

MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Jointly with the
PUBLIC AFFAIRS/MET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
July 18, 2005, 8:30 a.m.
MWDOC Conference Room 101

Teleconference Site:
16 Park Road
Rollins, MT
(406) 844-2282

(Members of the Public may attend and participate in the meeting at both locations. At the Montana location, the meeting will commence at 9:30 a.m. local time)

Committee:

Director Barbre, Chairman
Director Finnegan
Director Hinman

Staff: K. Hunt, K. Seckel, M. Stone, R. Bell
D. Cordero, K. Davanaugh, M. Tuchman
Deven Upadhyay

Ex Officio Member: Ed Royce, Sr.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

Determine there is a need to take immediate action on item(s) and that the need for action came to the attention of the District subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (Requires a unanimous vote of the Committee.)

ACTION ITEMS

1. PRIORITY LEGISLATION
2. CONSIDERATION OF TEAM SPONSORSHIP FOR METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT'S SOLAR CUP 2006

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES
 - a. Report on State Legislative Activities by Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

- b. Report on Federal Legislative Activities by James Barker
- c. Legislation Matrix

INFORMATION ITEMS

(The following items are for informational purposes only – background information is included in the packet. Discussion is not necessary unless a Director requests.)

- 4. BEGINNING THE PRODUCTION PROCESS FOR THE 2005-06 SCHOOL CALENDARS
- 5. PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES REPORT

OTHER ITEMS

- 6. REVIEW ISSUES RELATED TO LEGISLATION, OUTREACH, PUBLIC INFORMATION ISSUES, AND MET
- 7. GENERAL MANAGER'S / DIRECTORS' REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: At the discretion of the Committee, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated and may be subject to action by the Committee. On those items designated for Board action, the Committee reviews the items and makes a recommendation for final action to the full Board of Directors; final action will be taken by the Board of Directors. Agendas for Committee and Board meetings may be obtained from the District Secretary. Members of the public are advised that the Board consideration process includes consideration of each agenda item by one or more Committees indicated on the Board Action Sheet. Attendance at Committee meetings and the Board meeting considering an item consequently is advised.

Accommodations for the Disabled. Any person may make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation needed for that person to be able to participate in the public meeting by telephoning Maribeth Goldsby, District Secretary, at (714) 963-3058, or writing to Municipal Water District of Orange County at P.O. Box 20895, Fountain Valley, CA 92728. Requests must specify the nature of the disability and the type of accommodation requested. A telephone number or other contact information should be included so that District staff may discuss appropriate arrangements. Persons requesting a disability-related accommodation should make the request with adequate time before the meeting for the District to provide the requested accommodation.

- 2) Requires OEHHA to revise the PHG for perchlorate in drinking water within six months after new findings indicate that existing standards are not adequately protective of pregnant women, fetuses and others;
- 3) Requires OEHHA to revise the MCL for perchlorate in drinking water within twelve months after the revised PHG has been issued.
- 4) Defines "new findings" to include any risk assessment by any state agency in the United States that concludes a exposure levels below California's PHG present a risk to vulnerable populations or a maximum contaminant level (MCL) adopted in another state that is lower than California's PHG.
- 5) Specifies that the PHG and MCL shall not be required to be updated under this section more than every four years.

Notes: The bill passed the Senate on a party-line 24-16 vote, with Senator Machado joining the Republicans in opposition to the bill. Among the concerns expressed by the water community is that this bill undercuts the efforts and regulatory authority of OEHHA by allowing risk assessments conducted by agencies in other states to dictate the direction and actions to be taken by the agency. The bill also creates a situation in which OEHHA would be forced to revise California's PHG (and subsequently its MCL) for perchlorate within a relatively short timeframe, which would not allow adequate time for scientific peer review, public review and comment, and evaluation of whether implementation of the revised standard is technically or economically feasible.

Status: The bill was heard in the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee on June 28, with no action taken. A further hearing has yet to be scheduled.

Recommended position: OPPOSE

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 22, 2005

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 28, 2005

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 20, 2005

SENATE BILL

No. 187

Introduced by Senator Soto

February 10, 2005

An act to add Section 116365.3 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to drinking water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 187, as amended, Soto. Drinking water: contaminants.

The California Safe Drinking Water Act requires the State Department of Health Services to adopt primary drinking water standards for contaminants in drinking water and prohibits those standards from being less stringent than the national primary drinking water standards adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The act requires the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to prepare and publish an assessment of the risks to public health posed by each contaminant for which the department proposes a primary drinking water standard. The act requires the risk assessment to contain an estimate of the level of the contaminant in drinking water that is not anticipated to cause or contribute to adverse health effects, or that does not pose any significant risk to health, to be known as the public health goal for the contaminant.

The act requires all public health goals published by the office to be established in accordance with public health considerations and factors, and be reviewed at least once every 5 years and revised as necessary based upon the availability of new scientific data.

In conducting the review and revision of public health goals, the act authorizes the office to give special consideration to those contaminants that cause or contribute to adverse health effects in members of subgroups of the population that are at greater risk of adverse health effects than the general population when exposed to the contaminant in drinking water, including infants and children. In preparing and publishing risk assessments that involve infants and children, the act requires the office to assess, to the extent information is available, (1) exposure patterns, (2) special susceptibility of infants and children to contaminants in comparison to the general population, (3) the effects on infants and children of exposure to contaminants and other substances that have a common mechanism of toxicity, and (4) the interaction of multiple contaminants on infants and children.

This bill would require the office to revise the public health goal for perchlorate in drinking water as soon as possible after new methods for analyzing pathways of exposure become available to the office, or after new findings, *as defined*, indicate that the public health goal is insufficient to protect vulnerable populations, *and would require the department to amend its maximum contamination level*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 116365.3 is added to the Health and
2 Safety Code, to read:
3 116365.3. (a) The Office of Environmental Health Hazard
4 Assessment shall revise the public health goal for perchlorate in
5 drinking water as soon as possible after new methods for
6 analyzing pathways of exposure become available to the office,
7 ~~or as soon as possible~~ *within six months* after new findings
8 indicate that the current public health goal may be insufficiently
9 protective of pregnant women, fetuses, infants, or other
10 vulnerable populations. *The department shall amend the*
11 *maximum contaminant level for perchlorate in response to the*
12 *amended public health goal for perchlorate within 12 months*
13 *after the amended public health goal has been issued.*
14 (b) *For the purposes of this section, “new findings” shall*
15 *include any of the following:*

1 *(1) Any risk assessment conducted by any state agency in the*
2 *United States after April 1, 2005, that concludes that perchlorate*
3 *exposure at levels below the California public health goal poses*
4 *a risk to pregnant women, fetuses, infants, or other vulnerable*
5 *populations.*

6 *(2) A maximum contaminant level or equivalent standard*
7 *issued by any state agency in the United States after April 1,*
8 *2005, that is lower than the current public health goal issued by*
9 *the State of California.*

10 *(c) The public health goal and maximum contaminant level*
11 *shall not be required to be updated under this section more*
12 *frequently than once every four years.*



ACTION ITEM

July 20, 2005

TO: Public Affairs/MET Oversight Committee
(Directors Royce, Dick, Clark)

FROM: Kevin Hunt
General Manager

Staff Contact: Matt Stone
David J. Cordero

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF TEAM SPONSORSHIP FOR METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT'S SOLAR CUP 2006

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Committee authorize the District's participation in Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Solar Cup 2006 competition, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting):

SUMMARY

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Met) will present Solar Cup 2006, its annual high school solar boat building competition at Lake Skinner, May 19-21, 2006. The competition is a high-profile event that has been increasingly successful, during its four-year history, in generating worldwide media coverage for Met and its member agencies.

Met is again seeking member agency support for the 2006 competition by asking them to sponsor high school teams in their respective service areas. The sponsorship cost to each member agency is \$3,000 per team. There is no limit to the number of teams that an agency may sponsor, but only 33 teams will be able to participate in the 2006 competition.

Earlier this year, MWDOC and Mesa Consolidated Water District co-sponsored Costa Mesa High School in Costa Mesa, with both agencies contributing \$1,500 toward the sponsorship

Budgeted (Y/N): Yes	Budgeted amount: \$3,000.00
Action item amount: \$3,000.00	Line item: N/A
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):	

cost. In 2004, MWDOC and Irvine Ranch Water District co-sponsored Woodbridge High School in Irvine.

Staff recommends that MWDOC again participate in the Solar Cup competition, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000, as either a team sponsor or as a co-sponsor with interested MWDOC member agencies. Staff plans to solicit member agency participation later this month.

Attached is information from Met about Solar Cup 2006. Information can also be obtained by visiting... http://www.mwdh2o.com/mwdh2o/pages/education/solar_cup_01.html.



Program Overview

Solar Cup is a program where high school teams, sponsored by Metropolitan Water District (MWD) member agencies, build and prepare a solar powered boat over a six-month timeline. The teams will compete against each other at Lake Skinner, located in Temecula, in both sprint and endurance events. It is planned to take place May 19-21, 2006.

For this fourth year of the program, MWD will serve as lead sponsor for the event. Once again MWD will receive expert technical assistance from an outside vendor to teach the students/teachers each of the steps necessary to build and operate a safe, solar-powered boat. MWD external affairs staff will serve as project manager and leads for key areas.

Program Details:

The following tasks are involved in the planning, preparing, and staging of the event:

Program Kickoff

- Send program and timeline information to sponsoring agencies
- Create graphic/logo that will be used on flyers, posters, letterhead
- Distribute waiver forms and video release forms
- Distribute program rule book to teams
- Develop media and legislative outreach strategies with sponsoring agencies

Boat kits and building workshops

- MWD will supply each team with a "hull" kit and some of the hard-to-find pieces and fasteners
- MWD will host boat-building workshops to assist teams in assembling their boats. The tools and supplies needed to build the boat will be furnished
- Member agencies will furnish \$3,000 directly to the team(s) they are sponsoring. This money will be used to purchase solar panels, batteries, safety and steering equipment

Technical Workshops

- MWD will host technical workshops that provide the technical focus
- Rule books and technical manuals will be furnished to each team
- The workshops will include tips and instruction from former participants and experts
- The workshops will also include hands-on demonstrations

Communication with schools

- MWD will be a 24-hour link for questions and concerns—via website, email, telephone
- Each team will be required to complete four technical reports, which will be reviewed and revised
- School visits to each school will be conducted to troubleshoot and evaluate progress
- Newsletters primarily made up of concerns, problems, troubleshooting and reminders of what steps need to be taken to adhere to the timeline/deadlines will be mailed to participating schools/teams and sponsoring agencies to be well prepared leading up to the event
- Each skipper **must** pass a mandatory swim test

Event site survey and prep

- A detailed site, staffing and logistics plan will be created
- Materials needed to operate event—floating docks, time equipment, buoys, and safety craft will be provided
- Volunteers who will be trained to serve as judges, inspectors and support staff

Event with camp--3 days

- MWD will host campground at Lake Skinner
- MWD will supply shuttles to and from lake/parking for teams and guests
- MWD will supply participation awards—T-shirts, medals, trophies for participants

Benefits to MWD and it's member agencies

- Promote stewardship of natural resources, water quality issues and recreation
- Legislative outreach opportunities
- Numerous media opportunities both locally and regionally
- Intensely collaborative effort between Metropolitan Water District and sponsoring agencies
- Community outreach opportunities to service groups, retirees or organizations—Lions, Elks Clubs
- Increase awareness to paths into water industry careers
- Greater ties to secondary education audience—high schools—in service area



Event Guidelines

In an effort to clarify some aspects of this year's program and avoid confusion, we are issuing the following guidelines to all participants.

Number of participants

The MWD Solar Cup 2006 will be limited to 33 teams. The number of participants is based on many factors. One of the most important factors in limiting the number of entrants is safety. MWD is committed to ensure the safety of all participants both on and off the water. Size of the facility also is a limiting factor for this year's event.

How to register a team

MWD Member Agencies must submit the ***MWD Solar Cup 2006 Commitment Form*** by the deadline to be considered for this year's event. The Agency and their team will be registered on a first come first served basis. Additional ***Commitment Forms*** may be obtained by contacting Adrienne Perry at 213-217-6926 or aperry@mwdh2o.com.

Monetary Commitment to Team

The cost to sponsor a team in this year's event will again be \$3,000. The Member Agency will supply the team with this money. It will be used to purchase items necessary for completing the boat. This is the only money that can be spent on the boat. The teams cannot spend more than the \$3000 on their boat.

Sponsoring Additional Teams

Some Member Agencies may want to sponsor more than one team. Make sure you note your interest in sponsoring additional teams on the ***Commitment Form***. If space allows for multiple team sponsorship and the interest is greater than the number of open slots we will institute a lottery process for those open spaces.

Member Agency Team Assistance

Member Agencies may, at their discretion, allow their employees to mentor the students, assist in enhancing the understanding of the science or technology involved in completing the boat or assist in other ways such as building morale and team spirit.

Outside MWD Service Area Team Sponsorships

Due to the popularity of this event, we will allow a fixed number of teams to participate in the event from outside the MWD service area. This year the number of teams from outside the MWD service area is set at three. If those outside agency spots are not filled, they will be filled by MWD Member Agencies. The outside sponsoring agencies will be required to follow the same guidelines as MWD Member Agencies.



Commitment Form

The Metropolitan Water District's solar boat competition will be held at Lake Skinner May 19-21, 2006! We are looking for agencies that are interested in sponsoring a high school team from their service area to compete in this event! If space allows, agencies may sponsor more than one team!

The Metropolitan Water District will supply:

- ✓ Boat kits
- ✓ Technical assistance--workshops, review of plans
- ✓ Communication with schools
- ✓ School visits
- ✓ Camp for teams during event

Participant's sponsor will supply:

- ✓ \$3000 grant to their team which will be used to purchase batteries, solar panels and other boat related items

The Metropolitan Water District is here to assist you!

- ✓ We can help you in identifying and recruiting a school
- ✓ We can work with teachers/administrators to fit program into school year
- ✓ We can answer your questions or concerns

If you are interested in competing in this pilot program please send your commitment form to Julie Miller by **September 16th**.

----- Commitment Form-----

Member agency _____

Contact name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

_____ **Yes, we will participate!** We need MWD to assist us with school/team selection.

_____ **Yes, we will participate!** We don't need MWD to assist us with our school/team selection. Our school/team will be from _____ High School. The teacher or faculty advisor will be _____.

_____ **Yes, we will participate!** We are still working on identifying a school.

_____ **Yes, we will participate!** We are interested in sponsoring more than one team from our service area! We would like to sponsor a total of _____ teams.

_____ **Good luck!** We will not be participating this year, but would like to be updated.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Public Affairs/ Met Oversight Committee
Municipal Water District of Orange County

From: Christopher Townsend, President
Sean Fitzgerald, Client Manager

Date: July 18, 2005

Subject: Monthly Activity Report

Desal Sites/Facilities Protection

We have made a couple slight revisions to the resolution and have submitted it to Assemblywoman Walters' office for introduction. As of the writing of this report, our aim is to have the resolution introduced before the recess and to continue gathering support through the legislative recess. We have already worked with MWD staff on the wording of the resolution will continue active engagement with the MWD staff and Desal Committee. Please note the attached updated draft of the resolution.

With the resolution submitted for formal introduction, we will now also revisit the Governor's Administration and DWR regarding the need for an Executive Order or other administrative action that will help support the intent of the resolution.

Upcoming Meeting with Department of Parks & Recreation

TPA has facilitated the setting of a meeting with Ruth Coleman, Director of the Department of Parks & Recreation. This meeting is intended to set the stage for continued engagement between the two parties as MWDOC continues forward with feasibility and other studies related to the desal site in Dana Point. Clearly, DPR will play a key role in MWDOC's continued progress and this relationship will be of great assistance going forward.

Proposition 50 Water Security Grant

Despite their tentative timeline that calls for selected Prop. 50 pre-applications to be submitted for public review in "spring 2005", DHS has still not released any such list, nor has the Department indicated when it may be available. While some rumors about the prospects for individual have circulated (due primarily to information from local DHS engineers), DHS will not release any such information, nor will they confirm any rumors.

Unfortunately, this is the same report we have made the past two months, but DHS still refuses to update their timeline to provide any new information on when they plan on publishing their pre-application rankings for public review.

**Resolution Supporting Ocean Water Desalination
and the Establishment of State Policy to Preserve
Potential Ocean Water Desalination Sites along the California Coast**

WHEREAS, a clean, safe and reliable water supply is critical to California's economy, environment, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, California has been making significant progress in developing more diverse and reliable regional water supply portfolios and maximizing existing water resources in the state through water use efficiency, water transfers, wastewater recycling, the recovery of impaired and/or brackish groundwater, groundwater storage and banking, and other such programs; and

WHEREAS, continued support from the State of California will be key in maintaining adequate water supplies to meet the state's future agricultural, industrial, urban and environmental water needs; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Water Management Planning Act of 2003 requires urban water suppliers, in their 2005 Urban Water Management Plan updates, to "describe the opportunities for development of desalinated water, including, but not limited to, ocean water, brackish water, and groundwater, as a long-term supply," a requirement that many communities have already addressed as part of their immediate or long range water resource planning efforts; and

~~WHEREAS, the California Water Desalination Taskforce (the Taskforce), which was established in 2002 under AB 2717 (Hertzberg), reported to the California Legislature in 2003 that "many communities and water districts are interested in developing desalination facilities as a local, reliable source of water to reduce their dependence on imported water and/or meet existing or projected demand;" and~~

WHEREAS, in establishing the California Water Desalination Taskforce (the Taskforce), AB 2717 (Hertzberg), stated clearly that "There is clear public interest in ensuring that land and facilities are available for cost-effective seawater desalination."; and

WHEREAS, the Taskforce made recommendations to the California Legislature to guide the process of evaluating, permitting, funding and implementing desalination projects; and

WHEREAS, among the recommendations made by the Taskforce were the inclusion of "desalination, where economically and environmentally appropriate, as an element of a balanced water supply portfolio..." and "in conjunction with local governments, assesses the availability of land and facilities for environmentally and economically acceptable seawater desalination;" and

WHEREAS, there are only a limited number of viable sites for ocean and brackish water desalination plants (particularly in already developed bays and coastal areas) and the development of these sites for other purposes would systematically eliminate potential desalination plants from ever being constructed at these locations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, that the Legislature memorializes its support the development of ocean and brackish water desalination, where economically and environmentally appropriate, as an element of a balanced water supply portfolio, to increase California's available water supply and reliability, and to meet current and future needs.

And, be it further resolved, that the Legislature of the State of California supports the establishment of state policy that would ensure that state agencies, administrators, and regulatory bodies consider the impacts of their decisions on the future viability of brackish and ocean water desalination sites and facilities; and be it further

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Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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<p align="center"><u>Congressional Session Status</u></p>	<p>The Congressional activity is in full swing during the month of July. Virtually all of the Committees with “must pass” legislation attempt to move their bill(s) through committees or through the House or Senate Floor in July so that they are positioned to ultimately pass their legislation in the September/October period. The month of August is usually spent as a “summer recess or home state/district work period”. Sandra Day O’Connor’s announcement to leave the Supreme Court has signaled a major Senate time commitment for approving her replacement in the Fall. This process of approving a Supreme Court Justice may slow down the Congressional Calendar and affect all bills being considered by the Congress.</p>
<p align="center"><u>CalFed</u></p>	<p>The Energy and Water Appropriations Bill is in a House/Senate Conference Committee where funding for the CalFed program resides. The House approved \$35 million in funding; while the Senate approved \$37 million.</p>
<p align="center"><u>Desal</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>US Desal Coalition:</u> Representative Jim Davis (D-Florida) and Jim Gibbons (New Mexico-Republican), a member of the House Resources Committee, have agreed to sponsor the US Desal Coalition Bill. The Coalition is out trying to obtain other cosponsors. On the Senate Side, Senator Martinez (R-Florida) has introduced a companion bill. Senator Pete Domenici and the Senate Energy Committee staff are still reviewing the merits of the legislation and are trying to come to closure on a position for the Committee. 2. <u>MWDOC Desal Project:</u> Congressman Ken Calvert has offered to introduce our \$2.5 million Desal Feasibility Assistance language. Our legislation calls for federal funding assistance for Dana Point desal research and development, environmental studies, feasibility studies and preliminary design work. Chairman Pombo of the House Resources Committee has introduced legislation to reauthorize the Water Desalination Act of 1996. This is significant because as a

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	<p>“Chairman of a major authorizing committee, like the Resources Committee, Mr. Pombo is likely to have his bill pass the House of Representatives, at a minimum. We have met with Committee Staff and have been advised that if our project is “<i>unique</i>”, it could be included in his legislation. We are also planning to introduce a free standing bill with the same language. MWDOC’s staff is working to accomplish these assignments. A legislative hearing is anticipated sometime in September according to Committee Staff. On the Senate side, the Energy Committee is drafting a similar water technology bill. The Congressional Committee staff from both the House and the Senate, continue to express their concerns about passing any additional Title 16 BOR bills.</p> <p>3. <u>Camp Pendleton Desal Project:</u> See Karl Seckel memo of Feb. 20, 2005. The SDCWA is taking the lead on the Camp Pendleton Desal facility.</p>
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<p align="center"><u>Federal Funds for MWDOC</u></p>	<p><i>MWDOC is seeking two separate earmarks this year:</i></p> <p>1) <i>Agriculture Appropriations:</i> MWDOC has received a \$200,000 earmark in the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Committee this past month. The House Agriculture Appropriations Committee did not include a MWDOC earmark. MWDOC should receive significant funding out of a House Senate Conference Committee.</p> <p>2) <i>EPA Appropriations:</i> MWDOC sought a \$1.9 million appropriation for an Emergency Ground Water Service System out of the State and Tribal Assistance Grant Program (STAG program). Congressman Ed Royce submitted the request on the House side. Senator Feinstein agreed to submit the request on the Senate side. The House indicated that they will make all STAG decisions in Conference, meanwhile MWDOC did not receive funding in the Senate passed bill. MWDOC did receive federal funds out of this account last year.</p> <p>3) We had previously assumed that the Senate would be</p>
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	<p>the responsible party for the Ag Appropriations earmark, while the House would take the lead on the STAG request.</p> <p>Appropriation Notes:</p> <p>i. We are no longer a “new start” in the NRCS account and this means we are more likely to have success this year. Last year we were one of only four “new starts” that were approved out of thousands, which were submitted.</p> <p>ii. Last year we received federal funds for study money out of the STAG account. This year we are seeking “project money”. Though this year promises to be another tight budget year, and STAG funds have been cut substantially, we are hopeful that we can begin a multi-year funding process to obtain funds from this account, a part of the EPA. We will be considered a “New Start” for this EPA account.</p>
<p align="center"><u>Administration’s Request to increase public power rates</u></p>	<p>No change here. Metropolitan and the American Public Power Association have urged congressional committees to reject these budget/revenue proposals. The specific proposals are: 1) The Administration’s proposal to increase PMA rates; 2) the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) proposal to eliminate advance refunding of tax exempt bonds; and, 3) the Congressional Budget office and JCT proposal to tax the revenues of public power systems.</p>
<p align="center"><u>Perchlorate/Department of Defense</u></p>	<p>No change here. Senator Feinstein intends to introduce a Perchlorate clean up bill, which would be national in its scope. Senator Feinstein’s staff is still working on the draft and her staff, as of last week, has begun circulating the bill for co-sponsors.</p>
<p align="center"><u>Army Corps of Engineers</u></p>	<p>The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) legislation will be under consideration again this year. This legislation contains authorizations for the Army Corps of Engineers.</p>

MWDOC Priority Legislation Matrix

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Bill # (Author)	Title	Status	Analysis/Notes	MWDOC Position	Other Agencies Positions
AB 492 (Baca)	Hazardous waste: perchlorate: business plans	In Senate. Assigned to Senate EQ Committee (6/9/05); From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.). In Sen APPR Comm. From committee: Be placed on second reading file pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8. (07/11/05).	Requires any business to include, as part of its business plan and any updates to that business plan, information detailing the manner in which perchlorate waste generated onsite is disposed or otherwise handled.	Watch (3/05)	OCWD: No Position MWD: Watch ACWA: Watch
AB 672 (Klehs)	Reservoirs with water intended for domestic use: recreational use and environmental management activities.	In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. (06/10/05); Referred to Sen EQ Comm (06/28/05); From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee (06/23/05). Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Sen EQ. From committee: Do pass as amended, and re-refer to the Com on APPR. (Ayes: 7. Noes 0); (06/27/05)	Expands recreational opportunities at government-owned, domestic use reservoirs and adjacent lands..... AB 672 requires a public agency, by January 1, 2010, to adopt a watershed management plan with an additional section addressing recreation, or a watershed or recreation master plan, or an equivalent planning document. The plan must address certain matters, various public participation requirements are specified, and certain exemptions are provided. This bill also provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, bodily contact restrictions do not prohibit trail access, shoreline fishing, or the use of nonmotorized boats as determined by the public agency as part of policy determinations made in adopting the plan.	Oppose (5/18/05)	OCWD: No Position MWD: Oppose Unless Amended ACWA: Not Favor
AB 1003 (Nava)	Water Conservation	Read third time, passed Senate, back to Assembly (07/11/05)	This bill authorizes the Ventura County Watershed Protection District to levy a fee on taxable real property both districtwide and by zone.	Watch (3/05)	OCWD: No Position MWD: No Position ACWA: Watch

*Bills shaded in gray are dead/inactive or two-year bills.

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<p>AB 1168 (Saldana)</p>	<p>Drinking water standards.</p>	<p>In Asm. APPR Committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file. In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file. (05/26/05); From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on E.Q. Re-referred. (Ayes 7. Noes 3.). (06/16/05); In Senate Environmental Quality; From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Sen APPR Comm. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.). (06/28/05)</p>	<p>This bill specifically directs DHS to evaluate potential contaminants and constituents for intake water sources at desalination plants, and to ensure that such evaluations are fully considered as part of the application for a water system operating permit for a ground water or ocean water desalination project. Requires DHS to 1) identify potential sources of contamination, including specified sources (e.g., waste discharges, runoff) for water desalination projects; 2) Identify contaminants that may pose a potential health risk, including specified constituents (e.g., viruses, endocrine disruptors); 3) Evaluate proposed treatment processes to ensure that specific contaminants will be removed to safe levels; 4) Evaluate the proposed means to ensure the reliability and security of treatment processes; 6) Include in any public water system operating permit, measures that will ensure the reliability and security of the treatment processes; and 7) Authorizes DHS to adopt necessary regulations for the implementation of this act.</p>	<p>Oppose unless amended (3/05)</p>	<p>OCWD: Oppose MWD: No Position ACWA: Oppose</p>
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<p>AB 1234 (Salinas)</p>	<p>Local agencies: Compensation and Ethics</p>	<p>Passed Assembly (04/21/05). In Senate. Assigned to Sen. L Govt. Committee (05/05/05). From committee: Amend, do pass as amended, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (06/20/05). Assembly Second Reading and re-referred to Sen. APPR Comm. (06/21/05). From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR. (06/29/05). From committee: Be placed on second reading file pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8 and be amended. (07/11/05).</p>	<p>This bill would require a local agency that provides reimbursement for expenses to members of its legislative body to adopt a written policy on the duties for which legislative body members may receive compensation. The bill would also require adoption of a written policy on what qualifies a member to receive travel, meal, and lodging reimbursement along with adherence to specified procedures. Ethics training would also be required for local agency officials whose agency provides them with any type of compensation, salary, stipend, or reimburses of expenses.</p>	<p>Support (3/05) -- Letters sent 4/8/05, 4/19/05</p>	<p>OCWD: Support MWD: Support ACWA: Support if Amended</p>
<p>AB 1245 (Wolk)</p>	<p>CALFED Bay-Delta Program</p>	<p>Passed Assembly (05/31/05). In Senate. Assigned to Sen. N.R. & W Committee (06/09/05). Hearing Postponed (06/14/05).</p>	<p>Creates the Environmental Water Account fund in the State Treasury, for management of EWA funds.</p>	<p>Support if Amended (4/05)</p>	<p>OCWD: No Position MWD: Support if Amended ACWA: Watch</p>
<p>SB 8 (Soto)</p>	<p>Political Reform Act of 1974: conflicts of interest</p>	<p>Passed Senate (05/31/05). In Assembly. Assigned to Asm. E. & R. Committee (06/13/05). From committee: Do pass as amended, but first amend, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 4. Noes 1.) (07/11/05). Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR. (07/12/05)</p>	<p>Prohibits an elected official of a county, city, or district, a chief administrative officer of a county, a city manager or administrator, or a general manager or chief administrator of a special district from lobbying the local government agency with which he or she was employed, for a period of one year after leaving that position.</p>	<p>Watch (3/05)</p>	<p>OCWD: No Position MWD: No Position ACWA: Watch</p>

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<p>SB 153 (Chesbro)</p>	<p>California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006.6</p>	<p>Passed Senate (06/02/05). In Assembly. Assigned to Asm. Committees on NAT. RES., E.S. & T.M., and APPR., (06/20/05). From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to committee. (06/27/05); From committee: Do pass as amended, but first amend, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 2.) (07/07/05). Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Asm APPR Comm. (07/11/05)</p>	<p>This bill enacts the California Clean Water, Safe Neighborhoods and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Act), which would provide for the sale of bonds for air and water quality, coastal protection and parks programs.</p>	<p>Watch (3/05)</p>	<p>OCWD: Watch MWD: No Position ACWA: Watch</p>
<p>SB 274 (Romero)</p>	<p>Incompatible Offices: elected and appointed positions</p>	<p>Passed Senate (04/21/05). In Assembly. Assigned to Asm. Committees on L Govt. and Jud (06/20/05); From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to committee. (06/20/05); From L Govt. Committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Jud Comm. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.); Re-referred to Com. on JUD. (06/30/05); From Jud Comm: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (07/11/05); Read second time. Amended. To second reading. (07/12/05).</p>	<p>The bill attempts to "codify Common Law doctrine" regarding the prohibition of public officers holding incompatible offices. This bill was introduced by Sen. Romero in response to a situation in her district in which a local school board member also holds a water board seat, which is viewed as incompatible.</p>	<p>Watch (4/05)</p>	<p>OCWD: Oppose Unless Amended MWD: Watch ACWA: Watch</p>

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<p>SB 543 (Margett)</p>	<p>State Water Project: Rights of Way</p>	<p>Passed Senate (05/31/05). In Assembly. Assigned to Asm. Committees on WP&W and Jud (06/20/05). From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on JUD. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (06/28/05); From Jud committee: Do pass as amended, but first amend, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (AYES 9. NOES 0.) (07/07/05); Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR. (07/11/05).</p>	<p>Provides the Department of Water Resources (DWR) with enforcement mechanisms to protect State Water Project (SWP) facilities and rights-of-way.</p>	<p>Support (4/05)</p>	<p>OCWD: No Position MWD: Support if Amended ACWA: Support if Amended</p>
<p>SB 568 (Kehoe)</p>	<p>Property Tax Revenue Allocations: Enterprise special districts</p>	<p>Passed Senate (06/02/05). In Assembly. Assigned to Asm. Committee on L. GOV. (06/13/05); From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Asm APPR Com. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.). (06/29/05). Re-referred to Com. on APPR. Hearing Set for 07/13/05.</p>	<p>This bill exempts non-enterprise healthcare districts from the shift of property tax revenues to the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) in each county for the 2005-06 fiscal year.</p>	<p>Watch (4/05)</p>	<p>OCWD: Watch MWD: No Position ACWA: Watch</p>

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<p>SB 820 (Kuehl)</p>	<p>Water</p>	<p>Passed Senate (05/31/05). In Assembly. Assigned to Asm. Committee on W.,P. & W. (06/13/05); From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to committee. (06/21/05); From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 2.) Re-referred to Com. on APPR. (06/28/05)</p>	<p>This bill 1) Codifies settlement provision arising out of 1994 "Monterey Agreement" litigation requiring the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to estimate then-existing overall State Water Project (SWP) delivery capability under a range of hydrologic conditions, and deliver such estimates to various local agencies; 2) Expands the application of groundwater reporting requirements, including penalties, from four counties in Southern California (Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Ventura) to all defined groundwater basins or subbasins, effective January 1, 2007; 3) Establishes consequences for failing to file statements of annual diversion or use for any surface water diversion or use occurring on or after January 1, 2006; 4) Adds requirements for already-required urban water management plans; and 5) Requires agricultural water suppliers to prepare agricultural water management plans.</p>	<p>Support if Amended (4/05) -- Letter Sent 6/27/05</p>	<p>OCWD: Support if Amended MWD: Support if Amended ACWA: Oppose unless Amended</p>
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<p>SB 1067 (Kehoe)</p>	<p>Drinking Water</p>	<p>Passed Senate (05/31/05). In Assembly. Assigned to Asm. Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials (06/09/05); From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to committee (06/20/05); From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 1.) Re-referred to Com. on APPR. (06/29/05); From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to committee. (07/05/05). Hearing Set for 07/13/05.</p>	<p>This bill 1) requires the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to adopt, by a specific date, a public health goal (PHG) for total trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and total haloacetic acids (HAA5) as contaminants in drinking water; 2) requires the Department of Health Services (DHS), by a specific date, to adopt regulations governing when a public water system must notify its customers of public health risks posed by these contaminants; and 3) Requires a public water system that has at least two detections of these contaminants at a peak, rather than average, level above the maximum contaminant level (MCL) to include a notice in its next consumer confidence report on associated health risks of long-term consumption of water contaminated with these compounds.</p>	<p>Oppose unless Amended (5/18/05)</p>	<p>OCWD: Support MWD: Oppose ACWA: Watch</p>
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<p>SB 1087 (Florez)</p>	<p>Housing elements: services.</p>	<p>Passed Senate (06/02/05). In Assembly. Assigned to Asm. W,P & W and H & CD Committees (06/20/05). From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to committee (06/23/05); From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D. (Ayes 9. Noes 4.) Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D (06/28/05); From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to committee. (07/01/05); From committee: Do pass as amended, but first amend, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 0.) (07/11/05). Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR. (07/12/05).</p>	<p>This bill would require that adopted housing element and any amendments be delivered immediately to all public agencies or private entities that provide water services or connections at retail or sewer services or connections, as specified, would apply these provisions to proposed developments that include housing units affordable to lower income households, and would require, on or before July 1, 2006, that these public agencies or private entities adopt a written policy with specific objective standards for the allocation of these services in conformance with these provisions if these public agencies or private entities operate under a policy or legislative action that limits the amount of services or connections available in any given period.</p> <p>This bill would also provide that a provider of water or sewer services or connections may not deny or condition the approval of an application for services or connections, or reduce the amount of the services or connections applied for, if the proposed development includes housing affordable to lower income households.</p>	<p>Oppose (6/20/05) -- Letter sent 6/27/05</p>	<p>OCWD: No Position MWD: No Position ACWA: Oppose</p>
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<p>H.R. 1071 (Davis)</p>	<p>Desalination Water Supply Shortage Prevention Act of 2005</p>	<p>In House Resources Committee: Referred to Subcommittee on Water and Power. Subcommittee hearing held on 05/24/05.</p>	<p>Desalination Drought Protection Act of 2005 - Requires the Secretary of Energy to: (1) make specified incentive payments to the owners or operators of qualified desalination facilities (facilities first used to produce desalinated water after enactment of this Act) for up to ten years to partially offset the cost of electrical energy required to operate such facilities; and (2) support research and development of promising novel technology approaches for the cost-effective desalination of water.</p>	<p>Support (5/18/05)</p>	
<p>S. 1016 (Martinez)</p>	<p>Desalination Water Supply Shortage Prevention Act of 2005</p>	<p>In Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (05/15/05).</p>	<p>Desalination Drought Protection Act of 2005 - Requires the Secretary of Energy to: (1) make specified incentive payments to the owners or operators of qualified desalination facilities (facilities first used to produce desalinated water after enactment of this Act) for up to ten years to partially offset the cost of electrical energy required to operate such facilities; and (2) support research and development of promising novel technology approaches for the cost-effective desalination of water.</p>	<p>Support (5/18/05)</p>	
<p>AB 1466 (Laird)</p>	<p>Colorado River: Tamarisk plant control</p>	<p>In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment (06/02/05); Referred to Com. on N.R. & W. (06/09/05); From committee: Amend, do pass as amended, and re-refer to Com. on APPR.(Ayes 8. Noes 3.) (06/27/05); Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR. (06/28/05)</p>	<p>Would establish a tamarisk control program in the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the Colorado River watershed. As the lead agency, DWR would work with the Department of Food and Agriculture, Department of Fish and Game, and the Colorado River Board in developing the eradication program. The program would also focus on the reestablishment of native vegetation in the watershed.</p>	<p>Support (5/18/05)</p>	<p>OCWD: MWD: Support if Amended ACWA:</p>

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AB 194 (Dymally)	Brown act violation	In Asm LG Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. (05/05/05)	Permits a district attorney or any interested person to commence an action to obtain a judicial determination that an action taken by a local legislative body is in violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) and reduces the time period that the district attorney or interested person has to make a written demand for cure or correction.	Oppose (5/18/05)	OCWD: No position MWD: No position ACWA: Oppose
AB 214 (Richman)	Retirement: Final Compensation	Referred to Asm. P.E.,R. & S.S. Committee on 2/15/05 (04/20/05); In committee: Set, first hearing. Failed passage. (06/09/05)From committee without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a). (06/21/05)	47 other states utilize either 3 or 5 year averages to determine "final compensation" for PERS benefit determination. This bill would change CA's system from 6-12 months to a 3-year average.	Watch (3/05)	OCWD: Support MWD: No position ACWA: Watch
AB 340 (Parra)	Drinking Water: arsenic levels	In Asm ES/TM Committee: Hearing postponed by committee. (04/26/05)	Asm. Parra has established a Select Committee that will hold hearings on the naturally occurring arsenic issue present in a groundwater source within her district. Those hearings will provide the eventual substance of this bill.	Watch (3/05)	OCWD: No Position MWD: No position ACWA: Watch

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AB 511 (Richman)	Public employees retirement	In Asm. P.E.,R. & S.S Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. (04/20/05); In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. (06/08/05)	Places limits on public agency contributions to employees' defined contribution plan. Limits could be exceeded with respect to local public agencies comprised of directly elected public officials upon a 2/3 vote of the electorate of that agency. Would specify required matching employee contributions. The bill would condition its operation upon the approval of a specified constitutional amendment, which would permit new employees of public agencies, on and after July 1, 2007, to enroll only in defined contribution plans.	Watch (3/05)	OCWD: No Position MWD: No Position ACWA: Watch
AB 514 (Richman)	Public employees: benefits	Referred to Coms. on INS. and P.E.,R. & S.S. (04/13/05); Assembly Insurance	Limits the amount that a retired public employee who is receiving disability retirement benefits may receive in connection with a workers' compensation claim.	Watch (3/05)	OCWD: No Position MWD: No Position ACWA: Favor
AB 1033 (Daucher)	Property Tax Revenue Allocations	In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file. (05/26/05)	This bill would help address the "county equity" formulas that account for Orange County recouping among the smallest portions of property tax of any county in the state.	Watch (3/05)	OCWD: No Position MWD: No Position ACWA: Watch
AB 1244 (Wolk)	CALFED Bay-Delta Program	In Asm. APPR Committee. (05/11/05)From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 13. Noes 5.) (May 25). (05/26/05); To inactive file on motion of Assembly Member Wolk. (06/13/05)	Conforms authorizing statute for California Bay-Delta Authority (CBDA) with federal statute enacted in 2004.	Watch (4/05)	OCWD: No Position MWD: Watch ACWA: Watch

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AB 1259 (Daucher)	Property Tax Revenue Allocation	Asm LG Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. In committee: Hearing postponed. (04/18/05)	Would reward cities and counties that exceed 80% of their Regional Housing Need Assessment (RHNA) goals over a 5-year period, with an increased share of the annual tax increment that is allocated among local agencies in a county.	Watch (4/05)	OCWD: Oppose MWD: No Position ACWA: Oppose
AB 1354 (Baca)	Drinking Water : Perchlorate Levels	In Asm. ES/TM Committee: Hearing postponed by committee. (04/26/05)	Would establish, through legislation, a maximum contaminant level for perchlorate at 6 ppb. This would circumvent the DHS process for setting such standards.	Oppose (3/05) -- Letter sent 4/20/05	OCWD: Oppose MWD: Oppose ACWA: Opose
AB 1423 (Bogh)	MWDs Utilization of Budgets	From printer. May be heard in committee March 25. (02/23/05)	Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to the purposes for which the budgets of metropolitan water districts, formed under the Metropolitan Water District Act, may be utilized.	Watch (3/05)	OCWD: No Position MWD: No Position ACWA: Watch
AB 1453 (Daucher)	Superior courts: adjudication of rights to produce groundwater.	In Asm. Judiciary Committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. (04/27/05)	Would establish specialized judges to hear cases involving groundwater management, acknowledging the depth of the issues involved and the intricacies that are often not understood in typical legal proceedings.	Support (5/18/05)	OCWD: No Position MWD: Support ACWA: Watch

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SB 393 (Ortiz)	Special districts.	In Sen. APPR. Committee. ; Senate Appropriations; Set, first hearing. Held in committee and under submission. (05/31/05)	Re-introduction of SB 1272 from last year, with some changes; per meeting compensation now capped at \$150 per meeting, savings resulting from "reforms" now directed to pay state costs for auditing controls.	Oppose unless Amended (4/05) -- Letters Sent 3/30/05, 5/19/05	OCWD: Oppose MWD: Oppose ACWA: Oppose unless amended
SB 554 (Alarcon)	Local Agency Financing	In. Sen. RLS. Committee (03/14/05);	Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would provide a clearer definition of the term "surplus" with respect to local government financing and budgets.	Watch (3/05)	OCWD: No Position MWD: No Position ACWA: Watch
SB 866 (Kehoe)	Water Use measurement information	In Sen. NR&W Committee. Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. (04/26/05)	Requires DWR to develop & implement the use of a coordinated water use database through a standardized reporting system; agricultural water suppliers to report aggregated farm-gate delivery data through a standardized system; reporting of any diversion of surface water through a standardized system.	Support (3/05)	OCWD: No Position MWD: Support ACWA: Watch

Public Affairs Activities Report
June 9 - July 11, 2005

<p>Special Projects</p>	<p>By July 14, presentations will have been made to all of the 17 winners of the 2005 Poster/Slogan Contest. The presentations were made by our Board of Directors at either a city council meeting or a water agency board meeting. We have received very positive feedback from parents and teachers, as well as from our member agencies, about the recognition ceremonies and the Poster/Slogan Contest. In addition to hosting the recognition ceremonies, several of our member agencies have also published photos of the winning students in their newsletters, which have helped to maximize our public-awareness efforts.</p>
<p>Member Agency Relations</p>	<p>As a result of the June 1 landslide in Laguna Beach, staff took the opportunity to review crisis communications procedures with members of the Public Affairs Workgroup at their June 15 meeting. Michelle worked with Kelly Hubbard, WEROC, to develop a packet of information for Workgroup members. Among the handouts were tips for working with the media during a crisis, message development during a crisis for water utilities and links to appropriate pages on the EPA website. The June Public Affairs Workgroup meeting was hosted by the city of Anaheim; the July meeting will be hosted by Irvine Ranch Water District at their Sand Canyon headquarters.</p>
<p>Community Relations</p>	<p><i>Currents</i> has been updated to more closely match the look of our new Web site.</p> <p>Michelle Tuchman and Joe Berg were interviewed by the BIA – Orange County Chapter on the SmarTimer Rebate Program and other water use efficiency programs available to developers and residents. The information, along with photos, will be used in various BIA publications.</p>
<p>Media Relations</p>	<p>Kevin and Karl were interviewed by the <i>Fountain Valley View</i>, a <i>Register</i> community newspaper, for an article on the proposed desal plant in Huntington Beach. The article is scheduled for the Thursday, July 14, edition of the <i>View</i>.</p>
<p>Conferences and Meetings</p>	<p>Three staff members – Richard Bell, Lee Jacobi and Michelle Tuchman – attended the Urban Water Institute conference on desal June 23 and 24 in Long Beach.</p>

Item 5

	<p>Michelle attended the July 12 Orange County Business Council Infrastructure Committee meeting, which included a presentation by Hasan Ikhata, SCAG director of planning and policy.</p>
Legislative Affairs	<p>David continues to provide administrative and management support to WACO. The speakers at the WACO meeting in July were Rich Nagel (Central/West Basin MWD) and Robb Whitaker (WRD of Southern California) discussing issues surrounding conjunctive use in the central and west coast basins; and Russ Behrens (McCormick, Kidman and Behrens, LLP), who discussed urban water management planning and the affect that CEQA litigation and other actions are having on the process. Speaking at the August meeting are Kelly Hubbard (WEROC) discussing emergency preparedness and the role of special districts as emergency responders, and Brad Hiltcher (Met), who is tentatively scheduled to provide a mid-year federal legislative update.</p> <p>As the administrative support to ISDOC, David oversaw the distribution of meeting notices for the June quarterly luncheon, assisted with the preparation and mailing of letters to the 28 special districts in Orange County about the continued use of the special district alternative funding formula for LAFCO, and served as the liaison to LAFCO, the ISDOC Executive Committee, ISDOC's legal counsel, and the ISDOC members.</p> <p>David remains involved as a participant in the Legislative Conference Calls hosted by Metropolitan Water District and the Southern California Water Committee, and the meetings of the ACWA State Legislative Committee. Among the legislative bills to be discussed during these calls and meetings have been special district reform bills SB 393 (Ortiz) and AB 1234 (Salinas), reservoir recreation bill AB 672 (Klehs), drinking water quality bill SB 1067 (Kehoe), perchlorate PHG bill SB 187 (Soto), water reporting bill SB 820 (Kuehl), and CALFED/definition of beneficiary pays bill SB 113 (Machado).</p> <p>Following board adoption in early June, staff had a framed resolution prepared for presentation to Director Mike Healey (Mesa Consolidated Water District) at a retirement reception in his honor. Both President Royce and Director Finnegan represented MWDOC at the reception, which preceded his final board meeting, and presented Director Healey with the resolution.</p>

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	<p>David filled in for Director Dick (who was representing Met in Sacramento) at an end of the school year awards ceremony at Loyal Barker Elementary School in west Garden Grove. Two student winners in the MWDOC Poster/Slogan Contest were honored and provided with certificates of recognition, a trophy, tickets to the Discovery Science Center, and other prizes.</p> <p>David attended the Orange County Public Affairs Association (OCPAA) networking reception in June, which featured new city council members in Orange County. Townend Public Affairs also attended the event. David had an opportunity to speak with some of the council members in attendance, city and county staff representatives, and public affairs and other professionals within Orange County.</p>
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