



CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT OF CONFERENCE/MEETING ATTENDANCE

Name: Barbara Pierce

Vendor No.:

Department: City Council

Voucher No.:

Conference or meeting: Water Education Foundation 2008 Hetch Hetchy Tour, July 23-25, 2008, lead by the Water Education Foundation, co-sponsored by the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

Summary of conference or meeting:

This tour was designed to provide understanding of San Francisco's Hetch Hetchy Water Delivery System. Tours of the key elements of the system combined with presentations by the staff responsible for maintaining and supervising the system, enabled me to understand at a whole different level the complexity of the water system that supports Redwood City and many Bay Area communities.

The tour included: Overview of the Hetch Hetchy system; Harry W. Tracy Treatment Plant - review of the treatment and delivery system; Lower Crystal Springs Dam and Crystal Springs Reservoir - discussion of the Peninsula delivery system; Sunol Water Temple - plans for bay division pipeline crossing, retrofitting for seismic safety and maintaining infrastructure in biologically sensitive areas, efforts regarding restoration of steelhead in Alameda Creek watershed; Sunol Valley Water Treatment plant - water storage, water treatment and water quality presentation; Modesto - Modesto Irrigation District presentation on water supply and management issues in Modesto Irrigation District; new Don Pedro Dam - project operations and Turlock Irrigation District issues; Moccasin - geology of Yosemite and Hetch Hetchy valleys, Tuolumne River watershed, upper Tuolumne Ecosystem Project; O'Shaughnessy Dam and Hetch Hetchy Reservoir - partnering projects and programs in the park, climate change and water supply reliability, walking tour of the Dam, and presentation on "Should the Hetch Hetchy Valley be restored?"; Moccasin Power Plant - water and power; Pulgas Water Temple - SFPUC Bay Area watersheds presentation and planning for the future.

The tour brought together a wide diversity of participants, roles and perspectives including: city council members, deputy city attorney, hydrogeologists, water resource analysts, water district personnel, water resources control board members, water system operators, engineers, private citizens and business members from all over California. It was an amazing opportunity to see and learn about the water system, its history, geology and challenges for the retrofitting and the future.

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Signature of Council Member

Date: 11-20-08

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Conference or meeting: Peninsula Structures Breakfast Forum, Friday October 31, 2008, San Mateo Marriott.

Summary of conference or meeting:

This breakfast forum brought together Peninsula business leaders, developers and policy makers discussing the future vision for San Mateo County and some of the most significant development projects that will shape its future. Speakers included: Mayor Foust, Steve Elliot, managing director, development Projects for Stanford University; Chris Meany with Wilson Meany Sullivan discussing the Bay Meadows Project in san Mateo and John Bruno of Saltworks.

Discussion centered on: the role and benefits of a vibrant business community and how it supports the quality of life for residents through jobs, philanthropy and community partnerships; the linkages between development and community benefits and partnerships; and the emerging importance of developers understanding climate change and the role they play in coping with and preventing additional climate impacts.

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