Meeting Agenda

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 WaterUse
   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

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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 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**

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 WateReuse Californian 2011 for his lifetime achievements in advancing water recycling.

**Presentations**


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


Speaker, "The Art of Lobbying: Achieving your California Regulatory and Legislative Goals." Bay Area General Counsel Group, San Francisco, California, August 2, 2005.

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