

MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Jointly with the
PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
March 16, 2015, 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 (Townsend)
 - c. County Legislative Report (Lewis)
 - d. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)
 - e. MWDOC Legislative Matrix
 - f. Metropolitan Legislative Matrix

2. RECAP OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER ISSUES CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BRIEFING LUNCHEON AT THE ACWA DC CONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS

3. TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON DC TO COVER FEDERAL INITIATIVES
4. TRAVEL TO SACRAMENTO TO COVER STATE INITIATIVES
5. CONSIDER FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN SCIENCE FAIR
6. SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY RELIABILITY ENHANCEMENT (SOCRE) PROJECT AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT COMMENTS AND PRESENT TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT

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. 8TH ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY WATER SUMMIT (MAY 15, 2015)
8. DROUGHT OUTREACH
9. SCHOOL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION REPORT
10. PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES REPORT

OTHER ITEMS

11. 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
March 10, 2015*

The President has released his budget proposal for the year and Congress is beginning to hit their stride with a regular schedule of committee hearings and legislative activities.

In February, MWDOC helped host a Water Luncheon in Washington attended by over sixty people. Six Members of Congress attended and spoke at the lunch (Reps Royce, Rohrabacher, Loretta Sanchez, Lowenthal, Calvert, and Walters). In addition, most congressional offices were also represented from the following water districts: MWDOC, Western Municipal, Eastern Municipal, and the Inland Empire Water Districts.

In the big picture, the presence of the Western Drought—which affects more than simply the state of California is becoming better known here.

The Sierra snowpack is below normal again this year and we could see the lowest levels of snowpack in nearly 25 years. California already maximizes the Colorado River to its fullest extent. The hardest hit areas of the Central Valley are in for a very serious water year unless an unforeseen deluge comes to pass.

Washington is beginning to listen. There is a growing recognition here that the water situation is very serious in California, as well as many other western states.

Many Washington observers believe that Congress missed a golden opportunity to pass legislation late last year. On the House Side, the Natural Resources Committee has jurisdiction over drought legislation. Even though there are no congressional hearings scheduled on the drought bill at this point, there are many meetings being held with various Members of Congress and key staff (both House and Senate) to try and determine the substance and the path of this year's drought legislation. Such a bill will likely be introduced in the next several months.

On the Senate side, we see a similar picture—with the caveat that any California bill is likely to have other state's water "fixes" attached to our state's bill.

In addition to the drought bill, there is an effort being led by MET to engage on the Bay Delta

Conservation Plan. This effort is aimed at restoring and protecting the Bay Delta water supply and ultimately include conveyance improvements for the State Water Project.

The Bay Delta Conservation Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement and related plan documents were made available for public review last year and a new supplemental draft EIS is anticipated to be released sometime this spring. The ability to have the various interests come together for a consensus position for future conveyance improvements is of primary importance to virtually all water interests in the State.

Other key issues that MWDOC is following include:

1. ***Appropriations:*** MWDOC is seeking the opening of a federal water account so that California Water Districts might be able to apply for water infrastructure funds. This would allow any of our Member Agencies to seek federal funds for water infrastructure.
2. ***WIFIA Loan Program:*** The EPA is reviewing how their program will work and is expected to release some guidelines sometime later this year. MWDOC has visited with the EPA on several occasions noting the difficulties associated with financing certain water projects, such as an Ocean Water Desalination Project.
3. ***Proposed new rule by the EPA governing the definition of “waters”:*** The rule's impact on farmers and ranchers has become a key point in the debate over the EPA's Clean Water Act's regulatory proposal, which is aimed at clarifying which streams and creeks fall under the Clean Water Act's protections following two muddled Supreme Court decisions. The EPA Administrator said the rule does not expand the agency's jurisdiction to new types of streams and wetlands or change the law's exemptions for normal agricultural practices. In fact, she said, it would expand the number of exemptions for ditches. House and Senate Republicans have feared a regulatory overreach. Over one million comments have been filed on the docket regarding this rule. There may be legislation to overturn such a rule if it finds the disfavor of House and Senate Republicans.
4. ***Desalination:*** Senator Feinstein's Office advised MWDOC that it intends to provide a special “primer” or briefing for Senator Feinstein on Ocean Water Desalination. The Senator's key staff have indicated that they are now more interested, than ever before, to learn about and to assist in the advancement of meritorious Ocean Water Desalination Projects. Significantly, Senator Boxer has issued a letter of support for the Huntington Beach Desal Project.
5. ***Regionalization of the Drought:*** The drought has expanded beyond California and we expect to see legislation that could deal with issues in many of the western states.

GENERAL NEWS, CONGRESSIONAL, AND POLITICAL UPDATES

On the Presidential Front:

A quick retrospective look at the most recent “open” Presidential Election in 2008—when there was no incumbent President shows some interesting names.

Here is a list of the most credible candidates at the time: Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, John McCain, John Edwards, Bill Richardson, Mitt Romney, Fred Thompson, Rudy Giuliani, and Mike Huckabee. Of the contenders for this year, only Hillary Clinton and Mike Huckabee are in the mix at the present time. Most notably, Jeb Bush was not a candidate in 2008.

While the conventional wisdom is that Hillary Clinton has cleared in the field on Democratic side, people here in Washington see the Republican nomination as “wide open”.

On the Congressional Leadership Front:

This quote from the New York Times of March 9, 2015: “Republicans emphatically regained power with the midterm election, but those victories also masked pronounced divisions within the party. That friction was on display during the fight to fund Homeland Security (this past week with the Department of Homeland Security funding bill), with more conservative members forcing Speaker Boehner into a strategy in which he had to win passage in the House with Democratic votes...”.

Significantly, House Republicans as a group were unable to come together to pass a bill to fund the Department of Homeland Security over the immigration set of issues. On the Senate side, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is six votes short of overcoming a Democrat filibuster on any given day.

Roughly 36 Republican House Members have routinely vote against Speaker Boehner’s legislative packages, throwing his efforts to pass House bills with a GOP Majority into disarray.

JCB 3-10-15

MEMO

To: Municipal Water District of Orange County

From: Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

Date: March 10, 2015

Subject: Monthly Political and Activity Report

STATE POLITICAL UPDATE

February 27 was the deadline for legislators to introduce bills. In the Assembly 1504 bills were introduced, and the Senate 794 bills were introduced, for a total of 2,298 pieces of legislation. Nearly 60 percent of the legislation introduced in the run up to the deadline were spot bills that will act as place holders for legislators and may be amended later in the session. As legislators face the deadline to have bills heard by committee in May, many of the spot bills will begin to develop language, which TPA will be actively monitoring for potential impacts the District.

As the state moves into its fourth year of drought, the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) is considering an extension of the emergency water regulation conservations. The original emergency conservation measures were approved by the SWRCB on July 15, 2014 for a period of 270 days, with an option at the end of that term to be extended for an additional 270 days. Without an extension the emergency drought regulations will expire on April 11, 2015. The SWRCB is scheduled to consider an extension of the emergency regulations on March 17, and plan to incorporate recommendations from the Association of California Water Agencies, including:

- Extending the Emergency Water Conservation Regulations
- Clarifying outdoor mandatory irrigation restrictions
- Consideration of additional water prohibitions:
 - Outdoor watering during rain events
 - Daytime watering to avoid evaporation loss
 - Serving water at restaurants only at customer request
 - Hotels to allow for towel and linen reuse option
- Increasing public awareness through the Save Our Water campaign
- Enhance water use reporting by urban water suppliers:
 - Continue residential gallon per capita daily (R-GPCD) use
 - Solicit on a voluntary basis 2007 R-GPCD to provide a benchmark of pre-recession water use in a pre-drought year
 - Improve the R-GPCD calculation methodology and use the current 20X2020 target setting method used in Urban Water Management Plans

- Study successful conservation techniques implemented by Urban Water Suppliers

On March 6, the SWRCB staff released their recommendations on the extension of the emergency regulations. The staff recommendations were very similar to the previous emergency regulations, with two notable additions:

- Urban Water Suppliers—Provide prompt notice to customer when a leak is indicated that exists within the users exclusive control
- Residents—restrict irrigating landscapes during and up to 48 hours after measurable rainfall

No changes were recommended, or are expected, to the fining authority related to residential users, or urban water suppliers who were in non-compliance of the regulations. A full summary of the recommendations were compiled by TPA and sent to staff.

The Department of Water Resources released a report on the current California's snowpack, which measures at 19 percent of average to date. In lower elevation areas, the snowpack is at a record low 13 percent for this time of year. While statewide the snowpack measurements are the worst they have been since 1991, February showers had a positive impact on reservoir levels. Both Oroville and Shasta Reservoirs have increased by forty percent of their overall capacity compared to 2014, and the San Luis Reservoir is up 33 percent of its total capacity over 2014. However, with the normal rainy season past, DWR predicts and almost certain continuation of drought conditions for 2015.

Water Bond Implementation

The State Natural Resource Agency has been updating the Proposition 1 Program Development Schedule, which provides tentative dates for the release of draft guidelines for bond related funding programs. Draft guidelines have been released by a number of conservancies throughout the state, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Wildlife Conservation Board, and the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) for Small Community Wastewater. While the SWRCB had scheduled the guidelines for their Water Recycling program to be released in late February, as of the writing of this report, the Water Recycling draft guidelines are under review by the Board, and should be released sometime this week.

During the February Water Bond Implementation hearing Felicia Markus, Chair of the SWRCB, noted that once the Governor's January Budget Proposal is adopted, the Board will move forward in the funding process for projects under the following categories: Drinking Water for Disadvantaged Communities, Wastewater for Disadvantaged Communities, and Water Recycling. Particularly important for future recycling programs is the status of the current \$5 million cap for projects. Both ACWA Government Affairs Director Cindy Tuck and WateReuse Executive Director Jennifer West addressed this issue with the Board, urging them to consider raising the cap as the guidelines for projects are drafted. Felicia Markus indicated during the hearing that the SWRCB would be "utilizing existing guidelines criteria and existing programs...

because [the SWRCB] has a fairly robust system for getting money out to people and projects on the ground.”

Attached as an addendum to this report is an outline TPA compiled of programs funded through previous bonds, such as Proposition 84, Proposition 50, and Proposition 1E, that are aligned with the funding programs outlined in Proposition 1. This information is intended to help identify potential areas of future funding for MWDOC priority projects and programs.



SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

- TPA drafted, and sent to staff, letters of support and opposition for:
 - AB 1 (Brown) — Support
 - AB 143 (Hill) — Oppose
 - AB 149 (Chavez) — Support
- Throughout February and early March, TPA compiled and sent to staff weekly legislative matrices
- On March 3, TPA sponsored and attended the 2015 Water Agencies of the Inland Empire and Orange County State Legislative Reception in Sacramento with MWDOC staff and Board members.
- On March 5, TPA monitored the Metropolitan Legislative Coordinators Conference call and sent a summary to staff
- On March 6, TPA sent staff updated water bond related materials:
 - Proposition 1 Program Development Schedule
 - Proposition 1 Potential Program Funding Guidelines
- On March 9, TPA sent MWDOC staff a summary of SWRCB staff recommendations related to the extension of the emergency drought regulations.



Addendum 1

Water Recycling

Proposition 1 Requires:

Sec. 79766. (a). requires a 50 percent cost share for funds administered from this chapter

(Information based on the Water Recycling Funding Program Guidelines 2008, Proposition 50)

- **Agency:** State Water Resource Control Board
- **Facilities Planning Program:**
 - **Match:** 50%
 - **Maximum Funding:** \$75,000
 - **Eligible Applicants:** Public Agencies
 - **Eligible Projects:** Planning studies to determine feasibility of using recycled water to offset use of fresh potable water
 - **Timeline:** Three years from time of grant to complete study
- **Construction Funding Program:**
 - **Match:** 50%
 - **Maximum Funds:** \$5 million (or 25 percent of total funding cost, whichever is less)
 - **Eligible Applicants:** Public Agencies
 - **Eligible Projects:**
 - Design
 - Legal tasks
 - Construction management
 - Engineering during construction
 - *Projects must be placed on the SWRCB's, WRCP Competitive Project List (CPL)
 - **Timeline:** Three years from time of grant commitment
- **Project categories include:**
 - State Water Supply and the Delta
 - State Water Supply
 - Local Water Supply
 - Local Groundwater Reclamation
 - Pollution Control
- **Timeline:** N/A



Desalination

Desalination projects are allowed in Chapter 7, and Chapter 9 of the water bond. The sections for matching and DAC requirements are indicated below:

Proposition 1 Requires:

Chapter 7. Regional Water Security

Sec. 79725. (a). requires a 50 percent cost share for funds administered from this chapter
(b). allocates 10 percent of funds to disadvantaged communities

Chapter 9. Water Recycling

Sec. 79766. (a). requires a 50 percent cost share for funds administered from this chapter

(Guidelines based on the 2014 Water Desalination Proposition Solicitation Package, Proposition 50)

- **Agency:** Department of Water Resources
- **Match:** 50%
- **Maximum Funding:**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2006</u>
○ Construction/ Implementation	\$3 million	\$3 million
○ Pilot/Demonstration Project	\$1 million	\$1.5 million
○ Feasibility Studies (brackish water)	\$250,000	\$250,000
○ Research	\$500,000	\$500,000
○ Environmental Documentation	\$250,000	N/A
- **Eligible Applicants:**
 - Cities
 - Counties
 - Joint Power Authorities (JPAs)
 - Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) regulated under Public Utilities Code section 216 (except research projects)
 - Public Special Districts, such as water or irrigation districts
 - Tribes
 - Non-profit organizations (including water management groups)
 - Universities and colleges
 - State agencies (except for construction projects)
 - Federal agencies (except for construction projects)
 - Other political subdivisions of the State
- **Eligible Projects**
 - Construction
 - Pilot and Demonstration Projects
 - Feasibility studies
 - Research Projects



- Environmental Documentation
- **Ineligible Projects**
 - Wastewater treatment
 - Projects with water sources with less than an average TDS concentration of 1000 milligrams per liter
 - Feasibility studies of seawater desalination except for environmental work necessary to complete feasibility study
- **Timeline:** Not more than 2 years

Water Reliability

Proposition 1 Requires:

Sec. 79725. (a). requires a 50 percent cost share for funds administered from this chapter
(b). allocates 10 percent of funds to disadvantaged communities

(Guidelines based on the 2014 IRWM Drought Solicitation, Proposition 84)

- **Agency:** Department of Water Resources (allocated regionally through regional watershed authority)
- **Match:** 25%
- **Maximum Funding:** set on a per solicitation basis by each region
- **Eligible Applicants:** Local Public Agencies, Non-Profit Organizations
- **Eligible Projects/Program Preferences:**
 - Regional Water Projects
 - Resolves water related conflicts between regions
 - Contributes to Cal Fed Bay Delta Program objectives
 - Integrates water management and land use planning
 - Part of a plan that reduces reliance on the Delta

Groundwater

Proposition 1 Requires:

Sec. 79756. (a). requires a 50 percent cost share for funds administered from this chapter
(d). allocates 10 percent of funds to severely disadvantaged communities

(Guidelines taken from Local Groundwater Assistance Program Grant, Proposition 84)

- **Agency:** Department of Water Resources
- **Match:** N/A



- **Maximum Funding:** \$250,000
- **Eligible Applicants:** Local public agencies with authority to manage groundwater
- **Eligible Projects:**
 - Groundwater data collection
 - Modeling
 - Monitoring and management studies
 - Equipment installation for monitoring
 - Basin management

(Guidelines taken from the Clean Water Act Non-Point Source 2014 Grant Program Guidelines, Federally Funded Program)

- **Agency:** State Water Resource Control Board
- **Match:** 25%
- **Maximum Funding/Funding Ranges:**
 - Planning/Assessment Minimum: \$75,000 Maximum: \$175,000
 - Implementation Minimum: \$250,000 Maximum: \$750,000
- **Eligible Applicants:**
 - Public agencies
 - Non-profit organizations
- **Eligible Implementation Projects**
 - Project level planning
 - Design
 - Construction management
 - Implementation
- **Implementation Project Requirements**
 - Implement activities that contribute to the restoration of NPS impaired waters through reduced pollutant loads as called for in an adopted or nearly adopted TMDL;
 - Address watersheds and impairments identified in the NPS Program Preferences
 - Consistent with EPA's Nine Key Elements of Watershed-Based Plans
- **Planning/Assessment Project Requirements**
 - Address watersheds and impairments identified in the NPS Program Preferences
 - Clearly lead to implementation of an adopted or nearly adopted TMDL
 - Have at least Elements 1, 2 and 3 of the Nine Key Elements in place at the time of funding.



- And meet ONE of the following:
 - Completes watershed planning and assessment to fully address all Nine Key Elements.
 - Provide information necessary to fully develop at least one of the missing or partially-completed elements.
 - Complete other priority planning/assessment activities and provide a brief description of how the missing or incomplete elements of the Nine Key Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source (NPS) 2014 Grant Program Guidelines Elements will be completed, including remaining work to be done, what entities will complete the work, and a time schedule for completion of the remaining elements.
- **Timeline:**
 - Planning/Assessment 2 years
 - Implementation 3 years

Water Conservation

Proposition 1 Requires:

Sec. 79742 (c). requires a 50 percent cost share for funds administered from this chapter
 (d). allocates 10 percent of funds to disadvantaged communities

(Information based on the 2008, Urban Drought Assistance Grant Program, Proposition 50)

- **Agency:** Department of Water Resources
- **Match:** 20% cost share
- **Maximum Funding:**
 - \$250,000 (for programs in a single retail service area)
- **Eligible Applicants:**
 - Cities, Counties
 - Joint Power Authorities
 - Public Water Districts
 - Non-profit organizations
 - Investor Owned Utilities that report to the CPUC
- **Eligible Projects:**
 - Water and energy efficiency projects
 - Conservation
 - Reduction in water use projects
 - Water quality improvements
 - Multi-benefit projects



- No limit on the number of applications per applicant (for separate projects)
- **Ineligible Projects**
 - New storage tanks providing expanded capacity
 - Water supply development
 - Water or wastewater treatment
 - Flood control
 - Conjunctive use
 - Recycled water
 - Groundwater banking projects
 - Replacement of existing funding sources for on-going projects
 - Political advocacy
 - Purchase of water
 - Establishment of a reserve fund
 - Applicant's litigation costs
 - Projects that do not achieve water savings, improve in-stream flow and timing, improve water quantity, or provide water quality benefits to the State
 - Projects required by regulation, law, or contract
 - Installation of water meters, other devices or systems for new construction
 - Visitor centers
 - Water meter replacement, water meters for new construction, new landscapes, new irrigation systems, and dedicated water meters for new landscapes.
- **Timeline:** 2 years from contract execution

Safe Drinking Water

Proposition 1 Requires:

Sec. 79724. (a). Construction grants shall be limited to \$5,000,000 per project, except that the state board may set a limit of not more than \$20,000,000 for projects that provide regional benefits or are shared among multiple entities

Sec 79725 (a). requires not less than 50 percent cost share for projects; cost share may be waived or reduced for disadvantaged communities or economically distressed areas

(Guidelines based on the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), not standard grant guidelines)

Under this program, funding is provided to correct public water system deficiencies, prioritized based on the problems the systems poses to public health, systems with needs for funding to comply with requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, and systems most in need on a per household affordability basis.

- **Agency:** State Water Resource Control Board



Monthly Report, March

- **Financing:**
 - 20 year term
 - 30 year terms for disadvantaged communities
- **Rates:**
 - Range from 1.5 to 3 percent
 - 0 percent interest available for disadvantaged communities
- **Maximum Funding:** N/A
- **Eligible Projects:**
 - Construction of new water sources, distribution pipelines, and treatment facilities.
 - Construction of infrastructure that is needed to consolidate or intertie water systems.
 - Replacement of aged drinking water infrastructure, such as wells, pipelines, tanks, and treatment systems.
 - Installation or replacement of water supply meters.
 - Construction of facilities needed to create a community water system, or extend service from an existing public water system to serve residents currently on individual wells or surface water sources.
 - Planning/design funds needed to cover the costs of activities necessary to construct a project, including preliminary engineering, pilot-scale treatment studies, design and other planning activities.
- **Minimum Requirement:** Once the General Information Package has been submitted, a project manager can be assigned, and help with the other sections of the application: Technical Package, Environmental Package, and Financial Security Package.
- **Timeline:** N/A

Watershed Protection

Proposition 1 does not include language specifying a minimum or maximum cost share for funding from this chapter.

(Guidelines based on Watershed Coordinator Grants, 2010, Funding from Proposition 84)

- **Agency:** California Department of Conservation
- **Match:** 25%
- **Maximum Funding:** \$300,000 (over a three year period)
- **Eligible Applicants:**
 - Cities
 - Counties
 - Joint Power Authorities
 - Special Districts



- 501(c)3 organizations
- **Program Objectives:**
 - To provide watershed coordination in as much of the land area of California as possible.
 - To support watershed coordination where it has not been previously supported and is needed to meet the interests of local communities and the state
 - To support watershed coordination based on a whole watershed approach instead of watershed coordination based on partial watersheds
 - To support proposals that will work effectively with all groups, partners, and interests associated with the selected watershed
 - To support organizations which provide the greatest amount of match to support the coordinator position with a competitive and reasonable budget
 - To support local and community-based watershed coordination with an established local organization already involved in natural resource management
 - To support organizations that can utilize this grant money as an initial investment to develop or enhance sustainable local watershed partnerships and provide long-term support for watershed coordination
- **Eligible Costs:**
 - Watershed Coordinator salaries and associated costs that directly support the position. Benefits for the watershed coordinator (up to 32% of salary, based on actual costs);
 - Rent for the watershed coordinator's office space;
 - Required equipment, such as a personal computer and software (up to \$1,700 maximum);
 - Operating expenses, such as transportation costs, telephone service, etc;
 - Technical software other than basic word processing programs (if supported by the work plan);
 - Attendance at seminars, training workshops, and conferences plus the mandatory DOC workshops (up to \$4,500 maximum);
 - Office supplies; o Minor meeting expenses, such as printing and mailing costs (excluding food and drinks);
 - Minor testing, sampling, or monitoring equipment or other similar expenditures (up to \$1,500). This is meant to cover the purchase of items for demonstrations or displays. Any equipment costs above this amount would be considered a project cost and therefore not allowable.
- **Timeline:** N/A

Water Storage

Proposition 1 Requires:

Sec 79751 (a) Surface storage projects identified in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Record of Decision, dated August 28, 2000...

Sec. 79752 A project shall not be funded pursuant to this chapter unless it provides measurable improvements to the Delta ecosystem or to the tributaries to the Delta



Sec. 79756. (a) Public benefit cost share... shall not exceed 50 percent of total costs

(Information below based on the CALFED Record of Decision 2000, see Sec. 79751 (a) above)

- Surface Storage
 - In Delta storage project (approx. 250 TAF)
 - Expand CVP storage in Shasta Lake by approx. 300 TAF
 - Expand the Los Vaqueros Reservoir by up to 400 TAF
- Surface Storage Requiring Further Consideration
 - Sites Reservoir
 - 250-700 TAF of additional storage in upper San Joaquin River watershed

The California Water Commission is responsible for the oversight of the \$2.7 billion in funding from this chapter, and is not expected to release guidelines for funding programs until December 2016.

The County of Orange Report

March 16, 2015
By Lewis Consulting Group

Orange County State Senate Election – Another Small Turnout?

As of March 6, only 9% of voters had returned their absentee ballots in the race for Orange County's 37th State Senate District. The three person contest highlighted by a spirited contest between John Moorlach and Don Wagner could be settled on March 17th if one of the candidates garners over 50% of the vote.

The race has turned bitter as law enforcement unions are pounding Moorlach with hard hitting mailers that are costing well into the six figures. At the same time, Moorlach has responded by calling into question Don Wagner's anti-union credentials amongst the small turnout voters who are disproportionately Republican and conservative.

A prolonged small turnout would seem to be to the benefit of Moorlach as according to polls early voters leaned heavily in his direction due to his superior name identification. Conversely a surprisingly higher than expected turnout on election day would seem to buoy Assemblyman Wagner's chances.

Waiting in the wings are several prospective candidates for Wagner's Assembly seat should he prevail. If Wagner achieves 50% on Tuesday they will be off and running. If neither candidate achieves 50%, the Assembly election will be called later this year only if Don Wagner emerges victorious in the run-off. Should John Moorlach win on Tuesday or in a Senate run-off, the Assembly candidates will have to wait until 2016's regularly scheduled primary because Don Wagner is subject to terming out of office at the end of the 2015-2016 legislative session.

Court to Decide Constitutionality of Congressional District Lines

California's 53 members of Congress are nervously waiting for the US Supreme Court to render an opinion on the case of Arizona State Legislature v. Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission.

A victory for the plaintiff could force the cancellation of current California Congressional boundaries and empower the State Legislature to draw new lines in time for the 2016 election cycle. California's legislative democrats would have a hard time resisting the temptation to implement a new partisan Congressional gerrymander.

The case was triggered by Arizona legislative Republican disappointment in the work product of its state's independent commission. As a result, they filed a lawsuit calling into question the constitutionality of an independent commission usurping Congressional map-making when the US Constitution states congressional redistricting is a legislative responsibility.

Should the Supreme Court rule for the plaintiff, it appears that in addition to Arizona and California, five other states with independent commissions would be compelled to have their Legislatures redraw lines.

California should not be as impacted in a partisan sense, as other states because the handiwork of our independent commission has already resulted in a congressional delegation in which only fourteen of our state's fifty-three members of Congress are Republican. However, the congressional ambitions of individual State Legislators might influence big changes.

Locally, Congressman Ed Royce, whose district has already been shoved into Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, might be the most vulnerable to partisan line-drawing. However, if his district is moved too far out of Orange County, it might have the effect of triggering an intra-party bruising primary for a safe Republican seat between Royce and freshman Congresswoman Mimi Walters.

South Coast Water District Authorizes Funds to Continue Doheny Plant Study

MWDOC has been the lead agency in securing a \$200,000 grant for South Coast Water District (SCWD) to do technical studies for the Doheny Desal project. This \$200,000 was combined with \$200,000 from SCWD and \$100,000 from Laguna Beach County Water District to secure the professional services of firms Geosciences and Carollo to complete SCWD's Foundational Action Funding Program (FAFP). The FAFP tasks 1 and 2 have been completed and on February 26th SCWD authorized the expense of \$88,000 to Geosciences for the completion of tasks 3 and 4.

Task 1: Advancement of Slant Well Technology including how to advance this technology, an updated literature review, scope to evaluate rehabilitation techniques, providing a conceptual plan of a full-scale slant well.

Task 2: Geologic, Seismic, and Ocean Risk analysis including a preliminary geotechnical study for siting, placement, and protective measures for construction on beaches.

Task 3: Prediction of Coastal/Ocean Groundwater Flow and Water Quality including state-of-the art groundwater models and selection of preferred models, development and calibration for geochemical modules, development and calibration of preferred model to assess feasibility, California Department of Fish & Wildlife Streambed Alteration Agreements and Assessment of Compliance, calibrated fine grid coastal/ocean groundwater flow and water quality precision model with geochemical module tool.

Task 4: Modeling Slant Well Feedwater Supply, Impacts, and Mitigation Approaches including assessment of sustainable yield for baseline comparison, prediction of transition and steady state pumped water quality, analysis of pumping impacts, assessment of institutional and physical mitigation approaches.

Task 5: Coastal Environmental Drawdown Issues and Regulatory Strategies including drawdown issues and development of appropriate regulatory terms and conditions.

Task 6: Project Management. This task included project management, convening of a Science Review Panel to review results, progress reports, and a comprehensive Final Report.

From the SCWD staff report, "In December 2014, the General Manager assumed responsibility for Project Management. During discourse with Geoscience regarding the status of the Task 3 Deliverable, a Technical Memorandum, it was learned that the Technical Memorandum for Task 3 was not specified as a requirement within the contract awarded to Geoscience. Additionally, a Technical Memorandum for Task 4 and the Final Report for the Project were also not specified as requirements within the Consulting Services Agreement. Geoscience representatives indicated these Deliverables were originally within scope of their relevant proposal but were deleted by MWDOC representatives in approximately November 2013 due to project funding considerations and were to be added back into contract scope later. Discourse with MWDOC representatives confirmed this information. Accordingly, a Proposal was requested from Geoscience to provide these deliverables as listed within Attachment 1. Absent these Technical Memorandums and Final Report, the District will not receive results from the majority of work performed."

Additionally, at the March 12th SCWD Board of Directors meeting there will be a report on the "Doheny Desalination Project – Update". The staff report for that update can be found online at:

http://scwd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=3&event_id=415&meta_id=96992

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Legal and Regulatory

March 16, 2015

1. **Mega-Drought:** Many studies are coming out relative to the severity of our current drought and whether or not man made climate change is a factor. A report in the Science Advances opines that we may be in the midst of a mega-drought that has an 80% chance of lasting 35 years. This report concludes that man made climate conditions are probably the cause of its length and its strength. Another report in the Geophysical Research Letters concludes that we may be in the beginning of a 1000 year event again caused by man. Other reports have been previously cited in this report have come to opposite conclusions regarding man's responsibility for drought. Indeed, the California Water Alliance questioned findings in the first two mentioned reports and wants to focus on building storage facilities to store water in the wet times to prepare us for the droughts that seem to come on a somewhat regular basis.
2. **LA Raising Fines:** Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is considering raising their \$100 fines to \$500 for each water use violation. Prohibitions include the watering down of sidewalks, driveways, washing cars, and limits irrigation of landscaping. 1.1 million people will be impacted by this increase. Other cities and agencies are also considering such increases.
3. **Artificial Turf vs HOAs:** Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez of San Diego has introduced a bill that would prohibit HOAs from excluding artificial turf for landscaping purposes. Currently most HOAs do prohibit that use. Last year, Governor Brown vetoed a similar bill saying it was a local matter. Environmentalists also oppose the prior bill on the basis on increasing runoff and pollution to the ocean. However the industry has made certain changes to their products to reduce that impact. HOAs still oppose the bill as an unwarranted government intrusion. The Governors position is unknown as this time.
4. **Feds OK Raising Lake Mendocino:** The Army Corp of Engineers recently approved allowing additional storage in Lake Mendocino beyond their prior levels. This is significant as usually the Corps considers its flood control responsibilities superior to opportunities to increase storage in facilities it manages. This is particularly significant as the Corps has been very strict in not granting such requests where weather is quite unpredictable, as in Mendocino, Sonoma and Marin counties. This is a good sign showing increase cooperation with the Corp in these drought conditions.

5. **Drought and West Nile Virus:** An extended drought could mean another bad year for West Nile Virus infections. Reduced water flow means more pools and ponds where streams used to run. That means more standing water and more places for mosquitoes to breed. This even applies to underground water systems such as Orange County where we are seeing an increase in underground pools instead of flowing water. The number of new cases statewide has increased since 2012 and unfortunately Orange County leads all counties with the most cases, last year 266. Other areas have used spraying techniques to control the virus but as of this date, Orange County has not. Spraying does have its detractors but the EPA has declared it safe.
6. **Delta, Central Valley Water Right Battle:** Thousands of property owners in the Delta and Central Valley regions have been given deadlines by the State Water Resources Control Board to file their claims to establish their rights. Most of the rights fall in the “senior” or “riparian” category which we have discussed in prior editions of this report. State and Federal agencies are also filing to justify their diversions of water from both areas to other parts of the State. Clearly there is not enough water to go around. It is very possible that these conflicting claims will lead to an adjudication, that is a court ordered division of the water to some or all of the conflicting parties. The California Sport Fishing Protection Alliance has already started the adjudication process in the Central Valley. This could be the first comprehensive consideration of common law and senior rights versus modern interpretations of “reasonable use” for California. There will certainly be big winners and big losers in this process.
7. **Water Costs Realities:** Water prices around the State are starting to draw attention to various circumstances and inequalities in water sales. Fresno water sales have jumped from \$140 per acre foot to \$1,100 in less than a year. A water sale in Madera topped \$2,000 per acre foot. There are regulations regarding environmental water transfers but not on outright sales between parties. There is no clearinghouse for water prices and it is really the wild west out there. Prices may be influenced by source reliability, personal relationships, long term contracts, regional drought conditions or other factors. Watch for legislation that tries to control what price of water that is traded.
8. **Water and Eminent Domain:** The city of Claremont has had a running battle with its water provider, Golden State Water Co, for years and years. The City has decided to bring an eminent domain action against Golden State to buy them. A 2004 report used by the City claims that their water rates are higher than 10 surrounding communities and that those rates increased further in 2008 and 2013. Golden State responds that various factors are used in determining rates that are peculiar to each community. Those factors include age of system, capital improvements, maintenance standards, reserves and tie in with surrounding communities.

Private water company rates are controlled by the California PUC and have to be justified to that public body each time. Private water companies serve about 16% of the California population.

There is presently a great difference between the city valuation of the system (\$55 million) and Golden State (\$200 million). The city passed a \$135 million revenue bond to cover the sale and implementation of the transfer. In any case if the court action is won by the City, water rates would go up again about \$30 per month. These actions are not common. There has been one somewhat similar case in 2008 where a public water agency took over a private in the Felton area of Santa Cruz County. It was very contentious but may be used as some precedent.

9. **Santa Barbara Restarts Desalter:** In the early 1990s, the City of Santa Barbara spent \$35 million to build a desalination plant as a result of a serious drought in the area. Before they were able to open the plant, the rains came and it was never used. It was mothballed and a lot of the internal workings were sold, but they kept the mainframe. They have just approved the expenditure of \$40 million to restart the plant as a result of the current drought. In full operation the plant can provide 30% of the Cities demand. The cost of desalinated water will be about one third more than they are presently paying for their imported water. The resident cost on average would go from \$78 to \$108 per month. The plan is already being challenged by various environmental groups regarding the intake pipes drawing in too many critters. The City is looking at various alternatives even though their current permit does not require them to do so.



Municipal Water District of Orange County Priority Legislation

BILL	AUTHOR	HIGH PRIORITY	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	MWDOC POSITION	OTHER POSITIONS
Proposed Legislation						
AB 1	Brown [D]		Drought: local governments: fines. Would prohibit a city, county, or city and county from imposing a fine under any local maintenance ordinance or other relevant ordinance for a failure to water a lawn or having a brown lawn during a period for which the Governor has issued a proclamation of a state of emergency based on drought conditions.	<u>1/16/2015</u> -Referred to Com. on L. GOV		
AB 10	Gatto [D]		Political Reform Act of 1974: economic interest disclosures. Would increase the thresholds at which a public official has a disqualifying financial interest in sources of income from \$500 to \$1,000, in investments in business entities from \$2,000 to \$5,000, and in interests in real property from \$2,000 to \$10,000. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	<u>1/16/2015</u> -Referred to Com. on E. & R.		
AB 149	Chavez [R]		Urban water management plans. The Urban Water Management Planning Act requires an urban water supplier to submit to the Department of Water Resources a copy of its urban water management plan and requires the department to prepare and submit to the Legislature, on or before December 31, in the years ending in 6 and 1, a report summarizing the status of plans adopted pursuant to the act. This bill, commencing January 1, 2017, would instead require an urban water supplier to update its plan at least once every 5 years on or before December 31 in years ending in 6 and one. The bill would instead require the department to submit its report to the Legislature, on or before December 31, in years ending in 7 and two.	<u>2/2/2015</u> -Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.	Support	ACWA - Favor
AB 291	Medina [D]		California Environmental Quality Act: local agencies: notice of determination: water. Would authorize a local agency, for certain water projects, to file the notice with the county clerk of the county in which the local agency's principal office is located in lieu of the county clerk of each county in which the project is located and would, if the local agency exercises this authorization, require the local agency to file the notice with the Office of Planning and Research. This bill contains other existing laws.	<u>2/23/2015</u> -Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.		ACWA - Support



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AB 300	Alejo [D]		Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2015. Would enact the Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2015, which would require the State Coastal Conservancy to establish and coordinate the Algal Bloom Task Force, in consultation with the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, and would prescribe the composition and functions and duties of the task force. The bill would require the task force to review the risks and negative impacts of toxic blooms and microcystin pollution and to submit a summary of its findings and recommendations to the secretary by January 1, 2017.	<u>3/9/2015</u> -Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.		
AB 307	Mathis [R]		Graywater: groundwater recharge. Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to explicitly permit the usage of residential, commercial, and industrial graywater for the recharge of a groundwater basin or aquifer.	<u>2/12/2015</u> -Introduced <u>2/13/2015</u> -From printer. May be heard in committee March 15.		
AB 308	Mathis [R]		Graywater: agricultural use. Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to explicitly permit incorporated and unincorporated communities to sell graywater for agricultural purposes and agriculture to use graywater for agricultural purposes.	<u>2/12/2015</u> -Introduced <u>2/13/2015</u> -From printer. May be heard in committee March 15.		
AB 311	Gallagher [R]		Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. Would require the public agency, in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting approvals for specified water storage projects funded, in whole or in part, by Proposition 1, including the concurrent preparation of the record of proceedings and the certification of the record of proceeding within 5 days of the filing of a specified notice, to comply with specified procedures. Because a public agency would be required to comply with those new procedures, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	<u>2/23/2015</u> -Referred to Coms. on NAT. RES. and W., P., & W.		



Municipal Water District of Orange County Priority Legislation

AB 356	Williams [D]		Oil and gas: groundwater monitoring. Would authorize the State Oil and Gas Supervisor to require a well operator to implement a monitoring program for belowground oil production tanks and facilities, and disposal and injection wells,. Because a failure to comply with this requirement would be a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	<u>3/2/2015</u> -Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.		
AB 434	Garcia, E [D]		Drinking water: point-of-entry and point-of-use treatment. Would specifically make the emergency regulations adopted by the State Department of Public Health before January 1, 2014, operative and would require that the emergency regulations remain in effect until repealed or amended by the State Water Resources Control Board. The bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to award a grant for point-of-entry and point-of-use treatment, in lieu of centralized treatment, by a public water system that meets certain requirements. This bill contains other related provisions.	<u>3/2/2015</u> -Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.		
AB 478	Harper [R]		Desalination. Current law provides that is it the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Water Resources shall undertake to find economic and efficient methods of desalting saline water so that desalted water may be made available to help meet the growing water requirements of the state. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in these provisions.	<u>2/23/2015</u> - Introduced <u>2/24/2015</u> -From printer. May be heard in committee March 26.		
AB 647	Eggman [D]		Beneficial use: diversion of water underground. Would declare that the diversion of water underground constitutes a beneficial use of water for which an appropriation may be made if the diverted water is stored and thereafter applied to beneficial use or if beneficial use of the water, including, but not limited to, protection of water quality or recovery of groundwater levels, is made while the water is underground. This bill would provide that the period for the reversion of a water right does not apply to water being beneficially used in the aquifer or being held in storage for later beneficial use.	<u>3/9/2015</u> -Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.		



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AB 656	Garcia, C [D]		Joint powers agreements: mutual water companies. Current law authorizes local public entities, as defined, to enter into a joint powers agreement for the purposes of providing risk-pooling, as specified. This bill would specifically authorize 2 or more mutual water companies, or 2 or more mutual water companies and one or more public agencies that operate a public water system, to participate in joint powers agreement for risk-pooling, technical support, and other similar services.	<u>3/9/2015</u> -Referred to Com. on L. GOV		
AB 954	Mathis [R]		Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. Current law, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, approved by the voters as Proposition 1 at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$7,545,000,000 to finance a water quality, supply, and infrastructure improvement program. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to implement this bond act.	<u>2/27/2015</u> -From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.		
AB 957	Mathis [R]		Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, approved by the voters as Proposition 1 at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$7,545,000,000 to finance a water quality, supply, and infrastructure improvement program. The bond act provides that the sum of \$520,000,000 is to be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for expenditures, grants, and loans for projects that improve water quality or help provide clean, safe, and reliable drinking water to all Californians. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes in these provisions.	<u>2/27/2015</u> -From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.		
AB 1077	Holden [D]		Mutual water companies: open meetings. Would prohibit a mutual water company from meeting solely in an executive session without holding a meeting. The bill would require a board of directors of a mutual water company to allow an eligible person to personally attend a meeting of the board, if the eligible person gave the board at least 24 hours advance written notice of his or her intent to personally attend the meeting. This bill contains other existing laws.	<u>2/27/2015</u> -Introduced <u>3/2/2015</u> -Read first time.		



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AB 1242	Gray [D]		Water quality: impacts on groundwater basins: mitigation measures. Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to take into consideration any applicable groundwater sustainability plan or alternative in formulating state policy for water quality control and adopting or approving a water quality control plan that affects a groundwater basin. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	<u>2/27/2015</u> - Introduced <u>3/2/2015</u> -Read first time.		
AB 1244	Gray [D]		Water rights: small irrigation use. Current law authorizes any person to obtain a right to appropriate water for a small irrigation use upon registering the use with the State Water Resources Control Board and thereafter applying the water to reasonable and beneficial use with due diligence. This bill would require the board to adopt general conditions, in consultation with the Department of Food and Agriculture, the University of California Cooperative Extension, and others, including, but not limited to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, for small irrigation use, unless the board determines that sufficient funds are not available for that purpose.	<u>2/27/2015</u> - Introduced <u>3/2/2015</u> -Read first time.		
SB 7	Wolk [D]		Housing: water meters: multiunit structures. Would express the intent of the Legislature to encourage the conservation of water in multifamily residential rental buildings through means either within the landlord's or the tenant's control, and to ensure that the practices involving the submetering of dwelling units for water service are just and reasonable, and include appropriate safeguards for both tenants and landlords. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	<u>1/15/2015</u> -Referred to Com. on T. & H.		
SB 122	Jackson [D]		California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings. CEQA establishes a procedure for the preparation and certification of the record of proceedings upon the filing of an action or proceeding challenging a lead agency's action on the grounds of noncompliance with CEQA. This bill would require the lead agency, at the request of a project applicant and consent of the lead agency, to prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, EIR, or other environmental document for projects. This bill contains other related provisions.	<u>2/5/2015</u> -Referred to Com. on E.Q.		ACWA- Not favor unless amended (Would open final EIR to public comment)



Municipal Water District of Orange County Priority Legislation

SB 127	Vidak [R]		Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. CEQA establishes a procedure by which a person may seek judicial review of the decision of the lead agency made pursuant to CEQA and a procedure for the preparation and certification of the record of proceedings upon the filing of an action or proceeding challenging a lead agency's action on the grounds of noncompliance with CEQA. This bill would require the public agency, in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting approvals for projects funded, in whole or in part, by Proposition 1, including the concurrent preparation of the record of proceedings and the certification of the record of proceeding within 5 days of the filing of a specified notice, to comply with specified procedures.	<u>3/4/2015</u> -March 18 hearing postponed by committee.		ACWA- Not Favor
SB 143	Stone [R]		Diamond Valley Reservoir: recreational use. Current law, with certain exceptions, prohibits recreational use, in which there is bodily contact with water, in a reservoir in which water is stored for domestic use and establishes water standards for those exempted reservoirs. This bill would exempt from this prohibition recreational activity in which there is bodily contact with water by any participant in the Diamond Valley Reservoir if certain standards are met. This bill contains other related provisions.	<u>3/3/2015</u> -Set for hearing March 18.	Oppose	MET- Oppose ACWA- Not Favor
SB 385	Hueso [D]		Primary drinking water standards: variances: hexavalent chromium. Would authorize, until January 1, 2020, the State Water Resources Control Board, at the request of a public water system, to grant a variance from the primary drinking water standard for hexavalent chromium if the public water system prepares and submits a compliance plan, the state board approves the compliance plan, the public water system provides specified notice requirements regarding the compliance plan to its customers, and the public water system sends annual reports to the state board that updates the status of the approved compliance plan.	<u>2/25/2015</u> -From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 27.		
SB 442	Hall [D]		Municipal water districts: revenue bonds. Current law, the Municipal Water District Law of 1911, provides for the formation of municipal water districts and grants to those districts specified powers, including the authority to issue revenue bonds for any purpose for which general obligation bonds may be issued. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes in those provisions.	<u>2/25/2015</u> -Introduced <u>3/5/2015</u> - Referred to Com. on RLS.		



Municipal Water District of Orange County Priority Legislation

SB 555	Wolk [D]		Department of Water Resources: urban retail water suppliers: water loss audits. Would require each urban retail water supplier, on or before July 1, 2017, to conduct a water loss audit as prescribed by rules adopted by the Department of Water Resources on or before July 1, 2016. This bill would require an urban retail water supplier to submit a validated audit report to the department within 60 days of completion and the department to post the report on its Internet Web site in a timely manner after its receipt. This bill would require the department to provide technical assistance to guide urban retail water suppliers' water loss detection programs.	<u>2/27/2015</u> -From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 29.		
Groundwater Legislation						
AB 452	Bigelow [R]		Water Rights Fund: Groundwater Regulation Subaccount. Would establish the Groundwater Regulation Subaccount in the Water Rights Fund and would provide that moneys in the subaccount are available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Water Resources Control Board for the purpose of board enforcement of the provisions of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	<u>3/5/2015</u> -Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.		
AB 453	Bigelow [R]		Groundwater management. Would authorize, until a groundwater sustainability plan is adopted, a local agency to amend an existing groundwater management plan in furtherance of, and consistent with, the groundwater management plan's objectives.	<u>3/5/2015</u> -Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.		
AB 454	Bigelow [R]		Sustainable groundwater management. Would require a high- or medium-priority basin that is not subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plan by January 31, 2023. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	<u>3/5/2015</u> -Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.		



Municipal Water District of Orange County Priority Legislation

AB 455	Bigelow [R]		<p>Groundwater sustainability plans: environmental impact reports. Would require the Judicial Council, on or before July 1, 2016, to adopt a rule of court to establish procedures applicable to actions or proceedings brought to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the certification of an EIR for projects covered by a groundwater sustainability plan that require the actions or proceedings be resolved within 270 days of certification of the record of proceeding. The bill would also prohibit the court from staying or enjoining the construction or operation of the project unless the court makes a certain finding. This bill contains other existing laws.</p>	<p><u>3/5/2015</u>-Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. and NAT. RES.</p>		
AB 936	Salas [D]		<p>Groundwater monitoring. If there is insufficient interest in establishing a management plan or ground watering association, and the county decides not to perform groundwater monitoring and reporting functions, the Department of Water Resources is required to perform the groundwater monitoring functions. In that event, specified entities with authority to assume groundwater monitoring functions with regard to a basin or subbasin for which the department has assumed those functions are not eligible for a water grant or loan awarded or administered by the state. This bill would create an exception from this eligibility restriction if the entity submits to the department for approval documentation demonstrating the water grant or loan project includes those actions needed to comply with groundwater monitoring functions.</p>	<p><u>2/27/2015</u>-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.</p>		
AB 937	Salas [D]		<p>Groundwater recharge. Under current law, the right to water or to the use of water is limited to that amount of water that may be reasonably required for the beneficial use to be served. Current law declares that the storing of water underground, and related diversions for that purpose, constitute a beneficial use of water if the stored water is thereafter applied to the beneficial purposes for which the appropriation for storage was made. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to groundwater recharge.</p>	<p><u>2/27/2015</u>-From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.</p>		



Municipal Water District of Orange County Priority Legislation

AB 938	Salas [D]		Groundwater: basin reprioritization: establishment of groundwater sustainability agency. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires a local agency, any time the Department of Water Resources changes basin priorities and elevates a basin to a medium- or high-priority basin after January 31, 2015, to either establish a groundwater sustainability agency within 2 years of reprioritization and adopt a groundwater sustainability plan within 5 years of reprioritization, or to submit an alternative to the department that the local agency believes satisfies the objectives of these provisions within 2 years of reprioritization. This bill would impose the requirement to establish a groundwater sustainability agency or submit an alternative after reprioritization on a local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin.	<u>2/27/2015</u> -From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.		
AB 939	Salas [D]		Groundwater sustainability agency: financial authority. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act authorizes a groundwater sustainability agency to impose fees to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program and requires a groundwater sustainability agency to hold at least one public meeting prior to imposing or increasing a fee. The act requires, at least 10 days prior to the meeting, a groundwater sustainability agency to make available to the public data upon which the proposed fee is based. This bill would require a groundwater sustainability agency to make the data upon which the proposed fee is based available 20 days prior to the public meeting to impose or increase a fee.	<u>2/27/2015</u> -From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.		
AB 1243	Gray [D]		Groundwater recharge: grants. Would establish the Groundwater Recharge Grant Fund and would provide that moneys in the fund are available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Water Resources Control Board to provide grants to local governments and water districts for groundwater recharge infrastructure projects. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	<u>2/27/2015</u> - Introduced <u>3/2/2015</u> -Read first time.		
SB 13	Pavley [D]		Groundwater. Would provide a local agency or groundwater sustainability agency 90 or 180 days, as prescribed, to remedy certain deficiencies that caused the State Water Resources Control Board to designate a groundwater basin as a probationary basin. This bill would authorize the board to develop an interim plan for certain probationary basins one year after the designation of the basin as a probationary basin. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	<u>2/24/2015</u> -From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.		



Municipal Water District of Orange County Priority Legislation

SB 173	Nielsen [R]		Groundwater: de minimis extractors. Current law generally excepts a de minimis extractor from the requirement that a person who extracts groundwater from a probationary basin, as prescribed, or extracts groundwater on or after July 1, 2017, in an area within a basin that is not within the management area of a groundwater sustainability agency and where the county does not assume responsibility to be the groundwater sustainability agency has to file a report of groundwater extraction by December 15 of each year for extractions made in the preceding water year with the State Water Resources Control Board. This bill would define a de minimis extractor for the purposes of these provisions as a person who extracts, for domestic purposes, 10 acre-feet or less per year.	<u>2/19/2015</u> -Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.		
SB 226	Pavley [D]		Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater rights. Would provide, under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, that a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans establishes a timely method for determining rights to groundwater in furtherance of the objectives of the act. This bill would require the process to be available to any court of competent jurisdiction. This bill would require the boundaries of a basin to be as identified in Bulletin 118, unless other basin boundaries are established, as specified.	<u>2/26/2015</u> -Referred to Coms. on N.R. & W. and JUD.		
SB 228	Cannella [R]		Groundwater storage: beneficial use. Would declare that the recharging of a groundwater basin by a local groundwater management agency or a local groundwater sustainability agency for the purposes of repelling saline intrusion and recovering basin groundwater levels constitutes a beneficial use of water if the recharge is consistent with the local agency's groundwater management plan or groundwater sustainability plan.	<u>2/26/2015</u> -Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.		
SB 487	Nielsen [R]		Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions. Would exempt from the requirements of CEQA the formation of a groundwater sustainability agency, the amendment of a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plan, and the implementation of those plans, except to the extent that the implementation requires the construction or installation of a new facility. Because a lead agency would be required to determine the applicability of this exemption, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	<u>2/27/2015</u> -From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 29.		

ACWA Monitored Legislation



Municipal Water District of Orange County Priority Legislation

SB 20	Pavley [D]		Wells: reports: public availability. Current law requires a person who digs, bores, or drills a water well, cathodic protection well, or a monitoring well, or abandons or destroys a well, or deepens or re-perforates a well, to file a report of completion with the Department of Water Resources. Current law prohibits those reports from being made available to the public, except under certain circumstances. This bill would instead require the department to, upon request, make the reports available to the public. The bill would require the department to provide specified disclaimers when providing the reports to the public.	<u>1/15/2015</u> -Referred to Coms. on N.R. & W. and E.Q.		
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Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Federal Legislation Matrix 3/9/15

114th Congress

Bill Author	Amended Date; Location	Title - Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
H.R. 211 Calvert (R-CA)	1/8/15: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.	Reducing Environmental Barriers to Unified Infrastructure and Land Development Act of 2015 Act or the “REBUILD Act” - The goals of the program are to simplify the NEPA implementation practices, reduce the time and cost involved in preparing NEPA reviews, and improve the effectiveness of public engagement.	SUPPORT , and seek amendments, pursuant to board action, April, 2012; based on same action on H.R.2538, introduced in the 112 th Congress.	HR 211 would extend provisions of a pilot program that authorizes states to utilize a streamlined environmental review process for transportation projects to other infrastructure projects. Staff recommendation: support and seek amendments to expand this authority to other municipal agencies, among other changes.
H.R.291 Napolitano (D-CA) Companion Measure: S.176 Boxer (D-CA)	1/13/15: Referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment.	Water in the 21st Century Act, or “W21” – This bill establishes within the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a WaterSense program to identify, label, and promote water efficient products, buildings, landscapes, facilities, processes, and services.	SUPPORT , pursuant to board-adopted 2015 federal legislative strategy, and support of H.R.5363 introduced in 113 th Congress.	Metropolitan’s Integrated Resources Plan calls for increased conservation and water use efficiency. By authorizing the WaterSense program, HR 291 would advance conservation programs and provide increased review and labeling of water conservation products and services for commercial, institutional and residential use. In addition, the residential water efficiency incentive programs could provide a funding source for Metropolitan’s conservation rebate programs. Metropolitan sought amendments to H.R. 5363 in the 113 th Congress to broaden eligibility for the Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (WIFIA), and those amendments were included in H.R. 291.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Federal Legislation Matrix 3/9/15

114th Congress

Bill Author	Amended Date; Location	Title - Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
<p>S.176 Boxer (D-CA)</p> <p>Companion Measure: H.R.291 Napolitano (D-CA)</p>	<p>1/13/15: Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Affairs</p>	<p>Water in the 21st Century Act, or “W21” – This bill establishes within the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a WaterSense program to identify, label, and promote water efficient products, buildings, landscapes, facilities, processes, and services.</p>	<p>SUPPORT, pursuant to board-adopted 2015 federal legislative Strategy, and support of S. 2771 introduced in 113th Congress.</p>	<p>Metropolitan’s Integrated Resources Plan calls for increased conservation and water use efficiency. By authorizing the WaterSense program, HR 291 would advance conservation programs and provide increased review and labeling of water conservation products and services for commercial, institutional and residential use. In addition, the residential water efficiency incentive programs could provide a funding source for Metropolitan’s conservation rebate programs. Metropolitan sought amendments to S. 2771 in the 113th Congress to broaden eligibility for the Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (WIFIA), and those amendments were included in S. 176.</p>

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Federal Legislation Matrix 3/9/15

114th Congress

Bill Author	Amended Date; Location	Title - Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
S.414 Feinstein (D-CA)	2/9/15: Referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act of 2015 – this bill would provide for both wilderness preservation and recreational activity in desert portions of Southern California, while also setting forth the terms and conditions for renewable energy development in the area.	SUPPORT , pursuant to board action, June 2011, and based on same action on S.138 in the 112 th Congress	Metropolitan sought amendments that were added to the bill to explicitly provide protections for the continued use, operation, maintenance, replacement and reconstruction of existing Metropolitan facilities and rights of way within the protected desert areas.

**Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
State Legislation Matrix 3/9/2015**

Bill Author	Amended Date; Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
<p>AB 149 Chavez (R)</p> <p>Sponsor: San Diego County Water Authority</p>	<p>Introduced 01/15/2015</p> <p>Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee</p>	<p>Urban Water Management Plans: Amends UWMP Act to require urban water suppliers to update plan at least once every five years on or before December 31 in years ending in “6” and “1.” Would also require DWR to report on status of plan submittals on December 31 in years ending in “7” and “2.”</p>	<p>SUPPORT (based upon historical practice)</p>	<p>Delay of UWMP submittal will be necessary to capture retail water use data for full year of 2020 to meet requirements of SBX7-7 (2009). Additionally, updated population data from 2020 census will be available in spring of 2021. Delay of UWMP submittal would provide time to accommodate inclusion of comprehensive census data by wholesale and retail water suppliers.</p>
<p>AB 291 Medina (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: ACWA and McGeorge Law Legislative Clinic</p>	<p>Introduced 02/11/2015</p> <p>Assembly Natural Resources Committee</p>	<p>CEQA: Local Agencies: Notice of Determination: Amends CEQA to authorize local agency for multi-county water transfers to file notice of determination with county clerk in county of local agency’s principal office and with Office of Planning and Research.</p>	<p>SUPPORT (based upon board-adopted policy principles)</p>	<p>Would streamline filing of CEQA notices of determination for multi-county water transfers and improve public access to those notices. Notice of multi-county water transfers would be made available on CEQAnet for broader public access.</p>

**Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
State Legislation Matrix 3/9/2015**

Bill Author	Amended Date; Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
<p style="text-align: center;">SB 143 Stone (R)</p> <p>Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Introduced 01/27/2015</p> <p>Senate Environmental Quality Committee – 03/18/2015 hearing</p>	<p>Diamond Valley Lake: Recreational Use: Would exempt Diamond Valley Lake (DVL) in Riverside County from statutory protections for drinking water reservoirs.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OPPOSE (pursuant to board action February 2015</p>	<p>Body-contact recreation at DVL will increase risk of waterborne disease to downstream consumers. Supplemental disinfection at water treatment facilities near DVL would be required to maintain baseline public health risk levels. By excluding body-contrast recreation at DVL, as was decided by Metropolitan's Board in 1998, Metropolitan has provided high-quality boating experience while protecting public health of downstream water consumers.</p>



INFORMATION ITEM

March 16, 2014

TO: **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Barbre, Hinman & Tamaribuchi)

FROM: Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: RECAP OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER ISSUES
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BRIEFING LUNCHEON AT THE ACWA
DC CONFERENCE**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee receive and file.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

Staff worked closely for many months, with Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) and Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) to coordinate both the co-hosted luncheon event in Washington D.C. on February 25, 2015

With the assistance of Director Barbre, Jim Barker and Congressman Issa's office, we hosted over sixty attendees for the annual luncheon. The luncheon focused on water reliability investments and will included information on local projects as well as the Bay Delta. Six members of Congress stopped by and spoke to the group, and we had roughly 60 other attendees.

From our Member Agencies, Irvine Ranch Water District and Santa Margarita Water District participated. In addition, Mesa Water District included information in the electronic briefing book. In addition to our member agencies participation, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, Cucamonga Valley Water District, Rancho California Water District, and Riverside Public Utilities also participated.

Budgeted (Y/N): Y	Budgeted amount: \$1,500	Core _X_	Choice __
Action item amount: n/a	Line item:		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

The luncheon was attended by Director Barbre, Rob Hunter and Heather Baez from MWDOC. Congressman Royce, Congressman Rohrabacher, Congressman Calvert, Congresswoman Walters, Congresswoman Sanchez, and Congressman Lowenthal attended and spoke at the event. In addition, staff from the above offices, plus staff from Congressman Hunter, Congresswoman Torres, Congressman Takano, and Congressman Ruiz participated.

The preliminary direct expenses for the luncheon are estimated to be as follows:

Catering	\$3,180.98
Printing (Posters and BDCP handouts)	\$ 629.04
Shipping (Posters & Name Tags)	\$ 546.22*
Name Tags	\$ 38.52
<u>Materials (USB Drives)</u>	<u>\$1,760.00</u>
	\$6,154.76

*= Shipping costs were to and from the event.

The total final expense will be shared between the four presenting agencies; MWDOC, EMWD, IEUA and WMWD – making the cost for each agency **\$1,538.69**. All three agencies have committed to participating again next year, and will be meeting in the next few weeks to debrief, and discuss what went well and areas to improve.

**ACTION ITEM**

March 18, 2015

TO: Board of Directors**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Barbre, Hinman, and Tamaribuchi)Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON D.C. TO COVER FEDERAL INITIATIVES**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receives and files the report.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

DETAILED REPORT

For the third quarter of fiscal year 2014-2015, four trips have been appropriated:

- January (Director Barbre)
- February – 2 trips (Director Barbre)
- March (Director Barbre canceled trip for now)

The meetings and discussions have revolved around what Congress and the various Committees will do with respect to earmarking of projects and/or how to deal with the prohibition on earmarking as well as implementation of WIFIA, and drought and other water related legislation.

Budgeted (Y/N): Yes	Budgeted amount: \$7,500 – 5 trips; 2014-2015 Fiscal year expenditure	Core <u>X</u>	Choice <u> </u>
Action item amount:		Line item:	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

In working with MWDOC's Washington D.C. advocate, we have outlined the following goals for 2015:

1. Continue to meet with and educate the US House Members from Orange County and the two US Senate Offices on Water Issues affecting the District.
2. Monitor the EPA's implementation of the WIFIA rules and regulations regarding this loan program and where possible, offer assistance to the EPA so that the program is workable.
3. Submission of an Appropriations Request centered on asking the EPA to prepare a Report on what the costs of allowing tax free municipal bonds to be included in a WIFIA loan package—like the TIFIA Transportation Program currently allows. (***)
Note – this letter was submitted to Senator Feinstein on February 18, 2015 (***)
4. Track and assist with California drought related legislation.
5. Allow California, and other states, to receive funds through the Army Corps water environmental infrastructure accounts.

Meetings with House and Senate staff will focus on these goals.

SUMMARY OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY TRIPS

In January, Director Barbre traveled to Washington D.C. January 14-16, February 11-13 and February 24-27.

FISCAL IMPACT

The following is budgeted for fiscal year 2014/2015:

Washington Legislative Advocacy (5 trips) - \$7,500 for directors.

- 4 trips have been taken so far this fiscal year (September, November, January & February)
- Total cost estimate so far for fiscal year 14/15: \$7,704.79 (over budget)
- Total cost estimate for this quarter:
 - January - \$1,342.88
 - February (2 trips) - \$1876.38
 - March – \$402.19 (credit for canceled trip can be used for a different trip, but money has been spent)

Projecting out for 4th Quarter of fiscal year 2014/2015

- Two trips have been booked/scheduled by Director Barbre for April & May
 - April - \$868.47
 - May - \$993.00
 - June – No trip scheduled at this time

Due to MWDOC's increased advocacy and outreach efforts, we are approximately \$2,100 over budget in Washington Legislative Advocacy. Staff has recommended a larger travel budget to accommodate these efforts in fiscal year 2015/2016.



ACTION ITEM

March 18, 2015

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Barbre, Hinman, and Tamaribuchi)

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO SACRAMENTO TO COVER STATE INITIATIVES

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receives and files the report.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

DETAILED REPORT

For the third quarter of fiscal year 2014-2015, four trips have been taken, one more is scheduled:

- January (Heather Baez)
- February – 2 trips (Heather Baez)
- March – 2 trips (Heather Baez)

The majority of the Sacramento travel revolves around ACWA's State Legislative Committee (SLC) which is comprised of 40 members (four members from each of our 10

Budgeted (Y/N): Yes	Budgeted amount: Sacramento Legislative Advocacy - \$1,600 – 4 trips; ACWA Legislative Symposium \$1500 2014-2015 Fiscal year expenditure	Core <u>X</u>	Choice <u> </u>
Action item amount:		Line item:	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

geographic regions) and recommends official state legislative policy positions on behalf of the Association. Committee members review relevant introduced and amended legislation, develop positions and provide recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding ballot measures and other major statewide policy issues. This allows MWDOC to be more engaged at the state level as well as within our own region.

The State Legislative Committee meeting typically runs two hours, and staff uses the remainder of the day to meet with legislative and committee staff.

In working with MWDOC's Sacramento advocates, we have outlined the following goals for 2015:

1. Continue to meet with and educate the Orange County delegation on Water Issues affecting the District and region as a whole.
2. Secure support and potential funding for the Doheny Desalination Project and other reliability efforts in Orange County.
3. Monitor, track, and assist with Prop 1 implementation guidelines
4. Monitor, track and respond to related legislation outlined in MWDOC's Legislative Policy Principles approved by the Board in January 2015.
5. Other issues as directed by the Board.

Meetings with members of the Orange County delegation, committee staff and other involved parties focus on these goals.

SUMMARY OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY TRIPS

In January, Heather attended the ACWA State Legislative Committee (SLC) meeting, met with Senate Republican Caucus Natural Resources and Water Consultant, Todd Moffitt, Christina Hulick, Legislative Aide for Assemblyman Bill Brough, and Mark Reeder, Chief of Staff for Senator Janet Nguyen.

February's trips included:

Water 2015 sponsored by Capitol Weekly, ACC-OC/OCBC Sacramento Advocacy Trip, and the ACWA SLC Meeting (same week/plane ticket as ACC-OC/OCBC Trip), plus meetings with members of the Orange County delegation & staff.

March trips included the ACWA Legislative Symposium and the ACWA SLC meeting, CSDA's Public Works Coalition (re: CEQA legislation) so far.

FISCAL IMPACT

The following is budgeted for fiscal year 2014/2015:

Sacramento Legislative Advocacy (4 trips) - \$1,600 for staff.

- 5 trips have been taken so far this fiscal year (October, January, February & March)

- Total cost estimate so far for fiscal year 14/15: \$2,200 (over budget)
- Total cost estimate for this quarter:
 - January - \$550
 - February (2 trips) - \$800
 - March – (2 trips) - \$800

Projecting out for 4th Quarter of fiscal year 2014/2015

- Upcoming trips:
 - April 10
 - May 1
 - June 5
 - June 26

We are projected to be approximately \$2,800 over budget for this fiscal year. Due to our increased advocacy and outreach efforts in both Sacramento and Washington D.C., staff has recommended a larger travel budget for fiscal year 15/16.



ACTION ITEM

March 18, 2015

TO: Public Affairs & Legislation Committee
(Directors Barbre, Tamaribuchi & Hinman)

FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Jessica H. Ouwerkerk

SUBJECT: CONSIDER FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN SCIENCE FAIR

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee decide whether or not to participate in the 2016 Orange County Science and Engineering Fair through the 2015-16 budgeting process.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

MWDOC was recently approached by representatives of the Orange County Science and Engineering Fair (Science Fair) with a request to fund awards for 2015 Science Fair participants. For a number of years (through 2010), MWDOC awarded \$50 checks to six Science Fair participants who completed water-related projects. Due to the relative scarcity of water-related projects that directly pertained to MWDOC's mission statement, as well as the burden placed on staff to participate in the Science Fair judging process, this expenditure was eliminated from the budget in 2011.

Typically, MWDOC's process has been to consider funding requests exclusively through the budgeting process. Accordingly, staff recommends the following:

- MWDOC not fund 2015 Science Fair awards as this expenditure was not included in the 2015-16 budget.

Budgeted (Y/N): N	Budgeted amount: \$0	Core <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _X_	Choice <input type="checkbox"/>
Action item amount: \$300		Line item:	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

- The Public Affairs & Legislation Committee consider participation in the 2016 Science Fair through the 2015-16 budgeting process.
 - If Science Fair awards are included in the 2015-16 budget, determine what level of funding is appropriate and under what conditions a project will be deemed appropriate to receive an award. If no projects are directly relevant to MWDOC's mission statement, no awards should be given.



ACTION ITEM

March 18, 2015

TO: Public Affairs and Legislative Committee
(Directors Barbre, Tamaribuchi, Hinman)

FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: K. Seckel/R. Bell

**SUBJECT: San Diego Gas & Electric Company
South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE) Project
Authorization to Submit Comments in Support of the Project**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to submit comments and present testimony before the California Public Utilities Commission at one of two project Public Hearings to be held on March 25, 2015 in San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente in support of the subject electrical reliability grid enhancement project for South Orange County.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

To be determined at the Committee meeting.

SUMMARY

SDG&E is proposing to construct several improvements to its transmission and distribution system that serves South Orange County. The purpose of the project is to increase the reliability and operational flexibility of their aging 138-kV system so as to reduce the risk of electrical outages. The South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE) project would also upgrade older electrical infrastructure in the area, including SDG&E's Capistrano Substation in the City of San Juan Capistrano.

Budgeted (Y/N): NA	Budgeted amount: NA	Core X	Choice __
Action item amount: NA	Line item:		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

The SOCRE Project by SDG&E will:

- Rebuild the substation in San Juan Capistrano last renovated in the 1950's
- Upgrade the transmission lines from 69kV and 138kV to 230kV in order to provide the electric reliability needed today
- Replace existing structures with taller steel poles to enhance safety and reliability
- Improve reliability to the existing electric system
- Modernize electric transmission system and replaces outdated equipment
- Meet current and future energy needs of local home and business demands
- Allow for operating flexibility

Water supply and system reliability are integral to our mission and having a reliable electrical power grid is critical to pumping, conveying, treating and recycling of our water supplies. Significant and dependable power is necessary to pump and treat imported and local water supplies that are conveyed to homes and businesses throughout the county.

Like water, power is a commodity that every resident and business has simply come to expect day in and day out. And like water, electrical power is often taken for granted and only missed when it is not available.

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) is proposing to develop and build a \$500 million reliability project that will both modernize equipment that is more than 50 years old as well as provide for a dependable electrical transmission system with sufficient critical facilities that will provide reliable service to reduce the risks of power outages. We cannot afford half measures regarding the viability of our infrastructure.

A key aspect of the reliability project will be the construction of a second 230-kV power source feed to the area, modernizing aging infrastructure, including rebuilding the Capistrano Substation. Currently, 100% of the electrical power into South Orange County flows through the Talega substation – the new project will allow added reliability by providing an alternate flow of electrical energy to either the Talega or the Capistrano substations, thus greatly enhancing the reliability. The rebuilt Capistrano Substation will provide the power supply to the Doheny Ocean Desalination Project. A key purpose of the Doheny Desal Project is to provide improved water supply reliability to the region and a reliable power grid is critical to providing a reliable water supply. We have been working with SDG&E for several years in planning for the future electrical service to the Doheny Desal Project and they have included the project in their projected service load in this area. The SOCRE project will provide critical improvements to assuring a reliable electrical supply to the area and to its critical water supply facilities and should be strongly supported.

The CPUC conducts two parallel processes when considering development proposed by a regulated utility: (1) an application process to consider whether the project is needed and is in the public interest; and (2) an environmental review process pursuant to CEQA. CPUC deemed SDG&E's application complete in May 2012 and is now currently receiving comments on its Draft EIR. Two public meetings will be held on March 25 in San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente to explain the proposed project, to discuss the

project's significant impacts, and to receive public comments on the Draft EIR. The public comment period ends on April 10, 2015. Previously, the CPUC issued a Notice of Preparation and held two previous public scoping meetings in South Orange County to receive comments on project alternatives.

Attached is the draft comment letter. Staff is planning on providing comments at the March 25 meeting.

DRAFT

March XX, 2015

California Public Utilities Commission
RE: SOCRE Project
c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc.
505 Sansome Street, Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94111

Also via email at socre.ceqa@ene.com

RE: SUPPORT - South Orange County Electrical Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE) by
SDG&E

Beginning on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at about 3:30 pm the electrical grid serving the San Diego–Tijuana area, southern Orange County, the Imperial Valley, Mexicali Valley, and Coachella Valley, and parts of Arizona went down for about 11 hours, leaving about 11 million residents without power. The electrical outage brought many metropolitan areas to a standstill, streets and freeways became jammed, one hospital was left without power when its back up generator failed, significant losses occurred to restaurants and grocery stores from spoiled food, and some sewage pumping stations failed resulting in contaminated beaches and potentially unsafe water supplies in several areas. This event, while not caused by local issues, serves to demonstrate the impacts of what can happen if we are not diligent in investing in our future infrastructure needs such as the SOCRE Project.

The SOCRE Project by SDG&E will:

- Rebuild the substation in San Juan Capistrano that was last renovated in the 1950's;
- Upgrade the transmission lines from 69kV and 138kV to 230kV in order to provide the electric reliability needed today; and
- Replace existing structures with taller new steel poles, which enhance safety and reliability.
- Improve reliability to the existing electric system
- Modernize electric transmission system and replaces outdated equipment
- Meet current and future energy needs of local home and business demands
- Allow for operating flexibility

The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) provides imported water in Orange County to 2.4 million residents through 28 agencies covering most of the County (with the exception of Anaheim, Fullerton and Santa Ana). Water supply and system reliability are integral to our mission and having a reliable electrical power grid is critical to pumping, conveying, treating and recycling of our water supplies. It can sometimes take significant power to pump the water through elevation gains to service the homes and businesses throughout the county.

Like water, power is a commodity that every resident and business has simply come to expect day in and day out. And like water, electrical power is often taken for granted and only missed when it is not available.

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) is proposing to develop and build a \$500 million reliability project that will both modernize equipment that is more than 50 years old as well as provide a redundant electrical transmission system that provides reliability and reduces the chances of a power outage. We cannot afford half measures regarding the viability of our infrastructure.

I strongly encourage you to support SDG&E's proposed project – the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE) for the benefit of the 300,000 plus residents and businesses who demand and deserve electric reliability.

Thank you,

Rob Hunter
General Manager
Municipal Water District of Orange County



INFORMATION ITEM

March 16, 2015

TO: Public Affairs & Legislation Committee
(Directors Barbre, Hinman & Tamaribuchi)

FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Darcy M. Burke

SUBJECT: 8th Annual Orange County Water Summit – May 15, 2015

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee receive and file this report on the Orange County Water Summit.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

The 8th Annual Orange County Water summit is scheduled for Friday, May 15, 2015 and held at Disneyland's Grand Californian. Disney has begun developing graphics and décor for the event. The Save the Date/ Invitation is attached for your review and has been distributed by both MWDC and OCWD.

As a reminder, the lead agency for this year's Summit is Orange County Water District. They will be responsible for registration, vendor contracts and payments, financial services and other support services as required.

The full planning committee is scheduled to meet on March 12th. Results or changes to the program or other elements from that meeting will be provided next month. Staff has continued to pursue speakers and sponsors based on the recommendations of the committee and the direction from the Co-Chairmen; Director Steve Sheldon (OCWD) and Director Jeff Thomas (MWDOC).

Budgeted (Y/N): N	Budgeted amount:	Core <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	Choice <input type="checkbox"/>
Action item amount:	Line item:		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted): The event must break-even through registrations and sponsorships. For the last four years we have realized a surplus which has been used to defray future expenses and for required event-related deposits.			

OCWD staff has finalized sponsorship materials and copy of the brochure is attached for review. Staff from OCWD and MWDOC are continuing to work on identifying sponsorships, developing partnerships with local business groups and beginning to outreach for registrations. The registration link is available at www.ocwatersummit.com. Promotion for both sponsorships and registration will continue until the event and printing deadlines.

MWDOC has secured and verified two sponsors to date; Mesa Water District will return as the Luncheon Sponsor (\$7,500.00) and Anaheim will provide the parking shuttle service. Formal sponsorship outreach is in process.

The working draft of the program follows:



The 2015 OC WATER SUMMIT *Moving Parts*

Friday, May 15, 2015

7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Grand Californian Hotel, Disneyland Resort
Anaheim, California

Session 1 (45 minutes)

8:10 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.

Thirst (video clip is an old news reel about water conditions in CA – demonstrates nothing has really changed) (MWDOC has a copy)

Necessity is the Mother of Invention

We know there are repeated weather cycles – so why wait for others to solve our water problems? We must be proactive to do something about it.

(15 -20 minutes) Presentation from Farmer's Almanac – how they predict the weather (great story about a secret formula combined with modern technology); drought cycles; severe weather conditions; historical drought data; satellite images of groundwater basins, etc. Since 1792, The Old Farmer's

Almanac has been known for its traditionally 80 percent accurate forecasts; predictions one year at a time.

(10 – 15 minutes) Alternative Conveyance Update –

Speakers:

- Janice Stillman, Editor, Farmer's Almanac – (CONFIRMED)
- Reps from OCWD and MWDOC - TBD
- Roger Patterson, Assistant General Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Confirmed)

Session 2 (60 minutes)
9:00 a.m.to 10:00 a.m.

WHAT HAPPENS IN CA DOESN'T STAY IN CA: STATE, NATIONAL AND GLOBAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF CA'S DROUGHT

How much is the drought costing CA and the U.S. in terms of agriculture, textiles, manufacturing, building, construction, health, finance, etc.?; what impacts has it had on exports and global markets? Are other global markets filling the gaps and cutting in to the U.S.'s potential future trade and profits?

Speakers:

- Moderator: Rosario Marin, Former U.S. Secretary Treasurer (Invited)
- John Chandler, Chandler Farms (Confirmed)
- Paul Parreira, RPAC (Confirmed)

Break
10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Session 3 (60 minutes)
10:20 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

OCEAN DESALINATION: MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION?

Similar problems and solutions taking place in other parts of the world; Australia's Mega Droughts and issues/solutions with desalination, water reuse and conservation; Masdar - the world's first sustainable city – challenges and solutions, and their unique partnership with the U.S. government.

Speakers:

- Moderator – Tom Pankratz, Editor, Global Water Intelligence (CONFIRMED)
- Doheny Ocean Desalination Project - TBD
- Poseidon Representative– TBD
- Others TBD

Session 4 (20 minutes)

11:25 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. THE CITY OF THE FUTURE

Representative, Masdar, a Mubadala Company (Invited)

15 Minute Break to Set Room for Lunch

11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Video – Infrastructure (15 minutes)

Lunch Session (65 Minutes)

12:15 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. All Eyes on These City Mayors

A mayors' roundtable on their water problems and solutions to get their cities out of the mess now and prevent it from happening in the future.

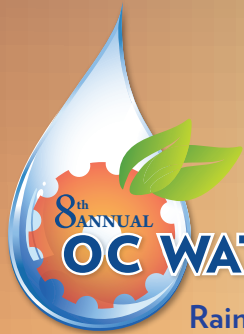
Speakers:

- Moderator - TBD
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, City of Los Angeles –(*Invited*)
- Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer, City of San Diego (*Invited*)
- Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota) *Invited*

1:25 Closing Remarks

1:30 Conclusion

LIQUID MOTION



8th ANNUAL OC WATER SUMMIT

Rain today, gone tomorrow? Droughts in California are expected to occur three out of every 10 years. And what happens in California does not stay in California. Without proper planning and investment in water infrastructure and policy, California's \$1.9 trillion economy can come to a stand still, having devastating ripple effects on U.S. and global markets. Join us for the 8th Annual Orange County Water Summit to set imagination, innovation and investment into motion to keep water flowing.

PROGRAM AND SPEAKERS

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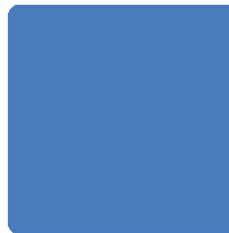
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



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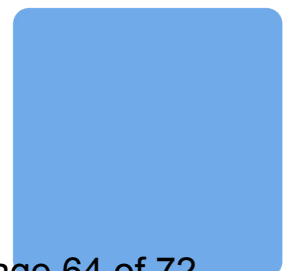


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INFORMATION ITEM

March 16, 2015

TO: **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Barbre, Hinman & Tamaribuchi)

FROM: **Robert Hunter, General Manager**

Staff Contact: Darcy M. Burke

SUBJECT: DROUGHT OUTREACH

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee receive and file the report

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

DETAILED REPORT

As part of our efforts to provide education, information and resources to Orange County residents, business and policymakers, Public Affairs is tracking activities related to drought outreach. Since the last Public Affairs and Legislation Committee in February, staff members have conducted the follow drought outreach efforts in addition to presentations at MWDOC regularly scheduled Board & Committee meetings and member agency meetings:

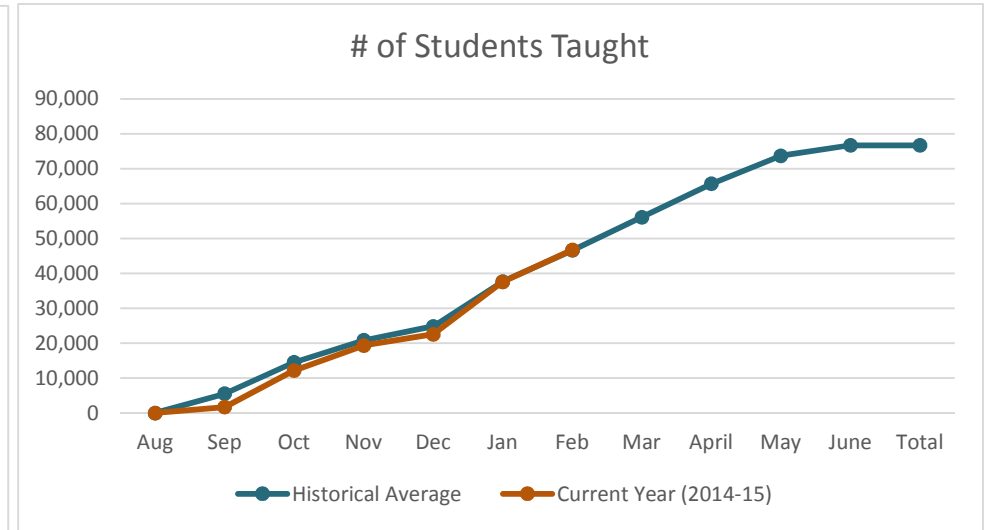
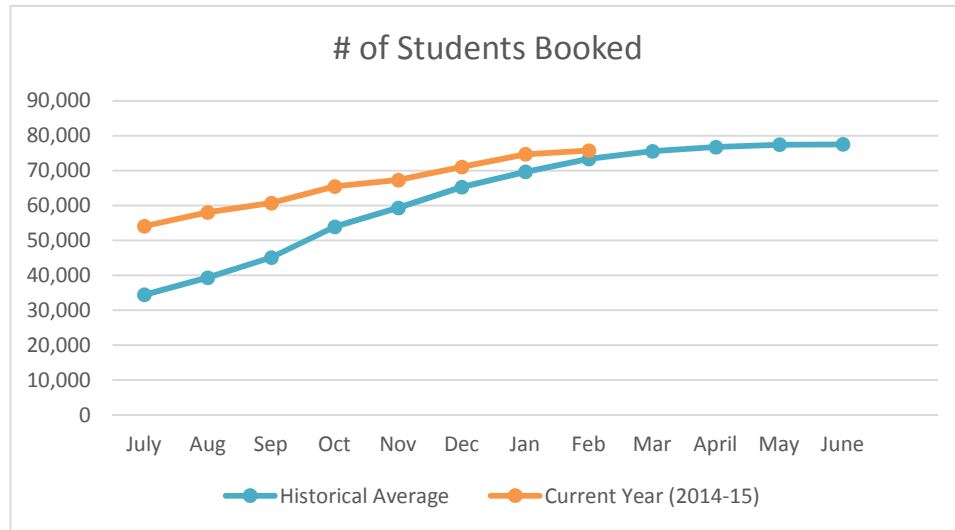
HOA Laguna Beach	Presentation	02/18/2015	Joe	Laguna Beach
Water Expo Planning Meeting	Meeting	2/19/2015	Darcy & Jessica	Anaheim

Budgeted (Y/N): N/A	Budgeted amount: N/A	Core _X_	Choice __
Action item amount:	Line item:		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

2014-15 Water Education School Program

# of Students Booked	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Target
Historical Average	34,405	39,319	45,070	53,900	59,337	65,269	69,616	73,332	75,563	76,726	77,411	77,523	
Current Year (2014-15)	54,053	58,028	60,691	65,453	67,314	71,036	74,656	75,743					83,798

# of Students Taught	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total	
Historical Average	0	5,526	14,522	20,838	24,823	37,676	46,625	56,093	65,692	73,691	76,705	76,705	
Current Year (2014-15)	0	1,673	12,161	19,355	22,514	37,603	46,730						83,798



Public Affairs Activities Report
February 17, 2015 – March 15, 2015

Member Agency Relations	<p>Tiffany accompanied Director McKenney on a State Water Project Inspection Trip on February 20th – 21st. Tiffany is also working with Director Barbre and Al Mendez of Metropolitan regarding Director Barbre's upcoming State Water Project trip which is co-hosted by Director Lewinger from San Diego. The three day trip is scheduled for March 20th – 22nd and will include stops in the Central Valley as well as Edmonston. Two additional Diamond Valley Lake trips are in process. The trip dates are March 27th and April 17th and Director McKenney is hosting both. Tiffany is sending out invitations, accepting reservations, and managing guest, MWD, and Director needs for these trips as well.</p> <p>Darcy has been scheduling member agency meetings with Stetson Engineering in regards to the Consumer Confidence Report. The agency meetings will be held here at MWDOC, March 30th – April 1st.</p> <p>Darcy facilitated the February Public Affairs Workgroup meeting. Harvey provided the group with an overview of water supply conditions and possible allocation scenarios. Kelly provided an overview of the upcoming AlertOC exercise and encouraged the agencies to participate in coordination with the cities they serve. Tiffany also attended.</p> <p>Darcy and Jessica worked with Kelly to develop press release templates, social media posts and AlertOC message templates for the upcoming regional AlertOC Test on April 7th. In addition, Darcy participated in the first planning meeting with member agencies, cities and the County. More coordination meetings are planned in the next few weeks as well as additional training opportunities.</p> <p>Darcy is drafting a regional Drought Communications plan for regional messaging and outreach efforts.</p> <p>Darcy and Jessica participated in Metropolitan's PIO meeting on March 12th.</p> <p>Jessica participated in the February 19th Member Agency Managers Meeting. During the meeting, she shared results of the recent Managers Meeting survey.</p> <p>South Coast Water District borrowed the Ricki Raindrop mascot for community events the weekend of March 7-8.</p> <p>Heather met with Christine Compton from IRWD & Alicia Dunkin from OCWD to discuss working together on gathering Prop. 1</p>
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	<p>information and working together to maximize benefits to the region.</p> <p>Heather met with Stacy Taylor from Mesa Water District and Christine Compton from IRWD to discuss upcoming legislative proposals and the ACWA State Legislative Committee meeting.</p>
Community Relations	<p>Darcy participated as a speaker and panelist at the Urban Water Institute's Spring Conference in Palm Springs. President Dick moderated the panel.</p> <p>Darcy and Jessica are working with City of Anaheim staff to coordinate a Water Expo at the new Anaheim Regional Transportation Center on June 6.</p> <p>Jessica developed and distributed the February issue of eCurrents, which featured articles on the allocations/water supply, Orange County's water-saving efforts, emergency preparedness, Mesa Water District's Drought-Reach campaign, and more.</p> <p>Jessica developed an infographic showcasing Orange County's long-term water use efficiency efforts. The infographic was distributed to the member agencies, shared on our social media pages, and posted on our website.</p> <p>Jessica wrote an article on MWDOC's Water Education School Program for Marmalade Magazine, a free publication available at Orange County newsstands. The article discussed MWDOC and local water agencies' long-standing commitment to water education and our efforts to education Orange County's youngest water users. The magazine hits newsstands in April.</p> <p>Tiffany is working with Laura Lowen and Directory contacts to complete the MWDOC member agencies and OC special districts 2015 MWDOC and ISDOC Directories.</p> <p>Jessica, Tiffany, Bryce, and Marey implemented MWDOC's social media activities through Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest during this period.</p> <p>Jessica updated several pages on the MWDOC website, Open Government site, and WUE microsite.</p> <p>Tiffany staffed the monthly WACO meeting on March 6th.</p>
Education	<p>Jessica is coordinating a School Program Working Group comprised of member agency representatives from EOCWD, Mesa Water, SMWD, and MNWD (all agencies were invited to participate). The group met on March 9 to outline the School Program Request for Proposals Process and discuss next steps.</p> <p>Jessica accompanied SMWD staff at School Program observations</p>

	on May 4.
Media Relations	
Special Projects	<p>Tiffany is continuing to work with Immersiv Media on the OC Water Hero Program phone app. Tiffany, Jessica, Bryce and OCWD representatives met with Greg Osti on March 4th to review the overall development of the app and the accompanying website.</p> <p>Heather & Darcy attended the WACO Planning meeting.</p> <p>Darcy and Jessica are working with Fraser Communications in the development and production of the short Value of Water Video. In addition, Darcy has provided the participating agencies with Field Crew talking points on the drought, message points on the three pillars and social media posts. Efforts are underway on the electronic Consumer Confidence Report templates, newsletter articles and presentation templates.</p> <p>Darcy participated in an Orange County Water Summit Planning Committee and has been working with OCWD staff and Disney to finalize the collateral materials. The next full committee meeting is scheduled for</p> <p>Darcy is working with other water stakeholders on the development of a recycled water operator certification program.</p> <p>Jessica developed draft speaking points regarding drought and water supply conditions. The speaking points were distributed to member agency public affairs staff for their use.</p> <p>Tiffany and Bryce continue to manage the administrative process for the annual Poster Slogan Contest and Digital Arts Contest, and will continue to work on a variety of elements leading up to the Awards Ceremony in May 2015.</p> <p>Tiffany and Bryce prepared the February cover image for social media, eCurrents, and the website.</p> <p>Jessica, Tiffany and Darcy participated in the interview process for the Value of Water Assistant position. 5 candidates were interviewed.</p> <p>Tiffany provided Laguna Beach County Water District with outreach materials for the 2015 Poster & Slogan, and 2015 Photography & Digital Arts Contests.</p> <p>Tiffany, Bryce and Marey researched, provided recommendations, and ordered several marketing giveaways and community event materials.</p>

	<p>Tiffany coordinated with Cena Swisher, contractor to EPA's WaterSense Program, to secure artwork for a promotional banner to be used at public events.</p> <p>Tiffany has created a new template for briefing papers and will begin transitioning information from the original briefing papers to the new template over the next few months.</p> <p>Heather attended the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting.</p>
Water-Use Efficiency Marketing	<p>Jessica developed and coordinated water use efficiency bill inserts promoting smart timers, the CA Sprinkler Adjustment Notification System, high efficiency clothes washers and toilets. The 260,000 bill inserts are being distributed by 17 retail water agencies during the months of March through May; e-bill inserts will also be distributed to customers of select water agencies.</p> <p>Jessica completed the WUE Master Plan Annual Update. It is currently being reviewed by management staff.</p> <p>Jessica is working with the OC Stormwater Program on post-turf removal lawn signs that will be funded by the County. The signs are currently being printed, and will soon be offered to the retail water agencies for distribution to successful Turf Removal Program participants.</p> <p>Jessica participated in the OC Stormwater Program Public Education meeting on February 24.</p> <p>Jessica participated in the OC WUE Coordinators workgroup meeting on March 5.</p> <p>Jessica designed and ordered four Public Spaces Landscape Program signs customized for ETWD and the City of Lake Forest. The signs will be displayed at participating sites as part of a grant requirement.</p>
Legislative Affairs	<p>Heather attended the "Water 2015" conference sponsored by Capitol Weekly and heard from the following panels/panelists: <u>The Money: Who Pays & How Much?</u> Anthony York, Grizzly Bear Project; Joe Byrne, California Water Commission; Joe Caves, Conservation Strategy Group; Denise Kruger, Golden State Water; Roger K. Patterson, Metropolitan Water District; Cindy Tuck, ACWA. <u>Drought Impact</u> Jennifer Bowles, Water Education Foundation; Jim Branham, Sierra Nevada Conservancy; Adrian Covert, Bay Area Council; Laurel Firestone, Community Water Center; Bo Mazzetti, Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians; Assemblyman Henry Perea. <u>The Delta</u> Amy Quinton, Capital Public Radio; Osha Meserve, Soluri Meserve</p>

	<p>Law Corporation; Marguerite Patil, Contra Costa Water District; Mary Piepho, Contra Costa Board of Supervisors; Richard Stapler, California Natural Resources Agency.</p> <p>Heather participated in the ACC-OC/OCBC Sacramento Advocacy Trip and heard from the following VIPs:</p> <p>Rob Lapsley, President of the California Business Roundtable; Dave Cogdil, CEO California Building Industry Association; Kathy Cole, Executive Legislative Representative, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Janet Napolitano, President, University of California.</p> <p>Legislative appointments included: Senator Andy Vidak Assemblyman Anthony Rendon Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom Assemblyman Jimmy Gomez Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins Secretary of Labor & Workforce Development David Lanier Assemblyman Jose Medina Secretary of CA EPA Matt Rodriguez California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones</p> <p>Dinner – included a guest appearance by Governor Jerry Brown, and the entire Orange County delegation.</p> <p>Heather participated in ACWA's Annual Washington D.C. Conference with Rob and Director Tamaribuchi.</p> <p>Heather met with Senate Republican Caucus Policy Director, Greg Maw, to discuss SB 143 (Stone) which the Board voted to oppose on 2/18/15.</p> <p>Heather participated in ACWA's State Legislative Committee.</p> <p>Heather had a meet & greet with the Rural County Representatives of California.</p> <p>Heather met with Steve McCarthy, consultant for the Assembly Parks & Wildlife Committee and shared MWDOC's 2015 Policy Principles.</p> <p>Heather attended the Water Agencies of the Inland Empire and Orange County State Legislative Reception.</p> <p>Heather participated in ACWA's Legislative Symposium and heard from the following panels/panelists: <u>To Adjudicate or Not to Adjudicate? That is the Question</u> Eric Garner, Attorney at BB&K; Gordon Burns, Undersecretary at CalEPA; Dennis O'Connor, Principal Consultant for Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee; & Jack Rice, Associate Counsel for the California Farm Bureau Federation. <u>Prop. 218: Storm Water & Disadvantaged Community, Changes</u></p>
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	<p><u>Headed Our Way?</u> Kathy Cole, Legislative Representative, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Omar Carrillo, Community Water Center; Justin Malan, EcoConsult; Jason Rhine, Legislative Representative, League of California Cities.</p>
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