and resources allow. If legislative or regulatory issues do not affect the District, then the District will take no action unless a member of the Board requests a Board discussion of an issue. To guide staff in these efforts, the Board developed this policy.

Staff takes advantage of the District's membership in various trade organizations. These organizations track legislative and regulatory issues, take positions, and draft comment letters, making it easy for staff to also engage on issues of importance to the District.

Such organizations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)
- American Water Works Association (AWWA)
- California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA)
- California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC)
- California Special Districts Association (CSDA)
- WaterReuse
- Water Education Foundation (WEF)

Staff will use other resources and sources of information to become aware of legislation and regulations which may impact the District.

To determine whether or not to advocate on an issue, staff uses the following criteria, in order of priority.

1. **DSRSD Policies** – If the DSRSD Board of Directors adopts formal policies which have a direct bearing on the legislative and/or regulatory issue, then staff may advocate consistent with those adopted policies.

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2. **DSRSD’s Legislative & Regulatory Platform** – If the DSRSD Board of Directors adopts an annual legislative platform which has a direct bearing on the legislative and/or regulatory issue, then staff may advocate consistent with the annual legislative platform.
3. **DSRSD Budget** – If the DSRSD Board of Directors adopts a budget which has a direct bearing on the legislative and/or regulatory issue, then staff may advocate consistent with the budget.
4. **Member Associations** – If one of the organizations, in which the District is a member, asks the District to advocate consistent with the organization’s position, staff may do so.

If the General Manager deems a legislative or regulatory issue of importance and it is not encompassed by the above categories, the General Manager may bring it to the attention of the President of the Board of Directors and the President will decide if the issue rises to the level of requiring Board consideration. If the Board President determines that an issue does not warrant Board consideration, then the General Manager may advocate on the issue in the interest of the District.

If a legislative or regulatory item does not comply with any of the above criteria, a member of the Board may ask at a Board meeting that the issue be agendaized for discussion at the next Board meeting, to discuss and determine whether or not the District should advocate on the matter.