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Policy	BOD-2.2 Compensation and Reimbursement for Directors	Latest Revision	7/26/23

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2.2.1 Compensation and Reimbursement for Board and Committee Meetings

Members of the Board of Directors of the District will be entitled to receive \$125 per day for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board, or for each day's service rendered as a member of the Board by request of the Board, as provided for in this policy.

Applicable law provides that a Director can be compensated for up to 10 days per calendar month for each day's attendance at meetings of the Board, or for each day's service rendered as a Director. The District encourages Directors to take advantage of opportunities to be informed concerning matters of interest to the District, and to inform others of the activities and interests of the District. The General Manager will provide to the Board on a quarterly basis a list of meetings attended by each Director for which the Director was compensated under this policy. Directors will be compensated (for up to 10 days per calendar month) for attending the following types of meetings:

- Meetings of the Board of Directors of the District;
- Meetings of committees of the Board of Directors of the District, as a committee member or alternate committee member;
- Meetings of joint powers authorities, associations and other organizations of which the District is a member or participant, as the liaison representative of the Board and/or the liaison representative alternate who has been appointed to represent the District on the governmental entity or committee;
- Meetings of a County Board of Supervisors, Local Agency Formation Commission or a special district or legislative or regulatory body that has on its agenda a matter that is of interest to the District;
- Meetings or office visits as requested by the General Manager;
- Meetings, water industry events or office visits of a substantial duration concerning substantive District business as requested and approved for payment by the General Manager or the Board President; and
- Conferences, seminars, meetings, and other events dealing with matters of interest to the District.

When making any trips on official business of the Board, or in attending any conferences, Directors will be compensated for each day sessions are attended. If the conference is of sufficient distance that travel on the same day is unreasonable, then Directors will be compensated for up to one travel day before and one travel day after the meeting or conference. For out of state events, attendance at the event must be approved in advance by the Board of Directors.

2.2.2 Director Travel and Reimbursement Policy

It is the policy of the San Juan Water District to reimburse Directors for any expenses incurred in the performance of his/her duties required or authorized by the Board, and that expenses be reimbursed in a manner that conforms to an "accountable plan" under Internal Revenue Service regulations. Such expenses will be reported on the District's "Statement of Reimbursable Expenses", which includes the following information: (a.) cost of each separate expense (incidental expenses may be totaled by category); (b.) date expense was incurred; (c.) destination (for travel and transportation); (d.) business purpose and/or benefit gained; and (e) receipts confirming the expense. This form must be submitted to the Director of Finance or Board Secretary within 60 days of incurring the expense, who will have authority to provide reimbursement of expenses that conforms to the requirements under this policy.

The District's annual budget will set an appropriate level of funding for reimbursement of Board member's travel expenses. A Board member will not be entitled to receive in excess of the budgeted amount per fiscal year for reimbursement of travel expenses, unless the Board of Directors approves a Board member's request to increase this amount for the Board member for the applicable fiscal year. The General Manager will be responsible for identifying when a travel request would cause the budgeted amount to be exceeded, and discuss whether the Board member would like to request approval of the Board for additional funds.

- a. Each Board member will be reimbursed for travel, lodging, and other expenses actually and reasonably incurred in the performance of service rendered. All activities for which expense reimbursement is sought must be in accordance with approved policies of the Board.
- b. Normally, travel will be arranged through the Board Secretary. If a Board member has personal travel that will occur on either end of the District travel, the Director may coordinate personal travel plans with the Board secretary. In any case, the incremental cost of personal travel will be at the Board member's own expense.
- c. Airline travel will be based on the least expensive economy tickets at the time of purchase.
- d. If personal vehicle is used, the reimbursement will be based on the mileage reimbursement rates as set by the IRS. The reimbursement will be limited to either the amount of automobile mileage reimbursement; or regular economy airfare plus transfers (or cost of rental car if it would have been necessary), fees, tips, etc.; whichever is less. If alternative transportation is used, the limiting airfare for reimbursement will be determined by the Board secretary, and will generally be based on the fares paid for other attendees, if any, or the 21-day advance purchase economy airfare.
- e. Rental cars will be limited to no larger than the intermediate size, unless there are multiple people requiring a larger vehicle.
- f. Lodging will be at the standard conference hotel room, or as assigned in the conference registration process, or of similar cost. Lodging reimbursed by the District is limited to the night before the conference through the night after the conclusion of the conference. In the case where the cost of the airfare for a Saturday night stay plus the additional lodging cost is less than the economy airfare for the conference nights, the Board member may choose this option. If the conference or meeting is local, no lodging will be provided.
- g. Meals will be reimbursed for actual expenses (receipts required) or at the per diem rate approved for the applicable city under the IRS accountable plan (no receipts needed).
- h. If a spouse or other family member/s attend/s a conference, seminar or meeting with a Board member, the cost for travel, meals, registration and any other incremental expenses related to such spouse or family member will be paid by the Board member.

Travel advances are available to Board members upon request. Receipts must be provided and expenses documented on an expense reimbursement form, with any remaining advanced funds returned to the District.

A Director shall not attend a conference or training event for which there is an expense to the District if it occurs after they have announced their pending resignation or have not filed for re-election, or if it occurs after an election in which it has been determined that they will not retain their seat on the Board of Directors except as formally authorized by action of the Board of Directors.

Board members returning from conferences or seminars for which expenses have been reimbursed may submit a brief oral or written report to the Board.

2.2.3 Benefits for Directors

Directors will be covered by the District’s Workers Compensation Insurance policy while acting as a Board of Directors or acting under its orders.

Revision History:

Revision Date	Description of Changes	Requested By
2/28/18	Combine Policies 2300 and 2500; further define types of meetings; offer per diem rate vs. receipts; remove list of pre-approved meetings to allow Director to incur expenses in the performance of his/her duties	Personnel Committee
7/26/23	To clarify that prior approval of the Board is required for any Board member to be reimbursed for expenses associated with any out-of-state travel, and to update the terminology associated with airline travel, from the term “coach” to the current term “economy”	General Manager