

MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
Jointly with the  
**PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**  
July 17, 2017, 8:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 101

**Committee:**

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES
  - a. Federal Legislative Report (Barker)
  - b. State Legislative Report (BBK)
  - c. County Legislative Report (Lewis)
  - d. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)
  - e. MWDOC Legislative Matrix
  - f. Metropolitan Legislative Matrix
2. DEVELOP PROGRAM GOALS FOR MWDOC'S FEDERAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM

**ACTION ITEMS**

3. ADOPT LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS - AB 1000 (Friedman) – Water conveyance: use of facility with unused capacity
4. CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION – SOUTHERN NETWORK REGION, SEAT C
5. SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (SDRMA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 2017
6. AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO METROPOLITAN CYCLIC AGREEMENT(S)

**INFORMATION ITEMS** (THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY – BACKGROUND INFORMATION IS INCLUDED IN THE PACKET. DISCUSSION IS NOT NECESSARY UNLESS REQUESTED BY A DIRECTOR.)

7. UPDATE ON CORE HIGH SCHOOL WATER EDUCATION PROGRAM
8. ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT – CALL FOR CANDIDATES
9. EDUCATION REPORT
  - a. Elementary
  - b. High School
10. RECAP OF 2017 OC WATER SUMMIT
11. UPDATE ON WATER POLICY DINNER
12. OC LAFCO UPDATE
13. PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES REPORT

**OTHER ITEMS**

14. REVIEW ISSUES RELATED TO LEGISLATION, OUTREACH, PUBLIC INFORMATION ISSUES, AND MET

**ADJOURNMENT**

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*Municipal Water District of Orange County, California*  
*Washington Update*  
*July 11, 2017*

***The Race to the August Recess***

Senator McConnell has just announced late today that he will keep the Senate in session the first two weeks of August—delaying the August Recess by 12 days. This will mean that there will be 23 legislative days until the beginning of the August Recess—and Congress has much to do.

Leading the agenda is the consideration of the Senate Health Care bill and likely a Debt Limit Extension.

At press time here Senator Mitch McConnell, the Senate Majority Leader, told senators this week that the Senate will vote on the Obama Health Care Law repeal next week and urged senators to use the bill's open amendment process to alter the bill to suit their concerns.

Meanwhile Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) is convening a group of senators this week to write a new bill to replace Obamacare, frustrating McConnell's attempts at unity even further.

Gridlock has entered a whole new stage here in Washington, as the GOP led Congress has yet to take up an Infrastructure Bill and Tax Reform or pass any significant piece of legislation this year. The process to confirm the heads of various federal agencies has also become stalled.

On the matter of federal taxes, Tax Reform hearings are taking place in both the House and the Senate and there is a belief that there will be a serious effort of reforming portions of the current tax code. Among other proposals widely discussed-- doing away with all itemized deductions *except mortgage interest and charitable contributions*. Most notably, under this proposal itemized deductions for state and local taxes would

go away. More on tax reform in the months ahead.

The Congress is waiting for the Trump Administration to come forward with a detailed Infrastructure program and a suggested bill.

Congress is in the process of passing its 12 different appropriations bills. These bills need to be passed by September 30<sup>th</sup>—the end of the fiscal year. As we have seen in recent years, it is expected that we will have a Continuing Resolution pass until the December period at which time we will likely see a number of separate spending bills pass or a larger Omnibus Appropriations bill pass. To date, the Congress is on a path to reject most of President Trump’s recommended cuts in federal agencies. The process to mark up the various spending bills has just begun.

As far as Water Related Appropriations Matters:

The House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee marked up its FY18 Bill on June 28<sup>th</sup>. It included an slight decrease over the FY2017 Funding bill and a major increase over President Trump’s FY Budget Submission.

Of note, the bill includes \$83 Million for water storage, desalination and water recycling and reuse projects authorized under the WIIN (WRDA) Act that passed seven months ago. The exact manner in which the \$83M will be dispersed will be determined after the bill is signed into law. The bill's “Report” which includes an explanation and specific details of the funding bill has not been released as of yet—it is expected to be released after the full committee marks up this bill. The Report contains specific details about the funding provisions, including directions regarding certain accounts. The U.S. Senate’s companion panel has not marked up its bill yet. Typically, the House panel’s numbers are lower than the Senate’s.

MWDOC representatives have had a series of meetings with key committee and personal staffers regarding the Environmental Infrastructure provisions in the Energy and Water Appropriations bills. We are actively seeking either Report Language in the Appropriations documents or having key offices send letters or make telephone calls on this matter.

**Summary of the subcommittee draft of the fiscal year 2018 Energy and Water Appropriations bill follows:**

The bill totals \$37.56 billion – \$209 million below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$3.65 billion above the President’s budget request.

The bill provides strong national security investments, including increases above fiscal year 2017 for nuclear weapons programs. The bill also protects funding for critical national and regional waterways – which handle commerce valued at more than \$2 trillion annually – through the Army Corps of Engineers, and programs that encourage energy independence and economic competitiveness.

**Bureau of Reclamation** – The legislation contains \$1.24 billion – \$79 million below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$132 million above the President’s request – for the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation to help manage, develop, and protect the water resources of Western states. The bill includes \$83 million for the second year of funding for water storage, desalination, and water recycling and reuse projects authorized in the WIIN Act.

**Army Corps of Engineers** – The Army Corps of Engineers is funded at \$6.16 billion, an increase of \$120 million above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$1.16 billion above the President’s budget request. The bill focuses funding on activities that will have an immediate impact on public safety, job creation, and economic growth, including those that help increase the functionality of our ports and waterways. For example, the bill provides:

- \$2.8 billion for navigation projects and studies, including \$1.34 billion in funding from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund and full use of estimated annual revenues from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, to help advance American competitiveness and export ability; and
- \$1.8 billion to support public health and safety by funding flood and storm damage reduction activities, an increase of \$74 million above fiscal year 2017 and \$424 million above the budget request.

### ***Key Water Issues:***

#### ***The Water Fix Issue—***

In late June, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service said that the \$15.5 Billion Tunnels Project at the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the Delta Smelt, the Chinook Salmon or other threatened species.

The release of the biological opinions means the environmental reviews of the project are essentially over. The State of California had previously signed off on their

approvals in December 2016.

Preliminary construction could begin as early as next year but as was widely expected, environmental groups sued the Trump Administration claiming the federal decision ignored “best available science”.

The entities who have sued in a Northern California federal district court to stop the tunnels from going forward are: The Golden Gate Salmon Association, the Natural Resources Defense Council, Defenders of Wildlife and the Bay Institute.

### ***Turf Rebate Issue:***

Senator Feinstein introduced her long awaited Water Conservaton Tax Parity Act, S. 1464, on June 28<sup>th</sup>, the Short Title seen here *“A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the exclusion for energy conservation subsidies provided by public utilities to include subsidies provided by public utilities and State and local governments for water conservation and storm water management.”* Also co-sponsoring the bill were the following Senators: Heller (R-Nev), Bennet (D-Co), Gardner (R-Co). MWDOC staff have been active is encouraging the introduction of this legislation. On the House side, top leadership staff have advised MWDOC that they believe that the House could include IRS relief language in the upcoming Tax Reform Bill.

### ***EPA Funding Cuts:***

House appropriators released an EPA spending bill late today that would cut the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) budget by \$528 million next year, far less than the ***\$2.6 billion cut*** President Trump requested. President Trump had recommended a 32% cut in spending at the EPA.

The legislation would include language requiring the repeal of water jurisdiction regulations, and include funding for buy-outs at the agency. The House funding bill does not include the deep cuts Trump proposed in May, when administration officials said they wanted to end 50 department programs and eliminate 3,200 of the agency’s 15,000 jobs. The Senate has yet to act on their bill.

### ***WIFIA Funding Update:***

The Environmental Protection Agency on June 28, 2017 announced the fees associated with the second phase of a WIFIA Loan. \$100,000 for entities unless it is a rural entity and an rural entity would have a \$25,000 application fee. The Federal Register announcement includes the following statement:

*"These fees will be required at the time of submission of the application, and the application will not be reviewed without fee payment. Because EPA will only invite projects to submit an application and application fee if the project is reasonably expected to proceed to closing, no applicant would pay a fee without a reasonable expectation that the project could receive funding."*

Here is a link below with the full announcement:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/06/28/2017-13438/fees-for-water-infrastructure-project-applications-under-wifia>

***Trump Administration Key Appointments:***

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, President Trump announced that he would tap Brenda Burman to be the next Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation. Ms. Burman has previously worked in the U.S. Senate, MET and the Salt River Project. She also previously worked as the Deputy Commissioner during the George W. Bush Administration.

***HR 23, The Gaining Responsibility on Water Act, Sponsored by Congressman David Valadao, (R-Ca Central Valley):***

This legislation would reduce the cost of water delivery contracts and amend the 1992 Central Valley Project Improvement Act to give users more authority over how restoration funds are spent. Much of this legislation included portions of the previously passed California Drought House bill that was not included in the final House / Senate negotiated package which became known as S.612.

The legislation goes further than a compromise provision in last year's WIIN Act reached between the House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) and Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Ca). The goal of the bill is to try and ultimately direct more water to California farm lands. Simply said, it is supported by Central Valley interests and opposed by environmental interests.

The bill is expected to pass the House later this week largely along party lines. Senators Feinstein and Harris issued a press release earlier today announcing their intent to oppose the bill. Inasmuch as both California Senators oppose this bill—it will be difficult for this bill to clear the Senate—unless it was placed into a larger “must pass” package—making it very difficult or impossible for two Senators to block from the Minority Party.

## Items of General Interest

Included below is the Press Release that Senator Feinstein issued regarding the Water Conservation Tax Parity Act (Turf Removal IRS Fix).

### **Senators Introduce Bipartisan Bill to Encourage Residential Water Conservation**

*Washington, June 28, 2017*—Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Dean Heller (R-Nev.), Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) and Cory Gardner (R-Colo.) today introduced the Water Conservation Tax Parity Act—a bill to encourage residential water conservation and stormwater management programs.

Some entities, including public utilities, sewage districts and local governments, currently provide rebate programs for participation in water conservation or stormwater management measures. The bill would exempt the value of these rebates from gross income calculations.

“As Western states recover from a historic drought, making water conservation and management rebates tax-exempt is a commonsense proposal,” Feinstein said. “These programs should be treated the same as energy conservation programs which are already tax-exempt. Water conservation and management are just as important to our environment and economy and intersect with energy conservation. Providing this financial incentive will allow more residents to participate in these vital programs.”

“Nevada is one of the driest states in the nation, so it makes little sense to tax homeowners for using water more responsibly,” Heller said. “Our legislation creates an important exemption for conservation and storm management rebates that will encourage Nevadans to conserve water. Water is a critical resource, and conservation efforts are essential to Western states like Nevada, which is why I want to thank Senator Feinstein for working with me to address this important issue.”

“This bill ensures that homeowners who make smart investments in water conservation aren't unfairly penalized,” Bennet said. “Drought is a serious issue in Colorado. This fix will make it easier for families to save water—something that is good for both our environment and our economy.”



“With massive population growth along the front range, coupled with much of the West being mired in drought, Coloradans know all too well how important it is to conserve water,” Gardner said. “This bipartisan legislation will incentivize Coloradans to save water and reward our local governments for their water conservation efforts. Protecting our environment and growing our economy are not mutually exclusive and I’m proud to introduce this bill that works toward accomplishing both of those goals.”

The bill is supported by a coalition of organizations and public utilities including Western Urban Water Coalition, Alliance for Water Efficiency, American Water Works Association, National Association of Water Companies, U.S. Water Alliance, Western Coalition of Arid States, the National Water Resources Association, WaterNow Alliance and the Association of California Water Agencies.

Congressmen Jared Huffman (D-Calif.) and Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.) have introduced similar legislation in the House of Representatives.

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*JCB 7-11-2017*



## Memorandum

To: Municipal Water District of Orange County  
From: Syrus Devers, Best Best & Krieger  
Date: July 17, 2017  
Re: Monthly State Political Report

### Permanent Conservation Regulations/Legislation

There have been two significant developments since last month's report. First, AB 869 (Rubio) dealing with recycled water, which was running on a parallel track from the main package of conservation bills, was pulled from the July 11th hearing of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. This means the bill is dead for the year, but one of the major points of negotiation in the main bill package, which includes AB 1654 by Assembly Member Rubio, is the proper role of recycled water, so the issue isn't going away. During the hearing Committee Chairman Hertzberg made a point of mentioning that incentives for water recycling are a high priority.

The other development is that the administration finally circulated amendments to its trailer bill language, which were adopted in AB 1667 (Friedman). Although many hours have been devoted by the ACWA working group to respond to the administration's language, as a practical matter nothing was decided in last week's hearing. The bill package going into the hearing included AB 1654 (Rubio), AB 1668 and 1667 (Friedman), and AB 1323 (Weber). Prior to the hearing, the Chair announced that three of the bills would move forward as "works in progress." AB 1667, which incorporated the administration's language, was held in committee, but the Chair made clear that holding AB 1667 was not prejudicial to the administration.

The Chair asked the authors and stakeholders to submit letters of concern to the committee by July 21st in order to prepare a single document that tracks the various proposals. BB&K staff will work with MWDOC to prepare a response. In short, "to be continued."



### Legislative Update

The deadline for fiscal bills to be passed out of all policy committees was July 15th, and non-fiscal bills must move by the 21st. The Legislature will then go on recess until August 21st, which coincides with the next PAL Committee hearing.

In addition to the water conservative bill package discussed above, **SCA 4** (Hertzberg) will be the subject of discussion over the recess. This is the effort to amend the State Constitution to allow water districts to provide demand-based pricing and lifeline water rates. ACWA and the author are struggling to find language that both can agree to. Hertzberg wants to avoid being too obvious that the purpose of the bill is to get out from under Proposition 218 requirements, but not being obvious enough fails to achieve the stated goal. It is unclear at this time if Hertzberg's public relations objectives can be achieved while satisfying the legal requirements to amendment to the Constitution.

### Activity Report

- Appeared at the Joint Legislative Audit Committee at the request of MWDOC to oppose state audit of SOCWA. (6/28)
- Testified in support of the WaterFix at Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) on 6/22. DSC heard amendments to the Delta Plan that were supportive of the WaterFix, but the council made clear that the specific action did not support any one particular project. That said, everyone in the room knew the amendments were consistent with moving forward on the WaterFix and, to the surprise of some, passed with only a single "no" vote.
- Attended ACWA water conservation and long-term efficiency drafting sessions on behalf of MWDOC.
- Attended ACWA's State Legislative Committee meeting (6/30) and lobbyist meetings.

# The County of Orange Report

July 11, 2017  
by Lewis Consulting Group



The July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of Orange County LAFCO was held after the print deadline for PAL, so this report will be given orally at the July 17, 2017 meeting.

Key agenda items include:

- ◆Interview and selection of new Alternative Public Members
- ◆Quarterly legislative report including possibly adopting positions on legislation of LAFCO interest
- ◆Amending OC-LAFCO 1.62% defined contribution plan for employees to mirror program adopted by the County of Orange



## Update

Both the June 27, 2017 and July 11, 2017 meetings of the Orange County Board of Supervisors contained a dearth of agenda items of interest to MWDOC. The July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting occurred on print deadline day, so any emerging topics of interest will be provided orally at the July 17<sup>th</sup> PAL meeting.

## **Orange County Law Enforcement Tumultuous Times**

### **Rackauckas vs. Spitzer - Officially It's On**



The last thing Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas and the D.A.'s office needs is another round of bad publicity, but that is what exactly they have been subjected too.

After the Orange County Grand Jury largely dismissed the seriousness of the on-going jail house snitch scandal, they released damning information about the culture within the office of the District Attorney.

The Grand Jury concluded the sheer volume of complaints within the office might make the workplace a hostile environment. The overall concern was prompted by testimony revealing the commonness of sexual relationships between supervisors and subordinates which prompted complaints of "preferential treatment and retaliation within the bureau".

In addition, two investigators and a former top investigator for the D.A.'s office have filed complaints alleging using the office to reward political supporters and punish critics.

In response to the latest Grand Jury observations, coupled with a 2015 recommendation from the Informant Policies and Practices Evaluation committee, D.A. Rackauckas created a new D.A. Special Counsel to hear any complaints of ethical violations.

To fill that position, Rackauckas appointed defense attorney and former D.A. prosecutor Ronald Brower. Brower is a long time friend of District Attorney Rackauckas and recently served as a co-sponsor to the District Attorney's kick-off re-election fund raiser. Sensing a political opportunity, and to the surprise of no one, on July 10, 2017, Todd Spitzer formally announced his candidacy for Orange County District Attorney. Curiously, as part of his four page announcement, Supervisor Spitzer announced that to retain independence, he would not accept any endorsements from Orange County elected officials.

Despite the drip of bad publicity for the District Attorney, Spitzer has been splattered by bad press as well. E-mails were recently disclosed related to Spitzer's citizen arrest of

an over zealous religious proselytizer at a Foothill Ranch fast food restaurant; raising new concerns with some about Spitzer's temperament.

As Orange County prepares for a very nasty bare knuckles political fight, Orange County State Senator John Moorlach shared his frustration with the current choices. Moorlach stated "the thought of Todd running for District Attorney has been the biggest boon to Tony". However, he continued "Tony should not be D.A. anymore. He should not have been D.A. for a long time".

### **Sheriff Won't Seek Re-election, Endorses Possible Successor**



Sheriff Sandra Hutchins

After 40 years in law enforcement and 10 years as Orange County Sheriff, Sandra Hutchins has decided it's time to exit. In her announcement that she would not be seeking re-election, she quickly endorsed her second-in-command, Undersheriff Don Barnes for the upcoming June 2018 (and possible November run-off) election for Sheriff.

For years, Sheriff Hutchins received praise for rescuing the department after Sheriff Mike Carona's disastrous tenure. However, the last couple of years were anything but smooth sailing.

The escape of three prisoners last year from the county jail provided a real black eye. Recently, the ACLU released a report decrying conditions in the jails. Also, of course is the ongoing controversy related to the Orange County Jail Snitch scandal. That scandal has resulted in both state and federal investigations. Hutchins recently abandoned her defiant tone in testimony before Judge Thomas Goethals and the judge is still warning he may take the death penalty off the table in the Scott Dekraai murder case. In that case, the sheriff's office has either lost, hidden or destroyed records requested by Judge Goethals. Recently the department turned over 13,000 new documents to state and federal prosecutors, but did not make them available to Judge Goethals or the defense team in the Dekraai case. It is unknown whether or not any of these matters played a role in her decision to not seek re-election.



Undersheriff Don Barnes

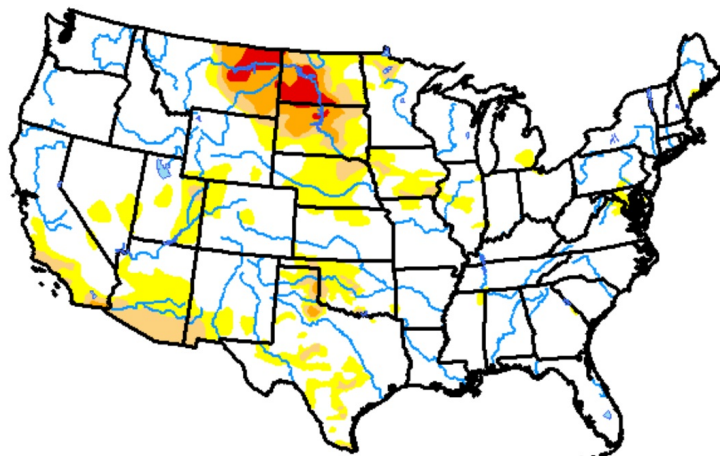
### **The Randomness of Weather or Climate Change?**

Over the one year period of July 5, 2016 to July 4, 2017, the far west drought has been largely diminished (noting aquifers will require more help), while the latest drought now emerges in the Northern plains mostly the states of Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota.



In recent years, droughts in Texas and the American Southeast have also come and gone.

## U.S. Drought Monitor Continental U.S. (CONUS)



**July 4, 2017**

(Released Thursday, Jul. 6, 2017)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	77.65	22.35	8.45	3.83	1.43	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 06-27-2017	78.40	21.60	8.04	3.26	0.97	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 04-04-2017	70.27	29.73	9.83	1.50	0.10	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2017	53.89	46.11	22.53	8.63	3.15	0.96
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2016	53.60	46.40	18.96	8.10	3.20	1.16
<b>One Year Ago</b> 07-05-2016	55.76	44.24	17.77	6.03	2.51	1.11

Intensity:

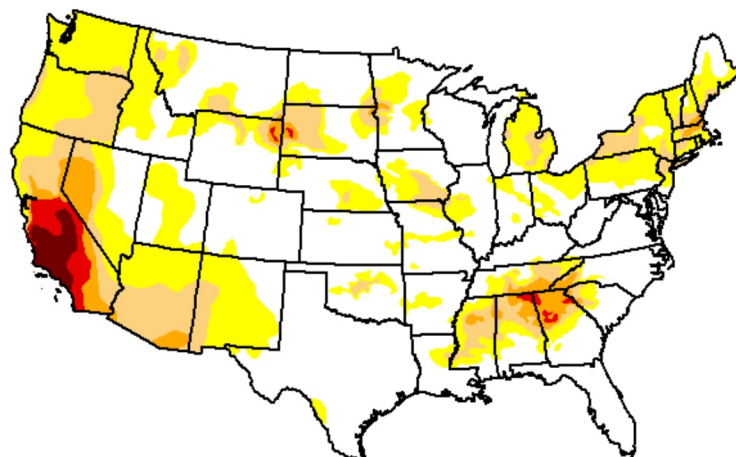
■ D0 Abnormally Dry     ■ D3 Extreme Drought  
■ D1 Moderate Drought     ■ D4 Exceptional Drought  
■ D2 Severe Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

Author:

David Simeral  
Western Regional Climate Center

## U.S. Drought Monitor CONUS



**July 5, 2016**

(Released Thursday, Jul. 7, 2016)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	55.76	44.24	17.77	6.03	2.51	1.11
<b>Last Week</b> 6/28/2016	56.61	43.39	16.18	5.43	2.36	1.11
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 4/5/2016	62.14	37.86	16.71	5.95	3.76	1.71
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/29/2015	66.99	33.01	18.74	11.56	6.28	2.70
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/29/2015	44.91	55.09	31.36	20.09	11.45	3.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 7/7/2015	63.45	36.55	25.94	17.15	7.47	2.86

Intensity:

■ D0 Abnormally Dry     ■ D3 Extreme Drought  
■ D1 Moderate Drought     ■ D4 Exceptional Drought  
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## Legal and Regulatory

July 17, 2017

1. **Safe East Bay Water?:** East Bay Municipal Utility District recently reported a sharp increase in trihalomethanes in their drinking water. The compound is a combination of chlorine disinfectant and organic matter and is at levels below legal standards. The situation is caused by the drought and the excess rains. The drought has caused more organic compounds to accumulate on hillsides and stream beds. Then the excessive rain levels have washed all this downstream at once. Also, reduced demand for water has increased its setting times in pipes and tanks which have the potential of further contamination. While the parts per billion is still below danger points, water world is keeping a close eye on the factors discussed above.
2. **Rain Causes More Oak Death:** The North Coast from Humboldt to Monterrey has been dealing with sudden oak death (*Phytophthora ramorum*) for decades. More than 3 million trees have been lost in the last 20 years. Strangely, the drought actually slowed the disease, while rains accelerate it. The infection takes about 2 years to kill an oak tree and back to back rainy seasons will hasten this result. The disease is spread by water droplets blown by the wind. There is a chemical spray which can offer some relief but it is expensive. UC Berkeley is currently studying the issue.
3. **More Rain for California?:** A UC Riverside Professor, Robert Allen, is predicting more rain for California's future. Climate researchers looking at climate change models, assuming global temperatures rising, have generally opined that California will receive less rain in the future. Allen is predicting overall more rain for us with the majority of it going to Northern Cal and So Cal staying pretty much the same. His predictions differ from his colleagues and his explanation is use of different models. The models he uses have met his criteria of greater accuracy of satellite weather data from 1979 when it first became available. He is predicting more "El Nino like atmospheric response" in future years. He did mention however, as did his competing reports, that "nothing is certain". I think we would agree.
4. **Water and Earthquakes:** More research, led by UC Berkeley scientists, is being done to establish relations between heavy snowfall, large water masses, snowmelt and runoff, and increased probability of earthquakes. There is evidence that more earthquakes occur in the spring, when the snow starts to melt and the weight of water is redistributed to rivers, lakes and soil. A big exception to this "rule" is the San Andreas fault, which seems to have more activity in the autumn (remember 1906). In 1975 there was a 5.7 quake near Oroville Dam. This was 6 years after construction and it was overfilling. Four million acre feet of water being stored were released. The shifting a large amount of water can be measured in fault areas. But no one knows for sure which piece of hay might break the camel's back.
5. **High Rivers Cause Deaths:** From Nevada County to the Central Valley, heavy rains and snowpack are taking their toll on human lives. Melting snow and excess rain are raising river levels throughout California. Also, the runoff is causing faster currents in the full rivers. As of late June, 17 people have been



killed in river accidents. Many recreation areas have been closed or curtailed due to the dangerous conditions. Lake Tahoe which has a maximum level of 6,299 feet was at 6,228.

6. **Lakes Up, Fishing Down:** While most fishing lakes and facilities are at record highs for water level, fishing success has been down. Many factors contribute to this condition. Drought conditions have generated stunted species or reduced numbers. Now high water levels and speeding water have turned many rivers brown and put lots of miscellaneous material in the river bed. Experts say it will take a couple of years for fishing to return to normal, The is important to the economy as fishermen and fisherwomen spend more than \$1.4 billion a year on related fees and products. River speeds is becoming a large factor in making it more difficult to catch fish. The Owens River is running about 10 times its normal speed. Hiding spots for fish are being eliminated or moved to different locations along the rivers.

7. **Algae Killing Sea Lions in OC:** Increased water runoff is being blamed for several pregnant sea lions dying. The algae blooms are being fed by organic and fertilizer runoff containing domoic acid, a deadly neurotoxin. Sardines, the sea lions favorite dish, eat the algae and contaminate the sea lions. It is particularly harmful to pregnant sea lions which are eating for two. This disease is transferable and can even affect humans.

8. **Central Valley Floods:** As a result of the heavy rains and snow melt, flood advisories have been issued for parts of the Central Valley. Fresno County has had to evacuate mobile home parks. Irrigation districts water channels are being monitored around the clock. Homes near Kings River Golf and Country Club were evacuated. The excess and speedy water caused a levee to break in the Kings River Conservation District which flooded alfalfa fields. These conditions are expected to continue for a while until the snow pack recedes.

9. **Local Stresses Cal Agriculture:** Our own AG Kawamura, former Secretary of Agriculture, wrote an op-ed explaining the importance of agriculture to our state and nation. Overregulation is causing a loss of useable water (approximately 1.3 million acre feet per year). This pushes more ag land out of production. This amount of farmland is enough to provide food for around 10 million folks per year. Billions of dollars have been lost in wages and productivity. Continuing to reduce water for agricultural uses means food choices will diminish, food prices will go up and poor families will be hit hardest. AG states that conservation alone cannot get us out of the dilemma. Reliable and new sources of water can.

10. **Desal from Mexico?:** Rosarito Beach in Mexico is planning for gigantic desal plant. The proposed \$463 million plant would be the largest in the Western Hemisphere and could produce 100 million gallons per day. A combination of players has signed a contract to develop the plant. NSC Agua of Mexico, Degremont of France and NuWater of Singapore are the principals. Otay Water District of the USA is negotiating to take part of the plant's production utilizing a cross border pipeline costing \$30 million. The Administration through the Department of State has given a preliminary permit to proceed. This would not be a new concept for the area as cross border electric line, gas pipelines and airport access currently exist. While this is far from being a reality, Otay thinks it is serious enough to spend over \$4 million to study the option. Side benefit for California residents, this could be case where you could drink the water!

# MWDOC

## PAL Committee

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### A. Priority Support/Oppose

#### AB 574

**(Quirk D)** Potable reuse.

Current Text: Amended: 6/20/2017 [Text](#)

Current Analysis: 07/03/2017 [Senate Environmental Quality \(text 6/20/2017\)](#)

Last Amend: 6/20/2017

Status: 7/5/2017-Action From E.Q.: Do pass as amended.To N.R. & W.

Is Urgency: N

**Summary:** Current law required the State Department of Public Health to, on or before December 31, 2013, adopt uniform water recycling criteria for indirect potable reuse for groundwater recharge. Current law also required the department to develop and adopt uniform water recycling criteria for surface water augmentation, as defined, by December 31, 2016, if a specified expert panel found that the criteria would adequately protect public health, and required the department to investigate the feasibility of developing uniform water recycling criteria for direct potable reuse and to provide a final report on that investigation to the Legislature by December 31, 2016. Current law defined the terms “direct potable reuse” and “surface water augmentation” for these purposes. This bill would specify that “direct potable reuse” includes “raw water augmentation” and “treated drinking water augmentation.”

**Laws:** An act to amend Sections 13560 and 13561 of, to amend the heading of Chapter 7.3 (commencing with Section 13560) of Division 7 of, and to add Sections 13560.5 and 13561.2 to, the Water Code, relating to water.

Position	Priority
Support	A. Priority Support/Oppose

#### AB 1000

**(Friedman D)** Water conveyance: use of facility with unused capacity.

Current Text: Amended: 7/3/2017 [Text](#)

Current Analysis: 07/07/2017 [Senate Natural Resources And Water \(text 7/3/2017\)](#)

Last Amend: 7/3/2017

Status: 7/3/2017-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Is Urgency: N

**Summary:** Current law prohibits the state or a regional or local public agency from denying a bona fide transferor of water from using a water conveyance facility that has unused capacity for the period of time for which that capacity is available, if fair compensation is paid for that use and other requirements are met. This bill would, notwithstanding that provision, prohibit a transferor of water from using a water conveyance facility that has unused capacity to transfer water from a groundwater basin underlying desert lands, as defined, that is in the vicinity of specified federal lands or state lands to outside of the groundwater basin unless the State Lands Commission, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, finds that the transfer of the water will not adversely affect the natural or cultural resources of those federal and state lands.

**Laws:** An act to add Section 1815 to the Water Code, relating to water.

Position	Priority
Out for Analysis	A. Priority Support/Oppose

#### AB 1323

**(Weber D)** Sustainable water use and demand reduction: stakeholder workgroup.

Current Text: Amended: 5/30/2017 [Text](#)

Current Analysis: 07/07/2017 [Senate Natural Resources And Water \(text 5/30/2017\)](#)

Last Amend: 5/30/2017

Status: 6/14/2017-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

*Is Urgency: N*

*Summary: Would, with a specified exception, require the Department of Water Resources to convene a stakeholder workgroup with prescribed representatives invited to participate, including, among others, representatives of the department and the State Water Resources Control Board, no later than February 1, 2019. The bill would require the stakeholder workgroup to develop, evaluate, and recommend proposals for establishing new water use targets for urban water suppliers and to examine and report to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2019, as specified.*

*Laws: An act to add and repeal Section 10608.9 of the Water Code, relating to water.*

<i>Position</i>	<i>Priority</i>
<i>Watch</i>	<i>A. Priority</i>
	<i>Support/Oppose</i>

*Notes 1: One the three bills that will become the long-term conservation bills. Current language of the bill is not indicative of how the bill may be used.*

**AB 1654**

**(Rubio D)** *Water shortage: urban water management planning.*

*Current Text: Amended: 7/3/2017 [Text](#)*

*Current Analysis: 07/07/2017 [Senate Natural Resources And Water \(text 7/3/2017\)](#)*

*Last Amend: 7/3/2017*

*Status: 7/3/2017-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.*

*Is Urgency: N*

*Summary: The Urban Water Management Planning Act requires every public and private urban water supplier that directly or indirectly provides water for municipal purposes to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan and to update its plan once every 5 years on or before December 31 in years ending in 5 and zero, except as specified. This bill would require the update of a plan on or before July 1, in years ending in one and 6. The bill would require each urban retail water supplier to report annually by June 15 to the Department of Water Resources the status of its water supplies for that year and whether the supplies will be adequate to meet projected customer demand, as prescribed.*

*Laws: An act to amend Sections 10621, 10631, 10632, and 10635 of, to add Sections 10613.5 and 10658 to, to add Part 2.56 (commencing with Section 10609) to Division 6 of, and to repeal Section 10631.7 of, the Water Code, relating to water.*

<i>Position</i>	<i>Priority</i>
<i>Support</i>	<i>A. Priority</i>
	<i>Support/Oppose</i>

**AB 1668**

**(Friedman D)** *Water management planning.*

*Current Text: Amended: 7/3/2017 [Text](#)*

*Current Analysis: 07/07/2017 [Senate Natural Resources And Water \(text 7/3/2017\)](#)*

*Last Amend: 7/3/2017*

*Status: 7/3/2017-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.*

*Is Urgency: N*

*Summary: The Urban Water Management Planning Act requires every public and private urban water supplier that directly or indirectly provides water for municipal purposes either directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers or supplying more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan and to update its plan once every 5 years on or before December 31 in years ending in 5 and zero, except as specified. This bill would require an urban water management plan to be updated on or before July 1, in years ending in 6 and one, incorporating updated and new information from the 5 years preceding the plan update.*

*Laws: An act to amend Sections 350, 10610.2, 10610.4, 10620, 10621, 10630, 10631, 10631.2, 10635, 10640, 10641, 10642, 10644, 10645, 10650, 10651, 10653, 10654, 10656, and 10814 of, to amend and renumber Sections 10612 and 10617 of, to add Sections 10612, 10617, 10617.5, 10632.1, 10632.2, 10632.3, 10643.5, and 10657 to, to add Part 2.65 (commencing with Section 10670) to Division 6 of, to repeal Section 10631.7 of, and to repeal and add Section 10632 of, the Water Code, relating to water.*

<i>Position</i>	<i>Priority</i>
<i>Opposition</i>	<i>A. Priority</i>
	<i>Support/Oppose</i>

[SB 778](#)

([Hertzberg D](#)) Water systems: consolidations: administrative and managerial services.

Current Text: Amended: 5/26/2017 [Text](#)

Current Analysis: 07/07/2017 [Assembly Environmental Safety And Toxic Materials \(text 5/26/2017\)](#)

Last Amend: 5/26/2017

Status: 6/15/2017-Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.

Is Urgency: N

Summary: Would require, on or before March 1, 2018, the State Water Resources Control Board to track and publish on its Internet Web site an analysis of all voluntary and ordered consolidations of water systems, including publishing information on the resulting outcomes of the consolidations and whether the consolidations have succeeded or failed in providing an adequate supply of safe drinking water to the communities served by the consolidated water systems.

Laws: An act to amend Section 116682 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to drinking water.

Position	Priority
Watch	A. Priority
	Support/Oppose

Notes 1: Flagged for possible vehicle for public goods charge.

[SCA 4](#)

([Hertzberg D](#)) Water conservation.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/2/2017 [Text](#)

Status: 2/16/2017-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Is Urgency:

Summary: The California Constitution requires that the water resources of the state be put to beneficial use to the fullest extent of which they are capable and that the waste or unreasonable use or unreasonable method of use of water be prevented. This measure would declare the intent of the Legislature to amend the California Constitution to provide a program that would ensure that affordable water is available to all Californians and to ensure that water conservation is given a permanent role in California's future.

Laws: A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by adding Article X C thereto, relating to water.

Position	Priority
Watch	A. Priority
	Support/Oppose

Notes 1: Possible future action item depending on amendments.

## B. Watch

[AB 18](#)

([Garcia, Eduardo D](#)) California Clean Water, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018.

Current Text: Amended: 2/23/2017 [Text](#)

Current Analysis: 03/09/2017 [Assembly Floor Analysis \(text 2/23/2017\)](#)

Last Amend: 2/23/2017

Status: 6/28/2017-Referred to Coms. on N.R. & W. and GOV. & F.

Is Urgency: Y

Summary: Would enact the California Clean Water, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount of \$3,105,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a clean water, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program. This bill contains other related provisions.

Laws: An act to add Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 5880) to Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, relating to a clean water, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program, by providing the funds necessary therefor through an election for the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California and for the handling and disposition of those funds, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

Position	Priority
Watch	B. Watch

Notes 1: More park bond than water bond. The better vehicle is SB 5 (De Leon). Nothing to oppose, but not the bill to support if MWDOC were to consider a position.

[AB 196](#)

([Bigelow R](#)) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: water supply and wastewater systems.

Current Text: Amended: 3/6/2017 [Text](#)

Current Analysis: 07/03/2017 [Senate Environmental Quality \(text 3/6/2017\)](#)

Last Amend: 3/6/2017

Status: 7/6/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 0.) (July 5). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Is Urgency: N

Summary: Current law requires moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to be allocated for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in this state and satisfying other purposes. Current law authorizes specified investments, including water use and supply, if the investment furthers the regulatory purposes of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 and is consistent with law. This bill would authorize the use of the moneys in the fund for electric pump efficiency, water and wastewater systems, pump and pump motor efficiency improvements, and drinking water transmission and distribution systems' water loss if the investment furthers the regulatory purposes of the act and is consistent with law.

Laws: An act to amend Section 39712 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to greenhouse gases.

Position	Priority
Watch	B. Watch

#### [AB 277](#)

([Mathis R](#)) Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program.

Current Text: Amended: 3/27/2017 [Text](#)

Current Analysis: 07/10/2017 [Senate Appropriations \(text 3/27/2017\)](#)

Last Amend: 3/27/2017

Status: 7/10/2017-In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Is Urgency: N

Summary: Would, to the extent funding is made available, authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to establish the Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program to provide funding to eligible applicants for specified purposes relating to drinking water and wastewater treatment. This bill would authorize a county or qualified nonprofit organization to apply to the board for a grant to award loans or grants, or both, to an eligible applicant. The bill would authorize the board to use a funding source that is authorized for and consistent with the purposes of the program.

Laws: An act to add Chapter 6.6 (commencing with Section 13486) to Division 7 of the Water Code, relating to water.

Position	Priority
Watch	B. Watch

#### [AB 313](#)

([Gray D](#)) Water.

Current Text: Amended: 7/3/2017 [Text](#)

Current Analysis: 07/10/2017 [Senate Judiciary \(text 7/3/2017\)](#)

Last Amend: 7/3/2017

Status: 7/3/2017-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on JUD.

Is Urgency: N

Summary: Current law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt an order setting administrative civil liability based on the allegations set forth in the complaint without a hearing, unless a written request for a hearing signed by, or on behalf of, the party served with the complaint is delivered to or received by mail by the board within 20 days after receipt of the complaint. This bill, commencing July 1, 2018, would establish a Water Rights Division within the Office of Administrative Hearings, as prescribed.

Laws: An act to add Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 11375) to Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and to amend Section 1825 of, to amend, repeal, and add Sections 1055, 1552, and 1845 of, to add Section 1837 to, and to repeal and add Article 2 (commencing with Section 1831) of Chapter 12 of Part 2 of Division 2 of, the Water Code, relating to water.

Position	Priority
Watch	B. Watch

Notes 1: BB&K will continue to monitor.

#### [AB 464](#)

([Gallagher R](#)) Local government reorganization.

Current Text: Chaptered: 7/10/2017 [Text](#)

Current Analysis: 06/16/2017 [Senate Floor Analyses \(text 3/14/2017\)](#)

Last Amend: 3/14/2017



*Status: 7/10/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 43, Statutes of 2017.*

*Is Urgency: N*

*Summary: Under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, current law requires that an applicant seeking a change of organization or reorganization submit a plan for providing services within the affected territory that includes, among other requirements, an enumeration and description of the services to be extended to the affected territory and an indication of when those services can feasibly be extended. This bill would specify that the plan is required to also include specific information regarding services currently provided to the affected territory, as applicable, and make related changes.*

*Laws: An act to amend Sections 56653 and 56857 of the Government Code, relating to local government.*

<i>Position</i>	<i>Priority</i>
<i>Watch</i>	<i>B. Watch</i>

[AB 474](#) ([Garcia, Eduardo](#) D) Hazardous waste: spent brine solutions.

*Current Text: Amended: 6/28/2017 [Text](#)*

*Current Analysis: 07/10/2017 [Senate Appropriations \(text 6/28/2017\)](#)*

*Last Amend: 6/28/2017*

*Status: 7/10/2017-In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.*

*Is Urgency: N*

*Summary: Current law exempts from certain requirements of the Hazardous Waste Control Law wastes from the extraction, beneficiation, or processing of ores and minerals that are not subject to regulation under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, including spent brine solutions used to produce geothermal energy that meet specified requirements. This bill would exempt spent brine solutions that are byproducts of the treatment of groundwater to meet California drinking water standards from those same requirements if certain conditions are met, including that the spent brine solutions are transferred for dewatering via a closed piping system to lined surface impoundments regulated by the California regional water quality control boards.*

*Laws: An act to add Section 25143.6 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to hazardous waste.*

<i>Position</i>	<i>Priority</i>
	<i>B. Watch</i>

*Notes 1: Possible bill to support.*

[AB 732](#) ([Frazier](#) D) Delta levee maintenance.

*Current Text: Amended: 5/30/2017 [Text](#)*

*Current Analysis: 07/10/2017 [Senate Appropriations \(text 5/30/2017\)](#)*

*Last Amend: 5/30/2017*

*Status: 7/10/2017-In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.*

*Is Urgency: N*

*Summary: Current law establishes a delta levee maintenance program pursuant to which a local agency may request reimbursement for costs incurred in connection with the maintenance or improvement of project or nonproject levees in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Current law declares legislative intent to reimburse eligible local agencies under this program, until July 1, 2018, in an amount not to exceed 75% of those costs that are incurred in excess of \$1,000 per mile of levee. Current law, until July 1, 2018, authorizes the board to provide funds to an eligible local agency under this program in the form of an advance in an amount that does not exceed 75% of the estimated state share. This bill would extend until July 1, 2020, the operation of that declaration of legislative intent and the authorization to advance funds.*

*Laws: An act to amend Sections 12986 and 12987.5 of the Water Code, relating to water.*

<i>Position</i>	<i>Priority</i>
<i>Watch</i>	<i>B. Watch</i>

*Notes 1: Amended to extended the sunset consistent with past practice.*

[AB 885](#) ([Rubio](#) D) Pupil health: drinking water: lead.

*Current Text: Amended: 4/27/2017 [Text](#)*

*Current Analysis: 05/15/2017 [Assembly Appropriations \(text 4/27/2017\)](#)*

*Last Amend: 4/27/2017*

*Status: 5/26/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/17/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)*

*Is Urgency: N*

*Summary: Would require a community water system, as defined, to test, on or before July 1, 2019, and every year*

thereafter, for the presence of lead at a sample of water outlets used for drinking or cooking at each school, defined to include a public elementary school, a public secondary school, a public preschool located on public school property, and a public day care facility located on public school property, constructed before January 1, 1993, within the boundaries of the community water system.

Laws: An act to add Section 32247 to the Education Code, relating to pupil health.

Position	Priority
Watch	B. Watch

[SB 5](#) ([De León D](#)) California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018.

Current Text: Amended: 5/26/2017 [Text](#)

Current Analysis: 05/27/2017 [Senate Floor Analyses \(text 5/26/2017\)](#)

Last Amend: 5/26/2017

Status: 6/29/2017-Referred to Com. on W.,P., & W.

Is Urgency: Y

Summary: Would enact the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount of \$3,500,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program. This bill contains other related provisions.

Laws: An act to add Division 45 (commencing with Section 80000) to the Public Resources Code, relating to a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program, by providing the funds necessary therefor through an election for the issuance and sale of bonds of the State of California and for the handling and disposition of those funds, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

Position	Priority
Watch	B. Watch

Notes 1: Better of the two park bond bills. Possible future action item.

[SB 80](#) ([Wieckowski D](#)) California Environmental Quality Act: notices.

Current Text: Amended: 6/21/2017 [Text](#)

Current Analysis: 06/16/2017 [Assembly Natural Resources \(text 2/14/2017\)](#)

Last Amend: 6/21/2017

Status: 6/21/2017-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Is Urgency: N

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act requires the lead agency to mail certain notices to persons who have filed a written request for notices. The act provides that if the agency offers to provide the notices by email, upon filing a written request for notices, a person may request that the notices be provided to him or her by email. This bill would require the lead agency to post those notices on the agency's Internet Web site. The bill would require the agency to offer to provide those notices by email. Because this bill would increase the level of service provided by a local agency, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Laws: An act to amend Sections 21092.2, 21092.3, 21108, and 21152 of the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental quality.

Position	Priority
Watch	B. Watch

[SB 146](#) ([Wilk R](#)) Water resources: permit to appropriate: protected species.

Current Text: Amended: 3/20/2017 [Text](#)

Current Analysis: 03/23/2017 [Senate Natural Resources And Water \(text 2/17/2017\)](#)

Last Amend: 3/20/2017

Status: 4/28/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was N.R. & W. on 1/26/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

Is Urgency: N

Summary: Under current law, the State Water Resources Control Board administers a water rights program pursuant to which the board grants permits and licenses to appropriate water. Current law prohibits the taking or possession of a fully protected fish, except as provided, and designates the unarmored threespine stickleback as a fully protected fish. This bill would prohibit the board from issuing on or after January 1, 2018, a new permit to appropriate water from any river or stream that has, or is reasonably expected to have, a population of unarmored threespine stickleback.

*Laws: An act to add Section 1257.7 to the Water Code, relating to water resources.*

<i>Position</i>	<i>Priority</i>
<i>Watch</i>	<i>B. Watch</i>

*Notes 1: ACWA opposed*

**SB 210**

*(Leyva D) Pupil health: drinking water.*

*Current Text: Amended: 5/26/2017 [Text](#)*

*Current Analysis: 05/27/2017 [Senate Floor Analyses \(text 5/26/2017\)](#)*

*Last Amend: 5/26/2017*

*Status: 6/12/2017-Referred to Coms. on ED. and E.S. & T.M.*

*Is Urgency: N*

*Summary: The California Safe Drinking Water Act, requires the State Water Resources Control Board to establish a grant program, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to award grants to local educational agencies for the purposes of improving access to, and the quality of, drinking water in public schools serving kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, and preschools and child day care facilities located on public school property. The act requires the state board to give priority to certain projects. This bill would require priority be given to projects for schools that have tested their drinking water fixtures, and the results show that the drinking water either does not meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency drinking water standards for lead or is above the California maximum contaminant level for any other contaminant, as specified.*

*Laws: An act to amend Section 116276 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.*

<i>Position</i>	<i>Priority</i>
	<i>B. Watch</i>

**SB 224**

*(Jackson D) California Environmental Quality Act: baseline conditions.*

*Current Text: Amended: 4/5/2017 [Text](#)*

*Current Analysis: 05/01/2017 [Senate Appropriations \(text 4/5/2017\)](#)*

*Last Amend: 4/5/2017*

*Status: 5/26/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/25/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)*

*Is Urgency: N*

*Summary: Would require the Office of Planning and Research, on or after January 1, 2018, at the time of the next review of the guidelines, to prepare, develop, and transmit to the secretary proposed changes or amendments to determine the baseline physical conditions by which a lead agency determines whether a project has a significant effect on the environment. The bill would require the office, in developing the recommendations to limit the consideration of modifications to the environment at the project site cause by certain actions. The bill would require the secretary to certify and adopt the recommended proposed changes or amendments.*

*Laws: An act to add Section 21083.02 to the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental quality.*

<i>Position</i>	<i>Priority</i>
	<i>B. Watch</i>

**SB 231**

*(Hertzberg D) Local government: fees and charges.*

*Current Text: Amended: 4/19/2017 [Text](#)*

*Current Analysis: 06/16/2017 [Assembly Floor Analysis \(text 4/19/2017\)](#)*

*Last Amend: 4/19/2017*

*Status: 6/15/2017-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.*

*Is Urgency: N*

*Summary: Articles XIIC and XIID of the California Constitution generally require that assessments, fees, and charges be submitted to property owners for approval or rejection after the provision of written notice and the holding of a public hearing. Current law, the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to comply with Articles XIIC and XIID of the California Constitution and defines terms for these purposes. This bill would define the term "sewer" for these purposes. The bill would also make findings and declarations relating to the definition of the term "sewer" for these purposes.*

*Laws: An act to amend Section 53750 of, and to add Section 53751 to, the Government Code, relating to local government finance.*

<i>Position</i>	<i>Priority</i>
<i>Watch</i>	<i>B. Watch</i>



**SB 252***(Dodd D) Water wells.**Current Text: Amended: 6/28/2017 [Text](#)**Current Analysis: 06/23/2017 [Assembly Water, Parks And Wildlife \(text 6/14/2017\)](#)**Last Amend: 6/28/2017**Status: 6/28/2017-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.**Is Urgency: N**Summary: Would require an applicant for a new well permit in a city or county overlying a critically overdrafted basin, as defined, and where the proposed well is located within a critically overdrafted basin, to comply with certain requirements as part of an application for a well permit. The bill would require a city or county that receives an application for a well permit in a critically overdrafted basin to make certain information about the new well included in the application for a well permit available to groundwater sustainability agencies and publicly available and easily accessible and, before issuing any new well permit, to undertake a notice and comment period that includes a noticed public meeting, as prescribed.**Laws: An act to amend Section 13751 of, to add Section 10729.4 to, and to add Article 5 (commencing with Section 13807) to Chapter 10 of Division 7 of, the Water Code, relating to groundwater.*

<i>Position</i>	<i>Priority</i>
<i>Watch</i>	<i>B. Watch</i>

**SB 623***(Monning D) Water quality: Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.**Current Text: Amended: 7/3/2017 [Text](#)**Current Analysis: 07/07/2017 [Assembly Environmental Safety And Toxic Materials \(text 7/3/2017\)](#)**Last Amend: 7/3/2017**Status: 7/3/2017-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.**Is Urgency: N**Summary: Would establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury and would provide that moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the office. The bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to administer the fund to assist communities and individual domestic well users to address contaminants in drinking water that exceed safe drinking water standards, as specified. The bill would authorize the board to provide for the deposit of federal contributions and voluntary contributions, gifts, grants, or bequests.**Laws: An act to amend Section 116395 of, and to add Chapter 4.6 (commencing with Section 116765) to Part 12 of Division 104 of, the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Section 13050 of, and to add Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 13278) of Chapter 4 of Division 7 of, the Water Code, relating to water, and making an appropriation therefor.*

<i>Position</i>	<i>Priority</i>
	<i>B. Watch</i>

**SB 740***(Wiener D) Onsite treated water.**Current Text: Amended: 4/26/2017 [Text](#)**Current Analysis: 05/15/2017 [Senate Appropriations \(text 4/26/2017\)](#)**Last Amend: 4/26/2017**Status: 5/26/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/25/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)**Is Urgency: N**Summary: Would, on or before December 1, 2018, require the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with other state agencies, to adopt regulations, consistent with federal and state law in effect on January 1, 2018, to provide comprehensive risk-based standards for local jurisdictions permitting programs for onsite recycling of water in multifamily residential, commercial, and mixed-use buildings for nonpotable use. The bill would require the regulations to address specified issues and practices relating to the management, monitoring, and treatment of recycled water for nonpotable use.**Laws: An act to add Article 8 (commencing with Section 13558) to Chapter 7 of Division 7 of the Water Code, relating to water quality.*

<i>Position</i>	<i>Priority</i>
	<i>B. Watch</i>

**Total Measures: 24****Total Tracking Forms: 24**

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<b>AB 472</b> <b>Frazier (D)</b>  Sponsor: California Waterfowl Association	Amended 6/26/17  Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee  Date of Hearing: 7/11/17	<b>Water Transfers:</b> Would eliminate requirement for landowners to comply with Department of Water Resources (DWR) water transfer guidelines. Requires DWR to allow cover crops to remain on fallowed land unless DWR, not the landowner, can prove injury to another legal user of water, based on peer-reviewed scientific studies. Also creates incentive program within the Wildlife Conservation Board for landowners to cultivate or retain nonirrigated vegetation for wildlife habitat.	<p align="center"><b>OPPOSE</b> (4/11/17)</p>	Would make it more difficult for DWR to ensure that purchasers of water transfer supplies and legal users of water are not impacted by water consuming vegetation on fallowed lands.
<b>AB 574</b> <b>Quirk (D)</b>  Sponsor: WaterReuse California and California Coastkeeper Alliance	Amended 6/20/17  Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee	<b>Potable Reuse:</b> Promotes water recycling by categorizing potable reuse alternatives and by establishing a clear regulatory pathway and time frame for raw water augmentation.	<p align="center"><b>SUPPORT</b> (3/14/17)</p>	By advancing regulatory criteria that are protective of public health, AB 574 may accelerate the deployment of recycled water projects throughout California.

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<b>AB 732</b> <b>Frazier (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author	Amended 5/30/17  Senate Appropriations Committee  Date of Hearing: 7/10/17	<b>Delta Levee Maintenance:</b> Delta levee maintenance program was established for reimbursement of costs incurred in connection with maintenance or improvement of projects or non-project levees in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. AB 732 extends the current 75% state reimbursement rate for Delta levee maintenance costs in excess of \$1,000 per mile, until July 1, 2020.	<b>WATCH</b> based upon prior position on SB 554 (Wolk) from 2016	Metropolitan dropped its opposition to AB 732 after the Delta Stewardship Council directed staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) and DWR to develop and recommend a new set of guidelines, including a methodology and local agency requirements for evaluating a local agency's ability to pay for cost of levee maintenance or improvements under the Delta Levee Subventions Program.
<b>AB 791</b> <b>Frazier (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author	Amended 3/21/17  Assembly Appropriations Committee  Two-Year Bill	<b>New Conveyance Facility:</b> Would impose new and unnecessary requirements on "lead agency" (presumably DWR) to provide certain information about costs and benefits of new water delivery system improvements on a water-contractor-by-water-contractor basis <i>before</i> any water contractor could enter any contracts to fund design, construction and mitigation.	<b>OPPOSE</b> based upon June 2007 Board-adopted Delta Action Plan	Could delay construction of California WaterFix, with no added benefit to the public process or environment.

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<b>AB 792</b> <b>Frazier (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author	Amended 3/28/17  Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee  Two-Year Bill	<b>Delta Plan:</b> Would take unprecedented and unnecessary step of requiring Delta Stewardship Council to affirmatively “grant” a certification of consistency with the Delta Plan before construction of California WaterFix could begin. Council could not “grant” the certification until <u>after</u> State Water Resources Control Board adopts update to 2006 Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan.	<b>OPPOSE</b> based upon June 2007 Board-adopted Delta Action Plan	Delta Reform Act of 2009 recognized need for new Delta conveyance to address declines in water supply reliability and the Delta ecosystem. Likewise, the Governor’s California Water Action Plan calls for new Delta conveyance, among a suite of other measures, to further the coequal goals, and to restore water supply reliability to millions of Californians. AB 792 is at odds with both.
<b>AB 793</b> <b>Frazier (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author	Amended 3/27/17  Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee  Two-Year Bill	<b>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta – Financing:</b> Would declare it state policy that the <u>existing</u> Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta be recognized and defined as an integral component of California’s water infrastructure. Would state also that the maintenance and repair of Delta are eligible for same forms of financing as other water collection and treatment infrastructure and specifies that eligible maintenance and repair activities be limited to certain cleanup-and-abatement-related restoration and conservation activities.	<b>OPPOSE</b> based upon June 2007 Board-adopted Delta Action Plan	Ignores the fact that the Delta, in its <u>current</u> state, has not been developed as a “water collection or treatment facility.” The current configuration of levees was largely completed in the early 20th century to reclaim swamp and overflow land for farming or other uses. Thus, the declaration of intent is contrary to reality and is not a sound basis for infrastructure financing.

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<b>AB 869 Rubio (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author	Amended 7/3/17  Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee	<b>Recycled Water:</b> Would exclude the curtailment of use of recycled water from the definition of conservation.	<b>WATCH</b>  based upon Board-adopted legislative policy priorities dated 5/8/17	Metropolitan recognizes that recycled water is an efficient use and should be treated as such in any new water use efficiency targets. Author will no longer pursue bill, as written.
<b>AB 968 Rubio (D)</b>  Sponsor: Regional Water Authority and Irvine Ranch Water District	Amended 4/17/17  Assembly Appropriations Committee  Two-Year Bill	<b>Water Use Efficiency Targets:</b> Defines “water efficiency target” as a target developed by an urban retail water supplier for 2025 water efficiency in its 2020 urban water management plan. Requires each urban retail water supplier to adopt one of three methods for determining water efficiency targets. Maintains the existing exclusion of recycled water from the calculation of base daily per capita water use. Requires Dept. of Water Resources, in consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board, to, by July 1, 2018, convene a task force for the purposes of recommending appropriate performance measures for the commercial, industrial and institutional sectors.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  based upon Board-adopted legislative policy priorities dated 5/8/17	Preserves the legislative process for setting water-use efficiency goals and recognizes the role of state agencies to implement a detailed framework consistent with the goals. Supports multiple compliance methods that includes a water-budget based target-setting approach in addition to other methods that could be customized to unique local conditions and could be equally effective in reducing water use.

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<b>AB 1270 Gallagher (R)</b>  Sponsor: Author	Amended 6/28/17  Senate Appropriations Committee  Date of Hearing 7/10/17	<b>Dams and Reservoirs – Inspections and Reporting:</b> Requires inspections of dams on a known frequency rather than only “from time-to-time” as existing law requires. Also requires that on or before January 1, 2019, and every three years thereafter, the California Water Commission, in consultation with the UC Berkeley Center for Catastrophic Risk Management, conduct a review of state-operated and state-maintained dams and reservoirs, such as Lake Oroville.	<b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> (6/13/17)	Recent amendments impose a substantial list of inspection activities that would need to be conducted every year for all higher-hazard dams. In addition, bill requires that all dam inspection reports be retroactively posted on the internet for at least the previous ten years for dams classified as extremely high hazard or high hazard, without any retraction of security sensitive information or ability to know who was accessing the information. Metropolitan is working with the author to address concerns.
<b>AB 1323 Weber (D)</b>  Sponsor: San Diego County Water Authority	Amended 5/30/17  Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee  Date of Hearing: 7/11/17	<b>Water Efficiency Targets:</b> Provides that if a statute is not chaptered during 2017-18 legislative session to establish water conservation targets and long-term drought contingency planning, DWR shall convene stakeholder workgroup by February 1, 2019, to develop, evaluate and recommend proposals for establishing new water use targets for urban retail water suppliers.	<b>SUPPORT</b> based upon Board-adopted legislative policy priorities dated 5/8/17	Metropolitan supports state agency implementation of a framework consistent with the water use efficiency goals set by the Legislature by working through a stakeholder process to ensure the goals are met in a way that recognizes the unique challenges of agencies throughout California.

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<b>AB 1427</b> <b>Eggman (D)</b>  Sponsor: Stockton-East Water District	Amended 3/21/17  Assembly Appropriations Committee  Two-Year Bill	<b>Water – Underground Storage:</b> Amends Water Code Section 1242 to declare that storing water underground, including diverting surface water for storage, for purposes including, but not limited to, protection of water quality or recovery of groundwater levels, are beneficial uses. Also states that existing forfeiture provisions for non-use of water for a period of longer than five years would not apply.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b></p> based upon prior opposition to AB 647 (Eggman) from 2015	Must include safeguards to ensure that permanent underground storage is implemented in reasonable manner. SWRCB must confirm that flows are not already otherwise appropriated or diverted at times when federal Central Valley Project and State Water Project are required to release supplemental project water to meet water quality objectives in Delta watershed. Additional amendments are necessary to ensure alignment with Groundwater Management Sustainability Act of 2014.
<b>AB 1654</b> <b>Rubio (D)</b>  Sponsor: Regional Water Authority and Irvine Ranch Water District	Amended 7/3/17  Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee  Date of Hearing: 7/11/17	<b>Drought Contingency Planning:</b> Would require each urban retail water supplier to conduct an annual water shortage contingency analysis and implement certain actions and reporting when a water shortage is determined. Proposes changes to the Urban Water Management Planning Act, which would require urban water suppliers, as part of their five-year water supply planning and reporting, to include a detailed description of their water shortage contingency analysis, related actions and monitoring processes.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b></p> based upon Board-adopted legislative policy priorities dated 5/8/17	Preserves local and regional decision-making and control in determining actions to avoid shortage or mitigate shortage impacts. Supports inclusion of all available sources of water supplies and water management actions by urban water suppliers to mitigate water shortage impacts to customers.

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<b>AB 1667 Friedman (D)</b>  Sponsor: Brown Administration	Amended 7/3/17  Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee  Date of Hearing: 7/11/17	<b>Water Management Planning:</b> Reflects the Brown Administration's June 2017 proposal to implement Executive Order B-37-16 and the framework contained in the report Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life for urban and agricultural water usage and drought planning.	<b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> based upon Board-adopted legislative policy priorities dated 5/8/17	AB 1667 is consistent, in part, with the policy priorities adopted by Metropolitan's board. There are specific provisions, however, that require revisions to merit full support.
<b>AB 1668 Friedman (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author	Amended 7/3/17  Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee  Date of Hearing: 7/11/17	<b>Drought Contingency Planning:</b> Would require each urban water supplier to conduct an annual water shortage contingency analysis and implement certain actions and reporting when a water shortage is determined. Also proposes changes to the Urban Water Management Planning Act (UWMP) which would require urban water suppliers, as part of their five-year water supply planning and report, to include a detailed description of their water shortage contingency analysis, related actions and monitoring processes.	<b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> based upon Board-adopted legislative policy priorities dated 5/8/17	AB 1668 is consistent, in part, with the policy priorities adopted by Metropolitan's board. There are specific provisions, however, that require revisions to merit full support.



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<b>AB 1669</b> <b>Friedman (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author	Amended 4/18/17  Assembly Appropriations Committee  Two-Year Bill	<b>Water Use Efficiency Targets:</b> Requires the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), in consultation with the Department of Water Resources (DWR), to adopt long-term standards for urban water conservation and water use by May 20, 2021. Specifically, this bill requires the long-term standard to include indoor residential water use, outdoor irrigation water use, as specified, and industrial, institutional and commercial water use. Allows the SWRCB, in consultation with DWR, to adopt and update interim standards for urban water conservation and water use.	<b>OPPOSE</b> <b>UNLESS</b> <b>AMENDED</b> based upon Board-adopted legislative policy priorities dated 5/8/17	AB 1669, in many areas, conflicts with the policy priorities adopted by Metropolitan's board. The bill grants authority to a state agency to issue interim standards through emergency regulations outside of a Governor-declared emergency. The bill does not protect existing water rights; provides for only one compliance path; fails to recognize recycled water as an efficient use of water; and proposes water use reduction targets for the commercial, industrial and institutional sector rather than pursuing a performance-based approach.
<b>SB 80</b> <b>Wickowski (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author	Amended 6/21/17  Assembly Appropriations Committee	<b>California Environmental Quality Act:</b> Would require the preparation, filing and posting on the internet of Notices of Exemption that the California Natural Resources Agency has categorically exempted from CEQA because said actions have no significant adverse impact.	<b>OPPOSE</b> <b>UNLESS</b> <b>AMENDED</b> based upon January 2017 Board-adopted State Legislative Priorities	Would require public agencies to prepare, file and post on the internet dozens, if not hundreds, of additional Notices of Exemption every month for every discretionary action that would cause any change in the physical environment, regardless how insignificant.

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<b>SB 92</b> <b>Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee</b>  Budget Trailer Bill	Chapter 26, Statutes of 2017  Signed by Governor on 6/27/17	<b>Resources Trailer Bill:</b> Sections 60-61, 64, 84-94 and 102 provide the Department of Water Resources (DWR) with new authorities that are in alignment with recommended best practices for dams and appurtenant structures from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Association of State Dam Safety Officials.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  (6/13/17)	SB 92 strengthens DWR's regulatory powers and oversight. Further, the requirement for regularly updated inundation maps and emergency action plans will improve emergency planning for neighboring communities.
<b>SB 224</b> <b>Jackson (D)</b>  Sponsor: Environmental Defense Center and the Planning and Conservation League	Amended 4/5/17  Senate Appropriations Committee  Two-Year Bill	<b>California Environmental Quality Act:</b> Would require Office of Planning and Research to prepare, and Secretary of CA Natural Resources Agency to adopt, CEQA guidelines to make exceptions to general rule that environmental review should focus on each project's impacts on the existing physical environment. Lead agencies undertaking their own projects, and project proponents seeking permits, funding or other discretionary approvals from lead agencies, would be required to analyze every proposed project's impacts relative to an environmental condition that no longer existed at any site where unpermitted, illegal or previous emergency response actions occurred.	<b>OPPOSE</b>  based upon January 2017 Board-adopted State Legislative Priorities	SB 224 is at odds with the fundamental precept of CEQA as a forward-looking statute. Lead agencies that undertake their own projects could be required to mitigate for environmental harms committed by others, which is inequitable and fails to deter bad actors.

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<b>SB 231</b> <b>Hertzberg (D)</b> Sponsor: Water Foundation	Amended 4/19/17  Assembly Floor	<b>Local Government - Fees and Charges:</b> Provides a definition of "sewer" that predates Proposition 218 and treats fees for stormwater like all other water and sewer fees. Seeks to clarify where stormwater and flood control systems may overlap with water and sewer systems for which Proposition 218 requires a lower approval threshold. SB 231 does not change the CA Constitution's mandate for rigorous oversight of water and sewer fees, including reports, hearings and protest votes.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPPORT</b> (4/11/17)</p>	Stormwater is an important source of local water supply and careful management is necessary to reduce pollution. Currently, property-related fees to fund stormwater and flood control programs, not associated with water supply, require a higher approval standard than property-related fees for other water services.



**DISCUSSION ITEM**

July 11, 2017

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**  
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick and Yoo Schneider)

Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: DEVELOP PROGRAM GOALS FOR MWDOC'S FEDERAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends that the Board of Directors discuss and make recommendations to staff.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**BACKGROUND**

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The MWDOC Board of Directors began adopting policy principles as early as 2001. These principles incorporate specific positions adopted by the Board of Directors, as well as position incorporated in the MWDOC Strategic Plan. They are intended to direct staff and the district's legislative advocates when they evaluate proposed legislation that may impact either the District or its member agencies. Following these guidelines allows staff to respond to legislation in a timely manner. Issues that are not clear or have complicated implications are presented to the Board for further guidance.

The District analyzes, monitors, and establishes positions on relevant legislation and proposed regulations, engages the public policy process, helps to ensure that Orange County's interests are represented, and provides value to its member agencies, Orange County elected officials, business and community leaders, and others by serving as an informational resource on water policy.

<b>Budgeted (Y/N):</b> N/A	Budgeted amount: n/a	Core __	Choice __
<b>Action item amount:</b> None		Line item:	
<b>Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):</b>			

In order to do so effectively, policy principles and legislative/regulatory priorities (short and long term goals) should be in place as not just a guidance, but a tool for both the Board and staff to be most effective.

However, before any priorities can be developed, the Board must establish broad program goals – what the District would like to accomplish in a federal advocacy program. This is step one. Once that is in place, the policy principles can be reviewed/updated to ensure they reflect the program goals (step two). Step three will be establishing legislative and regulatory priorities for the year. Finally, the final step is how the Board will implement the program most effectively and efficiently.

At the request of the Board of Directors, staff has compiled a list of potential program goals for discussion.

## **FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY GOALS**

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The federal goals compiled below is a broad, but not limited, list of goals the Board of Directors could choose to adopt as part of its federal advocacy program. What results and outcomes does the District hope to accomplish with its federal advocacy program?

### Funding

Water use efficiency programs and infrastructure projects cost money to implement and maintain. Various agencies and departments in Washington D.C. provide funding via grants or low interest loans.

- Obtain funding for member agency projects via grants or low interest loans
- Influence change in funding levels for loan or grant programs beneficial to Orange County water projects
- Influence funding in the President's budget
- Influence funding in the Legislative budget
- Identify and obtain funding appropriated in the budget
- Influence key agencies within in the Department of Interior to place funding in their department budgets for projects such as:
  - Water loss control
  - Smart irrigation timers
  - Turf removal
  - Spray to drip program
  - Cisterns and rain barrels
- Influence the Administration to include funding for the WaterSense program in the President's budget
- Obtain continued support for the State Revolving Fund Program
- Obtain/maintain support for funding for drought relief in California

### Projects

Water infrastructure projects often require support from federal legislators and/or regulatory agencies via funding, permits, or general support to keep a project afloat. This may include but is not limited to the following:

- Obtain support for the California WaterFix and EcoRestore project from the Orange County delegation, Administration, and key cabinet members and staff
- Obtain support for water infrastructure planning and construction for projects within California such as Sites Reservoir or other projects outside of Orange County
- Obtain support for local reliability projects in Orange County

### Legislation

Legislative advocacy is key to gaining support for a legislative position, a regulation that may have a positive or negative affect on how MWDOC and its member agencies operate and serve their customers. Some of these goals may include:

- Encourage sponsorship of new legislation
- Influence/guide current legislation
- Obtain legislative authorization for the WaterSense program
- Obtain support for tax exemptions for water conservation
- Continue efforts to oppose the removal of tax exempt status for municipal bonds

### Relationships

Developing and maintaining relationships with elected officials and staff is critical to the success of an advocacy program. These relationships provide access to decision makers if and when MWDOC has a legislative or funding request. But first the Board must adopt goals for which to advocate and access these relationships.

- Develop and maintain relationships with members of the Orange County delegation and staff to provide regular updates on local water issues, a communication network to discuss the impacts of pending legislation/regulations, and importance or need for federal funding for local projects and programs
- Develop and maintain relationships with key members and staff of the California delegation and staff to provide regular updates on local water issues, a communication network to discuss the impacts of pending statewide legislation/regulations, and importance or need for federal funding for regional projects and programs that could have an impact on Orange County or Southern California
- Develop and maintain relationships with key policy committee members and staff to discuss the impacts of pending legislation before the committee that could have impacts on Orange County or California
- Establish relationships with key staff within agencies such as the Bureau of Reclamation, Environmental Protection Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service and other administrative agencies to provide information on the effects of pending or current regulations to Orange County, and/or to influence regulatory or funding/budgetary requests



**ACTION ITEM**

July 19, 2017

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**  
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick and Yoo Schneider)

Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT:** **AB 1000 (Friedman) – Water conveyance: use of facility with unused capacity**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors vote to adopt an oppose position on AB 1000 (Friedman).

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined by committee)

**SUMMARY**

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AB 1000 would prohibit a transferor of water from using a water conveyance facility that has unused capacity to transfer water from a groundwater basin as specified, unless the State Lands Commission, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, finds that the transfer of the water will not adversely affect the natural or cultural resources, including groundwater resources or habitat, of those federal and state lands.

For this prohibition to apply, the groundwater basin must underlie desert lands that are in the vicinity of a national monument, a national preserve, a national park, a state or federal wilderness area, or state lands.

“Desert lands” are defined as the portion of California located south of Interstate 15, east of State Highway 247, north of State Highway 62, west of Interstate 95, and west of the Nevada state line between Interstate 95 and Interstate 15.

<b>Budgeted (Y/N):</b> n/a	Budgeted amount: n/a	Core x	Choice __
<b>Action Item Amount:</b> none		Line Item:	
<b>Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):</b>			

## BACKGROUND

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Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Consultant Dennis O'Connor had a very thorough committee analysis:

*It's All About Cadiz.* This bill is focused on the proposed groundwater transfer and storage project known as the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery and Storage Project. The Cadiz Valley is about 3 miles south of historic Route 66 near the now abandoned town of Chambless in the Mojave Desert. According to the Cadiz Inc. website, the project "is designed to capture and conserve billions of gallons of renewable native groundwater flowing beneath our property in California's Mojave Desert that is currently being lost to evaporation and salt contamination at nearby dry lakes. Through the active management of the aquifer system and employing a state-of-the-art groundwater protection program, the Project will reduce the loss of groundwater to evaporation from the dry lakes, put this water to beneficial use and create a reliable water supply for Southern California."

*Long Standing Controversy.* In 1998, Cadiz Inc. and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) began discussion about a project that would have imported Colorado River water to Cadiz, Ca. and exported groundwater from Cadiz to the MWD service area. Ultimately, MWD decided not to go forward citing uncertainties about potential for environmental impacts.

In the intervening years, there have been environmental documents certified, numerous court challenges, sometimes conflicting findings by federal agencies, and strong and consistent opposition by Senator Feinstein and others.

The crux of the dispute is differing estimates of the sustainable yield of the Cadiz Valley groundwater basin. Cadiz, citing a CH2M study, claims the groundwater basin naturally recharges at 32,500 acre-feet/year and can sustainably support the proposed water supply and storage project. Opponents respond that the U.S. Geological Survey's study found that the natural refill rate of the desert aquifer is between 2,000 and 10,000 acre feet of water per year.

*Why The State Lands Commission?* The bill makes approval of the transfer contingent on a finding by the State Lands Commission, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, that the transfer of the water will not adversely affect the natural or cultural resources, including groundwater resources or habitat, of those federal and state lands. One might wonder why the State Lands Commission is the key decision maker. In 1984, the California Legislature enacted the School Land Bank Act, requiring the Commission to take all action necessary to fully develop school lands into a permanent and productive resource base. According to the author's office, there are school lands in and around the Cadiz Valley.

That might be, but the State Lands Commission doesn't have expertise in groundwater, water transfers, groundwater dependent desert ecosystems, water quality, or any of the other major points of contention that this project has generated over the years.

Given the controversy about this project, it might make sense for some sort of state role in approving this project. However, there are other state agencies might make more appropriate leads. For example, the Department of Water Resources has expertise in



groundwater management and water transfers. The Department of Fish and Wildlife updated the groundwater priorities under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act to reflect groundwater dependent ecosystems. The State Water Resources Control Board manages water quality under the Federal Clean Water Act and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Any of these agencies would seem a reasonable lead agency for evaluating and approving a project under this bill.

Should the committee pass this bill, it might want to encourage the author to more fully explore which state agency should take the lead in determining if the project is appropriately protective of natural and cultural resources when the bill is in the appropriations committee.

## **ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT**

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According to the author, “The California desert is home to unique scenic, historical, archeological, ecological, wildlife, cultural, scientific, educational, and recreational values used and enjoyed by millions of Americans for hiking and camping, scientific study and scenic appreciation. Through acts of Congress and designations by past Presidents, the California desert is home to national parks, preserves, monuments and wilderness areas that preserve the unique values and history of the California desert including but not limited to: Mojave National Preserve, Mojave Trails National Monument, Joshua Tree National Park, Sheephole Valley Wilderness, and Clipper Mountains Wilderness.

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## **MWDOC'S POLICY PRINCIPLES**

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MWDOC's adopted policy principles directly reflect a position that hinders a local agency's ability to develop local resources and water planning decisions. *It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation or regulation that: restricts a local governmental agency's ability to develop their local resources in a manner that is cost-effective, environmentally sensitive, and protective of public health. And, restricts or limits a local governmental agency's ability to establish local priorities for water resources planning decisions.*

## **COMMENTS**

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Support on file:

National Parks Conservation Association (sponsor)  
 29 Palms Inn  
 Audubon California  
 California League of Conservation Voters  
 Center for Biological Diversity  
 Coalition to Protect America's National Parks  
 Defenders of Wildlife  
 Environment California

Hispanic Access Foundation  
Inland Empire Waterkeeper  
Mojave Desert Land Trust  
Mojave National Preserve Conservancy  
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Native American Land Conservancy  
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The Nature Conservancy  
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Inland Empire Economic Partnership  
Orange County Business Council  
Roscoe Moss Company  
Santa Margarita Water District  
Southern California Association of Governments  
Southern California District Council of Laborers  
Southern California Partnership For Jobs  
Southern California Water Committee  
State Building and Construction Trades Council

This measure was approved by the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee by a vote of 6-2 on July 11, 2017.

## **DETAILED REPORT**

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The full text of AB 1000 is attached for your information.

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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER

Senator Robert Hertzberg, Chair  
2017 - 2018 Regular

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<b>Bill No:</b>	AB 1000	<b>Hearing Date:</b>	July 11, 2017
<b>Author:</b>	Friedman		
<b>Version:</b>	July 3, 2017		
<b>Urgency:</b>	No	<b>Fiscal:</b>	Yes
<b>Consultant:</b>	Dennis O'Connor		

**Subject:** Water conveyance: use of facility with unused capacity

## BACKGROUND AND EXISTING LAW

Current law prohibits the state or a regional or local public agency from denying a bona fide transferor of water from using a water conveyance facility that has unused capacity for the period of time for which that capacity is available, if fair compensation is paid for that use and other requirements are met, including:

- 1) The commingling of transferred water does not result in a diminution of the beneficial uses or quality of the water in the facility and the transferred water is of substantially the same quality as the water in the facility.
- 2) This use of a water conveyance facility is to be made:
  - a) Without injuring any legal user of water.
  - b) Without unreasonably affecting fish, wildlife, or other instream beneficial uses.
  - c) Without unreasonably affecting the overall economy or the environment of the county from which the water is being transferred.

## PROPOSED LAW

Notwithstanding current law, this bill would prohibit a transferor of water from using a water conveyance facility that has unused capacity to transfer water from a groundwater basin as specified, unless the State Lands Commission, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, finds that the transfer of the water will not adversely affect the natural or cultural resources, including groundwater resources or habitat, of those federal and state lands.

For this prohibition to apply, the groundwater basin must underlie desert lands that are in the vicinity of a national monument, a national preserve, a national park, a state or federal wilderness area, or state lands.

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## COMMENTS

*It's All About Cadiz.* This bill is focused on the proposed groundwater transfer and storage project known as the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery and Storage Project. The Cadiz Valley is about 3 miles south of historic Route 66 near the now abandoned town of Chambless in the Mojave Desert. According to the Cadiz Inc. website, the project "is designed to capture and conserve billions of gallons of renewable native groundwater flowing beneath our property in California's Mojave Desert that is currently being lost to evaporation and salt contamination at nearby dry lakes. Through the active management of the aquifer system and employing a state-of-the-art groundwater protection program, the Project will reduce the loss of groundwater to evaporation from the dry lakes, put this water to beneficial use and create a reliable water supply for Southern California."

*Long Standing Controversy.* In 1998, Cadiz Inc. and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) began discussion about a project that would have imported Colorado River water to Cadiz, Ca. and exported groundwater from Cadiz to the MWD service area. Ultimately, MWD decided not to go forward citing uncertainties about potential for environmental impacts.

In the intervening years, there have been environmental documents certified, numerous court challenges, sometimes conflicting findings by federal agencies, and strong and consistent opposition by Senator Feinstein and others.

The crux of the dispute is differing estimates of the sustainable yield of the Cadiz Valley groundwater basin. Cadiz, citing a CH2M study, claims the groundwater basin naturally recharges at 32,500 acre-feet/year and can sustainably support the proposed water supply and storage project. Opponents respond that the U.S. Geological Survey's study found that the natural refill rate of the desert aquifer is between 2,000 and 10,000 acre feet of water per year.

*Why The State Lands Commission?* The bill makes approval of the transfer contingent on a finding by the State Lands Commission, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, that the transfer of the water will not adversely affect the natural or cultural resources, including groundwater resources or habitat, of those federal and

state lands. One might wonder why the State Lands Commission is the key decision maker.

In 1984, the California Legislature enacted the School Land Bank Act, requiring the Commission to take all action necessary to fully develop school lands into a permanent and productive resource base. According to the author's office, there are school lands in and around the Cadiz Valley.

That might be, but the State Lands Commission doesn't have expertise in groundwater, water transfers, groundwater dependent desert ecosystems, water quality, or any of the other major points of contention that this project has generated over the years.

Given the controversy about this project, it might make sense for some sort of state role in approving this project. However, there are other state agencies might make more appropriate leads. For example, the Department of Water Resources has expertise in groundwater management and water transfers. The Department of Fish and Wildlife updated the groundwater priorities under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act to reflect groundwater dependent ecosystems. The State Water Resources Control Board manages water quality under the Federal Clean Water Act and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Any of these agencies would seem a reasonable lead agency for evaluating and approving a project under this bill.

Should the committee pass this bill, it might want to encourage the author to more fully explore which state agency should take the lead in determining if the project is appropriately protective of natural and cultural resources when the bill is in the appropriations committee.

#### **SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS:** None

#### **SUPPORT**

National Parks Conservation  
Association (sponsor)  
29 Palms Inn  
Audubon California  
California League of Conservation  
Voters  
Center for Biological Diversity  
Coalition to Protect America's National  
Parks  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Environment California  
Hispanic Access Foundation  
Inland Empire Waterkeeper  
Mojave Desert Land Trust  
Mojave National Preserve Conservancy  
Morongo Basin Conservation  
Association  
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Natural Resources Defense Council  
Orange County Coastkeeper

Sierra Club California  
The Nature Conservancy  
Vet Voice Foundation

#### **OPPOSITION**

BizFed  
Engineering Contractors' Association  
California Chamber  
California State Council of Laborers  
Garney Construction  
Inland Empire Economic Partnership  
Orange County Business Council  
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State Building and Construction Trades  
Council



**ACTION ITEM**

July 19, 2017

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**  
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick and Yoo Schneider)

Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION – SOUTHERN NETWORK REGION, SEAT C**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends that the Board of Directors review the candidates and authorize President Osborne, or his designee, to cast the District's ballot for the CSDA Board of Directors Southern Network, "Seat C."

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**SUMMARY**

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CSDA is governed by an 18-member Board of Directors elected by mail ballots. The Board consists of three directors from each of the six networks (Northern, Sierra, Bay Area, Central, Coastal & Southern) throughout California. The Board meets bimonthly in Sacramento to guide the Association's legislative and member benefit programs.

Each CSDA member in good standing is entitled to vote for one director to represent its network. Ballots must be received at the CSDA office in Sacramento by August 4, 2017.

There are five candidates seeking election to fill Seat C on the CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network, which includes Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego Counties. Seat C is for a two-year term, ending in 2020. Incumbent Arlene Schafer, Secretary of the Costa Mesa Sanitary District is seeking reelection to the CSDA Board of Directors.

Budgeted (Y/N): N/A	Budgeted amount: n/a	Core __	Choice __
Action item amount: None	Line item:		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			



Also running for Seat C is Kristen Bloomer, Secretary for the Desert Water Agency; John DeMonaco, Director at the Chino Valley Independent Fire District; Richard Hall, Director Division 3 of the Mojave Water Agency; and Michael Mack, Director Division 5 of the Rainbow Municipal Water District.

Attached is background information on each candidate.

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## CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

### 2017 BOARD ELECTIONS

#### MAIL BALLOT INFORMATION

Dear Member:

A mail ballot has been enclosed for your district's use in voting to elect a representative to the CSDA Board of Directors in your Network for Seat C.

Each of CSDA's six (6) networks has three seats on the Board. Each of the candidates is either a board member or management-level employee of a member district located in your network. Each Regular Member (district) in good standing shall be entitled to vote for one (1) person to represent its network.

We have enclosed the candidate information for each candidate who submitted one. Please vote for **only one** candidate to represent your network in Seat C, **unless otherwise noted on the actual ballot**, and be sure to sign, date and fill in your member district information. If any part of the ballot is not complete, the ballot will not be valid and will not be counted.

Please utilize the enclosed return envelope to return the completed ballot. Ballots must be received at the CSDA office at 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814 by **5:00pm on Friday, August 4, 2017.**

If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please mail in your ballot to:

**California Special Districts Association**  
**Attn: 2017 Board Elections**  
**1112 I Street, Suite 200**  
**Sacramento, CA 95814**

Please contact Beth Hummel at 877.924.2732 or [bethh@csla.net](mailto:bethh@csla.net) with any questions.



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## 2017 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

**Name:** Arlene Schafer

**District/Company:** Costa Mesa Sanitary District

**Title:** Secretary

**Elected/Appointed/Staff:** Elected

**Length of Service with District:** 20 Years

- 1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):**

Current member of the CSDA Board of Directors, Legislative Committee, Membership Commission Chair, Fiscal Committee and attendee of Legislative Days, Annual Conference, SDLA certificate holder.

- 2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):**

Member of CSAC and was a member of the League when serving on the City Council.

- 3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):**

LAFCO member representing special districts, former Chair and Vice Chair of the ISDOC and currently serving as an Executive Committee member, OCCOG Board member.

- 4. List civic organization involvement:**

President of Harbor-Mesa Lions (2 terms), Costa Mesa Republican Federation of Women, OC Federation of Women, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Ways & Means, Costa Mesa for Responsible Government member.

# RE-ELECT ARLENE SCHAFER CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN NETWORK

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## Arlene Schafer—Secretary Costa Mesa Sanitary District



### PREVIOUS CSDA EXPERIENCE

- ◆ Board President
- ◆ Board Vice President
- ◆ Board Secretary
- ◆ Finance Corporation
- ◆ Legislation Committee
- ◆ Fiscal Committee
- ◆ CSDA Membership Committee
- ◆ Recruitment & Planning Committee

As the former Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa, it has been an honor to serve as your representative on the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) for the past two years and now I humbly ask for your support to re-elect me to the Southern Network for another term. I believe my 28 years of experience as a local government leader that includes 20 years serving special districts in a variety of different capacities makes me the best candidate. In March, the Little Hoover Commission will release its report on special districts and its very likely the report will focus on the role Local Agency Formation Commissions play in special district formation and reorganization. CSDA was an active participant in the public hearings where commissioners learned how special districts provide vital services in our communities and are directly accountable to our voters and ratepayers. During my term as a member of the Board of Directors, CSDA successfully advocated for special districts by using the latest technology for outreach such as CSDA's campaign website, "Districts Make the Difference" and the new online video, "Districts Empower our Communities." I believe it is extremely important for CSDA to keep its foot on the pedal on advocacy by letting legislators, media, business leaders, schools and the general public know how important we are in our communities.

Currently, I am serving on the Board of Directors for the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) where I have been a Board member for 20 years. I am proud to be part of an organization that has been a District of Distinction since 2009, earned the Transparency Certificate of Excellence for four consecutive years and CMSD is one of few special districts in California that received Gold Recognition in Special District Governance.

If re-elected, I will continue to support CSDA's public outreach campaign about the essential services we provide and I will work collaboratively with CSDA Board of Directors and staff on providing essential training and professional development to help your agency succeed. Please vote for Arlene Schafer by August 4, 2017.



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## 2017 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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Name: Kristin Bloomer

District/Company: Desert Water Agency

Title: Secretary-Treasurer

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: 12/4/15 - Current

1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):

I recently attended the CSDA Legislative Days event.

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

I am a member of ACWA and attend their conferences.

3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):

City of Palm Springs Measure J Oversight Committee, Desert Water Agency Finance and Legislative Committees

4. List civic organization involvement:

Palm Springs SunUp Rotary Club, Palm Springs Woman's Club, St. Theresa

School PTA President, Desert Roundtable

**\*\*Candidate Statement** – Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. **Any statements received in the CSDA office after May 31, 2017 will not be included with the ballot.**

## Kristin Bloomer's Candidate Statement

I was first elected to the Desert Water Agency Board in 2015 and currently serve as Secretary-Treasurer on the Board of Desert Water Agency. However, service to my community has always played an important role in my life. I am dedicated to improving the quality of life for my community. Throughout my life, influence in community affairs and local government has grown. I have focused on the priority of shaping local government to strengthen the local and regional economies and create solutions to local and regional challenges. Southern California is faced with many challenges and I believe that challenges present opportunities, and that the Southern Network cannot afford to miss capitalizing upon those opportunities.

I am a longtime Palm Springs resident. My community service started early, when as a teenager, I volunteered with The Braille Institute and the National Charity League of Palm Springs.

My dedication to community service includes:

- Palm Springs Measure J Oversight Commission Vice-Chair
- Palm Springs Sunup Rotary Club past-President and current Assistant District Governor
- Founding President of the Desert Valley Women's Club
- Member of the Palm Springs Woman's Club
- St Theresa School Parent Teacher Group Board President
- Volunteer Volleyball Coach at Palm Springs High School
- Finance and Legislative Committee of Desert Water Agency



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## 2017 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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**Name:** John DeMonaco

**District/Company:** Chino Valley Independent Fire District

**Title:** Director

**Elected/Appointed/Staff:** Elected

**Length of Service with District:** 11 years

- 1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):**

I am on the Legislative and Fiscal Committees

I have also served on the Education and Membership Committees

- 2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):**

I am on the Board of Directors for the Fire Districts Association of California

- 3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):**

N/A

- 4. List civic organization involvement:**

I am a member and past Chairman of the Rotary Club of Chino. I am also a Board Member of the Chino Rotary Foundation.

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I am seeking election to a seat on the Board of Directors of the California Special Districts Association.

I have served on the Board of Directors of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District for 11 years, elected in 2006. I am very proud to state that our Fire District is the first fire district to receive the District of Distinction Accreditation from the Special Districts Leadership Foundation (SDLF). We have been a District of Distinction since 2008. We also have obtained a District of Transparency Certificate of Excellence. I have completed the SDLF Recognition of Special District Governance.

I serve on the CSDA Legislative and the Fiscal Committees. I have previously served on the CSDA Education and Membership committees.

I am a retired Fire Chief with 33 years of Fire Service experience. I have been involved in city, county, JPAs and special districts in various capacities. I am currently on the Board of Directors of the Fire Districts Association of California and also serve on their Conference Committee. I am a Past President of the Chino Rotary Club and past Chairman of the Chino Rotary Foundation.

I understand, and I am committed to legislative advocacy for special districts. Special Districts provide one of the most effective, efficient, and accountable forms of local service. It is vital that we continue to work together to influence and monitor policy decisions affecting California special districts.

My commitment, extensive experience, and education in public service and as a special district board member and policy-maker, provides me with the ability to effectively serve as a CSDA Board Member representing all California Special Districts. I look forward to your support!

Please contact me at (909) 816-8396 or email at [jdemonaco@chofire.org](mailto:jdemonaco@chofire.org).

John DeMonaco





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## 2017 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: Richard Hall

District/Company: Mojave Water Agency

Title: Director, Division 3

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: 17 years

1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):

Currently serving on the Professional Development Committee and Membership Committee

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

Mojave Water Agency is a member of ACWA

3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):

Currently President of the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts

4. List civic organization involvement:

Member of the Elks Association, Kiwanis, Summit Valley Property Owners

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## CANDIDATE STATEMENT

My name is Richard Hall and I am currently a Director for the Mojave Water Agency and President of the Association of the San Bernardino County Special Districts and have served as an elected official for more than 35 years in two Special District organizations. I am interested in the CSDA Board of Directors position for Southern District Seat C – here is a list of my qualifications:

- First-hand knowledge and experience to ensure that we have safe, quality drinking water.
- Knowledge and experience in Recreation and Parks through 20 years on the Hesperia Recreation and Parks Special District board and served as president four times.
- Knowledge and experience in Property Owners Association in Summit Valley, California where I helped to bring electricity and natural gas to the owners and served as president.
- Knowledge and experience in Engineering and Management at General Dynamics Program Office working with the Federal and State government.
- Reduced taxes through leadership as well as set policy to purchase quality water, build water discharge facilities, and given tax money back to residents who helped reduce water usage.
- Continue to fight to bring 21<sup>st</sup> century technology to our Agency to study in order to better ensure management of our water resources by advanced computer systems; deep monitor wells, and other state of the art methods.
- Worked closely with community leaders and residents for best policies and strategies including getting State and Federal funding for safe, drinkable water and other needed projects and programs..
- Support funding colleges and students for research and development for continued new resource solutions for present and future issues.

I know that more needs to be done and have plans to meet these challenges. Let us protect our future and provide leadership with someone who knows how.



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## 2017 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: Michael Mack

District/Company: Rainbow Municipal Water District

Title: Director, Division 5

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: 5 months

1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):

I am the officially appointed RMWD representative for CSDA.

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

I serve as the RMWD representative of both ACWA & CSDA.

3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):

I worked for the city of San Marcos, CA for over 30 years as Parks Superintendent.

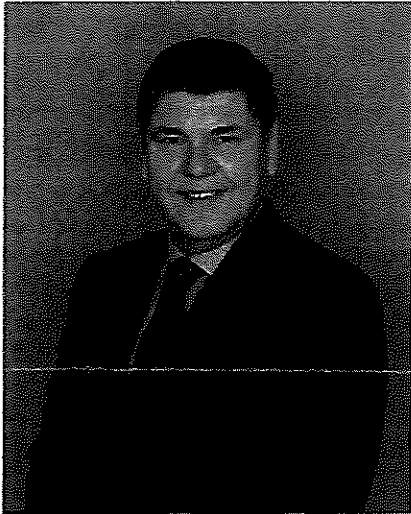
4. List civic organization involvement:

Past President of P.T.A.

\* SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT \*

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## **ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES**



My name is Michael Mack and I am honored to be seeking election to be on the Board of Directors of California Special Districts Association.

I was elected to the Rainbow Municipal Water District Board of Directors in December 2016 and appointed to serve as the District's representative at both ACWA and CSDA. My background includes a degree in horticulture and worked for the City of San Marcos for over thirty years. As the Parks Department Supervisor, I had many responsibilities including reviewing plans and inspection of new park and street median installations. I was both a Certified Playground Inspector and Irrigation Auditor. One of my main responsibilities was ensuring efficient usage of water resources. I calculated, determined, and programmed water requirements for the plant material for all parks and street medians within the City.

I have learned the importance of CSDA is we are the support system to help ensure efficient and productive services to both small and large communities throughout California at the local level of city governments. As your CSDA Board Member, I see endless possibilities and promise to tackle and meet the challenges our districts face. We all must work together for present and future needs for our special districts and by doing so we can and will achieve our goals. We must be proactive with our legislators and with this energy and commitment we can make the difference between success and failure.

I am very honored to have this chance to serve all of you and given this opportunity. I feel extensive service and experience in the public sector, I will work effortlessly to make those endless possibilities become reality.

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John DeMonaco  
[jdemonaco@chofire.org](mailto:jdemonaco@chofire.org)  
(909) 816-8396

June 1, 2017

Dear CSDA Colleague,

My name is John DeMonaco and I am requesting your **VOTE** in the upcoming 2017 election for a seat on the Board of Directors of the California Special Districts Association, Southern Network. The CSDA Southern Network is very large and includes approximately 180 Special Districts within the Counties of San Diego, Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Orange.

I am a strong advocate of Special Districts. I believe that Special Districts are the strongest form of government that impacts our residents on a daily basis. Immediately after I was elected, I became involved with CSDA and volunteered to serve on numerous committees. I have previously served on the CSDA Education and Membership Committees and I now serve on the CSDA Legislative and the Fiscal Committees. I also serve on the CSDA Little Hoover Commission Working Group.

Serving on these main CSDA committees has given me the insight and understanding into the "workings" of the association. I understand CSDA'S budget and finances, the educational programs, and what CSDA needs to offer its member districts. With this experience, I will be an effective board member from the "get-go."

Serving on the Legislative Committee, I understand, and I am committed to legislative advocacy for special districts. I recognize the importance of working together to represent the common interest of all California Special Districts and the residents we serve. Special Districts provide one of the most effective, efficient, and accountable forms of local service. The California Special District Association monitors ALL legislation so that special districts can continue to deliver core services and can continue to be efficient. It is vital that the CSDA Legislative Staff with the direction of the Board of Directors continues to work to influence and monitor policy decisions affecting California special districts.


I am on the Board of Directors of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District since 2006, serving my community for 11 years. I will be up for re-election in 2020. I am very proud to state that our Fire District is the **first** fire district to receive the District of Distinction Accreditation from the Special Districts Leadership Foundation (SDLF). We have been a District of Distinction since 2008. We also have obtained a District of Transparency Certificate of Excellence. I have completed the Special District Leadership Academy and have earned the SDLF Recognition of Special District Governance. Our District Board is in process of receiving the SDLF Gold Recognition of Special District Governance.

I am a retired Fire Chief with 33 years of Fire Service experience. I have been involved in city, county, JPAs and special districts in various capacities. I am currently on the Board of Directors of the Fire Districts Association of California and also serve on the FDAC Conference Committee. I am a current board member and Past President of the Chino Rotary Club and past Chairman and member of the Chino Rotary Foundation.

I believe in Special Districts and the service that we provide. Special Districts provide one of the most effective, efficient, and accountable forms of local service. I am committed to legislative advocacy for special districts. It is vital that we continue to work together to influence and monitor policy decisions affecting California special districts.

My commitment and extensive experience, education in public service and as a special district board member & policy-maker, provides me with the ability to effectively serve as a CSDA Board Member representing all California Special Districts. If elected, I will work hard to support all Special Districts. Your District's **VOTE** will be greatly appreciated. I look forward to your support. If you would like to speak with me or I can be of any assistance, please contact me at (909) 816-8396 or email at [jdemonaco@chofire.org](mailto:jdemonaco@chofire.org). Thank you.

Respectfully,



John DeMonaco

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**Mailing Address**

P.O. Box 20895  
Fountain Valley, CA 92728

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MWDOC/OCWD  
18700 Ward Street  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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(714) 964-5930 fax

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*Costa Mesa Sanitary District*

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*Municipal Water District of Orange  
County*

June 9, 2017

ISDOC Membership

**Subject: ISDOC Executive Committee Support for CSDA Board Member  
Candidate Arlene Schafer**

Dear ISDOC Member,

At their June 6, 2017 Meeting, the Independent Special Districts of Orange County's (ISDOC) Executive Committee approved a motion to support the re-election of Costa Mesa Sanitary District Board Member Arlene Schafer to the Board of the California Special District Association's Southern Network (Seat C). Background information on Director Schafer is attached to this letter.

ISDOC, along with the San Diego and San Bernardino Chapters of CSDA, are affiliate members of CSDA. This seat is one of three within CSDA's Southern Network, which contains 276 special districts throughout Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino and Imperial Counties.

Ballots are due by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 4, 2017.**

The Executive Committee appreciates your support of Director Schafer; her election will allow her to continue to effectively represent Orange County interests at CSDA, and by extension, our legislative and regulatory interests throughout the state.

Sincerely,

James R. Fisler  
President  
Independent Special Districts of Orange County



California Special  
Districts Association  
*Districts Stronger Together*

## 2017 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: Arlene Schafer

District/Company: Costa Mesa Sanitary District

Title: Secretary

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: 20 Years

1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):

Current member of the CSDA Board of Directors, Legislative Committee, Membership Commission Chair, Fiscal Committee and attendee of Legislative Days, Annual Conference, SDLA certificate holder.

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

Member of CSAC and was a member of the League when serving on the City Council.

3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):

LAFCO member representing special districts, former Chair and Vice Chair of the ISDOC and currently serving as an Executive Committee member, OCCOG Board member.

4. List civic organization involvement:

President of Harbor-Mesa Lions (2 terms), Costa Mesa Republican Federation of Women, OC Federation of Women, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Ways & Means, Costa Mesa for Responsible Government member.



# RE-ELECT ARLENE SCHAFER CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN NETWORK

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Arlene Schafer—Secretary  
Costa Mesa Sanitary District



## PREVIOUS CSDA EXPERIENCE

- ◆ Board President
- ◆ Board Vice President
- ◆ Board Secretary
- ◆ Finance Corporation
- ◆ Legislation Committee
- ◆ Fiscal Committee
- ◆ CSDA Membership Committee
- ◆ Recruitment & Planning Committee

As the former Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa, it has been an honor to serve as your representative on the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) for the past two years and now I humbly ask for your support to re-elect me to the Southern Network for another term. I believe my 28 years of experience as a local government leader that includes 20 years serving special districts in a variety of different capacities makes me the best candidate. In March, the Little Hoover Commission will release its report on special districts and its very likely the report will focus on the role Local Agency Formation Commissions play in special district formation and reorganization. CSDA was an active participant in the public hearings where commissioners learned how special districts provide vital services in our communities and are directly accountable to our voters and ratepayers. During my term as a member of the Board of Directors, CSDA successfully advocated for special districts by using the latest technology for outreaching such as CSDA's campaign website, "Districts Make the Difference" and the new online video, "Districts Empower our Communities." I believe it is extremely important for CSDA to keep its foot on the pedal on advocacy by letting legislators, media, business leaders, schools and the general public know how important we are in our communities.

Currently, I am serving on the Board of Directors for the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) where I have been a Board member for 20 years. I am proud to be part of an organization that has been a District of Distinction since 2009, earned the Transparency Certificate of Excellence for four consecutive years and CMSD is one of few special districts in California that received Gold Recognition in Special District Governance.

If re-elected, I will continue to support CSDA's public outreach campaign about the essential services we provide and I will work collaboratively with CSDA Board of Directors and staff on providing essential training and professional development to help your agency succeed. Please vote for Arlene Schafer by August 4, 2017.



**ACTION ITEM**

July 19, 2017

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**  
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick and Yoo Schneider)

Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (SDRMA) BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 2017**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends that the Board of Directors review the candidates and authorize President Osborne, or his designee, to cast the District's ballot for the SDRMA Board of Directors election.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**SUMMARY**

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SDRMA is a Joint Powers Authority formed for the purpose of providing risk management and risk financing for California special districts and other government agencies. The SDRMA is governed by a seven member Board of Directors nominated and elected from the members who have executed the current operative agreement and are participating in a joint protection program. MWDOC participates in SDRMA's workers' compensation program and dental benefits.

Ballots for voting in the election must be received at the SDRMA office in Sacramento by August 29, 2017. The four-year terms will begin on January 1, 2018 and terminate on December 31, 2021.

Budgeted (Y/N): N/A	Budgeted amount: n/a	Core __	Choice __
Action item amount: None	Line item:		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

There are seven candidates running for four seats on the Board of Directors. SDRMA members in good standing **may vote for up to four candidates.**

Three incumbents are running for reelection: Mike Scheafer, Director/President, Costa Mesa Sanitary District; David Aranda, General Manager, Mountain Meadows Community Service District; and Jean Bracey, Deputy Director, Administration, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District.

Also running for the SDRMA Board of Directors is: Timothy Unruh, District Manager, Kern County Cemetery District No. 1; James (Jim) M. Hamlin, Board Director, Burney Water District; and Cindi Beaudet, General Manager, Temecula Public Cemetery District.

Attached is background information on each candidate.

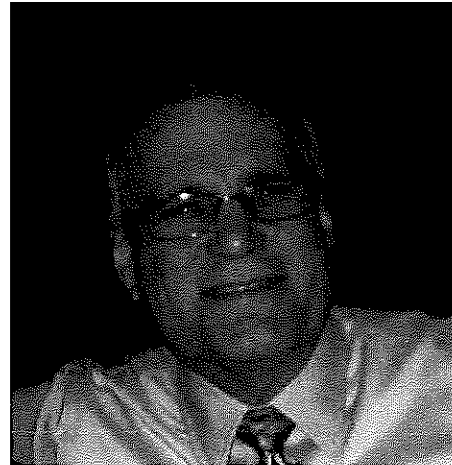
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Hello,

My name is Tim Unruh, SDA and I am running for a seat in the 2017 SDRMA Board of Directors election. I have been the District Manager of the Kern County Cemetery District for the past 30 years which consists of two cemeteries, including Shafter Memorial Park and Wasco Memorial Park. I am also a Director for the Kern Mosquito and Vector Control District which covers 1,657 square miles of Kern County. My education includes a B.A. in Ag-Business with an emphasis in Economics from Tabor College with postgraduate work in Business from Cal State – Bakersfield.



Previously, I was a representative for what is now Network 4 when I was elected to the CSDA Board of Directors in 2002. I chaired the CSDA Legislation Committee for 2003 and currently sit on the Legislation Committee.

In 2015, our District was the recipient of the SDRMA Earl Sayre "Excellence in Safety" award. This was accomplished through hard work and training. My desire is to take that same hard work and commitment to work for all special districts as a Director on the SDRMA board.

What I will contribute as a SDRMA Director is to be actively involved by advocating for special districts in California. Each of our districts, whether small or large, have insurance needs that impact us. These needs must be listened to and I want to work through SDRMA to do just that. Together, our involvement in SDRMA has created the ability to work as a cohesive body that can help special districts with their insurance. As a group, this allows for a greater impact to work for the issues of special districts. I understand what it means to wear multiple hats as both a General Manager and a Director. I know the difficulties that face special districts every day. I feel I can add a dimension to the SDRMA board that will help with the decisions this board will consider.

I also understand the need for continuing education for districts to stay on top of the legislation and requirements that come out of Sacramento. I have a General Safety Specialist Certification from SDRMA and a Special District Administrator Certification from CSDA. I have taken advantage of various education programs. I have seen the positive results from education and will be involved to promote more district participation in what SDRMA offers.

I want to encourage you to vote in this SDRMA election and to thank you for your vote for me as well as the opportunity to work for your special district on the SDRMA Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Unruh  
General Manager  
Kern County Cemetery District

# **Cindi Beaudet**

## **Trustee Candidate – Special District Risk Management Authority**



**I will work to ensure that SDRMA appropriately and accurately addresses the risk and mitigation needs of all its members in a thoughtful and deliberate manner.**

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### **Experience:**

**Temecula Public Cemetery District**  
General Manager - 2004 – Present

**California Special Districts Association**  
Education Committee Member – 2005

**Special District Risk Management Authority**  
Member – 2005 - Present

**California Association of Public Cemeteries**  
Board of Directors - 2005-2016

<b>Committee Chairperson:</b>	<b>Committee Membership:</b>
Education	Membership
Nomination	Scholarships

**California Special Districts Association**  
Manager Mentor - 2017

**California Department of Insurance Beaudet Agency**  
Principle - 2000 to present

**Miller Jones Mortuary and Cemetery**  
Manager- 1993-2001

**Temecula Chamber of Commerce**  
Member - 2007 – Present

### **Recognitions:**

- SDRMA Safety Certificate 2017
- Outstanding Community Service, California State Senate 2014
  - CAPC Presidents Award 2006
  - CAPC Manager of the Year 2015
  - SDLA District of Distinction 2014
  - SDLA District of Transparency 2014
- SRLF Governance Academy Recognition

**Special District Risk Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

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Nominee/Candidate Timothy Unruh  
District/Agency Kern County Cemetery District No.1  
Work Address 18662 Santa Fe Way, PO Box 354, Shafter, CA 93263  
Work Phone 661-746-3921 Home Phone 661-746-6725

**Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)**

The work of SDRMA is critical to the everyday operations of a Special District. Knowing that the district and the board is protected gives a 'Peace of Mind' to our daily operations. Sitting on this Board will give me an opportunity to give back to SDRMA and its membership. As a manager of a moderate sized Special District, I am especially interested in maintaining an involvement from that small district perspective. It is imperative that SDRMA maintains cost effective service to the Special District community and it's important that smaller districts have a voice in their insurance needs.

**What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)**

I spent three years as a Director for CSDA including one year as Legislation Committee Chairman. I currently sit on the CSDA Legislation Committee and am a Special District Administrator (SDA). Our District is in its fourth term as a District of Distinction which now includes the Transparency Certification. I currently sit as a Director with a city appointment on Kern Mosquito and Vector board. I have been a Director of the California Association of Public Cemeteries for 15 years and currently am Chairman of the Legislation Committee. I have been involved with the Kern County Special Districts Association since 1995 from when we worked to obtain LAFCo representation for Special Districts.

Most importantly, I have been a manager for the Kern County Cemetery District for 30 years and work daily to keep our cemetery district strong and effective in our community. To that end, I have the SDRMA General Safety Specialist Certification and with that training I work for a compliant, safe and healthy working relationship with our staff.

**Special District Risk Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

**What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?  
(Response Required)**

I feel that community history is very important and am a volunteer with the local Historical Society. I also have sat on the local school board and have been involved with our youth through our church as well as our community through sports and especially by giving our young people a safe and entertaining place to visit after our home football games.

This being said, I feel that I am a committed and thorough person who knows that to get things done you must be involved and be able to think out of the box in difficult situations. You must listen to those around you and sometimes that means keeping one's mouth shut.

I have worked as a Manager for many years and understand the needs of special districts. What SDRMA offers is an integral part of special district operations and I feel that I can bring a passion for the practical needs of Special Districts.

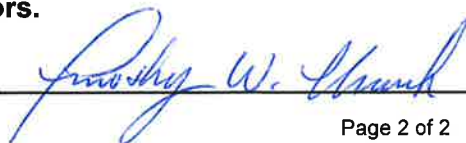
**What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)**

SDRMA has shown great concern for the Special Districts in California as is seen in their commitment to meeting our insurance needs. This is done by listening to the membership and continuing to work on being a better and complete insurance stop. I feel that the Health Insurance part of their programs will be the next large growth area. As we deal with PERB's and the needs of our work force, this area will help to meet the needs of our agencies.

Their education is excellent and they have defined their role in local government very well. It will be necessary to maintain this role and work to educate the membership. SDRMA's commitment to be a cost-effective insurance provider has work well in the past and will continue to do so as long as the Board and staff work together to fulfill their mission statement.

**I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.**

Candidate Signature



Date: April 24, 2017



**Special District Risk Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

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Nominee/Candidate	James M. Hamlin (Jim)
District/Agency	Burney Water & Sewer District
Work Address	20541 Burney Court, Burney, Ca. 96013
Work Phone	(530) 335-2040 Home Phone (530) 335-2040

**Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)**

Able to look at actuarial evidence. Being able to set adequate rates for both Insurance program and districts. SDRMA needs to operate as a business.

**What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)**

Served on hospital district for 24 1/2 years, California Hospital District board for 8 years, Burney water Sewer board for three years. I had my own insurance brokerage for 43 years. I did not have an E & O Claim.



**Special District Risk Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

**What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?  
(Response Required)**

see previous question

**What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)**

SDRMA must operate as a viable business. Many district carriers and board members are reluctant to raise rates. When I served on Ca. Hospital Board, many of the board members were not willing to operate as a business because it would affect their hospitals bottom line.

I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature James M. Hamlin Date 4-1-2017

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Board of Directors  
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

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Nominee/Candidate MIKE SCHEAFER  
District/Agency COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT  
Work Address 1551-B BAKER ST, COSTA MESA, CA 92626  
Work Phone 714-435-0300 Home Phone 714-552-9858

**Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)**

As an incumbent on the SDRMA Board I wish to continue providing the service and knowledge that I have been consistent with during my current term. As an insurance professional for over 44 years I bring the experience needed to manage the risks Districts are faced with. Over my term I have consistently made decisions to provide the protections necessary at the most affordable cost. Districts continue to encounter new challenges to their risk management programs. My years of experience, my continued involvement in insurance education and my desire to protect make me a sound choice to continue on the Board of SDRMA.

**What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)**

Current SDRMA Board Member. President Costa Mesa Sanitary District Board of Directors. Former City Councilmember for the City of Costa Mesa. Former Parks and Recreation Commissioner for the City of Costa Mesa.

Leadership positions, including Board President for the following: Little League Baseball, Boys and Girls Club of the Harbor Area, Costa Mesa Senior Center, The Albert Dixon Memorial Foundation (non profit providing funds for other non-profit agencies).

Over 30 years experience with Lions Clubs International. Served as District Governor, Club President several times. Chaired the California Convention Committee several times. Membership in the organization continues.

My leadership role in all these organizations gave, and give, me experience in the risks that face each. My insurance experience helps me make prudent decisions when challenged with those risks.

**Special District Risk Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

**What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?  
(Response Required)**

Many of the orgnaizations that I have either been elected to or volunteered for quickly put me in a leadership role. They recognized my ability to handle the risks and challenges the organizations meet. I was able to steer those organizations in a clear path to minimize the risk.

I continue to hold a teaching credential in Insurance Education with the local community college District. Additionally I was a professor of Insurance Continuing Education for many years. I have a passion for passing on the knowledge I have acquired over my career.

I have always faced the risk management challenges of any organization with the confidence that the desired outcomes would be realized. +

**What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)**

My vision is to continue providing the protection and service to the Special Districts that make them strong in their risk managent efforts. I will continue to work for those ends while keeping strong my conviction that rates need to be adequate yet affordable for the Districts.

New technologies, changes in legislation, make it extremely difficult for Districts to keep up with the factors posing new challenges to risk management, insurance, etc. My experience in those areas, my position as an elected official, make me keenly aware of how to protect the Districts.

I will continue to be committed to making SDRMA the leader in protecting the risk management needs of our Special Districts.

**I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.**

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Special District Risk Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

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Nominee/Candidate    Michael J. Karen  
District/Agency    Apple Valley Fire Board  
Work Address        N/A  
Work Phone          N/A Home Phone 760-713-3273

**Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)**

I would be honored to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors because I am interested in not only risk management, but insurance as well. I have run my own company and have seen first hand how accidents can affect the bottom line.

**What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)**

I was appointed to the Apple Valley Fire Board in February of 2016. I was re-elected the same year. During my time on the board, I have already been a part of many great things. The board and I helped to pass Measure A which funds our district in perpetuity. We also passed and have streamlined the budget. I have also been a part of evaluations as well.

<b>Special District Risk Management Authority</b> <b>Board of Directors</b> <b>Candidate's Statement of Qualifications</b>
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**What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?  
(Response Required)**

I have been a business owner, and I am a Veteran of Desert Strike/Desert Storm. I am a member of the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce, Victor Valley Republican, and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). I am an elected member of the Republican Central Committee as well as a Director for the Apple Valley Fire District. I have donated my time to seniors, the needy, and Salvation Army. I was also a Man About Town nominee for the High Desert Phoenix Foundation.

**What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)**

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**Special District Risk Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

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Nominee/Candidate David Aranda  
District/Agency Mountain Meadows Community Services District  
Work Address 17980 Highline Rd - Tehachapi CA 93561  
Work Phone 661-822-7616 Home Phone 661-300-1231

**Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)**

Working with six other board members and the staff, as a team is challenging and rewarding.

Over the years of my service on the SDRMA Board I hope the members have found my input to be beneficial and it is my desire to continue to look after the members receiving the best service at a fair cost.

**What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)**

Service on SDRMA

Service on SOWCA - I was part of the group that consolidated two entities into one entity which was very cost effective

Service on SDLF

Past Service on CSDA - current Education Committee member



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Board of Directors  
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What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?  
(Response Required)

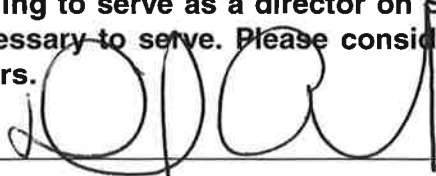
Serving as a General Manager over the past twenty plus years and serving as a Board Member assists me in understanding the proper process that benefits the operation of SDRMA.  
Eighteen years of experience with SDRMA provides a good knowledge base to benefit the members.

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

- 1) Continue to provide excellent service
- 2) Continue the balance of a financially strong pool that provides great policy coverage at the best pricing possible.
- 3) Serve the members with cutting edge software, customer service oriented employees and a Board that remembers who we are serving!

I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature



Date

4-20-17

**Special District Risk Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

**This information will be distributed to the membership with the ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidates – no attachments will be accepted. No statements are endorsed by SDRMA.**

Nominee/Candidate	Cindi Beaudet		
District/Agency	Temecula Public Cemetery District		
Work Address	41911 C Street, Temecula CA 92592		
Work Phone	(951)699-1630	Home Phone	(951)541-8736

**Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)**

As a member of SDRMA, I've learned first hand the risk and challenges that comes with my type of Special District. I think it is important to have an active and knowledgeable voice representing our industry and districts and that understands the role special districts play and their importance. I will bring sound policy principles to the table and work with my fellow board members in the spirit of collaboration to ensure SDRMA continues to be a cost effective, high quality risk management service.

**What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)**

I have played an active role in the cemetery industry in both the private sector and with special districts for almost two decades and was elected in 2006 to the Board of California Association of Public Cemeteries (CAPC). While on the Board for CAPC one of my roles was Education Committee Chair, working with executive staff to identify learning and certification opportunities for our members. This experience has provided me with the skills and knowledge of board development, procedures, protocol and policy development.



**Special District Risk Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

**What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?  
(Response Required)**

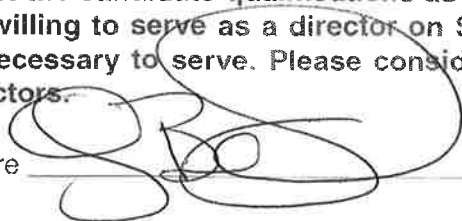
Since 2004 I have served as General Manager to the Temecula Public Cemetery District. I consider myself to be well versed in cemetery leadership, risk mitigation, best management practices and risk reduction. I hold a life insurance license from the State of California. I am an advocate for the cemetery profession, serving as a formal mentor for CAPC. I am engaged and involved heavily in my community and understand first hand the challenges and risk associated with cemetery operations and management.

**What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)**

My overall vision for SDRMA is that it appropriately and accurately addresses the risk and mitigation needs of all its members in a thoughtful and deliberate manner, considering the size, scope and nuances of each type of public agency. This thoughtful consideration will provide better service to our members while maintaining the cost effective quality programs SDRMA continues to offer.

I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature



Date

4/27/17

# Special District Risk Management Authority

## Board of Directors

### Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

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Nominee/Candidate Jean Bracy, SDA  
District/Agency Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District  
Work Address 14306 Park Ave., Victorville, CA 92392  
Work Phone 760-245-1661

#### **Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors?**

I have served on the SDRMA Board of Directors since 2010. In 2017 I was elected by the Board to be the **Board President**. The Board strives to provide a variety of avenues for members to be successful and has adopted many important programs and policies aimed to provide members **cost effective coverage**. Each year, the Board **carefully considered** rates for services and from 2009 to 2016 voted to hold rates flat for the property/liability program. Through strategic planning SDRMA has a **strong financial base**. SDRMA has included **Cyber Coverage**; provided a **FREE Law Legal Hotline**; established a **multiple-policy discount** (5%) for each member who belongs to both the property/liability and the workers compensation programs; shares investment earnings with members through a **longevity distribution**; established the **loss prevention allowance funds** which reimburses members for safety-related costs up to \$1,000; launched and enhanced the SDRMA **interactive website**; provided **FREE online training** through Target Solutions; launched a **Safety Specialist Certificate** program; and contracted with Company Nurse to provide **FREE screening services** for work-related injury cases. I have worked closely with **SDRMA for 17 years**. I am attracted to its member-focused, pro-active, and positive mission. I would like to see – and be a part of – SDRMA continue this member-centric approach.

#### **What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization)**

I am serving my eighth year on the **SDRMA Board of Directors** and in 2017 I am the Board President. I am serving my fifth year on the Board of Directors for the **Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF)** and I am the Board Secretary. On this Board I have been part of the continuing expansion of the SDLF programs, including the premier program, **District of Distinction**, also the Special District Administrator Certificate, the Recognition of Special District Governance, and the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence.

My career experience with special districts has helped me to understand the issues specific to smaller organizations. I have learned what it really means for an organization to do more with less. I have also learned that political realities for special districts are distinct from other forms of governments. As the Deputy Director – Administration for the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, I am the staff representative to the Governing Board Committees for Budget and Personnel. I am a member of and have chaired the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), statewide committees for Fiscal and Human Resource officers. I organized and have chaired the Alternate Fuel Task Force for the Mojave Desert air basin; I have represented the District in the Antelope Valley Clean Cities Coalition.

My working opportunities have crossed several public service types. I served as the Victorville city representative to the Technical Advisory Committee for the Victor Valley Transit Authority and as the City representative and officer on the Executive Committee of the Regional Economic Development Authority. I volunteered four years on the Board of Directors of the Victor Valley Federal Credit Union. For six years, I worked as an adjunct professor at Victor Valley Community College teaching Public Works Administration.

**Special District Risk Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

**What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?**

As professional and as a volunteer, I have a wide range of experiences with organizational structures, long term and vision planning, development of staff and volunteers, and resource and program management. My experience of leading organizational activities and implementing change for growth includes bringing together intergenerational and multicultural groups to achieve common goals.

I am an effective manager with expertise in efficient and productive management implementing process improvements in finance, human resources, risk management, and a wide variety of related administrative and organizational functions. I have led highly skilled teams to support the achievement of overall agency goals and objectives.

I earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from California State University, San Bernardino

I earned the Special District Administrator Certification from the Special Districts Leadership Foundation

I earned the Recognition of Special District Governance from the Special Districts Leadership Foundation

I earned the Masters Certification in Labor Relations from the California Public Employers Labor Relations Association (CALPELRA)

**What is your overall vision for SDRMA?**

I want to continue contributing my experience and expertise to SDRMA's overall function to further strengthen and enhance the lines of services provided by SDRMA. I want to see members educated to be wise in their management to reduce costs and deliver their very important missions to their communities. I want to be part of the mission to enhance the member's experience through claims management and education that leads to loss prevention.

**I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.**

Candidate Signature  Date 2-27-17

## SDRMA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

Notification of nominations for four (4) seats on the Special District Risk Management Authority's (SDRMA's) Board of Directors was mailed to the membership in February 2017.

On May 11, 2017, SDRMA's Election Committee reviewed the nomination documents submitted by the candidates in accordance with SDRMA's Policy No. 2017-03 Establishing Guidelines for Director Elections. The Election Committee confirmed that seven (7) candidates met the qualification requirements and those names are included on the Official Election Resolution Ballot.

Enclosed is the Official Election Resolution Ballot along with a Statement of Qualifications as submitted by each candidate. Election instructions are as follows:

1. The enclosed combined Official Election Resolution Ballot must be used to ensure the integrity of the balloting process.
2. After selecting up to four (4) candidates, your agency's governing body must approve the enclosed Official Election Resolution Ballot. **Ballots containing more than four (4) candidate selections will be considered invalid and not counted.**
3. The signed Official Election Resolution Ballot MUST be sealed and received **by mail or hand delivery at SDRMA's office on or before 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 to the address below.** Faxes or electronic transmissions are NOT acceptable. A self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed.

Special District Risk Management Authority  
Election Committee  
1112 "I" Street, Suite 300  
Sacramento, California 95814

5. The four-year terms for newly elected Directors will begin on January 1, 2018 and terminate on December 31, 2021.
6. Important balloting and election dates are:

**August 29, 2017 - Deadline for members to return the signed Official Election Resolution Ballot**

August 30, 2017 - Ballots are opened and counted

August 31, 2017 - Election results are announced and candidates notified

September 27, 2017 - Newly elected Directors are introduced at the SDRMA Annual Breakfast to be held in Monterey at the CSDA Annual Conference

November 1-2, 2017 – Newly elected Directors are invited to attend SDRMA board meeting (Sacramento)

January 2018 - Newly elected Directors are seated and Board officer elections are held

Please do not hesitate to call SDRMA's Chief Operating Officer Paul Frydendal at 800.537.7790 if you have any questions regarding the election and balloting process.

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
Municipal Water District of Orange County  
FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS TO THE SPECIAL DISTRICT  
RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**WHEREAS**, Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) is a Joint Powers Authority formed under California Government Code Section 6500 et seq., for the purpose of providing risk management and risk financing for California special districts and other local government agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, SDRMA's Sixth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement specifies SDRMA shall be governed by a seven member Board of Directors nominated and elected from the members who have executed the current operative agreement and are participating in a joint protection program; and

**WHEREAS**, SDRMA's Sixth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement Article 7 - Board of Directors specifies that the procedures for director elections shall be established by SDRMA's Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, SDRMA's Board of Directors approved Policy No. 2017-03 Establishing Guidelines for Director Elections specifies director qualifications, terms of office and election requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, Policy No. 2017-03 specifies that member agencies desiring to participate in the balloting and election of candidates to serve on SDRMA's Board of Directors must be made by resolution adopted by the member agency's governing body.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the governing body of the Municipal Water District of Orange County selects the following candidates to serve as Directors on the SDRMA Board of Directors:

(continued)

**OFFICIAL 2017 ELECTION BALLOT**  
**SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**VOTE FOR ONLY FOUR (4) CANDIDATES**

Mark each selection directly onto the ballot, voting for no more than four (4) candidates. Each candidate may receive only one (1) vote per ballot. A ballot received with more than four (4) candidates selected will be considered invalid and not counted. All ballots must be sealed and received by mail or hand delivery in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope at SDRMA on or before 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 29, 2017. Faxes or electronic transmissions are NOT acceptable.

- ☐ **TIMOTHY UNRUH**  
District Manager, Kern County Cemetery District No. 1
- ☐ **JAMES M. HAMLIN (Jim)**  
Board Director, Burney Water District
- ☐ **MIKE SCHEAFER (INCUMBENT)**  
Director/President, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
- ☐ **MICHAEL J. KAREN**  
Board Director, Apple Valley Fire Protection District
- ☐ **DAVID ARANDA (INCUMBENT)**  
General Manager, Mountain Meadows Community Services District
- ☐ **CINDI BEAUDET**  
General Manager, Temecula Public Cemetery District
- ☐ **JEAN BRACY, SDA (INCUMBENT)**  
Deputy Director – Administration, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 by the Municipal Water District of Orange County by the following roll call votes listed by name:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
  
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APPROVED:  
  
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**ACTION ITEM**

July 19, 2017

**TO:** Board of Directors**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**  
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick, Yoo Schneider)Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: H. De La Torre

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO  
METROPOLITAN CYCLIC AGREEMENT(S)****STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to enter into Cyclic Agreement(s) with the Metropolitan Water District, Orange County Water District, and potentially the cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, and Santa Ana, implementing a one-time Metropolitan In-Lieu Program, as adopted by the Metropolitan Board on July 11, 2017.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**SUMMARY**

As discussed at the July 5, 2017 Workshop Board meeting, the Metropolitan (MET) Board approved an In-Lieu credit provision as part of a Cyclic Agreement with its member agencies this fiscal year (see attached MET Board Letter). As a result, MWDOC will work with MET, OCWD, and the cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, and Santa Ana on developing draft Cyclic Storage Agreements for Orange County, and staff is seeking Board authorization for the General Manager to enter into these Agreements.

Below is background information on the proposed program:

Calendar year (CY) 2017 is officially the wettest year on record for Northern California, yielding record breaking runoff and a State Water Project (SWP) "Table A" allocation of 85%; and for the first time in six years, the Upper Colorado River Basin has resulted in

<b>Budgeted (Y/N):</b> N/A	Budgeted amount:	Core ____	Choice ____
<b>Action item amount:</b> N/A	Line item:		
<b>Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):</b> No fiscal impact is anticipated.			

above normal runoff. Additionally, through May Metropolitan has received approximately 124 TAF of Article 21 SWP supplies, which are surplus SWP supplies for state contractors. This will result in an estimated 2.75 MAF of available supplies for Metropolitan this year. With current demand trends of 1.47 MAF, supplies will exceed demands by approximately 1.28 MAF.

To manage this year's record supplies, Metropolitan is optimizing all of its storage put capacity and exploring all storage opportunities in- and out-of-region. For example, Metropolitan is working with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to store an additional 200,000 AF in Lake Mead through its Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) program, they are working with their central valley groundwater banking partners to modify their storage agreements to store additional water this year, and are maximizing all of its in-region reservoirs i.e. Diamond Valley Lake.

Metropolitan is also exploring alternatives to store additional water into local agency accounts. Earlier this year, the Metropolitan Board authorized the General Manager to enter into cyclic storage agreements with its member agencies, which would allow Metropolitan to pre-deliver large quantities of imported water to improve a local agency's storage while providing Metropolitan with additional sales over a set period of time. Establishment of such agreements is timely, as most groundwater basins have reached record lows due to the recent drought and are seeking ways into increase replenishment deliveries.

For the past couple of weeks, a number of groundwater agencies along with Metropolitan member agencies have been working with Metropolitan staff on the terms of a cyclic agreement and the quantities of delivering additional imported water. Unfortunately, the recent concerns associated with the "suspect" of quagga mussels with SWP supplies has affected a number of Metropolitan untreated service connections (e.g. OC-59); therefore limiting, and in some cases preventing, the delivery of raw imported water to groundwater spreading basins, including the Orange County basin.

In an effort to get around the quagga issue and prevent the lost opportunity to store additional water locally, Metropolitan is seeking Board approval this month to add a provision within the cyclic storage agreements to allow a one-time In-lieu delivery of excess treated imported water to Southern California's groundwater basins this fiscal year.

Metropolitan and the local groundwater producers have a long history of utilizing In-lieu. This method which simply requires a retail agency to turn off its existing groundwater production and take additional treated imported supplies resulting in stored water in a groundwater basin. This alternative replenishment method is very effective and easy to perform.

The key terms of the proposed In-lieu under a Metropolitan Cyclic Agreement are:

- A cyclic agreement must be established with Metropolitan, the member agency and groundwater agency to participate in the In-lieu program.
- This would be an alternative method of delivering imported water into a Cyclic groundwater account by asking a producer not to pump and take Metropolitan treated water i.e. In-lieu.



- In-lieu deliveries would only occur in FY 2017/18 and will require certification of the In-lieu delivery amount. These reconciliations and certifications can result in changes to the credit in later months.
- In-lieu water will be sold at the Metropolitan full service treated water rate with a Metropolitan credit up to \$225/AF for water certified.
- The purpose for the In-lieu credit is to create financial neutrality for agencies and/or producers to store the extraordinary supplies within the groundwater basins. The total cost should be no different than purchasing untreated imported water.
- The full service treatment surcharge minus the In-lieu credit is to be paid for all water delivered. The remaining cost of the water (untreated rate) can be paid over a set period time
- When the water is purchased from the cyclic account, the member agency pays the prevailing Metropolitan untreated rate at that time.
- The Metropolitan capacity charge does not apply for water delivered in the cyclic account.

MWDOC and OCWD staffs have reviewed the proposed key terms of taking In-lieu water under a cyclic agreement and believe OCWD can purchase up to 100,000 AF of treated water (this is in addition to the 65,000 OCWD has already budgeted for FY2017-18). This would be cost neutral to OCWD under the proposed In-lieu Metropolitan credit (in the case of OCWD, this would result in a \$215/AF credit) and increase the delivery of replenishment water into the OC groundwater basin. With this program, OCWD staff estimates the OC basin's accumulated overdraft could decline to approximately 200,000 AF by June 30, 2018.

By providing an In-lieu credit, it gives Metropolitan the opportunity to sell additional imported water this year, increase local storage, and prevent the risk of Metropolitan not storing all of its surplus supplies this year. More importantly, it is good water management to ensure we maximize the local storage when surplus water is available.



● **Board of Directors**  
***Water Planning and Stewardship Committee***

7/11/2017 Board Meeting

**8-7**

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**Subject**

Adopt CEQA determination and authorize the General Manager to enter into cyclic agreements providing a credit of up to \$225 per acre-foot for in-lieu deliveries in Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

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**Executive Summary**

Authorization is requested to allow the General Manager to enter into cyclic agreements providing a credit of up to \$225 per acre-foot (AF) for in-lieu deliveries in fiscal year (FY) 2017/2018, consistent with the terms in [Attachment 1](#). As provided in Attachment 1, the authorization would be limited at this time to cyclic agreements with member agencies that are impacted by unconfirmed quagga mussels detected in Metropolitan's State Water Project (SWP) supplies.

As reported to the Water Planning and Stewardship Committee in June 2017, as a result of the extraordinary supply conditions, Metropolitan is projected to have more supplies available in 2017, and potentially in 2018, than it may be able to manage. These additional extraordinary supplies, at risk of being lost to Metropolitan, are primarily due to the significant increase in the SWP allocation to 85 percent and could total as much as 400,000 AF. Metropolitan is working to cost-effectively store as much water as possible, in addition to meeting the requested deliveries of the member agencies. Metropolitan is pursuing a combination of water management options including increasing its storage in Lake Mead and increasing SWP groundwater storage, and now considering providing in-lieu deliveries to impacted member agencies. All of these actions will help reduce the risk of losing supplies. Metropolitan is seeking authorization to provide up to 200,000 AF to member agencies through cyclic agreements for in-lieu deliveries.

Metropolitan has been unable to fully meet member agency untreated replenishment demands as a result of suspected quagga mussels detected in Metropolitan's distribution system that relies on the SWP supplies. Other agencies with other reservoirs may face the same obstacle to storing untreated SWP supplies. One way of increasing deliveries is that Metropolitan may deliver treated water in-lieu to those agencies through cyclic agreements. However, a major impediment to this option is the increased cost of accepting Metropolitan treated water to realize delivery through in-lieu means. Accordingly, staff proposes Metropolitan provide a credit in cyclic agreements for in-lieu delivery of additional treated water to member agencies impacted by potential quagga mussels. The credit shall not exceed \$225 per AF. For example, for agencies with groundwater basins, Metropolitan could set the credit based on the treatment surcharge that agencies must pay to take treated water at Metropolitan's request, minus the avoided pumping costs to the agency if it had produced groundwater instead.

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**Details**

In 2017, Metropolitan is experiencing an extraordinary situation where the ability to manage water has already been nearly maximized and the ability to deliver untreated water has been impaired by the detection of unconfirmed quagga mussels in Metropolitan's SWP supplies. On April 14, 2017, the Department of Water Resources announced a SWP allocation of 85 percent. This is the highest allocation since deliveries on the SWP were impacted by Justice Wanger's decision in 2007. As a result, Metropolitan is planning to store more water this year than Metropolitan has stored in any single year of its history, in addition to meeting the requested deliveries of the member agencies. The current strategy is to maximize deliveries to Diamond Valley Lake,

maximize contractual storage to Metropolitan's SWP groundwater storage programs, store water in member agency conjunctive use programs, place water in SWP carryover, and store Colorado River supplies with Desert Water Agency and Coachella Valley Water District and in Lake Mead. However, even with these unprecedented efforts, there are additional SWP supplies at risk of being lost to the region.

The extraordinary supplies come at a time when demands projected by the member agencies are lower as a result of improved local conditions. Detection of unconfirmed quagga mussels in SWP supplies have also reduced untreated deliveries to local groundwater basins, thereby decreasing demands from Metropolitan for groundwater replenishment. Other agencies with other reservoirs may face the same obstacle to storing untreated SWP supplies. Thus, Metropolitan must seek cost-effective alternative water management opportunities to ensure the extraordinary supplies, which Metropolitan estimates at up to 400,000 AF, are not lost to the region. With the 400,000 AF of extraordinary supplies, Metropolitan is pursuing a combination of water management options that can either store more water or increase deliveries to member agencies. To increase storage, Metropolitan is pursuing increasing its storage in Lake Mead. To increase deliveries to member agencies, authorization is requested to deliver up to 200,000 AF of in-lieu supplies to member agencies that are unable to take untreated water as a result of suspected quagga mussels. Doing so would increase deliveries and further enhance water reliability for the entire service area and ensure future water sales.

Staff proposes the Board authorize the General Manager to provide a credit in cyclic agreements with those member agencies that are limited by the unconfirmed quagga mussels. To receive the credit, member agencies would accept treated water from Metropolitan in addition to their baseline water purchases this year, in exchange for a credit in the same year. The credit payable to a member agency will be based on the estimated costs incurred by the agency as a result of taking additional treated water at Metropolitan's request in lieu of using their own local supply, minus the costs that the agency would have incurred without the in-lieu delivery. Member agencies shall submit their avoided cost estimates to Metropolitan, which Metropolitan will review based on documented records. Metropolitan has sole discretion in determining the eligible costs that would be reimbursed. The Board authorization for in-lieu credits under the proposed agreements would be limited to a maximum of \$225 per AF.

Participating member agencies would be required to perform by accepting more water than already projected for delivery and purchasing the water within five years at the full service untreated rate, except the Capacity Charge. Like all other deliveries from cyclic agreements, the purchase by the agency would not incur a Capacity Charge because the in-lieu delivery is at Metropolitan's discretion. All other components of Metropolitan's full service water rate, including the Readiness-to-Serve Charge, would be charged to the member agency at the time the water is sold. The member agency would be billed the treatment surcharge at the time of in-lieu water delivery, and would also receive the credit in the same year. To ensure credits are given only for deliveries of additional water, at the end of the present fiscal year, Metropolitan would certify that the in-lieu delivery to an agency is in addition to normal deliveries. Any credits given for water deliveries that are unable to be certified will be voided by Metropolitan.

A key term is that the member agency must enter into a defined purchase schedule for the delivered water. The schedule provides certainty to Metropolitan that the water will be sold to generate sales within five years. The schedule also provides the member agency certainty as to how the additional water purchases will impact their future budgets.

The cost to Metropolitan of providing the credit is competitive with other SWP water management programs, which average \$270 per AF. Further, the power costs to move water this year is less than the power costs Metropolitan would incur if the water were stored outside its service area in its SWP storage programs, and then moved into Metropolitan's service area during dry years. Power costs are lower this year because of the increased production of hydropower on the SWP system.

The proposed concept provides benefits for all member agencies by increasing the amount of water delivered to the region. By increasing deliveries to the region, Metropolitan frees up future water supplies to meet potentially increased demands by all of its member agencies. This water will be managed locally, which enhances supplies available during an emergency and increases Metropolitan's future water sales pursuant to the agency's agreement

to buy that water. Moreover, the additional water management action would cost Metropolitan less than the average cost of storing water outside of Metropolitan's service area and less than the power costs of moving that water into Metropolitan's service area during dry years, when power costs are generally higher. Reducing the potential loss of the available extraordinary supplies and establishing a purchase schedule sets the proposed concept apart from other programs in the past.

The credits will be funded in the same manner as costs of other water supply programs. To increase deliveries to member agencies, authorization is requested to deliver up to 200,000 AF of in-lieu supplies, resulting in a total cost of \$45 million if all in-lieu supplies are delivered through these agreements at the highest funding level. As reported to the Finance and Insurance Committee in April 2017, projections are that supply program costs in FY 2016/2017 will be approximately \$34.2 million under budget. For FY 2017/2018, Metropolitan's biennial budget includes \$81.7 million for supply programs.

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## Policy

Metropolitan Water District Administrative Code Section 4209: Contracts

By Minute Item 50793, dated April 10, 2017, the Board approved the General Manager to enter into Cyclic Storage Agreements with Metropolitan's member agencies.

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## California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

### CEQA determination for Option #1:

The proposed action is categorically exempt under the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. In particular, the proposed action consists of entering into agreements for the storage of surplus water at existing public or private facilities with negligible or no expansion of use and no possibility of significantly impacting the physical environment. Accordingly, the proposed action qualifies as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption (Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines).

The CEQA determination is: Determine that pursuant to CEQA, the proposed action qualifies under a Categorical Exemption (Class 1, Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines).

### CEQA determination for Option #2:

None required

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## Board Options

### Option #1

Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is exempt from CEQA, and

Authorize the General Manager to enter into cyclic agreements providing a credit of up to \$225 per acre-foot for in-lieu deliveries in FY 2017/2018, consistent with the terms in [Attachment 1](#).

**Fiscal Impact:** Assuming delivery of 200,000 AF through cyclic agreements at the maximum credit of \$225 per AF, the financial cost in FY 2017/2018 could be as high as \$45 million. The costs of the cyclic agreements would be paid for in the same manner as the costs of other water supply programs.

**Business Analysis:** Metropolitan would improve regional reliability through the delivery of water to the region that would have otherwise been lost. The additional cost to manage such water at an amount not to exceed \$225 per AF is less than Metropolitan's cost of \$270 per AF to store water in its SWP storage programs, and the delivery of the presently available extraordinary supplies incurs lower power costs than the power costs to move water from SWP storage programs in dry years. Metropolitan will also generate additional revenue from the sale of the delivered water.

### Option #2

Do not authorize the General Manager to provide a credit in cyclic agreements with member agencies that have been impacted by unconfirmed quagga mussels in Metropolitan's SWP supplies.

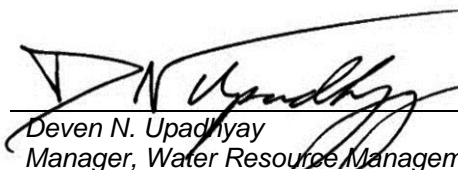

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Business Analysis:** Not implementing the credit in cyclic agreements could decrease the water supplies available to the region in a future year.

### Staff Recommendation

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Option #1

 Deven N. Upadhyay Manager, Water Resource Management	6/28/2017 Date
 Jeffrey Kightlinger General Manager	6/29/2017 Date

### Attachment 1 – Term Sheet, FY 2017/218 In-Lieu Credits

Ref# wrm12658183

**Term Sheet**  
**FY 2017/2018 In-Lieu Credits**

**In-Lieu Credit**

- Metropolitan may provide a credit up to \$225/ acre-foot (AF), for the in-lieu delivery of Metropolitan supplies in fiscal year (FY) 2017/2018.
- The credit payable to a member agency will be based on the estimated costs incurred by the agency as a result of taking delivery of additional water at Metropolitan's request minus the costs that the agency would have incurred without the in-lieu deliveries. Member agencies shall submit their avoided cost estimates to Metropolitan, which Metropolitan will review based on documented records. Metropolitan has sole discretion in determining the eligible costs that would be reimbursed.
- Transactions are accounted for at the meter level.
- Upon in-lieu delivery of any treated water, Metropolitan will bill the treatment surcharge to the member agency at the time Metropolitan delivers the water to the agency. The credit will be applied to a member agency's meter invoiced amounts, subject to reconciliation of the credit amount and certification of the in-lieu delivery amount. These reconciliations and certifications can result in changes to the credit in later months.

**In-Lieu Delivery Requirements**

- Metropolitan's member agency cyclic agreements that are impacted by unconfirmed quagga mussels detected in Metropolitan's State Water Project supplies are eligible and may be amended for receipt of the in-lieu credit, as described in this Term Sheet.
- The in-lieu delivery of water to a member agency shall not reduce the full service water sales of Metropolitan in FY 2017/2018. Certification of in-lieu deliveries may be limited if the member agency does not achieve projected full service deliveries as determined by Metropolitan. Operating plans will be required to help certify in-lieu deliveries into cyclic agreements as separate from normal deliveries. Any credits given for water deliveries that are unable to be validated and reconciled by official documentation (i.e., Watermaster report or other official documentation) after certification will be voided by Metropolitan.
- The total amount of water eligible for the credit is up to 200,000 AF.
- Metropolitan and member agencies shall agree on a payment schedule for the agencies' purchase of the delivered water under the cyclic agreement.
- The terms for the agency's purchase of the delivered water, including applicable rates and charges, shall be the same as all other purchases from the member agency's cyclic agreement.

**Term**

- The water eligible for a credit may only be delivered in FY 2017/2018 and the member agency must purchase the delivered water no later than five years from the in-lieu delivery. Payment schedules will be agreed to when delivery is accepted by the member agency.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

July 17, 2017

**TO:** Board of Directors**FROM:** **Public Affairs Legislative Committee**  
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick and Yoo Schneider)Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Jonathan Volzke

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON CORE HIGH SCHOOL WATER EDUCATION PROGRAM****STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**REPORT**

MWDOC's 2017-18 budget includes \$65,000 for the creation and implementation of a CORE high school education program, which will be carried out by Inside the Outdoors (ITO), MWDOC's current high school education contractor.

The Core Program will be complemented by the High School Choice Program, which is entering its third year in partnership with ITO. The 2016-17 program reached 35,117 students through in-classroom visits, school-wide Water Expos and student Water Summits.

Fifteen OC water agencies participated in the 2016-17 choice program, sponsoring the program in 18 schools, creating the impetus to create a program that will target all of Orange County's 125 (100 public and 25 private) high schools. The Core Program will also allow staff and ITO to encourage private schools throughout the county to use the MWDOC water-education curriculum.

<b>Budgeted (Y/N):</b> Y	Budgeted amount: \$65,000	Core X	Choice
<b>Action item amount:</b> None	Line item:		
<b>Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):</b>			

Staff has met several times with ITO and members from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MET) education team, who have offered their experience and materials to the MWDOC core program. MET is not currently offering a widespread high school education program.

The core program will be appropriate for a variety of classes, such as Environmental Science, Earth Science, Biology, Ecology, Government/Political Science, History, and Economics. The core program will focus on California's water supply. The challenges in the California Delta and Colorado River are highlighted throughout the lessons. A draft of lessons, standards they meet and clarification statements for teachers is attached.

MWDOC and ITO will market the core program to teachers as ready-to-use, complete with lesson plans, case studies, collateral materials and videos. Teachers will download elements, allowing MWDOC and ITO to track how many and which teachers are using the materials.

Each lesson plan is designed for a teacher to use during one or two class periods. The unit would be complete if a teacher used three different lesson plans and incorporated an ITO "traveling scientist" visit. The goal is to also incorporate classroom speakers from MWDOC or member agencies, as well.

The program will also provide teachers with ideas for engaging the students at a deeper level, which will result in additional student hours. An example would be one of the MET case studies, such as the Delta, with ideas for teachers for extended learning (reports, presentations, etc.).

MET has offered access to its library of videos, and videos from other organizations such as the California WaterFix will be incorporated into the lessons. MWDOC and ITO will also create videos for specific lessons – such as a lesson about the challenges of the Delta with MET's Curt Schmutte, for example.

Marketing efforts continue to be developed, but will include direct teacher contacts, outreach to each school district by the OCDE Assistant Superintendent, use of the OCDE newsletter to all school principals and outreach to STEM coordinators and department chairs through OCDE. We will also market the core program through the OC Council of the PTA, so parents active in their respective districts will be motivated to request their campuses participate in the core program.

ITO will also offer teacher training sessions to educate teachers about the program to spur classroom use.





**INFORMATION ITEM**

July 17, 2017

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**  
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick, and Yoo Schneider)

Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA)  
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT - CALL FOR CANDIDATES**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends that the Committee discuss and determine if a member of the MWDOC Board of Directors would like to be nominated and run for ACWA President or Vice President.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**SUMMARY**

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ACWA's Nominating Committee is responsible for submitting a slate for the Association's statewide positions of President and Vice President to the general membership meeting at Fall Conference. This year, the Fall Conference is once again held in Anaheim from November 28 through December 1. The President and Vice President typically rotate between the northern and southern regions. For the past two years, Kathleen Tiegs (Cucamonga Valley Water District, Region 9) has served as President, and Brent Hastey (Yuba County Water Authority, Region 2) has served as Vice President. It is expected to rotate this term with Brent Hastey expected to run for ACWA President.

<b>Budgeted (Y/N):</b> N/A	Budgeted amount: n/a	Core __	Choice __
<b>Action item amount:</b> none	Line item:		
<b>Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):</b>			

The following criteria must be met for names to be considered:

- At the time of their election, the President and Vice President will each be an elected or appointed member of the governing body or commission of a member agency of the Association
- An official nominating resolution from the Association member agency on whose Board the nominee serves will accompany all nominations for the position of President and Vice President
- Each nomination will include a statement of qualifications or resume highlighting the candidate's qualifications for the position.

Additional letters or resolutions of support from other agencies may be submitted but are not required.

Deadline to receive candidate nominations: Friday, September 1, 2017

Tentative date for candidate interviews: Monday, September 11, 2017

Election of ACWA's President and Vice President: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at Fall Conference

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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ACWA Nominating Committee:

Steve Cole, Region 8

John Coleman, Region 5 (Committee Chair)

Shannon Cotulla, Region 3

David Coxey, Region 2

Rick Gilmore, Region 5

Matthew Hurley, Region 6 & 7

Joone Lopez, Region 10

Bruce Rupp, Region 1

Sue Stephenson, Region 5

Nancy Wright, At-Large Representative

Supplementary information from ACWA is attached:

ACWA Officers' Nominee Information

Sample Resolution to Nominate Candidate for ACWA President or Vice President

Sample Resolution to Support Candidate for ACWA President or Vice President



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** ACWA Public Agency Members  
General Managers and Board Presidents

**CC:** ACWA Board of Directors

**FROM:** ACWA Nominating Committee

**DATE:** June 7, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Call for Candidates Nominations for the 2018-2019 Term

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ACWA's Nominating Committee is responsible for submitting a slate for the Association's statewide positions of President and Vice President to the general membership meeting at Fall Conference.

Nominations must be received in the ACWA office by **Friday, September 1, 2017** to be considered by the committee.

The following criteria must be met for names to be considered:

- At the time of their election, the President and Vice President will each be an elected or appointed member of the governing body or commission of a member agency of the Association.
- An official nominating resolution from the Association member agency on whose board the nominee serves will accompany all nominations for the position of President and Vice President. An authorized signatory of the member agency's Board of Directors will sign said resolution.
- Each nomination will include a statement of qualifications or resume highlighting the candidate's qualifications for the position.

Additional letters or resolutions of support from other agencies may be submitted but are not required.

ACWA's Bylaws and Board policies establish the criteria set forth above, which also govern nominations from the floor. ACWA Bylaws (Article 9, Section 9) and Board Policy 2.3.3 require that all nominations received for the positions of ACWA President and Vice President will be accompanied by a nominating resolution from the ACWA member agency on whose board the nominee serves, and signed by an authorized signatory of the member agency's Board of Directors. This policy applies to nominations received in the ACWA office prior to election, as well as to all nominations received from the floor at general session during the floor nomination process.



We appreciate your interest and participation in this process to find the best qualified individuals to serve in representing the statewide membership of ACWA.

Nominating Committee members include:

- Steve Cole, Region 8
- John Coleman, Region 5
- Shannon Cotulla, Region 3
- David Coxey, Region 2
- Rick Gilmore, Region 5
- Matthew Hurley, Region 6 & 7
- Joone Lopez, Region 10
- Bruce Rupp, Region 1
- Sue Stephenson, Region 5
- Nancy Wright, At-large representative

We ask that Nominating Committee members not be approached to solicit their support of any candidate.

### Important Dates

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- Deadline to receive candidate nominations: **Friday, September 1, 2017**
- Tentative date for candidate interviews: **Monday, September 11, 2017**
- Election of ACWA's President and Vice President: **Wednesday, November 29, 2017**, at Fall Conference

To nominate a candidate, send a copy of the agency resolution and the candidate's background by September 1 to:

John Coleman, Nominating Committee Chair  
c/o Donna Pangborn, ACWA  
910 K Street, Suite 100  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Nominations also may be emailed to ACWA Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn at [donnap@acwa.com](mailto:donnap@acwa.com).

Should you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Clerk of the Board Donna Pangborn at the ACWA office at 916-441-4545 or [donnap@acwa.com](mailto:donnap@acwa.com)

Enclosures:

1. ACWA Officers' Nominee Information: Board Policy GO-2.3, Board Officers
2. Sample Resolution to Nominate Candidate for ACWA President or Vice President
3. Sample Resolution to Support Candidate for ACWA President or Vice President

### GO-2.3 Board Officers

The President and Vice President are the elected officers of the Association.

#### 2.3.1 President

The President is an elected officer of the Association and presides at all meetings of the Board, the Executive Committee, and the general membership. The President is responsible to the Board of Directors and the general membership for the duties established by the Bylaws.

##### 2.3.1.1 Duties and Authority

Within the limits of Bylaws and the Duties and Authorities established for Board members, and in coordination with the Executive Director, the President:

- Serves on the ACWA Board and presides at all meetings.
- Serves as the chair of the Executive Committee and presides at all meetings.
- Schedules special Board and Executive Committee meetings.
- Presides over all general membership meetings.
- Serves as a non-voting *ex officio* member of each committee, but will not be an *ex officio* member of the Nominating Committee or the region boards.
- Appoints members of all committees upon recommendation from members and regions as communicated by the region chairs.
- Appoints the chair and vice chair of each committee, each of whom will be subject to ratification by the Board.
- Appoints Nominating Committee, whose purpose will be to nominate qualified individuals for the offices of President and Vice President of the Association for the succeeding term.
- Appoints special committees, work groups, and task forces from time to time as needed to accomplish a specific task or assignment, consistent with and supportive of the mission of the Association.
- Participates in the Association's spring and fall conferences.
- Represents and supports the Association's official policies and positions when acting in capacity of President.



- Represents and promotes the Association's purposes, policies, and goals at a variety of Association functions/events, including visits to member agencies for ceremonies, meetings, and retention efforts in coordination with the Executive Director.
- Represents and promotes the Association's purposes, policies, and goals at a variety of external functions/events, including speaking engagements, event participation, and news media and other contacts in coordination with the Executive Director.
- Performs other responsibilities assigned by the Board.
- Authorizes expenditures from the Executive Director's contingency fund in conjunction with the Vice President and Finance Committee Chair.
- Reviews and approves the Executive Director's monthly expense reports in conjunction with the Finance Committee Chair.

#### **2.3.1.2 Qualification**

The President will be an elected or appointed member of the governing body or commission of a member agency of the Association at the time of his/her election.

#### **2.3.1.3 Term of Office**

The members of the Association will elect the President at its fall conference in each odd-numbered year. The President will take office on January 1 of the calendar year following election and will hold office until December 31 of the following odd numbered year two years later or until his/her successor takes office or is appointed. An elected President is not permitted to succeed himself/herself to that office.

#### **2.3.1.4 Vacancy**

Should a vacancy occur in the President's office, the Vice President will assume the duties of that office and succeed the President for the unexpired term. Should the Vice President not be able to assume this role, the Board will appoint a person to fill the office for the unexpired term thereof.

#### **2.3.1.5 Compensation**

The President will serve without compensation by the Association. The Association will reimburse the President for necessary, actual, and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of his/her duties while on Association business. The Association will reimburse the President for expenses incurred for attending conferences, meetings, seminars, and workshops or other events and which are mutually beneficial to the officer and the Association and have been authorized by either the Board or the Executive Director.

### 2.3.2 Vice President

The Vice President is an elected officer of the Association and is a voting member of the Board. The Vice President is responsible to the Board of Directors and the general membership for the duties established by Bylaws.

#### 2.3.2.1 Duties and Authority

Within the limits of the Bylaws and the Duties and Authorities established for ACWA Board members, and in coordination with the Executive Director and President, the Vice President:

• Serves as a voting member of the Board.

- Serves as a voting member of the Executive Committee.
- Performs the duties of the President in the President's absence.
- Succeeds the President for an unexpired term if vacancy occurs.
- Serves on the ACWA/JPIA's Executive Committee.
- Participates in the Association's spring and fall conferences.
- Represents and supports the Association's official policies and positions when acting in capacity of Vice President.
- Represents and promotes the Association's purposes, policies, and goals at a variety of Association functions/events, including visits to member agencies for ceremonies, meetings, and retention efforts in coordination with the Executive Director.
- Represents and promotes the Association's purposes, policies, and goals at a variety of external functions/events, including speaking engagements, event participation, and news media and other contacts in coordination with the Executive Director.
- Authorizes expenditures from the Executive Director's contingency fund in conjunction with the President and Finance Committee Chair.
- Serves as a chair/vice chair or participant on committees or task forces as appointed by the President or Board.
- Performs other responsibilities assigned by the Board and President.

#### 2.3.2.2 Qualification

The Vice President will be an elected or appointed member of the governing body or commission of a member agency of the Association at the time of his/her election.

#### 2.3.2.3 Term of Office

The members of the Association will elect the Vice President at its fall conference in each odd-numbered year. The Vice President will take office on January 1 of the calendar year following election and will

hold office until December 31 of the following odd numbered year two years later or until his/her successor takes office or is appointed.

#### **2.3.2.4 Vacancy**

Should a vacancy occur in the Vice President's office, the Board will appoint a person to fill the office for the unexpired term thereof.

#### **2.3.2.5 Compensation**

The Vice President will serve without compensation by the Association. The Association will reimburse the Vice President for necessary, actual, and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of his/her duties while on Association business. The Association will reimburse the Vice President for expenses incurred for attending conferences, meetings, seminars, and workshops or other events and which are mutually beneficial to the officer and the Association and have been authorized by either the Board or the Executive Director.



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**

**TO NOMINATE AND SUPPORT**

**AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF ACWA \_\_\_\_\_**

WHEREAS, ACWA has announced that a Nominating Committee has been formed to develop a slate for the Association's statewide positions of President and Vice President; and

WHEREAS, the individual who fills an officer position will need to have a working knowledge of water industry issues and concerns, possess strength of character and leadership capabilities, and be experienced in matters related to the performance of the duties of the office; and

WHEREAS, this person must be able to provide the dedication of time and energy to effectively serve in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, \_\_\_\_\_ has served in a leadership role as a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors since \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, (list positions held to demonstrate knowledge of water and leadership)

WHEREAS,

WHEREAS,

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors that \_\_\_\_\_ possesses all of the qualities needed to fulfill the duties of the office of ACWA \_\_\_\_\_.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors does hereby nominate and support \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for the office of ACWA \_\_\_\_\_, pledging the District's support of his/her endeavors in fulfilling the duties of this office if elected.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors at a regular meeting of said Board held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors

Noes: Directors

Absent: Directors

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF**

**AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF ACWA**

WHEREAS, ACWA has announced that a Nominating Committee has been formed to develop a slate for the Association's statewide positions of President and Vice President; and

WHEREAS, the individual who fills an officer position will need to have a working knowledge of water industry issues and concerns, possess strength of character and leadership capabilities, and be experienced in matters related to the performance of the duties of the office; and

WHEREAS, this person must be able to provide the dedication of time and energy to effectively serve in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, \_\_\_\_\_ has served in a leadership role as a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors since \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, (list positions held to demonstrate knowledge of water and leadership)

WHEREAS,

WHEREAS,

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors that \_\_\_\_\_ possesses all of the qualities needed to fulfill the duties of the office of ACWA \_\_\_\_\_.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors wholeheartedly supports \_\_\_\_\_ for nomination as a candidate for the office of ACWA \_\_\_\_\_.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors at a regular meeting of said Board held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors

Noes: Directors

Absent: Directors

**INFORMATION ITEM**

July 17, 2017

**TO:** Board of Directors**FROM:** **Public Affairs Legislative Committee**  
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick and Yoo Schneider)Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Jonathan Volzke

**SUBJECT: Education Report****STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file report.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**DETAILED REPORT**

During FY 17/18, staff from Discovery Science Foundation saw a total of 60,623 elementary students, with 26 member agencies participating in the program.

Staff from Inside the Outdoors (ITO) completed the "What About Water" program in 18 schools reaching 35,117 middle school and high school students across Orange County. 15 member agencies participated in the program.

The "What About Water" high school program consists of two in class visits with a traveling scientist and a school wide Expo. The first visit covers topics including where our water comes from and water use efficiency practices. The second visit focuses on the California WaterFix. The Expo features topics as the Water Trivia Wheel, water foot printing, and water conservation pledges. The funding Agency is invited to participate with a booth at the Expo.

<b>Budgeted (Y/N):</b>	Budgeted amount:	Core	Choice _
<b>Action item amount:</b>		Line item:	
<b>Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):</b>			

Throughout the school year, staff and elected officials from the City of Anaheim, City of Brea, City of San Clemente, East Orange County Water District, El Toro Water District, Golden State, Mesa Water District, Moulton Niguel Water District, Santa Margarita Water District, and South Coast Water District have attended the program at their respective high school. Staff from member agencies was invited to address the students during the first visit, discussing careers in the water industry or other agency-specific topics. MWDOC staff also supported the member agencies' staff at these visits.

ITO also conducted three teacher training sessions this year. In addition, ITO hosted four Student Summits. At these workshops, Orange County teachers and students learn about local OC habitat and why native plants survive during drought conditions. They participated in hands-on activities to learn about native plants and how their personal direct and indirect water use impacts their water footprint.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

July 17, 2017

**TO:** Board of Directors**FROM:** **Public Affairs Legislative Committee**  
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick and Yoo Schneider)Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Jonathan Volzke

**SUBJECT: RECAP OF 2017 OC WATER SUMMIT****STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**REPORT**

More than 330 people attended the 2017 OC Water Summit, held at the Grand Californian Hotel at the Disneyland Resort on June 16.

More than 385 registered, but 55, about half sponsors and half individuals, were no shows, leaving final attendance at 333.

The budget is not final, but so far shows a net income of \$15,712, up from the 2016 net income of \$5,073. Most of the difference between the two years was a \$10,000 donation from Disney to cover audio-visual services for the Summit.

Surveys have been sent to paid attendees, but slightly more than a dozen completed questionnaires have been received. While staff is waiting for more returns before tabulating the results, those returned so far are positive.

<b>Budgeted (Y/N):</b> n/a	Budgeted amount: n/a	Core X	Choice
<b>Action item amount:</b> None	Line item:		
<b>Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):</b>			

Videos of the Summit have been uploaded to YouTube and are linked on the Summit website, [www.ocwatersummit.com](http://www.ocwatersummit.com) and have been posted to social media. Photos are on the Summit Facebook page.

Staff and the directors on the Summit Committee were scheduled to meet July 11. Disney has reserved a June 1 date for the event in 2018, and staff is already taking steps to secure sponsorships for the 2018 event.

Additionally, popular emcee Fritz Coleman said he would be happy next year, schedule allowing. He spoke glowingly of the event, lamenting he wished the NBC reporters who cover water in Southern California had attended the event. Staff will formally reach out to NBC staff to secure Mr. Coleman's participation when the June 1 date is confirmed.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

July 17, 2017

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM: Public Affairs Legislative Committee**  
 (Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick and Yoo Schneider)

Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Damon Micalizzi

**SUBJECT: UPDATE WATER POLICY DINNER****STAFF RECOMMENDATION**


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Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**


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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**REPORT**


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Roger Patterson, Assistant General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California overseeing strategic water initiatives for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Colorado River, will be the speaker at the next MWDOC Water Policy Dinner, which will be held August 30.

The event will be at 5 p.m. on August 30 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Garden Grove. The August 30 Water Policy Dinner is starting 30 minutes earlier than past events to accommodate attendees who suggested the 5:30 start time was difficult to meet because of traffic.

Patterson will discuss the recent biological opinion from two federal agencies that determined the twin-tunnel California WaterFix will not negatively impact endangered species in the Delta, which is the heart of the State Water Project. He will also discuss the California EcoRestore, a companion project to the WaterFix that will stabilize the Delta ecosystem and restore fish habitat.

Mr. Patterson's participation continues the MWDOC goal of assuming a leadership role in educating water, civic and business leaders about the importance of the California WaterFix in Southern California.

The first invitation for the event was scheduled to be sent out during the first week of July.

<b>Budgeted (Y/N):</b> n/a	Budgeted amount: n/a	Core X	Choice
<b>Action item amount:</b> None	Line item:		
<b>Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):</b>			



## INFORMATION ITEM

July 17, 2017

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** **Public Affairs Legislative Committee**  
(Directors Tamaribuchi, Dick, and Yoo Schneider)

Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: OC LAFCO UPDATE**

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file the report.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

### REPORT

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The July meeting of OC LAFCO is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12. Due to timing and meeting the Brown Act requirements for this item, a written report could not be submitted. Instead, an oral report will be provided to the committee.

<b>Budgeted (Y/N):</b> n/a	Budgeted amount: n/a	Core X	Choice
<b>Action item amount:</b> None		Line item:	
<b>Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):</b>			



## Public Affairs Activities Report June 8, 2017 – July 19, 2017

<b>Member Agency Relations</b>	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sent out the AMWA Monday Morning Briefing</li> <li>• Sent correspondence and followed up with several member agencies regarding support of the California WaterFix.</li> </ul> <p>Heather attended a meeting at the OCLAFCO offices with OCLAFCO staff, Mike Dunbar of Emerald Bay Service District, and Stacy Taylor of Mesa Water District to discuss OCLAFCO special district fee schedule and LAFCO commissioner appointment process.</p>
<b>Community Relations</b>	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sent out the weekly California Sprinkler Adjustment Notification System (CSANS)</li> </ul> <p>Heather attended the OCLAFCO meeting.</p> <p>Heather, Rob, and Jonathan attended the State of South County featuring an update from 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Lisa Bartlett. Directors Dick, Yoo Schneider, Tamaribuchi and Thomas also attended.</p>
<b>Education</b>	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued development of Core High School Program curriculum with Inside The Outdoors and MET.</li> </ul>
<b>Media Relations</b>	<p>Public Affairs staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posted to social media as appropriate with water related messages that further MWDOC goals and objectives.</li> <li>• Penned Op-Ed for South County publications.</li> </ul>
<b>Special Projects</b>	<p>Public Affairs staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicated with consultants multiple times regarding the design and construction of the MWDOC hallway displays. Kickoff meeting held at the District office.</li> <li>• Met with two consultants regarding promotional items for Water Policy Dinners, OC Water Summit, inspection trips, MWDOC community events and other executive events.</li> <li>• Met with a design and print consultant to review options for the new fiscal year.</li> <li>• Working with Metropolitan and the MWDOC/MWD Directors on finalizing the 2017-18 inspection trip schedule.</li> <li>• Continue to work with LA Design Studio on developing material and providing direction and content for the new MWDOC website.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held a kickoff meeting with the Wyland Foundation, Native West Landscaping, the City of Laguna Beach and the LBCWD for the Mayor's Challenge Pocket Park award.</li> <li>• Coordinated professional Board and staff photos- day one and make-up date.</li> <li>• Hosted and helped set up the Metropolitan 2017 traveling student art exhibit.</li> </ul> <p>Heather staffed the WACO Planning meeting and July WACO meeting with guest speaker Tim Quinn.</p> <p>Heather staffed the ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon featuring speakers John Freshman and Ana Schwab of BBK Federal Affairs.</p>
<b>Legislative Affairs</b>	<p>Heather and Melissa participated in the MWD Legislative Coordinator's Conference calls.</p> <p>Heather and Joe participated in ACWA's conservation framework working group meetings.</p> <p>Heather participated in ACWA's AB 401 Implementation working group meetings.</p> <p>Heather participated in the ACWA Region 10 State Legislative Committee pre-call before the meeting in Sacramento.</p> <p>Heather attended the ACWA State Legislative Committee meeting in Sacramento.</p> <p>Heather met with the Republican Caucus consultant for the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.</p>
<b>Water Summit</b>	<p>Public Affairs staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alongside OCWD and Disney, presented and staffed the 2017 OC Water Summit.</li> <li>• Alongside President Osborne, staff represented MWDOC at a Water Summit Committee kickoff meeting for 2018.</li> </ul>