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Richard Armendariz
c/o Residents for Responsible Desalination
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Re: Potential Brown Act Violation by OC Water District Board

Dear Mr. Armendariz:

We have reviewed your complaint regarding a potential Brown Act violation by the Orange County Water District Board. In your complaint you allege that the “ad hoc” funding committee is actually functioning as a “standing” committee and should therefore be conducting open, noticed meetings, as required by the provisions of the Brown Act.

Based on our review of the information provided by you and by OCWD, and based on the applicable case law and opinions of the Attorney General, we have concluded that OCWD’s “ad hoc” funding committee was not a “legislative body” as defined in the Brown Act. Consequently, we find that OCWD did not violate the Brown Act with respect to the “ad hoc” funding committee, and we are closing our inquiry into this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Raymond S. Armstrong
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cc: Joel D. Kuperberg, Esq.

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