



## Jurupa Community Service District

### 2013-2014 Legislative Platform

The Jurupa community Services District (JCSD) recognizes the need for an active legislative program to ensure the interests of JCSD customers are protected. The Board of Directors developed this legislative platform to define desired outcomes from challenges posed by proposed legislation and to determine positions on issues that may impact the District. The Legislative Platform is based on the District's mission and vision, in order to concentrate efforts in directed areas derived from the annual adopted Strategic Plan.

#### District Mission

The mission of Jurupa Community Services District is to provide water, sewer, wastewater, park and recreation, graffiti abatement, and other essential services to our community.

#### District Vision

The Vision of the JCSD Board is:

- Refine our financial policies and practices to better reflect the complexities of our service area and ensure our long-term financial stability;
- Enhance the efficiency, reliability, and security of District infrastructure;
- Maintain and finance reliable potable and non-potable water treatment, production, storage, and distribution systems that meet the current and future needs;
- Continue to improve adequate emergency preparedness for District facilities;
- Demand the implementation of ground water recharge in the Chino basin to achieve local hydraulic balance;
- Maintain and finance reliable sewerage collection systems to meet the current and future needs;
- Develop programs and systems to do our part in protecting the environment and incorporate green technologies in our service areas;
- Maximize available water supplies for our customers by developing recycled water and water conservation programs,
- Secure sufficient and reliable additional and diverse water supplies to meet current and future needs;
- Sustain and encourage goal-oriented, high-performing, highly-qualified, flexible, motivated, innovative, and responsive workforce to assure an adaptable environment;
- Build our public information and outreach methods to connect and better promote with the community we serve;

- Achieve national accreditation (NPRA) in the area of park and recreation;
- Identify the needs and expectations of the public for recreation programs;
- Partner with Riverside County and other agencies to best provide for Parks and Recreation needs to our service area; and
- Develop a legislative platform that supports the Mission and Vision of the District.

#### Positions on Bills

Staff will track bills of greatest interest to the District, including topics mentioned in the JCSD Mission:

- Water
- Sewer
- Wastewater
- Parks and Recreation
- Graffiti Abatement
- Other Essential Services to Our Community

A summary of the bills being tracked will be presented to the Advisory/Policy/PR Committee at their committee meetings.

If a position on a bill requires letters of opposition or support, staff will draft letters to be signed by the Board Chair, the entire board, Chair of the Advisory/Policy/PR Committee, or the General Manager. If urgent action is needed, and the scope falls within this outlined legislative platform, the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to sign letters that need to arrive in short timeframe. Any correspondence signed by the General Manager will be reported immediately to the Board by electronic mail and also at subsequent Advisory/Policy/PR committee meetings.

If a bill does not fall within the scope of the Legislative Platform, staff will seek direction from the Advisory/Policy/PR committee.

#### Legislative Goals

Seek funding for prioritized JCSD capital improvement and construction projects through grants, loans, earmarks, and other available Regional, State, and Federal sources.

Support appropriations legislation, bonds, programs, and projects that provide funding for infrastructure construction, water quality, water conservation, and water recycling.

Oppose any additional proposed property tax increases to balance the State budget.

Monitor State budget-related bills that could affect JCSD's ability to provide necessary services.

Oppose legislation that would shift local ad valorem property tax revenues approved by voters for vital water and wastewater infrastructure.

Support water bond package that also addresses both water supply and Delta solutions.

Support water conservation legislation that promotes water use efficiency.

Support legislation that will provide funding to local governments for water quality and conservation related programs.

Support water recycling legislation that benefits JCSD operations and our customers.

Support legislation that promotes and supports water reclamation.

Support water quality legislation, including emerging constituents and storm water.

Support legislation that promotes proper disposal of pharmaceutical waste and hazardous materials.

Support legislation that reduces water quality impacts from septic tanks, water softeners, and other sources of pollution.

Monitor energy/air/greenhouse gas bills that relate to JCSD operations.

Support legislation that is beneficial to Special Districts operations.

Support legislation that promotes Emergency Preparedness programs.

Support legislation that provides appropriate prosecution of graffiti offenders.

Support legislation for preservation of state and local parks.

#### Legislative Relationships

Monitor ACWA, CASA, CSDA, CPRS, Groundwater Resources Association, Chino Basin Groundwater Coalition and other related organizations on issues of importance to JCSD, as noted in the most recent JCSD Strategic Plan.

Participate in local, regional, state, federal, and advocacy organizations.

Develop relationships with local legislators, Board of Supervisors, and State Assembly and Senate members.

Develop relationships with California Senators and Congressional members.