ARTICLE 4 - COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

Section 2.401 Compensation.

In accordance with Section 71255 of the Water Code, each Board Member shall be compensated in the amount established by Ordinance for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board or for each day's service rendered as a Board Member by request of the Board not to exceed six (6) days in any calendar month. A Board Member shall not be compensated for more than one (1) per diem per day even if more than one meeting is attended in one (1) day. At least annually, the Board shall determine the meetings for which Board Members shall be compensated. Board Members shall be compensated only for meetings approved by the Board.

Section 2.402 Expenses.

(a) If expenses are expected to exceed the budgeted amount, a Board Member shall receive reasonable and necessary reimbursement for travel, meals, lodging, registration, and similar expenses incurred on District business. The rate for reimbursement shall not exceed the rate published by the IRS for deduction from taxes. Board Members shall submit expense reports within fifteen (15) days of the activity for which reimbursement is requested.

(b) During September of each year, the General Manager shall prepare a list of amounts paid during the prior fiscal year to reimburse a Board Member or Employee for individual expenses of one hundred dollars ($100.00) or more. To determine the value of an item, the total charges for the item for the day shall be considered. For example, several transportation bills, each less than one hundred dollars ($100.00), but totaling more than one hundred dollars ($100.00), requires a report.

(c) The District shall pay for the attendance of up to two (2) Board Members at any one seminar, conference or other similar meeting or event, unless otherwise approved by the Board. Following an election, an incumbent choosing not to seek another term or who is defeated in the election, shall not be eligible for seminar attendance during the remaining months in office. The maximum fiscal-year expenditure per Board Member shall be set each year in the annual budget. First choice for seminar attendance shall be determined by the committee description most closely related to the seminar subject matter as determined by the President. Should a committee member be unable, or not wish, to attend a seminar, the option to attend shall then be extended first to the committee alternate.

(d) At the next Regular Board meeting after a Board Member's attendance at a conference or other event at District's expense, the Board Member shall provide a brief or written report regarding that conference. The written report may be provided on a form, which will be included with the agenda packet.