

State of California

Memorandum

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To: The Commission
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From: Kelly A. Hymes
Advisor to Commissioner Dian M. Grueneich

Subject: Discussion and Action on Proposed Re-Appointment to the Low Income Oversight Board

Public Utilities Code Section 382.1 establishes the Low Income Oversight Board (LIOB) to advise the Commission on low-income electric, gas, and water customer issues. The LIOB is comprised of eleven members, one of which is a representative of a water corporation. The Commission approves the water corporation position. Article 3.2 of the LIOB Charter provides that the LIOB members serve two-year terms commencing upon appointment by the Commission.

On September 14, 2008, the two-year term expired for the current water corporation representative, David Stephenson.

Mr. Stephenson has made valuable contributions to the Board's work during his two-year term. As evidence of the LIOB's confidence in his contributions, the Board asked Mr. Stephenson to co-lead a subcommittee tasked with issues surrounding automatic enrollment in low income programs. Additionally, the Commission is in the midst of implementing the California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan and the current members of the LIOB, including Mr. Stephenson, have been instrumental in developing the low income portion of this plan. Because of his passionate participation, Commissioner Grueneich has decided to re-nominate Mr. Stephenson to the LIOB.

Commissioner Grueneich sent a letter to the California Water Association

(CWA) informing them of her decision to re-nominate Mr. Stephenson to the LIOB. On August 29, 2008, Commissioner Grueneich received a letter from CWA fully supporting her assessment of Mr. Stephenson's work. Furthermore, during its August 14, 2008 meeting, the CWA Board unanimously endorsed the proposed re-nomination of Mr. Stephenson (see attached letter from CWA).

Dave Stephenson currently serves as the Director of Rate Regulation at California American Water Company. He has worked in the water industry since November 1978. Mr. Stephenson collaborates with customers and organizations to promote equitable rate tariffs that, in turn, also promote conservation.

Ms. Stephenson is highly qualified for the appointment and will continue to be a valuable contributor to the LIOB. A copy of Mr. Stephenson's biography is attached for your information.

[Attachments to Grueneich's Report on Reappointment of David Stephenson to the LIOB](#)