



Board Policy No. 42

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COMPENSATION OF MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to establish a consistent policy for compensating Marin Municipal Water District (District) Directors, which includes those officials elected or appointed to fill a position on the District Board of Directors, for attending Board meetings, committee meetings and other official District business.

Policy

The District is subject to various provisions of state law concerning compensation of its Board of Directors for attending meetings of the Board and serving as a representative of the District at other functions. Assembly Bill 1234, which became effective on January 1, 2006, instituted in part the following sections of the Government Code.

53232.1(a) When compensation is otherwise authorized by statute, a local agency may pay compensation to members of a legislative body for attendance at the following occurrences:

(1) A meeting of the legislative body.

(2) A meeting of an advisory body.

(3) A conference or organized educational activity conducted in compliance with subdivision (c) of Section 54952.2, including, but not limited to, ethics training required by Article 2.4 (commencing with Section 53234).

(b) A local agency may pay compensation for attendance at occurrences not specified in subdivision (a) only if the governing body has adopted, in a public meeting, a written policy specifying other types of occasions that constitute the performance of official duties for which a member of the legislative body may receive payment.

This policy authorizes compensation for all functions set forth in Government Code section 53232.1(a)(1-3), as may be amended from time to time, and pursuant to section 53232.1(b), specifies the other types of occasions for which the Board of Directors has

determined the activities constitute performance of official District duties and are compensable.

District Code Regarding Director Compensation

The District's Code includes the following section related to compensation for Board members.

2.10.060 Compensation. Each director shall receive as compensation two hundred dollars per day for each day's attendance at meetings of the board or for each day's service rendered as a member of the board by request of the board. No director may receive compensation for more than 10 days in any calendar month.

This policy is intended to further elucidate District Code, which shall take precedence, with respect to what may constitute services rendered for purposes of compensation.

Consistent with District Code and state law, payment of compensation shall be limited to a maximum of 10 days in any calendar month.

Activities Authorized for Compensation

In addition to those compensable events set forth in Government Code section 53232.1(a), the following shall constitute service rendered to the District for purposes of receiving compensation:

1. Attendance, in the Director's official role as a representative of the District, at meetings, events or functions, including meetings of civic, business, and nonprofit organizations as well as meetings of local, regional, statewide or federal public officials, public agencies or regulatory or judicial entities on topics related to the water industry or other work of the District that could impact the District or provide relevant information for the benefit of the District.
2. Official attendance at orientation, evaluation, educational activities, and briefings for Board member(s) organized by District staff (e.g., Staff-organized Board Member training or site visits to regional water or District-owned facilities, special briefings with the General Manager or Executive Staff to prepare Board Member(s) for other meetings, etc.).
3. Official attendance by a Director on behalf of the District at community, ceremonial or public outreach events held by or supported by District staff.
4. Official attendance by any Director at meetings, conferences, seminars, educational events, regional and committee meetings and trainings and webinars on topics related to the water industry, water policy, or other issues that could impact the District.
5. Other official District business with prior authorization by the Board of Directors.

Compensation for days of travel will only be provided if such travel days are reasonably necessary to attend the meeting or activity. Travel days are considered reasonably necessary if attendance at the meeting or activity would require travel outside the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the actual beginning or ending days of the activity. Unless specifically approved by the Board in advance, a Director will not be eligible for compensation for more than one travel day before the beginning, nor more than one travel day after the end of the activity attended, respectively.

Authorization and Approval of Compensation

To ensure proper accounting of expenses, Directors will notify the Board Secretary on a monthly basis concerning the meetings that they attended during that month. The Board Secretary will compile the compensation report and verify its accuracy with each of the Directors.

The General Manager shall review and approve the compensation requests submitted by the Board Secretary.