



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Counsel

Office of Ethics

June 20, 2018

Michael T. Hogan, Director  
San Diego County Water Authority  
4677 Overland Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92123-1233

Re: Request for Brown Act Training

Dear Director Hogan:

Chairman Record has referred your letter of June 19 (attached) to us for response. When Metropolitan received the Notice of Brown Act Violation from Food and Water Watch and the First Amendment Coalition, Chairman Record asked that staff provide supplementary Brown Act Training for Metropolitan's Board. The supplementary training is tentatively scheduled for the September 11 Board meeting.

As you know, Metropolitan Directors and officers are required by state law (AB1234) to complete Ethics Training every two years. The training covers multiple topics, including the Brown Act. Directors and staff may attend the live training provided by the Ethics Office (last provided in November 2016), attend training at their home agency, or take web-based training from an approved provider such as the FPPC or ACWA. The Ethics Office provides reminders to Directors and staff of their obligation to complete training and maintains records of compliance. We agree that supplementary training, focusing solely on the Brown Act, is appropriate at this time.

If you have any additional questions, please contact either of us.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Gerald Riss in black ink.

Gerald Riss  
Interim Ethics Officer

Handwritten signature of Marcia Scully in black ink.

Marcia Scully  
General Counsel

Attachment

cc: Metropolitan Board of Directors  
Water Authority Board of Directors