



**DATE:** March 21, 2017

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of a Director to the Boards of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency and the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Water System Financing Authority

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopts the attached resolution confirming reappointment of Council Member Mendall as the City's representative to the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency and the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Water System Financing Authority.

### **BACKGROUND**

Hayward is a member of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) and the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Water System Financing Authority (RFA). Hayward is currently represented on the Board of Directors by Council Member Mendall, whose term ends on June 30, 2017. This report has been prepared in order for Council to take the necessary action to appoint a representative for the next four-year term, which begins on July 1, 2017.

BAWSCA and the RFA are comprised of twenty-six member agencies that purchase wholesale water from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). Both agencies were formed in 2002 by State legislation, and the City Council approved Hayward's membership in 2003. BAWSCA and the RFA are governed by a Board of Directors, with appointed representation from each member agency.

### **DISCUSSION**

BAWSCA's primary function is to coordinate regional water conservation and water supply issues among wholesale purchasers of SFPUC water. The Agency has been active in areas such as implementation of regional water conservation programs, negotiation of the water supply agreement, monitoring implementation of the regional Water System Improvement Program, and ongoing review of wholesale rate calculations and other financial information. During the recent drought, BAWSCA assisted with monitoring regional water usage and facilitated communication between SFPUC and member agencies regarding water usage reductions. The RFA was formed to secure financing for water system

improvements, in the event that SFPUC was unable to obtain the needed funding. The RFA is largely inactive at this time as SFPUC has been successful in raising the funds.

The Boards of Directors for both BAWSCA and the RFA are comprised of a representative from each member agency. The Board meets bimonthly, and among others responsibilities, provides policy direction to BAWSCA/RFA staff, reviews and approves agency budgets and consultant agreements, and receives update from SFPUC regarding the status of the Water System Improvement Program.

Council Member Mendall has served as Hayward's representative since July 2012, and was reappointed effective July 1, 2013. In addition to actively participating in Board activities, Council Member Mendall currently chairs the Board of Directors and is an ex-officio member of the Board Policy Committee, which, as the sole committee of the Board, advises the General Manager and Board on policy matters.

Representatives to the Board of Directors serve four-year terms. BAWSCA's founding legislation does not include provisions to recall appointed representatives, even if they are no longer members of their respective local governing bodies. Also, the legislation does not provide for appointment of alternate representatives.

### **ECONOMIC/FISCAL IMPACTS**

Board members receive a one hundred dollar stipend per Board meeting when they attend meetings, which is paid by BAWSCA. There are no economic or fiscal impacts to the City of Hayward associated with this action.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Staff will notify BAWSCA of Council's action, and if approved, Council Member Mendall's reappointment to the BAWSCA and RFA Boards. The four-year term will begin on July 1, 2017.

Approved by:



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Kelly McAdoo, City Manager