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For the given month, I participated in the following reoccurring meetings and special events: My efforts toward the labor negotiations continued to escalate. To an extent, some of my efforts were expended to engage in dialog with the other designated negotiator for the District. The negotiations tone seemed to degrade through this reporting period. Aside from negotiations, the District achieved some important milestones since my last report, we have a signed irrevocable offer of dedication for the Well #16 parcel, and the Board will be considering a contract for the engineering design of the Well #16 groundwater pumping station.

1. On January 29th, I participated in a meeting with a custodial services provider, which was unsolicited, i.e. the District was not looking for new service. Staff is continuing to evaluate whether the minimal savings through a proposed new provider is worth the hassle and one-time expense of switching. We've also reached out to see if the existing provider will match the proposed increase in service level without increasing their charge.
2. On January 30th, I had a meeting (also unsolicited) with Inland Business machines. I was not interested in any new office equipment for Inland, but I was interested in what new products may be available. Inland made a full press, including contracts, which affirmed my aversion to any sort of engagement.
3. On January 30th (afternoon). I met with TelCom Data regarding a new Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone system. TelCom is one of four options we are considering. At this point, the advantage of TelCom is their Samsung office phones. Of the other three proposers, we are realistically only considering one, which is similar to TelCom, with different phones and a different level of maintenance /installation acumen.
4. On February 6th, I met with several area water districts' General Managers to continue our discussions on the benefits of inter-agency cooperation and potential for consolidation of two or more of the agencies.
5. On February 7th, TelCom conducted a demonstration of their office phone VOIP system. All staff members participated.

6. On February 13th, The District Engineer, Operations Superintendent and I met to score the qualifications of the four respondents to the Well #16 engineering design project.
7. On February 13th (afternoon), I participated in the RWA Regional Water Reliability group meeting. The group has refined their estimates of member agency participation cost for phase 1. The refinements include a not to exceed estimate to account for member agencies deciding to opt out of participation.
8. On February 14th, AllWorx demonstrated their office phone VOIP system. Again all staff participated in the demonstration. After this, the second phone system demonstration, I solicited feedback staff (individually via e-mail) to gain individual opinions on a phone systems we'd likely own and operate for the next 15-years.
9. On February 15th I participated and voted in the RWA special meeting to consider authorizing an interim Executive Officer subsequent to the retirement of John Woodling. The primary RWA representative from RLECWD was unavailable for this special meeting. I voted, as did every other agency representative, to confirm the appointment of Rob Swartz. Rob had already been named as Interim Exec, Officer for SGA in a preceding SGA meeting. So, failure of RWA to confirm would have been problematic. Rob has declared he is not interested in a permanent appointment.
10. On February 21st I attended the ACWA Groundwater Committee meeting in Sacramento. I was most interested in hearing the legislative and regulatory updates portion of the agenda. Oddly, there were no updates on the Chrome 6 efforts by the State to re-establish the MCL. Stakeholder workshops for the MCL

Other initiatives in progress are:

None of the above illustrates how much time and effort I've spent on negotiations and the bid process for Well #16 design. Included with the later was an exploration of all the engineering, construction, construction management and compliance reporting associated with the SRF loan and project development from 2009 to 2013.