

Five Recommendations of Federal Affairs Ad Hoc Committee (Agenda Item #6, page 49)

- **Recommendation #1** – The RWA should form a volunteer standing committee as a dedicated forum for coordination, collaboration, education and vetting on federal policy areas of regional interest.
- **Recommendation #2** – The RWA should establish a concise federal policy platform that is adopted by the RWA Board and updated annually.
- **Recommendation #3** – RWA should play a leadership role in statewide associations that touch federal affairs, like the Association of California Water Agencies and other national organizations, with the RWA Executive Director as lead in these activities.

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- **Recommendation #4** – RWA should consider initiating a facilitated effort to strengthen its communication with outside organizations, federal agencies and Congressional offices. In the past, there has been some confusion with these entities as to whom is speaking for the region. This would allow the RWA members to speak with one voice and one message.
- **Recommendation #5** - The RWA Board should evaluate the effectiveness of the standing committee in Recommendation #1, 12-18 months after establishing the standing committee and suggest recommendations to the RWA Board on what, if any, changes should be made – up to and including consideration of a subscription or core program.