



Meeting Agenda

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Next Chapter Meeting

April 23, 2015 SASD/SRCSD

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2015

Time: 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Place: **SASD/SRCSD**
10060 Goethe Road, Sacramento, CA 95827

Meeting Host:

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Agenda:

- 9 A.M. Call to Order
- Standing Items
- Special Guests
 - Richard Harris, Senior Policy Advisor**
Topic: Regulatory and Legislative Update for WaterReuse
 - Jose Ramirez, Senior Civil Engineer, SRCSD**
Topic: RegionalSan's Water Recycling Program Update
- Future Meetings and Chapter Activities
Volunteer speakers, hosts, and tours
- Panel Discussions

Please RSVP no later than January 20, 2015
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- Public Policy Law
- Energy
- Transportation
- Water

Richard C. Harris | Senior Policy Advisor

Richard Harris advises clients at the state and local level and lobbies for administrative and legislative solutions to further their interests in issues related to natural resources, transportation, business, education and municipalities.

Mr. Harris is a former local elected school board member credited by the Editorial Board of the *Sacramento Bee* for proposing "a truly smart idea" on school funding in 2012 that in the *Bee's* view, "If other officials thought in similar terms, schools would be in far better shape."

According to the *Davis Enterprise* newspaper in their endorsement of his successful run for a seat on the Davis school board, "Richard Harris is intelligent, persuasive and creative, and he'll be a highly effective Board member."

Mr. Harris' career of public service has fostered his work with clients in cities and counties throughout northern California, on issues ranging from the siting of wireless communications towers, solar and energy efficiency projects, signage and waste disposal contracts.

He is a former California State Assembly legislative committee consultant, serving as senior consultant to the Economic Development and New Technologies Committee under Chairman (and now Congressman), Sam Farr.

Mr. Harris also worked for two former Majority Leaders of the State Assembly, Mike Roos of Los Angeles and Thomas Hannigan of Fairfield. As leadership staff he helped develop caucus positions on utility, biotechnology, tourism, housing, labor and economic development issues.

Mr. Harris served nearly seven years as District Director for Congressman Vic Fazio, then the third ranking Democrat in Congress. He was Fazio's chief policy and political liaison to all local government agencies in seven Sacramento valley counties.

Mr. Harris has successfully managed candidate and issue political campaigns including Fazio's 1992 and 1994 campaigns and several school funding initiatives. He is experienced in all aspects of campaigning from messaging, direct mail, volunteer organizing, and television and social media advertising.

Representative Work

- **Natural Resources Banking Coalition.** Nossaman established this coalition in 2012 to successfully lobby for the reinstatement of the mitigation and conservation banking program at the state Department of Fish and Game. Mr. Harris served as the spokesperson for the group and negotiated program funding and implementation language to benefit private and public banks.
- **Orange County Transportation Corridor Agencies.** Successfully led coalitions to defeat legislation and administrative actions detrimental to the completion of the agencies' publicly-owned toll road network.
- **WaterReuse Association.** As the long time lobbyist for this association, Mr. Harris is the "voice" for recycled water issues in Sacramento. Among many legislative successes, he successfully led the coalition supporting \$725 million for water recycling in Proposition 1 of 2014. He also wrote funding and language for Proposition 13 of 2000, providing more than \$100 million in loans and grants to fund water recycling projects.
- **Lake Elsinore.** Responsible for the inclusion of \$15 million in Proposition 13 for water quality and watershed improvements at Lake Elsinore, on behalf of public agencies and private interests.
- **Port of Oakland.** While the chief lobbyist for this agency that owns and operates the Oakland International Airport, Jack London Square and the third largest seaport in the state, Mr. Harris was their chief advocate on transportation, job creation, air quality and

other issues. He wrote legislation to put a Bond before the voters to finance infrastructure improvements and security measures in the state.

- **Sacramento Area Council of Governments.** Drafted legislation and led the successful effort to receive \$50 million in state funding for the Sacramento Emergency Clean Air Transportation Plan.
- **City of Irvine.** Represented the City on issues related to the El Toro Marine Corps Air Base reuse and the development of the Orange County Great Park.
- Represented three municipal water districts on matters related to hydroelectric power generation, funding of recycling and water projects and governance.
- Lobbied the Legislature and/or provided strategic planning and consultation for many of Nossaman's private sector clients, including:
 - Crown Castle
 - Solar City
 - Cargill
 - Williams Communications
 - Electronic Sign Communications Network
 - California Water Association
 - Levine-Fricke Restoration
 - Solano Garbage
 - Family Winemakers of California
 - California Craft Brewers Association
 - Lubrizol Corporation
 - California Legislative Conference on Interior Design
 - Guardian Dental/Life Insurance Company of America
 - Frontier Communications
 - Feld Entertainment; Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus.

Community Activities

Davis Joint Unified School District Board of Education, 2007 – 2012
President 2010 - 2011.

Appointed by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors as one of five members of the Yolo County Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) in 2001 and again in 2011.

Awards & Honors

Received the "President's Award" from WaterReuse Californian 2011 for his lifetime achievements in advancing water recycling.

Presentations

Speaker, "A Legacy of Recycled Water Legislation," WaterReuse Annual Conference, Newport Beach, March 26, 2008.

Moderator, Gordon Cologne legislative breakfast, WaterReuse Annual Conference, Palm Springs, California, March 6, 2007.

Speaker, "Recycled Water: Are We Making Progress?" 2006 Association of California Water Agencies' Fall Conference, Anaheim, California, December 7, 2006.

Speaker, "Policy and Politics, Issues Before the Legislature & the Voters," Association of Corporate Counsel - Sacramento Chapter, September 21, 2006.

Moderator, "Recycling Water Recycling: How Does California Meet Its Goals of Recycling One Million Acre-Feet by 2010?" 2006 Legislative Symposium, March 8, 2006.
Speaker, "The Art of Lobbying: Achieving your California Regulatory and Legislative Goals." Bay Area General Counsel Group, San Francisco, California, August 2, 2005.
Moderator, Gordon Cologne legislative breakfast, WateReuse Annual Conference, San Diego, California, March 1, 2005.
Speaker, "Recycled Water Issues in 2005" Southern California Salinity Coalition, Los Angeles, California, February 25, 2005.
Speaker, "AB 334: California's new law regulating water softeners." National Salinity Management and Desalination Summit, Las Vegas, Nevada, December 8, 2003.

Publications

Mr. Harris wrote a biweekly community commentary column in the Davis Enterprise newspaper entitled "The View From South Davis" from January 2005 to June 2007.

Education

B.A., San Diego State University, 1977

**Sacramento Area Sewer District &
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
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