

CODE OF CONDUCT

As members of the Drought Response Working Group, a subcommittee of the County Water Advisory Commission, we are committed to preserving the public trust and representing the best interests of our constituents.

Principles and Performance Expectations:

1. The Working Group functions as a participatory team,
2. The Working Group values a visionary, constructive work environment,
3. The Working Group works for the common good of its constituents,
4. Members maintain a solutions-oriented focus aligned with goals of the Working Group,
5. Members are prepared for Working Group meetings and are responsible for making recommendations to staff and Water Advisory Committee members,
6. Members are respectful of each other, the staff and the public including keeping comments concise to allow other people to talk.

Working Group Interaction and Communication:

1. Members apply the rules of the Brown Act to govern communications among one another,
2. Members communicate with other members and staff in a respectful and professional manner,
3. Members respect the role of the Chair and meeting facilitator, and will limit comments and discussions to items on the agenda and within the scope of the Working Group
4. Members function as a team and are not exclusive in their communications and interactions,
5. Members shall refrain from providing updates to formal groups and organizations, social media, or the press, without agreement from the Working Group, with the exception of their named representative group,
6. Members shall ensure that information shared with their representative group accurately reflects the information and proceedings of the Working Group.

I agree to uphold the following values, which demonstrate my commitment to the goals of the Working Group:

1. I shall help to create an atmosphere of respect and civility where Members, staff, and the public are free to express their ideas and work together to their full potential.
2. I shall ensure that my communications related to the Working Group are conducted with honesty, integrity, fairness, and respect for others.
3. I shall ensure that comments and discussions are constructive and focused on agenda items.
4. I shall keep the common good as my highest purpose and focus on achieving solutions for the public benefit.

5. I shall avoid and discourage conduct which is divisive or harmful to the best interest of the constituents that I represent.
6. I shall respect the role of the Chair and meeting facilitator.
7. I shall treat all people in a manner in which I wish to be treated.