

MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Jointly with the
PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
March 17, 2014, 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 101

Committee:

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Director Clark
Director Hinman

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ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED - Determine there is a need to take immediate action on item(s) and that the need for action came to the attention of the District subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. (Requires a unanimous vote of the Committee)

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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. MET Legislative Matrix
2. STATE WATER BOND LEGISLATION

3. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF MWDOC'S "ASK" OF STATE LEGISLATORS
4. UPCOMING LEGISLATION
 - a. AB 2712 (Daly)
 - b. SB 1362 (Correa)
 - c. SB 1390 (Correa)

ACTION ITEMS

5. TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON DC IN 2014 TO COVER FEDERAL INITIATIVES
6. NOMINATIONS FOR CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTING REGION 6 "SEAT C"
7. AB 1671, FRAZIER, SACRAMENTO- SAN JOAQUIN DELTA: WATER CONVEYANCE SYSTEM

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.)

8. RECAP OF FEBRUARY 6, 2014 WATER POLICY FORUM & DINNER
9. 7TH ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY WATER SUMMIT
10. ACWA DC LUNCHEON AND SACRAMENTO RECEPTION
11. PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES REPORT
12. WATER EDUCATION SCHOOL PROGRAM- MONTHLY PARTICIPATION DATA
13. 2014 POSTER & SLOGAN CONTEST AND PHOTOGRAPHY & DIGITAL ARTS CONTEST

OTHER ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Municipal Water District of Orange County, California
Washington Update
March 13, 2014

The President has released his FY2015 Budget and the Congress is in the midst of the Appropriations season.

The so called “top line” numbers for each of the Appropriations Subcommittees were agreed upon with the Government Shutdown Agreement last fall. This means that the typical several month long sparring over how much money each subcommittee will be spend this year will be avoided as Congress seeks to appropriate funds for the Fiscal Year which begins on October 1, 2014. As a result, Congress should be able to develop and hopefully pass Appropriations bills for the various federal agencies in a more timely way this year.

In the background of the effort to fund the various agencies there are a number of issues which the Congress is focused on.

The Ukraine: Russia has seized control over the Crimea during the past month as the citizens of Ukraine ousted its leader, Viktor Yanukovich, in Kiev. At press time, Eastern Ukraine is experiencing a certain level of chaos—not knowing what the Russian military will do next. Our diplomatic corps are trying to engage other Members of the European Union to assist with a diplomatic solution with Russia.

Air Disaster: An international effort to determine how the Malaysia Airlines passenger jet has mysteriously disappeared is well underway. There are currently ten countries with at least 40 ships and 34 planes looking nonstop for the aircraft which “disappeared out of clear skies” last week. The United States Navy is assisting in that search effort. The FBI has offered to send forensic help and experts, but the two countries leading the investigation have declined to accept that assistance according to the Justice Department yesterday.

Health Care: On the ongoing saga of the roll out of the Obama Health Care law, individuals whose health plans were supposed to be canceled this year may now get to keep them deep into 2017, according to another Obamacare policy change announced last week by the Obama Administration. Such a move will surely avoid an outcry over plan cancellations before the November midterm elections. In the fine print, it is important to note that the extension is voluntary for states and insurers -- so the impact is unclear.

Water Update:

Drought: On the drought front, last month there was discussion in the Washington Report regarding HR 3964, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act which passed the House Floor by a vote of 229-191. Congressman Valadao (Ca-R-21st) was the prime sponsor of that legislation.

Shortly thereafter, Senator Feinstein introduced her own California's drought bill. The two bills differ significantly. The Feinstein legislation offers \$300 million in drought aid through a variety of programs. It tries to provide more water for users, in part by requiring "flexibility" in how federal officials manage pumping through the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. It also speeds up federal decision-making on water supply projects.

"It essentially adds increased flexibility to the system", according to Senator Feinstein.

The bill declares, assuming it might become law, the current California drought "fully satisfies" the requirements for initiating emergency procedures under NEPA and other environmental laws. It also waives the customary requirement that the bill explains how it is "paid for".

The House Bill, on the other hand, made a clear effort to place the rights of the rancher/farmer/grower above those of the Delta Smelt fish which current laws are actively protecting.

There is an excellent *March 7, 2014 Wall Street Journal Article* which summarizes the issues associated with the Central Valley Drought which has been included in another section of this Report.

WRRDA Conference: Turning to the House / Senate Conference on the Water Resources Reform Development Act, there are reports that the legislation is expected to clear the Congress in April. Details of the Conference Report have not been released to the public as of yet. MWDOC has worked hard to insure that there is a "workable" WIFIA financing mechanism in the legislation. Such a financing program could save MWDOC rate payers millions of dollars in future years. MWDOC has also worked hard to insure that the 2007 California Environmental Infrastructure Authorization for \$40,000,000 would not be terminated or extinguished.

Appropriations: On the Appropriations front, as reported last month, Congress approved \$44,000,000 for Army Corps Environmental Infrastructure Projects in the fiscal year which ends on September 30, 2014. The Congress did place a restriction in the law that no new projects or states could receive funding if they haven't previously received funding out of this larger account. California found itself in this particular circumstance.

This year MWDOC is actively seeking additional funding for this account with the additional proviso that any state with an authorization to use the funds can be eligible to receive funds. This would include California.

FEDERAL FUNDING REQUESTS

<i>Potential Source of Funding</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>Status: Repeating is a listing below from last month—</i>
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) U.S. Dept of Agriculture	SmarTimer Irrigation Controller Installations		The NRCS Program may provide funding opportunities in future grant programs.
South Orange Coastal Ocean Water Desalination Project	Federal Appropriations and an Authorization for Federal Funds for the Desalination Project	Competitive Grant Programs	<p>Appropriations: Repeating from last month, MWDOC continues to pursue a strategy to open up Section 5039 of the WRDA Act which would allow MWDOC to be eligible to receive funds for water infrastructure. Other Western States have “opened” their respective accounts; California’s account has not been opened to date. This past year the Congress did in fact fund the account for the first time since 2010.</p> <p>Authorizations: The WRDA Bill is now in a House / Senate Conference.</p>
			<p>Earmarks: Again, there is a gradual recognition that more and more Congressional Offices question of the judgment of surrendering their power to allocate federal funds to the Executive Branch of Government.</p>

GENERAL CONGRESSIONAL, NEWS, AND POLITICAL UPDATES

I have included this article because I believe it is noteworthy to read. It provides an excellent review of the issues currently in play in the Central Valley and in the Sacramento Bay Delta region of the state.

How the Other California Lives

Some of the most productive farm land in the world is going fallow thanks to a man-made water shortage. A long-time grower explains.

By Allysia Finley, The Wall Street Journal
March 7, 2014

Tulare, Calif.

When Americans think of California, they tend to think of Silicon Valley, Hollywood and the golden coast—"a place where the grass is really greener, warm, wet and wild" as Santa Barbara native Katy Perry swoons in "California Gurls." Or they think of the liberals and environmentalists who dominate state government.

Yet there's another California, set back from the left coast, in the abundantly fertile Central Valley, which produces half of America's fruits and vegetables; more than 98% of its almonds, pistachios and walnuts; a third of U.S. dairy exports—and Trader Joe's Two Buck Chuck wine. This California has come under siege from the California of politicians and regulators, a siege that has been especially harmful during the current prolonged period of drought and water shortages. The storms that hit the state a couple of weeks ago didn't make a dent in the water shortfall or in the farmers' larger problems.

Just ask Mark Watte, a second-generation dairyman and nut grower from rural Tulare, who doesn't mince words. "Everywhere you turn, they are coming at us with this nonsensical b.s.!" he says. Who are "they"? Environmentalists, though the beleaguered California farmer cautions against using that word: "Most of them don't really care about the environment. They are obstructionists."

The 61-year-old farmer tends to speak with exclamation marks when he's revved up—and that's often these days. Mr. Watte sat down to chat recently at the Tulare Golf Course restaurant, where the dress code is jeans-and-flannel and the music strictly country. He was joined by Rep. Devin Nunes, who grew up working on a family-owned dairy farm that is

	<p>still managed by his 95-year-old grandmother.</p> <p>The congressman rolls out a large map of California's sprawling irrigation system showing its rivers, canals, dams and lakes. The ultimate aim of the environmentalists, Mr. Watte says, is to wipe out 1.3 million acres of farmland and return the valley basin to its once-swampy state.</p> <p>West-side growers have already taken tens of thousands of acres out of production. This year they plan to leave fallow half a million more acres, a drastic move spurred by a depletion of aquifers and suspension of state water deliveries. Harris Farms alone is taking 9,000 acres that would have grown melons, tomatoes, bell peppers, broccoli, cabbage and lettuce out of production. One result of farmers scaling back is that 72 million heads of lettuce won't be produced in California and likely will be imported instead from Mexico.</p> <p>Mr. Watte explains that west-side farmers in the Central Valley are idling all their crops except for high-value nut trees, which the farmers are paying a premium to keep on the drip. An acre-foot of water (enough to submerge an acre of land in one foot of water) can cost up to \$1,300 compared with about \$40 a few years ago. Meanwhile, some farmers are drilling deeper wells at a cost of \$1 million per hole. These wells may last only five years, and the groundwater is often too salty to irrigate crops.</p> <p>East-side farmers like Mr. Watte who were blessed with rich aquifers are also having to pump deeper. Later, on a tour of his farm, he drops a rock down a well. The "plunk" that reverberates is music to his ears since it means he still has groundwater. But he expects many pumps to break by this fall due to heavy use, which could force him to leave some land fallow. He also worries that farmers are causing "long-term permanent environmental damage" by depleting aquifers. "Once an aquifer is gone, you can't restore it."</p> <p>"I'm more worried about 2024 than 2014," says Mr. Watte who has worked on the farm since his father transplanted their family here from Long Beach in 1958. Mr. Watte and one of his two brothers, Brian, took over the business when their dad retired in 1984 and have since tripled its footprint to 4,500 acres. While Mr. Watte's three daughters aren't involved in day-to-day operations, a son-in-law and nephew help run the business.</p> <p>Liberals blame the water shortage on record dry weather and climate change. (Climate models predict that California will get wetter if the world is warming, but never mind.) Those explanations ignore that San Joaquin farmers haven't received 100% of their contractual water allocations from the federal Central Valley Project since 2006, even in years of heavy rain or snow. Farmers got only 45% of the water they were due in 2010, when</p>
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	<p>precipitation was 110% of the norm. Regulations ostensibly intended to protect fish like the three-inch delta smelt, steelhead and chinook salmon, Mr. Watte says, are to blame.</p> <p>He explains that California Democratic Rep. George Miller in 1992 led the first major water siege with the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, which allocated 1.2 million acre-feet of water to wildlife—enough to sustain 1.2 million families and 300,000 acres. The law aggravated the existing acrimony between farmers and environmentalists, and resulted in a turf war between federal and state regulators.</p> <p>Eventually, green groups, farmers, the feds and state reached an armistice with the 1994 Bay Delta Accord, which jettisoned a demand by environmental groups to restore fish to a dry stretch of the San Joaquin River. Senator Feinstein in October 1994 expressed her unequivocal opposition to "any effort to take water from Friant Dam for the purpose of restoring a long gone fishery on the San Joaquin River." Such a water diversion, she said, would have proved devastating to "10,000 small, family farms."</p> <p>But environmental groups soon broke the peace by suing for more water diversions to protect salmon and smelt. By 2009, Ms. Feinstein's views had reversed: She backed the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act, whose goal was to restore fish to what had been a dry river bed. But not just any fish—specifically, cold-water salmon that hadn't been documented at the site since the 1940s. Cold-water salmon require "huge volumes of water" to thrive, Mr. Watte notes, and he thinks that was exactly the point. The environmentalists "don't care about fish," he says. "The fish are just a prop, a vehicle to get our water."</p> <p>That may sound paranoid, but consider that about 400,000 acre-feet of water over the past two years have been diverted from farm use merely to conduct salmon <i>test-runs</i> on the dry river. Such prodigious use of water for seemingly everything but farming is starting to seem familiar to growers. For the past seven years, federal regulators have been flushing hundreds of thousands of acre-feet of water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta into the San Francisco Bay on the pretext of protecting three-inch smelt from pumps that send water to farmers in the Central Valley.</p> <p>It's ironic, Mr. Watte says, that the biggest threat to the smelt is "Sacramento and other communities that are pumping their sewage into the delta—or not treating it the way they should be." Another irony: Government biologists kill more smelt each year conducting population surveys than do the delta's water pumps. Meanwhile, Mr. Watte notes, San Francisco is piping in "pristine water from Yosemite"—thereby circumventing the delta—while liberals demand that more water be</p>
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	<p>diverted from farmers to restore the smelt's polluted ecosystem.</p> <p>Regulations also make it nearly impossible to build or expand reservoirs to store water from wet years. Consider the saga of adding to the Lake Kaweah reservoir more than two decades ago. "I'm on a water board that added 21 feet of height to the lake," says Mr. Watte. "It took us 20 years and \$55 million to accomplish that, and of that \$55 million, about \$20 million was for environmental mitigation."</p> <p>Such mitigation included coddling the elderberry beetles of the Sierra foothills. Elderberry bushes "are not endangered, but the elderberry beetle that lives in the bushes are," Mr. Watte says. "So we gave the contractor a significant bonus to be done by a certain date because it was the beginning of elderberry beetle breeding season," and heaven forbid that construction disturb beetles feeling "amorous."</p> <p>The reservoir improved flood protection, which "you would think would be a good thing," says Mr. Watte—but then the water board was told by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Fish and Wildlife Service that it had to "mitigate for the lack of flooding," he says, incredulous 15 years later. So the water board paid a farmer to flood a separate field occasionally for the benefit of the local flora and fauna.</p> <p>But when the state Department of Fish and Wildlife examined the flooding site, the inspectors discovered burrowing owls—which the state has designated a "species of special concern." The state required owl safeguards. An elaborate ritual was devised to trap and release the owls far from the flooding, even though, as Mr. Watte notes, the owls tended to fly away when the area got wet and return when it dried out.</p> <p>The environmental burdens are bad enough for farmers, but then there are the government-exacerbated costs of doing business, including truck rules recently imposed by the California Air Resources Board adding \$7 per ton to the cost of transporting hay and a mysterious \$16 per acre "environmental charge" on Mr. Watte's irrigation-district assessment. That money is rebated to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation—for purposes that Rep. Nunes says he has been so far unable to divine.</p> <p>These added costs hamper innovation, which Central Valley farmers happen to be good at. Though inhabitants of coastal California may be unaware, these farmers have pioneered technology to conserve water and improve land productivity. Tens of thousands of farmers from around the world flock to Tulare each winter for the World Ag Expo.</p> <p>While giving a tour of his farm, Mr. Watte flags a couple of GPS-equipped, self-driving tractors. He shows off a machine that shakes</p>
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	<p>pistachios off trees and catches the nuts before they hit the ground. Even flood irrigation, which environmentalists decry as wasteful, he says, is highly efficient due to the use of laser land leveling.</p> <p>Rep. Nunes and Mr. Watte later take a drive though Tulare, a tight-knit immigrant city of about 60,000. "This is old America," Mr. Watte says. Though tiny, Tulare is home to some of the nation's largest dairy plants, making Saputo, Land O'Lakes and Häagen-Dazs products. "What happens to workers in the absence of wheat to feed the cows that make the milk that feed these big plants?" he muses.</p> <p>Unemployment in the valley ticked up in December even as the statewide rate fell to 8.3% from 8.5% thanks to robust job growth in the Bay Area. Kings, Tulare and Merced counties, where the unemployment rate ranges from 12.8% to 14.2%, lost more than 4,000 jobs in November 2013. Signs like "Food Grows Where Water Flows" and "No Water = No Jobs" dot Highway 99, which runs up the valley's east side.</p> <p>Democrats' solution to the water crisis is to give farmers handouts. President Obama dropped by Democratic Rep. Jim Costa's Fresno district Feb. 14 to announce \$135 million to restock food banks and indemnify ranchers for dead cattle. Mr. Obama "came out, did his face time, and threw some money at" the problem, says Mr. Watte. "It's a slap in our face. It's like leaving a waitress a quarter tip."</p> <p>As if helping to prove Mr. Watte's point, President Obama, Gov. Jerry Brown and Sens. Feinstein and Barbara Boxer have denounced a congressional bill backed by California's GOP delegation that would temporarily waive species protections so farmers would be first in the water line when it rains. Mr. Brown called the bill an "unwelcome and divisive intrusion into California's efforts to manage this severe crisis."</p> <p>A few days after the president issued a veto threat, northern California was hit by a deluge. Government responded quickly: To protect the three-inch smelt from the delta pumps that would have directed the rainfall to Central Valley farmers desperate to irrigate their land, regulators flushed 95,000 acre-feet of water into the ocean.</p> <p><i>Ms. Finley is an editorial writer for the Wall Street Journal.</i></p>

MEMO

To: Municipal Water District of Orange County

From: Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

Date: March 11, 2014

Subject: Monthly Political and Activity Report

STATE POLITICAL UPDATE

Friday, February 21st was the deadline to introduce new bills. There were over 1100 new bills introduced. Many of the introduced measures were in the form of spot bills, and the details will be fleshed out in the coming weeks and months. All bills must remain in print for 30 days before they can be assigned a policy committee hearing.

Governor Brown and Legislative leadership introduced emergency drought legislation in mid-February to provide \$687 million to local communities for drought related assistance and water projects. The money will come from a variety of sources, including Proposition 84, the 2006 approved water bond, as well as a 2006 approved housing bond, a 2006 proved flood bond and about \$40 million from cap and trade funds.

The funding, being prepared by Senate President pro Tem Steinberg, would expedite help for communities facing the drought and would support shovel-ready water projects that would improve water supply through recycling, storm water capture, and groundwater recharge and would help secure drinking water supplies for communities that are severely impacted. The proposed language would set a July 1st deadline for state agencies to approve water recycling and storm water reuse projects as well as appropriate \$11 million of existing state and federal funds for clean drinking water programs, speed up funding for expanded use of recycled water and storm water capture projects, and direct the State Water Resources Control Board to expedite spending money to help disadvantaged communities. The bill also directs the California Department of Public Health to adopt new groundwater replenishment regulations by July 1, 2014. Several of the proposals included in the legislative package were proposed in the Governor's January budget and will now be expedited.

Highlights include:

- \$549 million from voter-approved bonds, Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E, for infrastructure grants for local and regional projects that are already planned or partially completed. The projects must seek to increase local water reliability, including recapturing storm water, expanding the use and distribution of recycled

water, enhancing the management and recharging of groundwater storage and strengthening water conservation.

- \$20 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for direct expenditures and grants to state and local agencies to improve water use efficiency, save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- \$14 million for groundwater management across the state, including assistance to disadvantaged communities with groundwater contamination exacerbated by the drought.
- \$10 million from the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Fund for the California Department of Food and Agriculture to invest in irrigation and water pumping systems that reduce water use, energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.
- \$10 million from the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Fund for DWR to establish a grant program for state and local agencies to implement residential, commercial or institutional water efficiency projects that reduce water and energy use.
- \$15 million from the General Fund to the Emergency Drinking Water Fund to address emergency water shortages due to drought.
- \$13 million from the General Fund to augment the California Conservation Corps and local community conservation corps to expand water use efficiency and conservation activities and to reduce fuel loads to prevent catastrophic fires.

FEDERAL POLITICAL UPDATE

Drought Legislation

The California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014 (S. 2016), sponsored by Senator Feinstein, was introduced and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on February 11, 2014. Co-sponsors include [Jeff Merkley \(D-OR\)](#), [Ron Wyden \(D-OR\)](#), and Barbara Boxer (D-CA). The measure directs the Department of the Interior, the Department of Commerce, and the Environmental Protection Agency to take actions to provide additional water supplies and disaster assistance to California due to drought. The House version (H.R. 4039), also introduced on February 11, 2014, is sponsored by Representative Jim Costa (D-CA) with [Tony Cardenas \(D-CA\)](#) and [Sam Farr \(D-CA\)](#) signing on as co-sponsors. H.R. 4039 has been referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Agriculture, and the Committee on the Budget. H.R. 3964, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act, is sponsored by [Rep. David W. Valadao \(R-CA\)](#), accompanied by 16 additional co-sponsors. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on January 29, 2014 and passed in the House on February 5, 2014 with a vote of 229-191. The legislation would require examination of water systems managed by federal and state agencies and stop implementation of a federal water settlement. The bill would terminate \$300 million in authorizations.

WRDA

The Water Resources Reform Development Act (H.R. 3080) is still in conference between the House and Senate. Conferees are in the process of being appointed. Chairman Shuster has publicly said that he still anticipates the two chambers coming to resolution this year.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH

- TPA secured a meeting with Congressman Garamendi on Friday, March 7th.
- TPA sends regular updates on the ACWA Lobbyist Coordinator meetings each Monday to MWDOC staff.
- TPA provided notes from the February 20th and March 6th MET Legislative Coordinator meeting to MWDOC staff.
- TPA continues to hold conference calls with Darcy Burke every other week to coordinate on activities.
- TPA provided a write up on Assemblymember Toni Atkins per the request of Director Hinman.
- TPA monitored and provided notes on the Assembly Accountability and Administrative Oversight Hearing on the BDCP.
- TPA monitored and provided notes on the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Hearing on SB 848 (Wolk).
- TPA sponsored and provided assistance with the MWDOC Reception in Sacramento on March 4th.
- TPA met with Senator Feinstein's staff to discuss her drought legislation, its impacts and timing for a vote.
- TPA met with Senator Boxer's staff to discuss WRRDA and expected timing of a conference report.
- TPA met with EPW staff to discuss WRRDA and timing of the conference report.
- TPA met with Congressman Valadeo and discussed his drought legislation and his conference committee strategy.

The County of Orange Report

Presented March 17, 2014
By Lewis Consulting Group

Orange County Ballot Takes Shape

Friday, March 7 was the filing deadline for the County of Orange's non-partisan races, judicial races, State Constitutional offices along with federal and state legislative races.

The usual chaotic scene took place at the 5pm witching hour at the Orange County Registrar of Voters office. As we pen this column, most but not all of the dust has settled. There is an opportunity for additional candidates to emerge in the hand-full of races and perhaps legal action will be required to assist another candidate on the ballot.

Here is the recap

Sheriff – Sandra Hutchens runs unopposed for re-election.

Treasurer – Shari Freidenrich runs unopposed for re-election.

Superintendent of OC Schools – Al Mijares runs unopposed for re-election.

Assessor – On the final day, incumbent Webster Guillory BEGAN his filing process for re-election and successfully returned all paperwork by 5pm. He will be opposed by Claude Parrish and Jorge Lopez.

Auditor/Controller – Appointed incumbent Jan Grimes is not seeking election. As we pen this report filing remains open and the only qualified candidate is James Benuzzi. It is likely that Eric Woolery will file during the open period.

Clerk/Recorder – Appointed incumbent Hugh Nguyen is seeking election. Others running are Monica Maddox, Gary Pritchard and Steve Rocco. A possible legal challenge by Troy Edgar may add him to the list of qualified candidates.

District Attorney – Incumbent Tony Rackauckas has drawn local blogger Greg Diamond as his lone opponent.

Supervisor, Second District – Incumbent John Moorlach is termed out of office and running for Congress. Michelle Steel (Member of State Board of Equalization), Allan Mansoor (Assemblyman), Jim Moreno (Coast Community College District Trustee) and Joe Carchio (Huntington Beach Councilman) are the qualified candidates.

Supervisor, Fourth District – Incumbent Shawn Nelson will be challenged by Rudy Gaona.

Supervisor, Fifth District – Incumbent Pat Bates is termed out of office and running for State Senate. Frank Ury (Mission Viejo Councilman), Robert Ming (Laguna Niguel Councilman), Lisa Bartlett (Dana Point Councilwoman) and Joe Williams (Deputy District Attorney) are the qualified candidates.

State Board of Equalization, Fourth District – Incumbent Michelle Steel is termed out of office and is running for OC Supervisor. Two imposing candidates from Orange County, Diane Harkey and Van Tran have filed and late entrant from San Diego, former Assemblywoman Shirley Horton has filed as well.

Congress

39th District – Incumbent Ed Royce has drawn an Orange County challenge from Peter Anderson.

45th District – Incumbent John Campbell is retiring. This will be one of the most vigorously contested races in Orange County. So far, Mimi Walters (State Senator), Greg Rath (Retired Colonel/Businessman) and Drew Leavens (Educator/Businessman) are qualified candidates. It is anticipated that Supervisor John Moorlach will soon finalize his candidacy paperwork.

46th District – Incumbent Loretta Sanchez has drawn four opponents. John Cullum (Business Owner/Accountant), Carlos Vasquez (Business Owner/Educator), Ehab Atalla (Businessman/Author/Consultant), Adam Nick (Lake Forest Councilman).

47th District – Incumbent Alan Lowenthal has no challenger from Orange County.

48th District – Incumbent Dana Rohrabacher has four opponents, Robert John Banuelos (Congressional Community Liaison), David Burns (Lawyer), Wendy Brooks Leece (Costa Mesa Councilmember/Educator) and Suzanne Joyce Savary (Businessowner/Consultant/Educator).

49th District – Incumbent Darrell Issa has drawn a single Orange County opponent, Noboru Isagawa (Retired Instructor).

California State Senate

32nd District – This Senate Seat has no incumbent and is primarily in Los Angeles County with only a part of Buena Park in the Orange County portion. No person from Orange County filed for this seat.

34th District – Incumbent Lou Correa is termed out of office. This seat will be the most heavily watched election in Orange County. Whether or not Democrats can retain a super-majority in the Senate will likely depend on the outcome of this race. The two major partisans squaring off are Janet Nguyen (OC Supervisor) and Jose Solorio (former State Assemblyman). Joining the fray is also Long Pham (Businessman/Engineer).

36th District – Pat Bates is termed off of the Board of Supervisors and is a candidate for this office and has no Orange County opponent.

California State Assembly

55th District – Incumbent Curt Hagman is termed out. Despite Orange County's 47% footprint in this district, no Orange County resident filed. The three major Los Angeles County Republican candidates are Philip Chen, Ling-Ling Chang and Steve Tye.

65th District – Incumbent Sharon Quirk-Silva will be in what promises to be a real slugfest with Republican challenger Young Kim.

68th District – Incumbent Don Wagner is challenged by Anne Cameron (Licensed Psychotherapist).

69th District – Incumbent Tom Daly has drawn two challengers in Cecilia Iglesias (Santa Ana Unified School District Board Member) and Sherry Walker (Small Business Owner).

72nd District – Incumbent Travis Allen has two opponents that have filed against him, Albert Ayala (Retired Police Commander) and Joel Block.

73rd District – Incumbent Diane Harkey is termed out of office and is running for the Board of Equalization. This election creates one of the most interesting June primary elections. Five candidates have qualified for the ballot – Wendy Gabriella (Teacher/Constitutional Attorney), Bill Brough (Dana Point Councilman), Anna Bryson (Capo Unified Board Member), Jess Petrilla (Rancho Santa Margarita Councilman) and Paul Glaab (Former Laguna Niguel Councilman).

74th District – Incumbent Allan Mansoor is leaving the Assembly early to run for the Board of Supervisors. The qualified candidates for this seat so far are Keith Curry (Newport Beach Councilman) and Anila Ali (Middle School Teacher). Others looking to run here are Matt Harper (Huntington Beach Councilman) and Emmanuel Petrescua (Legislative Aide to Travis Allen).

Orange County Judicial Races

A total of 37 potential judicial races were at stake in the County. However, most districts have judges seeking re-election without opposition. Here are the exceptions:

Office #14 – Judge William Froeberg has chosen to retire. Those seeking to replace him are: Fred Fascenelli, Kevin Haskins, Kenneth Jones and Thomas Martin.

Office #20 – Judge Derek Johnson is being challenged by Helen Hayden.

Office #27 – Judge Joanne Motoike is being challenged by Wayne Philips.

Office #35 – Judge Nancy Weiben Stock is retiring setting up a spirited race between Jeff Ferguson and Carmen Luege.

Where Does The Money Go That Patients Pay For Ambulance Service?

Amidst the controversy that surrounded the issuance of the RFP for 911 emergency response ambulance service, there is a new issue regarding an extra fee that is imposed on patients being transported by private ambulances that responds to a call.

The County of Orange has long set a fee that patients pay when they receive transport by one of the private ambulance companies who responds to their emergency 911 call. Currently that fee is set by the Board of Supervisors at \$387.50. Within that fee issued by the ambulance company is a hidden fee of \$99. This \$99 advanced life support (ALS) fee is charged to patients transported by ambulance with the funds going to the OCFA for reimbursement of paramedic service. The reimbursement fees total approximately \$4.5 million annually which goes into the OCFA coffers.

The Board of Supervisors recently entered into a robust debate of whether or not this structured billing amounted to patients paying twice for paramedic service. Board

Chairman Shawn Nelson and Supervisor John Moorlach argued that County residents are already paying for their paramedic service through taxes. There were comparisons to other public safety emergency response – do residents get billed for having the fire department come and put out a house fire or get a bill from the police department for responding to a robbery? The answer is of course no – so why should residents pay for paramedic response by the OCFA.

The answer lies with the origination of this reimbursement fee back in 1997. The County of Orange moved to institute private ambulance service for 911 emergency responses. This was put in place in order to have a savings for taxpayers and to create efficiencies within OCFA. Of course, the Firefighter union was upset at having fewer of their union members being needed to respond to 911 calls and that this was a critical funding source needed for salaries and benefits. In order to offset their furor, the County came up with this reimbursement plan as to create an additional funding source to back fill the revenue lost by the privatization of these transport services.

Now Supervisors are questioning whether or not this system is fair to residents, taxpayers and patients. They will be deciding on this issue within the coming weeks as they build the RFP for future ambulance 911 emergency response.

Cal-Optima – Minor Reforms?

With the swirling controversy that has enveloped Cal-Optima, Orange County's managed health delivery system for half a million poor and elderly residents; there is agreement that some amount of reform is required.

Supervisor John Moorlach pushed the public policy envelope by entertaining the possibility of turning everything back over to the state.

Other Supervisors are in a wait-and-see mode until all of the on-going audits are complete. Supervisor Bates articulated a concern that much of the Cal-Optima criticism seemed to be coming from outside sources perhaps as a political ploy to weaken Supervisor Nguyen's campaign for State Senate.

At the end of the day there will be some level of reform however minimal, by adding a second Supervisor to the Cal-Optima Board (Todd Spitzer). The County is expecting results from audits later this year that may necessitate more extensive reforms to Cal-Optima.

Legal and Regulatory

March 17, 2014

1. **CEQA Exemption Update:** The Public Works Coalition (PWC) met last month and are fine tuning the Nazarian bill for exempting recycle pipelines. It was also noted the California Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring SB 1451 (Hill) which would try to control last minute data dumping during the environmental review process. This bill deserves support from the water community.
2. **AB 32 Part Two?:** Two Democrat Senators released a concept bill that would expand and lengthen AB 32s scope and time frame far into the future. Details were not included and it would transfer implementation to the California Air Resources Board. It further expands control beyond carbon emissions to other pollutants like black carbon and methane.
3. **LAO Critiques Governors Budget Proposal for Water:** The Legislative Analyst Office was critical of the Governors proposals for handling the drought citing a lack of specific proposals to solve the problem. The LAO felt conservation was very important but not enough details were included as to what to do. They also suggested looking at variable pricing such as higher prices during drought conditions, lower pricing for essential uses and services, higher pricing for less essential such as landscaping. They further suggested weighing into the system of water rights and in particular the concept of "reasonable use" definition. Exploring handling of agricultural use was mentioned.
4. **Diving Rods Making a Comeback:** As a result of the drought, farmers in the state, primarily in the wine country are using dowsers or water witches which we used to call "diving rods". These are copper or wooden sticks usually in the form of a wishbone which possess a natural energy which can locate water or other minerals underground. While state and federal scientists disapprove of dowsing, Bronco Wine, the fourth largest winemaker in the nation, and a family named Mondavi claim it works and have used the procedure in the past and continue to use it now with good results. The US Geological Survey has weighed with skepticism. Meanwhile farmers are paying people for dowsing and oft times getting good results.

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5. **Many Californians Lack Water Meters:** It is estimated that there are more than 250,000 home owners and businesses in California that do not have water meters. That means they use all the water they want without any increase in their bill. Most of the folks pay a flat rate between \$20 and \$35 per month. Communities, 42 in all, ranging from Bakersfield to Sacramento do not have a water meter, the basic tool for water management. The areas also use on average 40% more water than the state average according to the Department of Water Resources. A state law signed a decade ago gives everyone until 2025 to install meters. The leading area with the most unmetered connections is Sacramento!
6. **Monterrey Agreements Challenged Again:** In 1994 the Monterrey Agreement was negotiated between the Department of Water Resources, contractors of the State Water Project and central valley irrigation districts regarding the use and management of the Kern Water Bank. This agreement was very important to southern California water users and central valley agricultural interests including mega farmer and business group Paramount Farms owned by Stewart Resnick. While multiple lawsuits have been filed since the inception of the Agreement, most have upheld the provisions of the Agreement. This month however a Sacramento Superior Court judge made a ruling which upheld many of the provisions, but decided that the environmental impact report involving the water bank was inadequate in not addressing the impact on groundwater and water quality. The results of this next EIR could have significant and drastic effects on farming in the valley.
7. **Fremont-Water Your Lawn=Go to Jail:** As a result of the severe drought in Alameda County, the Alameda County Water District may declare an emergency and impose mandatory restrictions on its 336,000 residents. The main restrictions would be limits to irrigation of lawns and landscaping. Violators would receive a written note for first offence, letter and fine for second and termination of service, fine and jail for third.



Municipal Water District of Orange County Priority Legislation

BILL	AUTHOR	HIGH PRIORITY	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	MWDOC POSITION	OTHER POSITIONS
NEWLY INTRODUCED/AMENDED IN 2014						
AB 69	Perea [D]	No	Groundwater: Drinking Water: Nitrate at Risk Fund Establishes the Nitrate at Risk Fund to be administered by the State Department of Public Health for loans, principal forgiveness loans, or grants to certain water systems operating in a high-nitrate at-risk area for specified purposes. Requires fertilizer sellers to pay a materials charge for deposit in the Fund.	<u>(08/12/2013)</u> From SENATE Committee on AGRICULTURE with author's amendments. <u>(08/12/2013)</u> In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE.		
AB 194	Campos [D]	No	Open Meetings: Actions For Violations Amends the Ralph M. Brown Act. Requires every agenda for a regular meeting or notice for a special meeting to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body on items being considered by the legislative body. Expands the authorization for a district attorney or interested party to seek a judicial determination that an action taken by a legislative body is null and void if the legislative body violates this requirement.	<u>(02/06/2014)</u> To SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.		
AB 515	Dickinson [D]	No	State Environmental Quality Act: Writ of Mandate Amends the State Environmental Quality Act that requires a court, if the court finds that a public agency has violated the requirements of the Act, to issue an order, in the form of a peremptory writ of mandate, specifying what actions by the public agency are necessary to comply with the requirements of the Act. Requires the writ to specify the time by which the public agency is to make an initial return of the writ containing specified information.	<u>(02/06/2014)</u> To SENATE Committees on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and JUDICIARY		ACWA: Watch CSDA: Watch
AB 1249	Salas [D]	No	Senate Environmental Quality Committee Requires an integrated regional water management plan to include an explanation of how the plan addressed nitrate contamination, or an explanation of why the plan does not address such concentration, if an area within the boundaries of the plan has been identified as a nitrate high-risk area by the State Water Resources Control Board; requires the Board when selecting projects for funding to establish a preference for project that implement plans that address nitrate impacts.	<u>(02/06/2014)</u> To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.		
AB 1527	Perea [D]	No	Public Water Systems: Drinking Water Requires the State Department of Public Health in administering programs to fund improvements and expansions of small community water systems, and other water systems, to promote service delivery alternatives that improve efficiency and affordability of infrastructure and service delivery.	<u>(02/06/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.		
AB 1636	Brown [D]	No	Water Conservation Prohibits a city or county, during a drought emergency declared by the Governor, from enforcing a law or ordinance requiring a resident to water his or her lawn.	<u>(02/10/2014)</u> INTRODUCED.		Updated: March 10, 2014



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AB 1671	Frazier [D]	No	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Water Conveyance System Prohibits the Department of Water Resources from constructing water facilities as part of a specified water conveyance system unless specifically authorized by the Legislature.	<u>(02/20/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.		
AB 1728	Garcia [D]	No	Political Reform Act of 1974 Relates to the Political Reform Act of 1974. Revises the definition of agency to include a local government agency formed pursuant to provision of the Water Code. Revises the definition of license, permit, or other entitlement for use with respect to proceedings before a local government agency formed pursuant to the Water Code to apply to all contracts that are not competitively bid. Relates to the financial interests of a person who compensates a person to support or oppose a particular decision.	<u>(02/27/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committee on ELECTIONS AND REDISTRICTING.		
AB 1731	Perea [D]	No	Integrated Regional Water Management Plans: Funding Requires, in each integrated regional water management region, that not less than a specified percentage of any funding for integrated regional water management planning purposes be used to facilitate and support the participation of disadvantaged communities in integrated regional water management planning and for projects that address critical water supply or water quality needs for disadvantaged communities.	<u>(03/03/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.		
AB 1739	Dickinson [D]	No	Groundwater Basin Management: Sustainability Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with the Department of Water Resources, to develop thresholds for the sustainable management of the priority groundwater basins.	<u>(02/27/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.		
AB 1807	Dahle [R]	No	Water Quality: Organization of Regional Boards Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law regarding regional water quality control board membership	<u>(02/18/2014)</u> INTRODUCED		
AB 1808	Dahle [R]	No	Drinking Water Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to the California Safe Drinking Water Act	<u>(02/18/2014)</u> INTRODUCED		
AB 1874	Gonzales [D]	No	Integrated Regional Water Management Plans: Funding Requires the Department of Water Resources to develop a streamlined application process for the funding of regional projects and programs. Requires the Department to promptly review and pay invoices associated with grants for regional projects and programs.	<u>(02/27/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.		
AB 1970	Gordon [D]	No	Global Warming Solutions Act: Community Investment Creates the Community Investment and Innovation Program and requires moneys to be available from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for purposes of awarding local assistance grants and other financial assistance to eligible grant applicants who submit plans to develop and implement integrated community-level greenhouse gas emissions reductions in their region.	<u>(03/03/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES and LOCAL GOVERNMENT.		



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AB 1983	Gray [D]	No	Water Meters: Multiunit Structures Authorizes the owner or operator of a building containing residential units to install equipment to determine or use an economic allocation methodology to approximate the quantity of water that is provided to the tenants and used in the common areas of that building and to charge tenants separately for water and wastewater service based on usage as determined through the use of that equipment or allocation methodology if certain requirements are met.	<u>(03/03/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committees on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.		
AB 2040	Garcia [D]	No	Public Official Compensation Requires a local agency to report to the controller the annual compensation of its public officials, including, but not limited to, separately listing the name of each public official and his or her monthly salary.	<u>(03/03/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.		
AB 2046	Gomez [D]	No	Joint Exercise of Powers for Financing Authorizes a joint powers authority to execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered, certificates of participation in a lease or installment sale agreement for the financing or refinancing of a project that is situated in another state, including working capital related to that project, if the project and its financing meets certain conditions.	<u>(03/03/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.		
AB 2049	Dahle [R]	No	Drinking Water: Point-of-Entry: Point-of-Use Treatment Limits the use of point-of-entry and point-of-use treatment to water systems with less than 500 service connections.	<u>(03/03/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.		
AB 2067	Weber [D]	No	Urban Water Management Plans Requires an urban retail water supplier and an urban wholesale water supplier to provide narratives describing the supplier's water demand management measures. Requires the narrative to address the nature and extent of each water demand management measure implemented to describe the water demand management measures that the supplier plans to implement.	(03/03/2014) To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.		
AB 2189	Garcia [D]	No	Water Replenishment Assessment Requires the board of each water replenishment district to make the specified findings and determinations before holding the public hearing, and to give written notice by mail to operators of water-producing facilities within the district that would be subject to the proposed replenishment assessment. Provides the basis for the assessment. Authorizes a water-producing facility operator to submit a protest opposing the assessment. Provides the condition under which an assessment is prohibited.	(03/06/2014) To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.		
AB 2194	Mullin [D]	No	Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 Amends the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 that authorizes a community facilities district to finance various services, including, but not limited to, flood and storm protection services. Authorizes the financing of storm water management.	(03/06/2014) To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.		<i>Updated: March 10, 2014</i>



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AB 2403	Rendon [D]	No	Local Government: Assessments, fees, and charges Provides that provisions of the California Constitution generally require that assessments, fees, and charges be submitted to property owners for approval or rejection after the provisions of written notice and the holding of a public hearing. Modifies the definition of water to specifically include recycled water and stormwater intended for water service.	(03/10/2014) To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.		
AB 2417	Nazarian [D]	No	Environmental Quality Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the California Environmental Quality Act that makes various legislative findings regarding environmental quality.	(02/21/2014) INTRODUCED		
AB 2420	Nazarian [D]	No	Well Stimulation Treatments: Local Prohibition Authorizes a city or county to adopt and enforce a local ordinance prohibiting well stimulation treatments	(03/10/2014) To ASSEMBLY Committees on LOCAL GOVERNMENT and NATURAL RESOURCES.		
AB 2442	Gordon [D]	No	Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act Prohibits the State Water Resources Control Board, a regional board, and any authorized person, from being civilly or criminally liable for any act or omission of the state board, regional board, or any authorized person in connection with any investigation, cleanup, abatement, or other remedial work, unless the act or omission was performed in a grossly negligent manner.	(03/10/2014) To ASSEMBLY Committee on JUDICIARY.		
AB 2443	Rendon [D]	No	Duplication of Service: Mutual Water Companies Makes inapplicable the provision that a mutual water company is a private utility entitled to just compensation for a taking in a territory it services at the time of the taking when a political subdivision constructs facilities to provide or extend recycled water service to the territory of the mutual water company.	(02/21/2014) INTRODUCED		
AB 2463	Dickinson [D]	No	Delta Plan: Bay Delta Conservation Plan: Hearings Amends existing law, the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 that establishes the Delta Stewardship Council. Requires the council to have at least 5 public hearings concerning the incorporation of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan into the Delta Plan if the Department of Fish and Wildlife approves the Bay Delta Conversation Plan as a natural community conservation plan.	(02/21/2014) INTRODUCED		
AB 2619	Gaines B [R]	No	Groundwater Monitoring Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to existing law that establishes a groundwater monitoring program, in accordance with prescribed procedures, and requires the Department of Water Resources to work cooperatively with each monitoring entity to determine the manner in which groundwater elevation information should be reported to the department.	(02/21/2014) INTRODUCED		



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AB 2636	Gatto [D]	No	CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund Establishes the CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund administered by the Department of Water Resources for the purpose of water use efficiency projects	<u>(02/21/2014)</u> INTRODUCED		
AB 2712	Daly [D]	No	Hazardous Materials: Orange County Water District Imposes requirements on the Orange County Water District when conducting a remediation project at a hazardous waste release site. Prohibits the district from implementing a remediation project unless the plan for the proposed remediation project is approved pursuant to the specified procedures.	<u>(02/21/2014)</u> INTRODUCED		
SB 764	Yee [D]	No	Fish: Accounting Records: Violation Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law declaring that the protection and conservation of the fish and wildlife resources of this state are of utmost public interest.	<u>(01/23/2014)</u> In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE ***** To ASSEMBLY (33-0)		
SB 985	Pavley [D]	No	Stormwater Resource Planning Amends the Stormwater Resource Planning Act that authorizes a city, county, or special district, to develop a stormwater resource plan that meets certain standards. Requires a stormwater resource plan to identify opportunities to use existing publicly owned lands to capture and reuse stormwater	<u>(02/20/2014)</u> To SENATE Committees on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.		
SB 1036	Pavley [D]	No	Urban Water Management Plans Authorizes an urban water supplier to include within an urban water management plan certain energy-related information, including, but not limited to, estimates of the amount of energy used to extract or divert water supplies.	<u>(02/27/2014)</u> To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.		
SB 1049	Pavley [D]	No	Integrated Regional Water Management Plans Amends the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act. Includes projects or programs that reduce energy used to acquire, transport, treat, or distribute water, as a regional project or program. Requires a regional water management group to include all water suppliers that are within a watershed area, the area over a groundwater basin or subbasin, or the area within a county's boundaries.	<u>(02/27/2014)</u> To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.		
SB 1120	Galgiani [D]	No	Local Water Supply Programs or Projects: Funding Requires the Department of Water Resources to conduct a statewide inventory of local regional water supply projects and post specified results of the inventory on the department's Internet Web site	<u>(02/27/2014)</u> To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.		
SB 1132	Mitchell [D]	No	Oil and Gas Well Stimulation Treatments Requires a specified scientific study to consider additional elements and evaluate various potential direct, indirect and cumulative health and environmental effects of onshore and offshore well stimulation and well stimulation treatment-related activities. Prohibits all well stimulation treatments until the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency convenes a committee to review the scientific study.	<u>(03/06/2014)</u> To SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.		



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SB 1168	Pavley [D]	No	Groundwater Management Plans Requires a local agency to determine sustainable yield for a groundwater basin in coordination with other applicable local agencies whose service areas overlie the groundwater basin	<u>(03/06/2014)</u> 03/06/2014 To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.		
SB 1362	Correa [D]	No	Public Contracts: Orange County Water District Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that governs the contracts of Orange County Water District as provided in a specified statute and further provides that the district is not bound by any contract unless the same is made in writing approved by a resolution of the board.	<u>(02/21/2014)</u> INTRODUCED		
SB 1390	Correa [D]	No	General Subject: Santa Ana River Conservancy Establishes the Santa Ana River Conservancy to acquire specified lands on either side of the riverbed of the Santa Ana River and would prescribe the management, powers, and duties of conservancy.	<u>(02/21/2014)</u> INTRODUCED		
SB 1281	Pavley [D]	No	Oil and Gas Production: Water Use Reporting Declares that the use of freshwater in all elements of the development and production of oil and gas shall be reduced to an unspecified percentage of baseline freshwater use. Requires well and facility owners or operators to report to the division the volume, source, and use of all freshwater, recycled water, and treated water.	<u>(03/06/2014)</u> To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.		
SB 1451	Hill [D]	No	Environmental Quality: Mitigation Measures Relates to the California Environmental Quality Act. Requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to submit to the Legislature a report on the types and effectiveness of a representative sample of mitigation measures adopted by state and local agencies.	<u>(02/21/2014)</u> INTRODUCED		



Municipal Water District of Orange County **Priority Legislation**

PROPOSED WATER BOND LEGISLATION				
AB 1331	Rendon [D]	Yes	Climate Change Response for Clean and Safe Drinking Water Repeals the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012; Enacts the Clean and Safe Drinking Water Act of 2014, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in a specified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a clean and safe drinking water program.	(03/05/2014) From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER with author's amendments. (03/05/2014) In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.
AB 1445	Logue [R]	Yes	Water Infrastructure Act of 2014 Enacts the California Water Infrastructure Act of 2014. Authorizes the issuance of bonds in a specified amount to finance a public benefit associated with water storage projects programs.	(02/14/2014) To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE. (02/14/2014) From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE with author's amendments. (02/14/2014) In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
AB 1674	Bigelow [R]	Yes	Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would amend the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.	(02/12/2014) INTRODUCED
AB 2043	Bigelow [R]	Yes	Safe Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act Enacts the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2014, which, if adopted by votes, would authorize the issuance of bonds to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program.	(03/06/2014) To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.
AB 2686	Perea [D]	Yes	Clean, Safe, and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2014 Repeals the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012. Enacts the Clean, Safe, and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2014, which, if adopted by the votes, would authorize the issuance of bonds to finance a clean, safe, and reliable water supply program. Provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at a statewide general election.	(02/21/2014) INTRODUCED



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SB 40	Pavley [D]	Yes	Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act Changes the name of the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 to the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014. Declares the intent of the Legislature to amend the act for the purpose of reducing and potentially refocusing the bond.	<u>(02/03/2014)</u> In SENATE. Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.	
SB 848	Wolk [D]	Yes	Safe Drinking Water: Water Quality: Flood Protection Act Enacts the Safe Drinking Water, Water quality, and Flood protection Act of 2014 which would authorize the issuance of bonds pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water, water quality, and flood protection program.	<u>(02/26/2014)</u> From SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. (5-2)	
SB 927	Cannella [R]	Yes	Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Renames the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 as the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014 and makes conforming changes. Authorizes the issuance of bonds in a specified amount by reducing the amount available for projects related to drought relief and water supply reliability.	<u>(02/06/2014)</u> To SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.	
SB 1080	Fuller [R]	Yes	Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act Relates to the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in a specified amount. Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to reduce the bond amount.	<u>(02/27/2014)</u> To SENATE Committee on RULES.	
SB 1250	Hueso [D]	Yes	Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act Amends the Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 that would authorize the issuance of bonds to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would amend the act for the purpose of reducing the bond.	<u>(03/06/2014)</u> To SENATE Committee on RULES.	



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HIGH PRIORITY						
AB 145	Perea [D]	Yes	State Water Resources Control Board Drinking Water Transfers to the State Water Resources Control Board the various duties and responsibilities imposed on the State Department of Public Health by the State Safe Drinking Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law of 1997.	(08/30/2013) In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS; Held in committee.	Oppose unless Amended	MWD: Oppose unless Amended ACWA: Oppose unless Amended CSDA: Watch
AB 543	Campos [D]	Yes	California Environmental Quality Act Requires a lead agency to translate any notice, document, or executive summary required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when the impacted community has a substantial number of non English speaking people.	(06/13/2013) Re-referred to SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT QUALITY		ACWA: Oppose CSDA: Oppose
AB 1073	Torres [D]	Yes	Emergency Services: Utility Access Requires the Office of Emergency Services to develop, in collaboration with the Public Utilities Commission, a universal insignia that may be displayed on badges worn by a properly qualified and certified utility worker or technician that would enable the person to gain access to a location subject to a disaster or other emergency to provide vital utility services.	(09/12/2013) Withdrawn from SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION		CSDA: Watch
AB 1393	Perea [D]	Yes	Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Transfers the administration of the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the related grant and loan program for construction of public water systems to the State Water Resources Council.	(09/12/2013) In SENATE. Ordered to third reading. (09/09/2013) In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading. (09/09/2013) Re-referred to SENATE Committee on RULES.		ACWA: Support
ACA 8	Blumenfield [D]	Yes	Local Government Financing: Voter Approval Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to create an additional exception to the 1% limit for an ad valorem tax rate imposed by a city, county, city and county, or special district, to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund specified public improvements and facilities, or buildings used primarily to provide sheriff, police, or fire protection services, that is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, city and county, or special district.	(06/27/2013) To SENATE Committees on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE AND ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.	Oppose (4/17/2013)	CSDA: Support
SB 633	Pavley [D]	Yes	CEQA Amends the California Environmental Quality Act that requires the submission of a subsequent or supplemental environmental impact report when new information which was not known and could not have been known at the time of the original report was certified as complete, becomes available. Requires the new information that becomes available was not known and could not have been known by the lead agency or any responsible agency at the time the report was certified as complete. Relates to exemptions.	(08/06/2013) In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.		ACWA: Watch CSDA: Watch



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SB 731	Steinberg [D]	Yes	Environment: California Environmental Quality Act State the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation revising the California Environmental Quality Act to, among other things, provide greater certainty for smart infill development. States the intent of the Legislature to provide funds annually to the Strategic Growth Council for the purposes of providing planning incentive grants to local and regional agencies to update and implement general plans.	(09/11/2013) From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass as amended.	Oppose	ACWA: Watch CSDA: Support in Concept
SB 735	Wolk [D]	Yes	Sacramento San Joaquin Delta Reform Act Amends the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 to exclude from the definition of covered action the approval or implementation of a project as part of a larger conservation plan submitted pursuant to the Federal Endangered Species Act, a natural community conservation plan submitted pursuant to the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act, or certain permits related to the taking, importation, exportation, or sale of endangered species.	(08/13/2013) In ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Not heard.		MWD: Oppose ACWA: Not Favor CSDA: Watch
SCA 9	Corbett [D]	Yes	Local Government: Economic Development: Special Taxes Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for community and economic development projects requires the approval of a specified percentage of its voters voting on the proposition.	(06/27/2013) Re-referred to SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS		CSDA: Support
SCA 11	Hancock [D]	Yes	Local Government: Special Taxes: Voter Approval Makes conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions relative to special taxation. Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 55% of the voters voting on the proposition.	(06/27/2013) Re-referred to SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS	Oppose (4/17/2013)	CSDA: Support
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AB 436	Jones-Sawyer [D]	No	Inverse Condemnation: Comparative Fault Applies the doctrine of comparative fault to inverse condemnation actions. Requires a court or arbitrator to reduce the compensation paid to a plaintiff in an inverse condemnation proceeding in direct proportion to his or her percentage of fault, if any, in the damaging of property that constitutes a taking.	(07/02/2013) In SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Not heard.		
AB 1043	Chau [D]	No	Drinking Water, Quality, Flood, River Protection Amends the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. Eliminates the requirement to develop and adopt regulations and requires a grantee of certain initiative bond act funds to take specific actions to recover the costs of cleanup and to utilize those funds for certain groundwater contamination cleanup projects.	(06/25/2013) In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Not heard.		

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AB 52 Gatto (D) Sponsor: California Tribal Business Alliance and various tribes	09/05/13; Senate Environmental Quality Committee	Native Americans: CEQA. Expands CEQA protections for tribal cultural resources to ensure participation by tribes during all phases of project planning, clearance and implementation.	WATCH pursuant to board action in August 2013	Prior version of bill would have resulted in increased project costs and delays, duplicative environmental review and litigation exposure. Metropolitan removed its opposition in light of most recent amendment.
AB 145 Perea (D) Sponsor: California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Clean Water Action and Community Water Center	Amended 06/18/2013; Senate Appropriations Committee – held on suspense file	State Water Resources Control Board: Office of Drinking Water. Transfers entire state drinking water program from Department of Public Health to State Water Resources Control Board.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED pursuant to board action in May 2013	Moving Drinking Water Program to SWRCB, without further study, could place program efficiency at risk and diffuse emphasis on public health.
AB 1331 Rendon (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 03/05/2014; Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee: to be heard on March 25, 2014	Water Bond. Repeals existing 2014 bond in its entirety. Authorizes \$8 billion general obligation bond for November 2014 ballot to fund \$1 billion for local resources development; \$500 million for water use efficiency; \$500 million for stormwater management; \$1 billion for clean and safe drinking water; \$1.5 billion for watersheds; \$1 billion for Delta ecosystem restoration; and \$2.5 billion for surface and groundwater storage.	SUPPORT IF AMENDED pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Generally speaking, AB 1331 aligns with Metropolitan's 2014 bond priorities. Many, but not all, of Metropolitan's policy concerns have been addressed in most recent amendment.

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AB 1393 Perea (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 09/06/2013; Senate Rules Committee	Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Authorizes only transfer of Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund from Dept. of Public Health (DPH) to State Water Resources Control Board. Retains balance of state's drinking water program at DPH.	WATCH pursuant to board action in May 2013	Amendments limited scope of program reorganization found in AB 145. Limited focus of AB 1393 was one of two amendments recommended by Metropolitan's board for AB 145.
AB 1445 Logue (R) Sponsor: Author	Amended 02/14/2014; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee	California Water Infrastructure Act of 2014. Repeals existing 2014 bond in its entirety. Proposes \$5.8 billion general obligation bond for November 2014 ballot, in which \$4.8 billion is authorized for water storage and \$1 billion is authorized to improve water quality.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities in AB 1445 are inconsistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.
AB 1671 Frazier (D) Sponsor: Author	Introduced 02/12/2014; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Water Conveyance System. Requires legislative authorization for construction of new Delta conveyance that utilizes tunnel system.	OPPOSE pursuant to board-adopted Delta Action Plan	Delta Reform Act of 2009 wisely chose to set achievable and balanced set of state policies to restore Delta ecosystem and improve water supply reliability. AB 1671 seeks to undermine science-based planning with politically-driven process.
AB 1674 Bigelow (R) Sponsor: Author	Introduced 02/12/2014	Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012. Seeks to amend November 2014 water bond currently on ballot.	WATCH pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Spot bill.

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<p>AB 2043 Conway (R) And Bigelow (R) Sponsor: Authors</p>	<p>Introduced 02/20/2014; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee</p>	<p>Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014. Repeals existing 2014 water bond. Authorizes \$7.935 billion general obligation bond for November 2014 ballot to fund \$3 billion for water storage; \$1 billion for groundwater protection and water quality; \$1.5 billion for Delta sustainability; \$1.19 billion for regional water supply reliability; \$395 million for drought relief, wastewater treatment and safe drinking water; and \$1.05 billion for water recycling and advanced water treatment technology.</p>	<p>SUPPORT pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013</p>	<p>Funding priorities in AB 2043 are consistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.</p>
<p>AB 2312 Nestande (R) Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Introduced 02/21/2014</p>	<p>Metal Theft. Requires junk dealer or recycler to request theft alert notifications associated with theft of commodity metals.</p>	<p>SUPPORT IF AMENDED pursuant to board policy adopted during 2011/12 legislative session</p>	<p>Would provide Metropolitan, its member agencies and other public agencies with increased level of protection against metal theft by strengthening requirements in existing law.</p>
<p>AB 2417 Nazarian (D) Sponsor: ACWA CMUA WateReuse</p>	<p>Introduced 02/21/2014</p>	<p>Recycled Water. Provides CEQA exemption for installation of recycled water pipelines up to eight miles in length to further facilitate access to recycled water.</p>	<p>SUPPORT pursuant to 2014 board-adopted legislative strategy</p>	<p>By encouraging expansion of purple pipelines, recycled water could be used for landscape irrigation, preserving drinkable water for human consumption.</p>
<p>AB 2463 Dickinson (D) Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Introduced 02/21/2014</p>	<p>Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). Amends 2009 Delta Reform Act to require Delta Stewardship Council to hold at least five public hearings concerning incorporation of BDCP into Delta Plan if Department of Fish and Wildlife approves BDCP as natural community conservation plan.</p>	<p>WATCH pursuant to board-adopted Delta Action Plan</p>	<p>Potential spot bill.</p>

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AB 2686 Perea (D) Sponsor: Author	Introduced 02/21/2014	Clean, Safe, and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2014. Repeals existing 2014 water bond. Authorizes \$9.25 billion general obligation bond for November 2014 ballot to fund \$3 billion for water storage; \$1 billion for clean and safe drinking water; \$2.25 billion for Delta sustainability; \$1.5 billion for watersheds; and \$1.5 billion for regional water security.	SUPPORT IF AMENDED pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities in AB 2686 are consistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.
SB 731 Steinberg (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 09/09/2013; Assembly Local Government Committee	CEQA. Would enact California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Modernization Act of 2013 and proposes numerous changes to CEQA law.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED pursuant to board action in August 2013	Could impose several costly new requirements on public agencies with no reciprocal benefits. Could make CEQA compliance significantly more burdensome, costly and unpredictable with new requirements and could increase costs to public agencies undertaking their own projects.
SB 735 Wolk (D) Sponsor: Delta Counties Coalition	Amended 05/24/2013; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009: Covered Actions. Would authorize local Delta counties to enter into MOU with Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) for conservation plan consistency with Delta Plan.	OPPOSE pursuant to board-adopted Delta Action Plan	Measure is premature as no actions have been subject to DSC consistency determination process. Could also be interpreted to enable DSC to amend Delta Plan which could trigger impacts to BDCP to ensure consistency with Delta counties' local habitat plans.

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SB 750 Wolk (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 08/08/2013; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee	Building Standards: Submeters. Directs water purveyors to require newly constructed multiunit residential structures or mixed use residential and commercial structures that apply for water connections after January 1, 2014, to have, as condition of new water service, submeters that measure water supplied to each individual dwelling unit.	SUPPORT IF AMENDED pursuant to board-adopted water conservation policy principles	Measure would promote construction of water efficient buildings and provide communities with another tool to better manage available supplies. Author committed to taking clarifying amendments on oversight and responsibility of submeters.
SB 848 Wolk (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 02/20/2014; Senate Appropriations Committee	Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality & Flood Protection Act of 2014. Repeals existing 2014 bond. Authorizes \$6.825 billion general obligation bond for November 2014 ballot to fund \$3.345 billion for local resources development; \$2.455 billion for Delta ecosystem restoration and watersheds; and \$1.025 billion for surface and groundwater storage.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities in SB 848 are inconsistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.
SB 927 Cannella (R) and Vidak (R) Sponsor: Authors	Introduced 01/29/2014; Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee	Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014. Renames and amends existing 2014 water bond. Proposes \$9.217 billion general obligation bond to fund \$3 billion for storage; \$2.25 billion for Delta sustainability; \$1.39 billion for regional water supply; \$1.25 billion for water recycling; \$1 billion for groundwater cleanup; and \$327 million for emergency drought relief.	SUPPORT pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities in SB 927 are consistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.
SB 1080 Fuller (R) Sponsor: Author	Introduced 02/19/2014; Senate Rules Committee	Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012. Seeks to amend November 2014 water bond.	WATCH pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Spot bill.

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SB 1250 Hueso (D) Sponsor: Author	Introduced 02/20/2014; Senate Rules Committee	Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012. Seeks to amend November 2014 water bond.	WATCH pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Spot bill.
SB 1370 Galgiani (D) Sponsor: Author	Introduced 02/21/2014	Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2014. Repeals existing water bond. Proposes \$5.1 billion general obligation bond to fund \$5.1 billion for surface water storage projects.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities in SB 1370 are inconsistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.
SB 1447 Fuller (R) Sponsor: Author	Introduced 02/21/2014	Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP): Judicial Review. States legislative intent to enact legislation establishing judicial review procedures for BDCP.	WATCH pursuant to board-adopted Delta Action Plan	Spot bill.

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H.R. 123 Holt (D-NJ)	1/31/2013; Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness	Water Advanced Technologies for Efficient Resource Use Act of 2013 – This bill encourages water efficiency.	SUPPORT based on board-adopted 2013 Legislative Strategy (Dec. 2012)	WaterSense is the complement of EPA's ENERGYSTAR program. The bill would increase the effectiveness of the WaterSense program, which certifies water-efficient products and services and provides consumer outreach and education. The grant funding would allow Metropolitan and its member agencies to expand incentive programs to encourage early adoption of water efficient devices. This would help reduce per capita water use to achieve 20x2020 and the water efficiency targets in the IRP.
H.R. 745 Napolitano (D-CA)	5/23/2013; Hearing held by the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power.	To reauthorize the Water Desalination Act of 1996 - The bill would reauthorize funding provisions in the 1996 Water Desalination Act for desalination research.	SUPPORT based on board-adopted 2013 Legislative Strategy (Dec. 2012)	The legislation would provide much needed funding for desalination research, including both brackish and seawater desalination.

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H.R. 765 Capps (D-CA)	3/1/2013; In House Committee on Natural Resources: Referred to Subcommittee on Water and Power	Hydrologic Changes and Water Systems Grants - Authorizes the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program of awarding grants to owners or operators of water systems to increase resiliency or adaptability of the systems to any ongoing or forecasted changes to the hydrologic conditions of a region of the United States	SUPPORT , based on support for HR 2738 in the previous Congress	This is a reintroduction of H.R. 2738 of the 112th Congress .This EPA-administered grant program could have significant benefit to Metropolitan and its member agencies as they face the challenges of climate change on water supply sources. Grant funding could go towards many projects and programs that Metropolitan and the member agencies are currently operating or are studying for future operations, including groundwater recharge, water banking, recycling, desalination, stormwater capture, water use efficiency, etc.

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H.R. 836 Miller, Ga. (R-CA)	2/27/2013; Introduced and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment	Sunshine Conflicts Act of 2013 - This legislation amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue a rule within 60 days to prohibit any member of a board or body that approves permit applications for the discharge of pollutants from seeking to influence the approval of any permit in which that member has a financial interest.	SUPPORT , based on support for H.R. 2765 in the previous Congress	This bill would help ensure that a wide pool of experienced and technically qualified persons could serve on water boards, such as SWRCB and the regional boards. The legislation directs EPA to revise its rules to rely on a conflict of interest test, rather than an arbitrary income standard test. In California, it has become increasingly difficult for the Governor to find qualified individuals to fill SWRCB and Regional Board vacancies, so oftentimes, vacancies remain open for lengthy periods, which could result in delays in Board actions/decisions. Metropolitan and its member agencies are covered under various general and individual NPDES permits which are issued, renewed, and acted upon by SWRCB and the regional boards in Southern California.
H.R. 1004 Garamendi (D-CA) Companion Measure: S. 228 Feinstein (D-CA)	3/11/2013; Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulations	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area : This legislation establishes the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area.	SUPPORT , pursuant to Board action to support S. 29/H.R. 486, March 2011	This bill establishes the "Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Heritage Area" and designates the Delta Protection Commission (DPC) as the management entity for the Heritage Area. The bill authorizes \$20 million for the DPC to develop a management plan for the Heritage Area that must be consistent with the Delta Plan adopted by the Delta Stewardship Council.

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H.R.1352 Grijalva (D-AZ)	4/11/2013; Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation	Lower Colorado River Protection Act - Provides for the protection of the quality of water in the Lower Colorado River and the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan for the prevention and elimination of pollution in the Lower Colorado River and the maintenance of a healthy Lower Colorado River ecosystem.	SUPPORT, if amended to limit the funding to projects impacting the Colorado River, based on MWD position on HR 3481 introduced in 2010	This legislation is identical to HR 3481 and authorizes a new program within EPA to develop and implement a pollution plan for the Lower Basin of the Colorado River and provides federal funding for municipal wastewater treatment facilities along the river. The bill should be amended to limit the pollution control plan to projects related to reducing the effects of municipal wastewater or septic systems being released into the river. Projects related to this specific issue should be federally funded through the existing Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act referenced in section 203.

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H.R. 1823 Heck (R-NV)	6/14/2013: House Committee on Judiciary: Referred to Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations	Importation and Exportation of Mussels the Protecting Lakes Against Quaggas (PLAQ) Act- Existing federal law (16 USC 42) makes it a crime to import into the U.S. or to ship between States, certain animals, including zebra mussels. Prohibited animals (including mollusks like the zebra mussel) "shall be promptly exported or destroyed at the expense of the importer or consignee. Related federal law prohibits the transport in interstate commerce of any wildlife possessed or transported in violation of state law (16 USC 3372(a)(2)). HR 1823 would expand the zebra mussel restriction in Section 42 to include all mussels in the genus Dreissena--which includes the quagga mussels that are now in the lower Colorado River.	OPPOSE, Unless Amend based on support for State quagga liability protection legislation	Water agencies in Texas that divert water across state lines have expressed concerns that the federal government could interpret this law to authorize shutdown of diversions from an interstate boundary water body due to the presence of zebra mussels. Metropolitan is opposed to this bill unless it is amended due to the concern that this bill as drafted could potentially restrict agencies from transferring water on the Colorado River.

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H.R. 1863 Vela (D-TX)	6/7/2013; House Committee on Foreign Affairs; Referred to Subcommittee on The Western Hemisphere	Mexico Water Sharing Report - This bill directs the Secretary of State to report within 120 days after enactment and thereafter annually to Congress regarding: (1) efforts by Mexico to meet its deliveries of water to the Rio Grande in accordance with the Treaty between the United States and Mexico Respecting Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande ("Mexican Treaty"), and (2) benefits to the United States of the Interim International Cooperative Measures in the Colorado River Basin through 2017 and Extension of Minute 318 Cooperative Measures to Address the Continued Effects of the April 2010 Earthquake in the Mexicali Valley, Baja, California ("Minute 319").	WATCH	Metropolitan is affected by the agreements in the Mexican Treaty and Minute 319. Stakeholders on the Rio Grande are concerned that Congress may amend the bill to tie funding for Minute 319 implementation to Mexico's agreements on the Rio Grande. Metropolitan will watch the bill to ensure it is not amended in a manner that adversely affects Metropolitan's interests.
H.R.2280 Calvert (R-CA) Companion Measure: S.1175 Feinstein (D-CA)	6/6/2013; Referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.	Infrastructure Facilitation and Habitat Conservation Act of 2013 - creates a source of federal funding to acquire land for conservation plans adopted by local government agencies for purposes of implementing infrastructure development.	SUPPORT , pursuant to board action on H.R. 1907, October 2011	Often mitigation for project impacts requires advanced investment in habitat acquisition. This program would provide Metropolitan and its member agencies with access to federal loans to assist with those up-front costs.

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H.R. 2307 Vela (D-TX) Companion Measure: S. 1125 Cornyn (R-TX)	7/9/2013; Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs	Working to Address Treaty Enforcement Rapidly for Texas Act - This legislation links Texas negotiating efforts on the Rio Grande to international treaties between the United States and Mexico on the Colorado River.	OPPOSE pursuant to board action on the domestic agreements supporting Minute 319 and protecting Metropolitan's interests in the deal, November 2012	Metropolitan has spent significant resources over the past decade working with Lower Colorado River stakeholders to establish a cooperative relationship with its counterparts in Mexico resulting in the agreements of Minute 319. Metropolitan opposes conceptually tying funding for Minute 319 implementation to Mexico's agreements on the Rio Grande because that could impact the cooperative relationship Colorado River stakeholders have spent a decade cultivating with Mexico and would have an adverse impact on Metropolitan's interests.
H.R. 2508 Calvert (R-CA) Companion Measure: S. 1219 Boxer (D-CA)	7/8/2013; Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power.	Pechanga Indians Water Rights Settlement - Authorizes the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement	WATCH	The Act seeks to achieve a final settlement of the Pechanga's claims to water rights in the Santa Margarita River Watershed that includes the Pechanga, Rancho California Water District, Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), and the United States. Metropolitan staff are currently analyzing the renewed proposal and Act, and working on terms that will be brought to this Board for consideration.

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H.R. 2705 Denham (R-CA)	7/25/2013; Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power and the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs.	Stanislaus River Native Anadromous Fish Improvement Act - Develops a pilot program to remove non-native predator Fishes from the Stanislaus River to protect the native anadromous fishery resources affected by the operation of the New Melones Unit of the East Side Division of the Central Valley Project.	SUPPORT based on board-adopted 2013 Legislative Strategy (Dec. 2012)	H.R. 2705 will establish a pilot program on the Stanislaus River to remove non-native predator fish that are currently imperiling the survival of the river's native salmon and steelhead. The predator removal program established by H.R. 2705 could help support restoration of native salmon and steelhead, which in turn will allow for greater reliability of the delivery of water through the Delta.
H.R.3080 Shuster (R-PA) Companion Measure: S.601 Boxer (D-CA)	11/20/2013; Conference held between the House and Senate. (S.601).	Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013 (WRRDA) - Creates the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013.	WATCH	Metropolitan is rarely involved in the harbors, river navigation, and flood control projects run by the US Army Corps of Engineers that are the subject of this bill. For that reason, this bill would not have significant direct benefits to Metropolitan. The bill would still provide some potential indirect benefits. The bill in its current form does not contain a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) provision.

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H.R. 3964 Valadao (R-CA)	2/5/2014; Passed the House, awaiting Senate Action.	Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act - seeks to address the drought conditions in California by relaxing regulatory restrictions on the operation of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP) by doing the following: facilitating water transfers; modifying water delivery contract obligations; mandating delivery of certain quantities of water to CVP contractors; preempting certain state laws; and implementing other measures, which are intended to increase the supply of water from the water projects to water contractors.	Pending March Board Letter Action	H.R. 3964 pursues a strategy of remedying water supply shortages during the drought by modifying environmental protection requirements. The bill takes an approach that may preempt state law, asserting federal supremacy. H.R. 3964 contains several legal mandates in important and complex areas.
H.R. 4039 Costa (D-CA) Companion Measure: S.2016 Feinstein (D-CA)	02/11/2014: Referred to House Committees on Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, Agriculture and Budget.	California Emergency Drought Relief Act - directs the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to take actions to provide additional water supplies and disaster assistance to the State of California due to drought.	Pending March Board Letter Action	H.R. 4039 and S. 2016 could provide some water supply benefits to Metropolitan, assuming that federal regulatory officials will exercise their discretion under existing law to reduce water supply impacts.

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S. 67 Lautenberg (D-NJ)	1/23/2013; Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works	Public Water Systems and Hazardous Chemical Releases - Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works.	OPPOSE , pursuant to board action on S. 711, October 2011	This bill broadly expands the regulatory authority of EPA over water district facilities to require extensive counter-terrorism measures system-wide. Requires consideration and possible implementation of prescriptive chemical treatment, irrespective of Metropolitan's significant investments to secure and protect facilities.
S. 228 Feinstein (D-CA) Companion Measure: H.R. 1004 Garamendi (D-CA)	4/23/2013; Hearing held by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks.	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area : This legislation establishes the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area.	SUPPORT , pursuant to Board action to support S. 29/H.R. 486, March 2011	This bill establishes the "Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Heritage Area" and designates the Delta Protection Commission (DPC) as the management entity for the Heritage Area. The bill authorizes \$20 million for the DPC to develop a management plan for the Heritage Area that must be consistent with the Delta Plan adopted by the Delta Stewardship Council.

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S.335 Merkley (D-OR)	2/14/2013; Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works	Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) of 2013 – This legislation would authorize low interest loans and payment guarantees from EPA for water treatment and distribution, water efficiency projects, energy efficiency of water systems, storm water management, water reuse, source protection and other projects under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and Clean Water Act.	SUPPORT , based on board-adopted 2013 Legislative Strategy, December 2012	This bill would provide funds for “regionally significant” water infrastructure projects following a competitive application process. Unlike existing State Revolving Funds which generally prioritize small, rural water systems for funding, this program focuses on large-scale projects with the minimum loan amount set at \$20 million.
S. 601 Boxer (D-CA) Companion Measure: H.R.3080 Shuster (R-PA)	11/20/13; Conference held between the Senate and House (H.R.3080).	Conservation and Development of Water Resources - Provides for the conservation and development of water and related resources and authorizes the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to Rivers and harbors of the United States.	SUPPORT AND AMEND Title X of this bill, based on board-adopted 2013 Legislative Strategy, December 2012	Title X of this bill is the Innovative Financing Pilot Projects section, also known as Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2013. We support this provision but will seek to request amendments to eligibility requirements for water supply reliability and water conservation projects.

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Bill Author	Amended Date; Location	Title - Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
S.1125 Cornyn (R-TX) Companion Measure: H.R.2307 Vela (D-TX)	6/10/2013; Referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.	Working to Address Treaty Enforcement Rapidly for Texas Act - This legislation links Texas negotiating efforts on the Rio Grande to international treaties between the United States and Mexico on the Colorado River.	OPPOSE pursuant to board action on the domestic agreements supporting Minute 319 and protecting Metropolitan's interests in the deal, November 2012	Metropolitan has spent significant resources over the past decade working with Lower Colorado River stakeholders to establish a cooperative relationship with its counterparts in Mexico resulting in the agreements of Minute 319. Metropolitan opposes conceptually tying funding for Minute 319 implementation to Mexico's agreements on the Rio Grande because that could impact the cooperative relationship Colorado River stakeholders have spent a decade cultivating with Mexico and would have an adverse impact on Metropolitan's interests.
S.1175 Feinstein (D-CA) Companion Measure: H.R.2280 Calvert (R-CA)	6/18/2013; Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.	Infrastructure Facilitation and Habitat Conservation Act of 2011 - creates a source of federal funding to acquire land for conservation plans adopted by local government agencies for purposes of implementing infrastructure development.	SUPPORT , pursuant to board action, October 2011	Often mitigation for project impacts requires advanced investment in habitat acquisition. This program would provide Metropolitan and its member agencies with access to federal loans to assist with those up-front costs.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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S. 1219 Boxer (D-CA) Companion Measure: H.R. 2508 Calvert (R-CA)	9/10/2013; Hearing held before the Select Committee on Indian Affairs.	Pechanga Indians Water Rights Settlement - Authorizes the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement	WATCH	The Act seeks to achieve a final settlement of the Pechanga's claims to water rights in the Santa Margarita River Watershed that includes the Pechanga, Rancho California Water District, Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), and the United States. Metropolitan staff are currently analyzing the renewed proposal and Act, and working on terms that will be brought to this Board for consideration.
S. 2016 Feinstein (D-CA) Companion Measure: H.R. 4039 Costa (D-CA)	2/11/2014; Referred to Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	California Emergency Drought Relief Act - directs the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to take actions to provide additional water supplies and disaster assistance to the State of California due to drought.	Pending March Board Letter Action	H.R. 4039 and S. 2016 could provide some water supply benefits to Metropolitan, assuming that federal regulatory officials will exercise their discretion under existing law to reduce water supply impacts.

Metropolitan is actively tracking numerous other federal bills, including, but not limited to, the following: H.R. 135 (Matsui, D-CA), H.R. 399 (Matsui, D-CA), H.R. 867 (Paulson, R-MN), H.R. 935, (Gibbs, R-OH), H.R. 996 (Slaughter, D-NY), H.R. 2554 (Denham, R-CA), H.R. 3390 (Amodei, R-NV), H.R.3980 (McClintock, R-CA, H. R.3981 (Hastings, R-WA), H.R.3988 (Huffman, D-CA), H.R. 4125 (Costa, D-CA), H.R.4126 (Costa, D-CA), H.R.4127 (Costa, D-CA), S. 68 (Lautenberg, D-NJ), S. 306 (Barasso, R-WY), S. 1153 (Gillibrand, D-NY), S. 1451 (Feinstein, D-CA)

MEMO

To: Municipal Water District of Orange County
From: Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.
Date: March 11, 2014
Subject: State Water Bond Legislation

OVERVIEW

In January, Senator Wolk introduced SB 848 (Wolk) as her new water bond vehicle. The bill was introduced as a verbatim version of the September 11th, 2013 version of SB 42, a \$6.72 billion dollar water bond to replace the current \$11.2 billion water bond on the November ballot. Senator Wolk introduced SB 848 in order to allow the Senate Natural Resources & Water and Environmental Quality committees more time to analyze and consider the water bond proposal. SB 848 was passed out of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on February 11th with a 6-0 vote. The bill was then referred to Senate Appropriations, and has not been assigned a hearing date.

AB 1331 is the other water bond legislation that has been carried over from last year. AB 1331 authored by Assembly Member Rendon and vetted through the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee totals approximately \$6.5 billion. The bill is in the Senate pending a hearing on March 25th in Senate Natural Resources.

Three other pieces of legislation have been introduced to replace the current water bond. AB 1445 (Logue) is a \$5.8 billion water bond bill specific to the storage of ground and surface water. The second bill, SB 40 (Pavley) is currently a spot bill, but includes an urgency clause. Additionally, Senator's Vidak and Cannella introduced SB 927 (Cannella), a proposed \$9.2 billion bond that pares down the \$11 billion water bond that is currently scheduled to be on the ballot. SB 927 (Cannella) prioritizes water storage, clean drinking water, and protecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta water supply. Attached to this report includes a breakdown of three of the key bond measure under consideration: AB 1331 (Rendon) SB 42 (Wolk), and SB 927 (Cannella).

In recent discussions at a local ACWA meeting, Tim Quinn emphasized that recent polling had identified the "drought" as the most important item in the State at this time. ACWA and others thus believe that 2014 is lining up to be the most opportune time to seek passage of the bond as the public sentiment will align with voting for the bond to help solve California's water problems. In addition, with the Governor seeking re-election, he will likely have to weigh in on the bond issue as part of the process of dealing with the drought in California, thus providing an additional boost. ACWA was seeking financial contributions from its members to conduct additional polling to track

public sentiment as we move towards the November election. ACWA's position, although difficult to achieve, is to separate the water bond and the BDCP process.

POLICY PRINCIPALS

While it is not necessary for MWDOC to take a position on any of the water bond legislation at this time, it would be very helpful to prioritize policy principals the District believes are of interest. Principals to consider may include, but are not limited to:

- **Support regional water supply projects that lessen dependency and reliance on imported water, but without having to forego an acre-foot of imported water for each acre-foot of locally developed water;**
- **Support opportunities to expand statewide and regional surface and groundwater storage;**
- **Support Local Water Conservation funding (not less than \$250 million);**
- **Support Advanced Water Recycling, including Desalination and related infrastructure (not less than \$500 million);**
- **Support Stormwater Capture and reuse for the purposes of water supply (not less than \$250 million);**
- **Support funding for the Integrated Regional Water Management Programs, but also provide direct funding opportunities for larger regional types of projects that are difficult to fund via IRWMP's.**

AB 1331 (Rendon) Summary
Total Bond - \$6.5 Billion

Chapter 5: Clean and Safe Drinking Water - \$1.0 Billion

For expenditures, grants, and loans for projects that improve water quality or help provide clean and safe drinking water to all Californians

\$400,000,000 allocated to the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Small Community Grant Fund created for grants for wastewater treatment projects.

\$100,000,000 for deposit in the Emergency Clean Water Grant Fund for grants and direct expenditures to finance public health emergencies and urgent actions to ensure that safe drinking water supplies are available to all Californians. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Providing interim water supplies when necessary to protect public health
- Identifying, planning, designing and constructing projects that improve existing water systems to provide safe, reliable, accessible, and affordable drinking water
- Establishing connections to an adjacent water system
- The design, purchase, installation, and initial operating costs for interim water treatment equipment and systems.

\$400,000,000 allocated for grants and loans for public water system infrastructure improvements and related actions to meet safe drinking water standards, ensure affordable drinking water, or both.

Up to **\$100,000,000** shall be available for improving ground water quality, including but not limited to, the costs of planning, design, and construction of improvements necessary to resume delivery of safe drinking water.

Chapter 6: Protecting Rivers, Lakes, Streams, and Watersheds - \$1.5 Billion

Funds available, upon appropriation by the legislature, for expenditures and grants for multibenefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities including projects focusing on topics such as promoting educational opportunities to instruct and inform Californians, including young people, about the value of watersheds.

\$500,000,000 allocated to fulfill the obligations of the State of California in complying with the terms of Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement or the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement

\$250,000,000 allocated to the Natural Resources Agency to support protects of a state conservancy as provide in the conservancy's strategic plan.

Chapter 7: Climate Change Preparedness for Region Water Security - \$1.5 Billion

For expenditures and competitive grants and loans to respond to climate change and contribute to regional water security.

- Help water infrastructures system adapt to climate change, including, but not limited to, sea-level rise

- Incentivize water agencies through each watershed to collaborate in managing the region's water resources and setting regional priorities for water infrastructure
- Improve regional water self-reliance, including projects that reduce future reliance on the Delta watershed in meeting California's future water supply needs.

*Cost share from nonstate sources of not less than 50% of the total costs of the project shall be required. Cost sharing may be waived or reduced for projects that directly benefit disadvantaged communities or an economically distressed area.

Grants receiving funding from this chapter shall demonstrate that the integrated regional water management plan the applicant's project implements addresses the risk in the region to water supply and water infrastructure arising from climate change. Projects include, but are not limited to:

- Water reuse and recycling
- Local and regional surface and underground water storage
- Ground water aquifer clean up or recharge project
- Water desalination projects

\$1,000,000,000 allocated to the hydrologic regions as identified in the California Water plan

- North Coast: \$45,000,000.
- San Francisco Bay: \$132,000,000.
- Central Coast: \$58,000,000.
- Los Angeles sub region: \$198,000,000.
- Santa Ana sub region: \$128,000,000.
- San Diego sub region: \$87,000,000.
- Sacramento River: \$76,000,000.
- San Joaquin River: \$64,000,000.
- Tulare/Kern: \$70,000,000.
- North/South Lahontan: \$51,000,000.
- Colorado River Basin: \$47,000,000.
- Mountain Counties Overlay: \$44,000,000.

\$500,000,000 allocated for grants and loans for water recycling and advanced treatment technology projects including:

- Water recycling projects
- Contaminant and salt removal projects, including, but not limited to, ground water and seawater desalination
- Dedicated distribution infrastructure for recycled water and commercial and industrial end-user retrofit projects to allow use of recycled water.
- Pilot projects for new salt and contaminant removal technology
- Ground water recharge infrastructure related to recycle seawater
- Technical assistance and grant writing assistance for disadvantaged communities

Up to **\$250,000,000** allocated for direct expenditures, grants, and loans for water conservation and water use efficiency including urban water conservation plans, projects, and programs.

Up to **\$250,000,000** may be available for grants and loans for multibenefit storm water management projects. Eligible projects may include, but not limited to, green infrastructure, rainwater, and storm water capture projects, and storm water treatment facilities.

Chapter 8: Delta Sustainability - \$1.0 Billion

Funds available, upon appropriation by the legislature from the fund, for grants and direct expenditures to improve the sustainability of the Delta. This chapter provides state funding for public benefits assorted with projects need to assist in the Delta's sustainability as a vital resource for fish, wildlife, water quality, water supply, agriculture, and recreation.

Chapter 9: Water Storage for Climate Change - \$1.5 Billion

For expenditures, competitive grants, and loans for public benefits associated with projects that expand the state's water storage capacity.

\$300,000,000 is appropriated to the commission during each fiscal year from 2015/16-2019/20

**SB 848 (Wolk) Summary
Total Bond - \$6.475 Billion**

Chapter 3: Safe Water Drinking Projects - \$2.0 Billion

\$500,000,000 allocated to the state board for projects to address immediate safe drinking water as follows:

- *\$100,000,000* shall be available to finance urgent public health emergency actions to ensure safe drinking water supplies are available
- *\$400,000,000* shall be available for grants and loans for public water system infrastructure improvements to meet safe drinking water standards
- Construction grants shall be limited to \$5,000,000 per project however the state board may set a limit of not more than \$20,000,000 for projects that provided regional or shared solutions among multiple entities, at least one of which is a small disadvantaged community. Additionally, \$25,000,000 may be expended for technical assistant to eligible communities.

\$1,500,000,000 allocated to the department for grants for projects that develop, improve, or implement an adopted integrated regional water management plan

- \$100,000,000 shall be available for grants for projects that significantly advance the application and effectiveness of innovative integrated regional water management strategies
- \$1,400,000 shall be allocated to hydrology regions identified for purposes of integrated regional water management planning in accordance with the following schedule:
 - North Coast: \$66,000,000.
 - San Francisco Bay: \$196,000,000.
 - Central Coast: \$85,000,000.
 - Los Angeles sub region: \$267,000,000.
 - Santa Ana sub region: \$191,000,000.
 - San Diego sub region: \$146,000,000.
 - Sacramento River: \$117,000,000.
 - San Joaquin River: \$96,000,000.
 - Tulare/Kern (Tulare Lake): \$97,000,000.
 - North/South Lahontan: \$72,000,000.
 - Colorado River Basin: \$67,000,000.

Chapter 4: Water Quality, Watershed Protection Projects - \$2.1 Billion

\$400,000,000 allocated to the state board for deposit in the Small Communities Grant Subaccount for grants for waste water treatment projects to keep out contaminants

- *\$20,000,000* shall be available to the state board for deposit into the Private Well and Septic Tank Investment Fund

\$1,100,000,000 allocated for water quality and watershed protection projects of statewide significance as follows:

- *\$600,000,000* shall be available to the Delta Conservancy for water quality
- *\$500,000,000* shall be available for water quality, river, and watershed protection and restoration projects of statewide importance outside of the Delta. Eligible projects include those that reduce pollution or contamination of major water bodies of the state, assist in

the protection or recovery of endangered, threatened, wetland, or migratory species, or protect or restore natural system functions that contribute to water supply, water quality, or flood management.

\$600,000,000 allocated for watershed protection and water quality protects outside the Delta.

Chapter 5: Flood Control and Stormwater Management - \$1.375 Billion

For disaster preparedness, flood control and stormwater management

\$500,000,000 allocated for the department to implement the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan

\$75,000,000 allocated to the Natural Resources Agency for flood control projects on public lands that provide critical flood, water quality, and wetland ecosystem benefits to the San Francisco Bay region.

\$375,000,000 allocated to the state board for competitive grants and loans for storm water management an projects.

\$25,000,000 allocated to the Department of Conservation for competitive grants for qualified special districts an nonprofit organization for project that reduce or manage runoff from agricultural lands for the benefit of surface and groundwater quality.

\$400,000,000 allocated to reduce the risk of levee failure and flood of the Delta

Chapter 6: Water System Operational Improvements - \$1.0 Billion

For the commission for water system operation improvements

\$1,000,000,000 allocated to the commission for water system operational improvements. Eligible projects consist only of the following:

- Surface storage projects identified in the CALFED Bay-Delta Programmatic Record of Decision, dated August 28, 2000, except that projects at Lake Shasta shall not be eligible
- Groundwater storage projects and groundwater contamination prevention or remediation projects
- Conjunctive use and reservoir reoperation projects
- Projects that restore the capacity of reservoirs currently impaired
- Projects that result in permanent reduction of water exported from the Delta
- Recycled water storage facilities

SB 927 (Cannella and Vidak) Summary
Total Bond - \$9.217 Billion

Section 79720: Reduction of Impacts of Drought Conditions - \$327 Million

\$90,000,000 allocated upon appropriation by the Legislature from the fund, for planning, design and construction of local and regional drought relief projects that reduce the impacts of drought conditions, including by not limited to, the impacts of reductions in Delta diversions. Eligible projects include all of the following:

- Water conservation and efficiency projects, including installation of the most water efficient fixtures commercially available.
- Water recycling and related infrastructure.
- Groundwater cleanup.
- Local and regional conveyance projects that improve water supplies and public benefits associated with conveyance facilities.
- Other local and regional water supply reliability projects.
- Local and regional surface water storage projects that provide emergency water supplies and water supply reliability in drought conditions.

\$72,000,000 shall be available for deposit into the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund created.

Section 79721: Integrated Regional Water Management - \$1.04 Billion

Funds allocated upon appropriation by the Legislature, from the fund to the department for competitive grants and expenditures. Eligible projects include those in adopted IRWM Plans. Funds shall be allocated as follows:

- North Coast: \$45,000,000.
- San Francisco Bay: \$132,000,000.
- Central Coast: \$58,000,000.
- Los Angeles subregion: \$198,000,000.
- Santa Ana subregion: \$128,000,000.
- San Diego subregion: \$87,000,000.
- Sacramento River: \$76,000,000.
- San Joaquin River: \$64,000,000.
- Tulare/Kern: \$70,000,000.
- North/South Lahontan: \$51,000,000.
- Colorado River Basin: \$47,000,000.
- Mountain Counties Overlay: \$44,000,000.
- Interregional: \$40,000,000.

Interregional funds may be expended directly or granted by the department to address multiregional needs or state priorities, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

- Investing in new water technology development and deployment.
- Meeting state water recycling and water conservation goals.
- Adapting to climate change impacts.
- Reducing contributions to climate change.
- Other projects to improve statewide water management systems.

- Other projects and activities designed to meet the needs of disadvantaged communities or economically distressed areas including technical and grant writing assistance

Section 79770: Funding for Groundwater Projects - \$1.0 Billion

Funds allocated upon appropriation by the Legislature from the fund, for expenditures, grants, and loans for project to prevent or reduce the contamination of groundwater that serves as a source for drinking water. Projects shall be consistent with an adopted integrated regional water management plan and based on the following criteria:

- The threat posed by groundwater contamination to the affected community's overall drinking water supplies, including the need for treatment of alternative supplies if groundwater is not available due to contamination.
- The potential for groundwater contamination to spread and reduce drinking water supply and water storage for nearby population areas.
- The potential of the project, if fully implemented, to enhance local water supply reliability.
- The potential of the project to increase opportunities for groundwater recharge and optimization of groundwater supplies.
- The State Department of Public Health shall give additional consideration to projects that meet any of the following criteria:
- The project is implemented pursuant to a comprehensive basinwide groundwater quality management and remediation plan or is necessary to develop a comprehensive groundwater plan.
- Affected groundwater provides a local supply that, if contaminated and not remediated, will require import of additional water from outside the region.
- The project will serve an economically disadvantaged community or an economically distressed area.
- The project addresses contamination at a site where the responsible parties have not been identified or where the responsible parties are unwilling or unable to pay for cleanup.

\$100,000,000 shall be available for costs associated with projects, programs, or activities that meet the requirements of this section and both of the following criteria:

- The costs are part of a basinwide management and remediation plan for which federal funds have been allocated.
- The costs address contamination at a site on the list maintained by the Department of Toxic Substances Control pursuant to Section 25356 of the Health and Safety Code or a site listed on the National Priorities List pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980.

\$400,000,000 shall be available to the State Department of Public Health, or a successor agency, for grants and direct expenditures to finance emergency and urgent actions in accordance with this section on behalf of disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas to ensure that safe drinking water supplies are available to all Californians.

AB 2043 (Bigelow) Summary
Total Bond- \$7.935 Billion

Chapter 5: Drought Relief - \$395 Million

\$200,000,000 shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature from the fund, for the planning, design, and construction of local and regional drought relief projects that reduce the impacts of drought conditions, including, of reductions in Delta diversions. Eligible projects include all of the following:

- Water conservation and efficiency projects, including installation of the most water efficient fixtures commercially available.
- Water recycling and related infrastructure
- Groundwater cleanup.
- Local and regional conveyance projects that improve water supplies and public benefits associated with conveyance facilities.
- Other local and regional water supply reliability projects.
- Local and regional surface water storage projects that provide emergency water supplies and water supply reliability in drought conditions.

Projects must provide sustainable water supply that does not contribute to groundwater overdraft or increase surface water diversions and be capable of being operational within two years of receiving the grant.

\$75,000,000 shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature from the fund, to the State Water Resources Control Board for grants for small community wastewater treatment projects that protect water quality and meet all of the following criteria:

- The project is for the planning, design, permitting, construction, or improvement of a wastewater treatment facility, sewer system, or related infrastructure necessary to meet water quality standards or prevent contamination of surface water or groundwater resources.
- The project will serve a community with a population of 20,000 or less
- The project meets other standards that may be established by the State Water Resources Control Board with respect to the design, construction, financing, and operation of the project.

\$120,000,000 shall be available to the State Department of Public Health for grants to assist small, rural, and disadvantaged community drinking water systems to provide clean drinking water consistent with the criteria established under the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Chapter 6: Water Supply Reliability - \$840 Million

Funds shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, from the fund to the department for competitive grants and expenditures. The department shall award grants to eligible projects that implement an adopted integrated regional water management plan. Funds may be available as follows:

- North Coast: \$36,000,000.
- San Francisco Bay: \$105,600,000.
- Central Coast: \$46,400,000.
- Los Angeles subregion: \$158,400,000.

- Santa Ana subregion: \$102,400,000.
- San Diego subregion: \$69,600,000.
- Sacramento River: \$60,800,000.
- San Joaquin River: \$51,200,000.
- Tulare/Kern: \$56,000,000.
- North/South Lahontan: \$40,800,000.
- Colorado River Basin: \$37,600,000.
- Mountain Counties Overlay: \$35,200,000.
- Interregional: \$40,000,000.

\$350,000,000 shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, from the fund to the department for grants and expenditures for the planning, design, and construction of local and regional conveyance projects that support regional and interregional connectivity and water management. Projects shall be consistent with an adopted integrated regional water management plan and shall provide one or more of the following benefits:

- Improvements in regional or interregional water supply and water supply reliability.
- Mitigation of conditions of groundwater overdraft, saline water intrusion, water quality degradation, or subsidence.
- Adaptation to the impacts of hydrologic changes.
- Improved water security from drought, natural disasters, or other events that could interrupt imported water supplies.
- Providing safe drinking water for disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas.

Chapter 7: Delta Sustainability - \$1.5 Million

Funds shall be available, upon appropriation from the fund, for grants and direct expenditures for projects to protect and enhance the sustainability of the Delta ecosystem, including any of the following:

- Projects that advance the policy objectives described in Section 85020 of the Water Code. The projects shall be implemented through a cooperative effort among regulatory agencies, regulated and potentially regulated entities, and affected parties, including state and federal water contractors. These funds may be expended for the preparation of environmental documentation.
- Other projects to protect and restore native fish and wildlife dependent on the Delta ecosystem, including the acquisition of water rights and the removal or reduction of undesirable invasive species.
- Projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from exposed Delta soils.
- Projects that reduce impacts of mercury contamination of the Delta and its watersheds, and remediation and elimination of continuing sources of mercury contamination.
- Scientific studies and assessments that support any of the projects authorized under this section.

Chapter 8: Statewide Water System Operational Improvement - \$3.5 Billion

These funds are continuously appropriated from the fund, without regard to fiscal years, to the commission for public benefits associated with water storage projects that improve the operation of the state water system, are cost effective, and provide a net improvement in ecosystem and water quality conditions, in accordance with this chapter. Funds authorized for, or made available to, the commission

Pursuant to this chapter shall be available and expended only for the purposes provided in this chapter, and shall not be subject to appropriation or transfer by the Legislature or the Governor for any other purpose.

Chapter 9: Groundwater Protection and Water Quality- \$800,000,000

Funds shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature from the fund, for expenditures, grants, and loans for projects to prevent or reduce the contamination of groundwater that serves as a source of drinking water. Projects shall be consistent with an adopted integrated regional water management plan. Funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be available to the State Department of Public Health for projects necessary to protect public health by preventing or reducing the contamination of groundwater that serves as a major source of drinking water for a community. Projects will be based on the following criteria:

- The threat posed by groundwater contamination to the affected community's overall drinking water supplies, including the need for treatment of alternative supplies if groundwater is not available due to contamination.
- The potential for groundwater contamination to spread and reduce drinking water supply and water storage for nearby population areas.
- The potential of the project, if fully implemented, to enhance local water supply reliability.
- The potential of the project to maximize opportunities to recharge vulnerable, high-use groundwater basins and optimize groundwater supplies.
- The project addresses contamination at a site for which the courts or the appropriate regulatory authority has not yet identified responsible parties, or where the identified responsible parties are unwilling or unable to pay for the total cost of cleanup.
- The ability of the project to provide disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas with public drinking water infrastructure that provides clean and safe drinking water supplies and ensures a sustainable groundwater supply.

\$100,000,000 shall be available for costs associated with projects that meet the requirements of this section as well as 1) The costs are part of a basinwide management remediation plan for which federal funds have been allocated and 2) The costs addresses contamination at a site on the list maintained by the Department of Toxic Substances Control.

\$100,000,000 shall be available to the State Department of Public Health for grants and direct expenditures to finance emergency and urgent actions in accordance with this section on behalf of disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas to ensure that safe drinking water supplies are available to all Californians.

Chapter 10: Water Recycling, Conservation, and Efficiency Program - \$1.05 Billion

\$800,000,000 shall be available for grants and loans for water recycling and advanced treatment technology projects, including all of the following:

- Water recycling projects, including, but not limited to, treatment, storage, conveyance, and distribution facilities for potable and nonpotable water recycling projects.
- Contaminant and salt removal projects, including, but not limited to, groundwater and seawater desalination.
- Dedicated distribution infrastructure for recycled water, including residential, commercial, agricultural, and industrial end-user retrofit projects to allow use of recycled water.
- Pilot projects for new salt and contaminant removal technology.
- Groundwater recharge infrastructure related to recycled water.
- Technical assistance and grant writing assistance for disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas.

\$250,000,000 shall be available for direct expenditures, grants, and loans for water conservation and water use efficiency plans, projects, and programs

\$50,000,000 shall be available for projects that are designed to help restore lost water supply reliability in areas with widespread groundwater contamination in locations that contain sites that are listed by the Department of Toxic Substances Control pursuant to Section 25356 of the Health and Safety Code or a site listed on the National Priorities List

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES

COMPARISON OF PROPOSALS FOR A MODIFIED 2014 WATER BOND

Proposal for a Modified 2014 Water Bond	ACWA	AB 1331 (Rendon) March 5, 2014	AB 2043 (Bigelow) Feb. 20, 2014	AB 2686 (Perea) Feb. 21, 2014	SB 848 (Wolk) Feb. 20, 2014
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* Bracketed funding amounts indicate the appropriation is part of a broader funding category.

Category 1: Local Resources Development Support	\$2.150	\$2.500	\$3.435	\$2.500	\$3.345
Disadvantaged Communities	\$0.300	(Priority for DACs) See SDW & WW plus 10% of IRWMP funding	(Priority for DACs) See also Drought Relief	(Priority for DACs) See SDW & WW plus 10% of IRWMP funding	(Priority for DACs)
IRWMP (Total: Rural and Urban)	1.100 ¹ ¹ (\$0.450 for rural support and \$0.650 for urban support)	\$1.500	\$1.190 ² ² (See also wastewater and drinking water)	\$1.500	\$1.500
Recycling & Conservation	\$0.450	³ [\$0.500] ³ (Part of \$2.0 total for IRWMP chapter – for water recycling & advanced treatment)	\$1.050 ⁵ ⁵ (\$0.800 for recycling & advanced treatment projects; \$0.250 for conservation projects)	⁷ [\$0.500] ⁷ (Part of \$1.5 total for IRWMP chapter – for water recycling & advanced treatment)	N/A (Except IRWMP)
Water Quality	(See Below)	⁴ [\$0.250] ⁴ (\$0.250 from \$2.0 total for IRWMPs – for WC/WUE only)	⁶ [\$] ⁶ (See Also Drought Relief)	⁸ [\$] ⁸ (Up to \$0.250 from \$1.5 total for IRWMPs – for WC/WUE only)	(See Below)
Groundwater Quality	\$0.300	⁹ [\$0.100] ⁹ (Up to \$0.100 from \$1.0 allotted for Clean & Safe Drinking Water Projects)	¹⁰ \$0.800 ¹⁰ (Up to \$0.100 to DACs)	¹¹ [\$0.100] ¹¹ (Up to \$0.100 from \$1.0 allotted for Clean & Safe Drinking Water Projects)	\$0.025
Drought Relief	N/A	N/A	¹² \$0.200 ¹² (For water conservation, water recycling, groundwater cleanup, etc. - See also wastewater and drinking water)	N/A	N/A

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Safe Drinking Water	(See DACs above)	¹³ [\$0.500] ^{13,14} the Emergency CW Grant Fund to ensure safe drinking water supplies -from \$1.0 Clean & Safe DW category) ¹⁴ (\$0.400 for grants & loans for public water system infrastructure improvements from \$1.0 Clean & Safe DW category. Priority to DACs)	¹⁵ (Available to the DPH for grants to small, rural, & disadvantaged community drinking water systems from the \$0.395 drought relief ch.)	¹⁶ [\$0.500] ^{16,17} Emergency CW Grant Fund to ensure safe drinking water supplies - from \$1.0 Clean & Safe DW category) ¹⁷ (\$0.400 for grants & loans for public water system infrastructure improvements from \$1.0 Clean & Safe DW category. Priority to DACs)	¹⁸ \$0.520 ¹⁸ (10% of \$0.500 for DACs; \$0.020 for state park water quality)
Stormwater Management	N/A	¹⁹ [\$250] ¹⁹ (\$0.250 from \$2.0 IRWMP Chapter)	N/A	²⁰ [\$] ²⁰ (Up to \$0.250 from Climate Change Preparedness/Water Security Chapter)	\$0.500
Levees/Flood (General)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	²¹ [\$0.875] ²¹ (From Watersheds Ch.; \$0.075 for flood control projects to S.F. Bay region)
Levees/Flood (Delta)	²² [\$] ²² (See Delta Sustainability)	²³ [\$] ²³ (See Delta Sustainability)	²⁴ [\$] ²⁴ (See Delta Sustainability)	²⁵ [\$] ²⁵ (See Delta Sustainability)	\$0.400

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES

COMPARISON OF PROPOSALS FOR A MODIFIED 2014 WATER BOND

Proposal for a Modified 2014 Water Bond	ACWA	AB 1331 (Rendon) March 5, 2014	AB 2043 (Bigelow) Feb. 20, 2014	AB 2686 (Perea) Feb. 21, 2014	SB 848 (Wolk) Feb. 20, 2014
* Bracketed funding amounts indicate the appropriation is part of a broader funding category.					
Wastewater	(See DACs above)	²⁶ [Not less than \$0.400 for deposit in the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund - Small Community Grant Fund for WW treatment projects from \$1.0 Clean & Safe Drinking Water category. Priority to DACs/projects addressing public health hazards)] \$1.26	²⁷ (To SWRCB for grants for small community wastewater treatment projects from the \$0.395 drought relief ch.) \$0.075	²⁸ (Not less than \$0.400 for deposit in the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund - Small Community Grant Fund for WW treatment projects from \$1.0 Clean & Safe Drinking Water category. Priority to DACs/projects addressing public health hazards) \$1.28	\$0.400
Category 2: Delta Ecosystem Restoration & Watersheds	\$3.050	\$2.500	\$1.500	\$3.750	\$2.455
Delta Sustainability	\$2.250	\$1.000	\$1.500	\$2.250	\$0.800
Watersheds	\$0.800	\$1.500	N/A (Delta Only)	\$1.500	²⁹ (Outside Delta. See also State Conservancies) \$1.155
State Obligations	N/A (Note – ACWA is accepting \$0.500 proposal in suggested amendments to AB 1331.)	³⁰ [Part of the \$1.5 Watersheds total to fulfill obligations with: Klamath Basin Restor. Agrmt.; QSA; San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement) \$0.500]	N/A	³¹ [Part of the \$1.5 Watersheds total to fulfill obligations with: Klamath Basin Restor. Agrmt.; QSA; San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement; & others) \$0.500]	\$0.500

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES

COMPARISON OF PROPOSALS FOR A MODIFIED 2014 WATER BOND

Proposal for a Modified 2014 Water Bond	ACWA	AB 1331 (Rendon) March 5, 2014	AB 2043 (Bigelow) Feb. 20, 2014	AB 2686 (Perea) Feb. 21, 2014	SB 848 (Wolk) Feb. 20, 2014
*Bracketed funding amounts indicate the appropriation is part of a broader funding category.					
State Conservancy	(See Watersheds)	³² [\$0.250] (Part of the \$1.5 Watersheds total)	N/A	³³ [\$0.250] (Part pf the \$1.5 in Watershed total)	³⁴ [\$0.875] (Minimum part of \$1.155 from Watershed & Ecosystem Improvement ch)
Category 3: Storage for Coequal Goals					
Statewide Water System	\$3.000 (continuous appropriation)	\$2.500 (\$0.300 appropriated per fiscal year for five years)	\$3.000 (continuous appropriation)	\$3.000 (continuous appropriation)	\$1.000 ³⁵ (no continuous appropriation) ³⁵ (\$0.025 for surface storage studies)
Total Investments (in billions)	\$8.200	\$8.000	\$7.935	\$9.25	\$6.825



DISCUSSION ITEM

March 17, 2014

TO: Public Affairs & Legislation Committee
(Directors Dick, Clark, & Hinman)

FROM: Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Darcy M. Burke

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF MWDOC'S "ASK" OF STATE LEGISLATORS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee review and discuss the proposed "ask" of state legislators.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

At the February Public Affairs and Legislation Committee meeting, staff was requested to prepare an item that would be used as MWDOC's "ask" in upcoming meetings with state legislators. The following report outlines three primary "ask" and several information items for discussion and consideration by the Board of Directors.

REPORT

As MWDOC plans to hold a number of meetings with state legislators over the coming months, staff has developed the following "asks" to state legislators and key staff members to assist in improving Orange County's regional water supply reliability.

1. Support funding, either through a water bond in 2014, or other legislative vehicle, that will improve Orange County's water supply and system reliability.

- Support advanced water recycling, including desalination and related infrastructure funding (not less than \$500 million)

Budgeted (Y/N): N	Budgeted amount: None	Core <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/>	Choice <input type="checkbox"/>
Action item amount:		Line item:	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

- Support Local Water Use Efficiency funding (not less than \$250 million)
- Support Stormwater Capture and reuse funding for the purpose of water supply (not less than \$250 million)
- Support funding to expand statewide and regional surface and groundwater storage
- Maintain South Orange County in the San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management Plan funding region (current water bond language has it moving to the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) IRWMP funding region)

2. Support the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Process

- Support the permitting process of the BDCP and emphasize the desired outcome of providing more certainty of water supply deliveries for Southern California
- Ensure that no additional unnecessary regulatory burdens, not based on science or engineering, are included during the BDCP permit process that will impact water supply deliveries, water quality, and costs to Southern California.
- Support the “beneficiary pays” principle that ensures that all costs are equitably apportioned to the beneficiaries

3. Support funding for the Integrated Regional Water Management Programs (IRWMP)

- Expedite Round 3 of IRWMP and other funding for local and regional water use efficiency, recycled water, and desalination projects; in particular, in the area of planning and permitting to fast track implementation
- Provide direct funding opportunities for larger regional type of projects i.e. Desalination

In addition, MWDOC should provide education and inform state legislators on the following items:

- Southern California’s water supply investments and their value during this drought
- The success of water use efficiency investments within the region and the general public’s engagement in long term water saving changes
- The benefits of regional planning and integrated funding strategies
- Innovative approaches in developing water supply projects such as the Doheny Ocean Desalination Project
- Plans to work with AQMD on regulatory relief to water utilities to allow emergency generators to be used during or prior to power emergencies, without penalties being incurred; similar to public safety entities

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

March 17, 2014

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

Staff Contact: Darcy M. Burke

SUBJECT: **AB 2712 – introduced by Assemblyman Daly**
Hazardous Materials: Orange County Water District**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of Directors review and discuss Assembly Bill 2712 and direct staff as appropriate.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

AB 2712 was introduced by Assemblyman Tom Daly and co-sponsored by Senator Lou Correa. This bill is a groundwater cleanup bill that would impose requirements on the Orange County Water District. This bill would impose requirements on the Orange County Water District when conducting a remediation project at a hazardous waste release site located in the district and would prohibit the district from implementing a remediation project unless the plan for the proposed remediation project is approved pursuant to the specified procedures. The bill would require the district to develop a plan for a proposed remediation project and to submit the plan, for review and approval, to the Department of Toxic Substances Control, a California regional water quality control board, or a certified unified program agency, as specified. If the regulatory agency does not approve the plan, the bill would allow the district to submit the plan to the site designation committee for review. The site designation committee would be required to disapprove the plan, approve the plan, or conditionally approve the plan.

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

The bill would impose a state-mandated local program by requiring the district and a certified unified program agency to take specified actions.

This bill would provide that with regard to certain mandates no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

DETAILED REPORT

Under existing law, the Site Designation Committee in the California Environmental Protection Agency is authorized to designate an administering agency for oversight of a remedial action to a hazardous substance release. Existing law requires the administering agency to supervise the site investigation and remedial action conducted by the responsible party and, upon determining that the site investigation and remedial action has been satisfactorily completed, to issue a certificate of completion to the responsible party.

This bill would impose requirements on the Orange County Water District when conducting a remediation project at a hazardous waste release site located in the district and would prohibit the district from implementing a remediation project unless the plan for the proposed remediation project is approved pursuant to the specified procedures. The bill would require the district to develop a plan for a proposed remediation project and to submit the plan, for review and approval, to the Department of Toxic Substances Control, a California regional water quality control board, or a certified unified program agency, as specified. If the regulatory agency does not approve the plan, the bill would allow the district to submit the plan to the site designation committee for review. The site designation committee would be required to disapprove the plan, approve the plan, or conditionally approve the plan.

If the regulatory agency disapproves the plan and the plan is not submitted for review, or if the site designation committee disapproves the plan, the bill would prohibit the district from seeking cost recovery from a responsible party for the hazardous materials release site pursuant to specified state and local laws. The bill would also prohibit the district from seeking that cost recovery with regard to the parts of a conditionally approved plan that were revised or deleted by the site designation committee.

The bill would impose a state-mandated local program by requiring the district and a certified unified program agency to take specified actions.

The bill was introduced on February 21, 2014 and is currently pending. The bill is strongly supported by the Orange County Business Council.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

March 17, 2014

TO: Board of Directors**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Dick, Hinman, Clark)**Robert Hunter**
General Manager**Staff Contact:** Darcy M. Burke**SUBJECT:** **SB 1362, Senator Correa, Public Contracts: Orange County Water District****STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of Directors review and discuss SB 1362 and direct staff as appropriate.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

SB 1362 makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that governs the contracts of Orange County Water District as provided in a specified statute and further provides that the district is not bound by any contract unless the same is made in writing approved by a resolution of the board.

There is no dollar threshold in this bill; so in essence, all contracts of any dollar amount would have to be approved by resolution of the Board of Directors.

This bill was introduced on February 21st and is currently pending.

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

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

March 17, 2014

TO: Board of Directors**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Dick, Hinman, Clark)**Robert Hunter**
General Manager**Staff Contact: Darcy M. Burke****SUBJECT: SB 1390, CORREA, SANTA ANA CONSERVANCY****STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of Directors review and discuss SB 1390 and direct staff as appropriate.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

This bill would establish the Santa Ana River Conservancy to acquire specified lands within 1/2 mile on either side of the riverbed of the Santa Ana River and would prescribe the management, powers, and duties of the conservancy. The bill would also create the Santa Ana River Conservancy Fund, but would prohibit the conservancy from implementing the funding authorization until the Legislature appropriates, from other than General Fund moneys, or a bond act approved by the voters allocates, the necessary funds.

The bill would require the conservancy, by January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature on progress made to further the purposes of the conservancy.

The bill was introduced on February 1, 2014 and is currently pending.

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



ACTION ITEM

March 19, 2014

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Dick, Clark & Hinman)

Rob Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Karl Seckel

SUBJECT: Travel to Washington DC in 2014 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)

March 2014 Progress Report

The following trips have been made to Washington DC (not including the ACWA DC Conference and Legislative Luncheon) so far this year:

- January trip by Director Barbre
- February trip by Director Barbre and General Manager Hunter was cancelled due to weather conditions
- March trip by Director Barbre

Budgeted (Y/N): Yes	Budgeted amount: \$15,000 for travel	Core <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Choice ____
Action item amount: n/a		Line item: Cost centers 11 (Board) & 12 (Staff)	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted): Item marked as Core even though it supports some of our Choice services; Federal funding is sought for both Core and Choice activities, however, the travel is charged as Core. Costs for our Federal advocates was split between Core and Choice and is not included in the cost amount; this year, the Federal Advocates are entirely Core. The actual amount budgeted for Travel this year to Washington DC was \$8,200. In light of the higher level of travel anticipated, reductions in other areas will have to be made.			

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 tracking progress on proposed legislation for the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2013, the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Authority (WIFIA) and the Corps of Engineers Environmental Infrastructure Account from WRDA 2007. The most recent trip back is to meet with Senator Feinstein's Office to directly discuss the potential for funding projects like the Doheny Desal Project.

ANNUAL SUMMARY FROM DECEMBER 2013

Each year a number of trips are made to Washington DC to carry out MWDOC's Federal Initiatives. Anticipated trips are as follows:

- In the past, typically MWDOC has budgeted six person-trips to Washington DC per year (a person-trip is one person traveling to and from Washington DC typically involving a two night stay). For 2014, it is anticipated that a few more trips will be made through the inclusion of the General Manager and/or another director. It is estimated that about 10-person trips may occur in the coming calendar year (not including the ACWA DC Trip that involves our Orange County delegation luncheon). These trips cost about \$1500 per person per trip and so the total estimated travel costs would be about \$15,000.
- Typically, the first of these trips occurs in early to mid-January to begin the process of scoping out sentiments and positions relative to funding opportunities for the year. The search includes looking for funds for Water Use Efficiency, Planning, other Projects or specifically for the Doheny Desalination Project and any other grant funding that might be developing. Early input into the process is sought to collect information and the current sentiment and to shape the policy direction in a manner beneficial to our needs.
- Additional trips occur as the year proceeds. Typically, the second trip occurs in mid-February. The purpose is to continue making the rounds with Committee and Congressional staff members ahead of the appropriation submittal process (March & April) to further develop our strategy and requests for the year.
- A third trip occurs in the May timeframe for meetings with the various legislative offices.
- The fourth and fifth trips for the year occur in the summer or early fall to follow-up on any late issues as appropriations bills are drafted and approved.
- Each of these trips can include one to two persons (staff and/or Directors; typically Director Brett Barbre makes all of the trips because of his expertise and connections).
- This item **does not** include the travel for the MWDOC Legislative meeting in February or travel to the ACWA Washington DC Conference in February or March.



ACTION ITEM

March 19, 2014

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Dick, Hinman, Clark)

Rob Hunter
General Manager

SUBJECT: NOMINATIONS FOR CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTING REGION 6 “SEAT C”

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the directors determine whether any of them wishes to be nominated for the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors representing Region 6 “Seat C.”

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is soliciting Independent Special District Board Members or their General Managers who are interested in serving on the CSDA Board of Directors for the 2015-2017 term. The leadership of CSDA is elected from its six geographic regions. Each of the six regions has three seats on the Board with staggered three-year terms.

Any regular member Independent Special District is eligible to nominate one person, a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district’s Board of Directors), for election to the CSDA Board of Directors. A copy of the member district’s resolution or minute action must accompany the nomination. CSDA must receive nominations and supporting documentation by May 23, 2014.

Elaine Sullivan of Leucadia Wastewater District is the incumbent, and she will seek re-election.

Budgeted (Y/N):	Budgeted amount:
Action item amount:	Line item:
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):	

Staff recommends that the directors determine whether any of them wishes to be nominated for the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors representing Region 6 "Seat C." Staff will then complete the necessary documentation and submit it to CSDA.

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**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together

DATE: February 21, 2014

TO: CSDA Voting Member Presidents and General Managers

FROM: CSDA Elections and Bylaws Committee

**SUBJECT: CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
SEAT C**

The Elections and Bylaws Committee is looking for Independent Special District Board Members or their General Managers who are interested in leading the direction of the California Special Districts Association for the 2015 - 2017 term.

The leadership of CSDA is elected from its six geographical regions. Each of the six regions has three seats on the Board with staggered 3-year terms. Candidates must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a CSDA regular member located within the geographic region that they seek to represent. (See attached Region Map)

The CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, education and resources. The Board of Directors is crucial to the operation of the Association and to the representation of the common interests of all California's special districts before the Legislature and the State Administration. Serving on the Board requires one's interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide.

Commitment and Expectations:

- Attend all Board meetings, held every other month at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
- Participate on at least one committee, meets 3-5 times a year at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
CSDA reimburses Directors for their related expenses for Board and committee meetings as outlined in Board policy.
- Attend CSDA's two annual events: Special District Legislative Days (held in the spring) and the CSDA Annual Conference (held in the fall).
- **Complete all four modules of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy within 2 years.**
(CSDA does not reimburse for expenses for the two conferences or the Academy classes even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the events).

Nomination Procedures: Any Regular Member is eligible to nominate one person, a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district's Board of Directors), for election to the CSDA Board of Directors. **A copy of the member district's resolution or minute action and Candidate Information Sheet must accompany the nomination. The deadline for receiving nominations is May 23, 2014.** Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed or faxed.

Nominees will receive a Candidate's Packet in the mail. The packet will include campaign guidelines.

CSDA will mail ballots on June 6th. The ballots must be received by CSDA no later than 5:00 p.m. August 1, 2014 and must be the original ballot (no faxes or e-mails). The successful candidates will be notified no later than August 5th. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the Annual Conference in Palm Springs, CA in September.

Expiring Terms

(See enclosed map for regional breakdown)

Region 1	Seat C	Phil Schoefer, Western Shasta Resource Conservation District
Region 2	Seat C	David Pierson, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District*
Region 3	Seat C	Stanley Caldwell, Mt. View Sanitary District*
Region 4	Seat C	Steve Perez, Rosamond Community Services District*
Region 5	Seat C	Jim Acosta, Saticoy Sanitary District
Region 6	Seat C	Elaine Sullivan, Leucadia Wastewater District*

(* = Incumbent is running for re-election)

If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Lowe at 877-924-CSDA or charlottel@csda.net.



**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

Name of Candidate: _____

District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Region: _____ (see map on back)

Telephone: _____

(PLEASE BE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER IS ONE WHERE WE CAN REACH THE CANDIDATE)

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

Return this **form and a Board resolution/minute action supporting the candidate
and Candidate Information Sheet** by fax or mail to:

CSDA
Attn: Charlotte Lowe
1112 I Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814
(877) 924-2732 (916) 442-7889 fax

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS – May 23, 2014



2015 Regions/Networks





California Special
Districts Association
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2015 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: _____

District/Company: _____

Title: _____

Elected/Appointed/Staff: _____

Length of Service with District: _____

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

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

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

4. List civic organization involvement:

****Candidate Statement** – Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. **Any statements received in the CSDA office after June 5, 2014 will not be included with the ballot mailing.**

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ACTION ITEM

March 19, 2014

**TO: Public Affairs and Legislation
(Directors Dick, Clark, Hinman)**

FROM: Rob Hunter, General Manager Staff Contact: Darcy Burke

SUBJECT: AB 1671, Frazier, Sacramento- San Joaquin Delta: Water Conveyance System

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board review AB 1671 and consider taking an “Oppose” position.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

This bill would prohibit the Department of Water Resources from constructing water facilities as part of a specified water conveyance system unless specifically authorized by the Legislature.

DETAIL REPORT

Under existing law, the United States Bureau of Reclamation operates the federal Central Valley Project and the Department of Water Resources operates the State Water Resources Development System, known as the State Water Project, to supply water to persons and entities in the state. Existing law provides for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of water development facilities by the state, including the State Water Project. Under existing law, State Water Project facilities include, among others, the facilities that are specified or authorized by the Legislature as part of the state Central Valley Project.

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

This bill would prohibit the department from constructing water facilities as part of a specified water conveyance system unless specifically authorized by the Legislature.

ANALYSIS:

AB 1671 is a threat to achieving the co-equal goals of ecosystem restoration and reliable water supplies in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The ability to capture water supplies is severely compromised by the environmental deterioration in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta and the shortcomings of the current pumping systems of the State Water Project and Central Valley Project.

The ongoing Bay Delta Conservation Plan process is a landmark effort to advance both water system and ecosystem improvements in the Delta. The historic package of Delta legislation in 2009 wisely chose to set an achievable and balanced set of state policies to restore this vital estuary and improve the reliability of water supplies if they are given a chance to succeed. AB 1671 seeks to undermine this science-based planning process with a political one that would perpetuate a status quo that is neither in the interest of the Delta nor California.



INFORMATION ITEM

March 17, 2014

TO: **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Dick, Clark & Hinman)

FROM: **Robert Hunter, General Manager**

Staff Contact: Jessica H. Ouwerkerk

SUBJECT: RECAP OF FEB. 6 WATER POLICY FORUM & DINNER

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

On Thursday, February 6, MWDOC held its third Water Policy Forum & Dinner of 2014 at the Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel in Costa Mesa. The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Christopher Thornberg, Founding Partner of Beacon Economics, LLC. A total of 169 guests registered for the event, 142 of whom attended. These individuals included elected officials, water industry professionals, business representatives, and community leaders from throughout Southern California.

The event began at 5:30 p.m. with a pre-dinner reception honoring retiring Metropolitan Director Thomas Babcock as well as the staff of Metropolitan's Diemer Water Treatment Plant. At 6:30 p.m., Director Thomas delivered opening remarks followed by Director Barbre's recognition of the reception honorees. Following dinner service, Dr. Thornberg began his keynote address, which focused on the U.S. and California economies and the importance of the BDCP to our economy. The event concluded a few minutes after 8:00 p.m. with closing remarks by Director Thomas.

Budgeted (Y/N): N	Budgeted amount: \$0	Core _X_	Choice __
Action item amount: N/A	Line item:		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

Event photos and a video have been posted to the MWDOC website for attendees to view.

The next Water Policy Forum & Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30, 2014. As the event date approaches, staff will work with the Water Policy Dinner ad-hoc committee, consisting of Directors Clark and Dick, to determine a guest speaker and honoree.

Participant Satisfaction Survey

The post-event Participant Satisfaction Survey was distributed shortly after the event, and a total of 25 participants completed the survey. Full survey results are attached to this report.

The survey results indicate that participants were very satisfied with the keynote address, date, and time – all of which received an average rating of at least 4.5 out of 5. Survey respondents were also satisfied with the event location, pre-dinner reception, food/beverage, and price – all of which received an average rating of at least 4.0 out of 5. No event components received an average score of less than 4.0, indicating there are no elements that need significant improvement.

Overall, guests rated the event experience a 4.5 out of 5, and rated their likeliness of attending a future Water Policy Forum & Dinner event a 4.8 out of 5, both of which are consistent with the ratings for previous events. Survey results indicate the participants are very pleased with these events, but they would prefer a second bar setup at future events.

Preliminary Financial Report

Public Affairs staff worked with the Accounting department to compile an updated financial report (see attachment) for the February 6 event. A few guest payments are still pending, but the report shows a net cost to the district of \$267. The primary reason for the overage is the additional costs of professional videography services (\$500) and compensated registrations for seven legislative staffers (\$525). The revenues (approximately \$1,888) from the previous two Water Policy Forum & Dinner events will be used to cover this cost. This event is the third and final Water Policy Forum & Dinner of fiscal year 2013-14, and the overall revenue to the district from these events is approximately \$1,621.

Municipal Water District of Orange County
Recap of Revenues and Expenses for Water Policy Forum & Dinner
Event Date: February 6, 2014

Preliminary Reconciliation as of 3/11/14

Registrants

140 Registered guests @ \$75.00 each	10,500.00
29 Registered guests @ \$85.00 each	2,465.00
Less: 10 Complimentary dinner guests @ \$75.00 each	(750.00)
Less: 15 Dinners for MWDOC Directors and staff @ \$75.00 each	(1,125.00)
Total Registration Fees	11,090.00

Revenues

Payments

34 Paid via check & cash @ \$75.00 each	2,550.00
5 Paid via check & cash @ \$85.00 each	425.00
80 Paid via PayPal @ \$75.00 each	6,000.00
22 Paid via PayPal @ \$85.00 each	1,870.00
2 Unpaid registered guests @ \$75.00 each	150.00
2 Unpaid registered guests @ \$85.00 each	170.00
Anticipated Revenues	\$ 11,165.00

Expenses

Dinner costs for 150 guests @ \$42.50 per person	6,405.00
Audio-visual equipment rental	1,199.64
Parking 116 @ \$6.00 each	696.00
Sales tax and service charges on dinner	2,034.23
Tip for hotel staff	220.00
Reception & speaker gifts	92.86
Production services	500.00
Supplies (decorations, name badges & supplies)	36.48
PayPal fees	248.60
Total Expenses	\$ 11,432.81

Anticipated Cost (Revenue) to the District	\$ 267.81
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1 \$1,887.93 excess from FY13/14 previous dinners used to cover cost for 10 guests



Constant Contact Survey Results

Survey Name: Water Policy Forum Satisfaction Survey (February 2014)

Response Status: Partial & Completed

Filter: None

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How did you find out about the event? Select all that apply.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Email invitation	<div></div>		19	76.0 %
Announcement at a meeting	<div></div>		2	8.0 %
Through a colleague/friend	<div></div>		6	24.0 %
MWDOC's eCurrents newsletter	<div></div>		5	20.0 %
Twitter/Facebook	<div></div>		0	0.0 %
Other	<div></div>		0	0.0 %
Totals			25	100%

Why did you attend the event? Select all that apply.

Why did you attend the Summit? Select all that apply.				
Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Interest in topic ("The 2014 Economic Outlook: A Focus on California and Water")	<div><div></div></div>		20	80.0 %
Interest in keynote speaker: Dr. Christopher Thornberg	<div><div></div></div>		10	40.0 %
Networking / Business development	<div><div></div></div>		15	60.0 %
General interest in learning more about water	<div><div></div></div>		13	52.0 %
To support the reception honorees (Tom Babcock; Staff of MET's Diemer Treatment Plant)	<div><div></div></div>		4	16.0 %
Other	<div><div></div></div>		0	0.0 %
Totals			25	100%

Please rate your satisfaction with the following.

1 = Very dissatisfied, 2 = Somewhat dissatisfied, 3 = Neutral, 4 = Somewhat satisfied, 5 = Very satisfied

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
Pre-dinner reception						25	4.0
Keynote address (Dr. Christopher Thornberg)						25	4.6
Location (Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel)						25	4.4
Date (first Thursday of the month)						24	4.5
Time (5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)						25	4.6
Food and beverage						25	4.2
Price (given overall value)						25	4.0

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

How satisfied are you with the overall event experience?

1 = Very dissatisfied, 2 = Somewhat dissatisfied, 3 = Neutral, 4 = Somewhat satisfied, 5 = Very satisfied

	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
						25	4.5

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

How likely are you to attend future Water Policy Forum & Dinner events?

1 = Very unlikely, 2 = Somewhat unlikely, 3 = Neutral, 4 = Somewhat likely, 5 = Very likely

	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
						25	4.8

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

How likely are you to recommend these events to a friend or colleague?

1 = Very unlikely, 2 = Somewhat unlikely, 3 = Neutral, 4 = Somewhat likely, 5 = Very likely

	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
						25	4.6

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

Do you have any suggestions for future programs or guest speakers?

5 Response(s)

Do you have any suggestions for how we can improve future events, or is there anything else you would like to tell us?

7 Response(s)

TextBlock:

Thank
you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your feedback is very
important to us. We hope to see you at the next Water Policy Forum & Dinner on Wednesday, July 30.

Constant Contact Survey Results

Survey Name: Water Policy Forum Satisfaction Survey (February 2014)

Response Status: Partial & Completed

Filter: None

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1. How did you find out about the event? Select all that apply. - Other responses

Answer

[No Responses]

2. Why did you attend the event? Select all that apply. - Other responses

Answer

[No Responses]

2. Why did you attend the event? Select all that apply. - Comments

Answer

[No Responses]

3. Please rate your satisfaction with the following. - Comments

Answer

Having only one bar available caused long lines and cut down on the opportunity to network. Drinks were expensive. Reception time was not long enough IMO. The reception bar had only one bar tender. Long time consuming lines resulted. 3 could have been kept busy. Dr Thornberg had too much material for the time allotted. The result was that some points were not explored in sufficient detail or were mentioned with no explanation. Excellent speaker Long wait lines at the bar from 6:00 P. M., on. Perhaps two bartenders or two stations would solve this. Speaker covered too much general economic information and not enough about water.

4. How satisfied are you with the overall event experience? - Comments

Answer

It takes time to be able to effectively mix within the lobby area. Even with my mild critique, Dr. Thornberg's talk was very interesting and informative.

5. How likely are you to attend future Water Policy Forum & Dinner events? - Comments

Answer

Please keep me posted of upcoming events.

6. How likely are you to recommend these events to a friend or colleague? - Comments

Answer

[No Responses]

7. Do you have any suggestions for future programs or guest speakers? - Responses

Answer

- Water Authority from northern CA to provide perspective on north/south divisions.
- Sen. Feinstein
- Panel discussion among state legislators with water interests (committee assigns, etc.)
- Agriculture authority to provide perspective on ag use v other water users

Groundwater & recycle
California Water Law & Water Rights
Assuming the MET lawsuit has a verdict - perhaps someone who can talk about the litigation and effects (assuming it isn't appealed).
Water and economics are always fascinating when presented together. How about the economics of desalination for a future topic.

8. Do you have any suggestions for how we can improve future events, or is there anything else

Answer

Too expensive for the meal that we had. Everyone should have gotten a free drink coupon. I'd suggest you acquire a third-party emcee to handle the meeting and the speaker. IMO, it was unseemly for VP Thomas to inject his thoughts into the Q&A with the speaker. Nothing against the VP, but I wanted to hear from the speaker.

might consider topic tables during the mixer prior to the meeting.

None

Having plan events, I know how much work it entails - the MWDOC staff that pulls this all together does an excellent job.

When there are charts and/or a PowerPoint presentation, consider having screens on each side of the podium. This for a more effective presentation to the entire room.....John

Thank you for including me. Learning about water policy has helped me as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Huntington Beach and makes for interesting conversations with friends and colleagues.



INFORMATION ITEM

March 17, 2014

TO: Public Affairs & Legislation Committee
(Directors Hinman, Dick, Clark)

FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager **Staff Contact:** Darcy M. Burke

SUBJECT: 7th Annual Orange County Water Summit

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

Planning for the 7th Annual Orange County Water Summit began in August with the initial meeting between the Co-Chairmen, Directors Jeff Thomas and Steve Sheldon, and key staff members. Staff worked with Disney and the theme is "Bond... Water Bond." Disney completed the Save The Date and it is currently being distributed to our database, Orange County Water District's database and our partners.

Staff has been focusing on sponsorship and speaker confirmations. The sponsorship was distributed to past sponsors at the beginning of the month and as of February 10, 2014, staff has secured \$28,700. Our sponsorship goal is \$53,800.

Staff worked with Co-Chairmen Jeff Thomas (MWDOC) and Steve Sheldon (OCWD) to schedule a full planning committee in January and another meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

The Save the Date was distributed to past attendees, MWDOC's database, OCWD's website and Metropolitan's Business Outreach database. The Summit website is updated

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

and the registration link has been activated. The draft program will be posted in the near future.

The working draft of the program follows:



The 2014 OC WATER SUMMIT

Bond.... Water Bond

Friday, May 16, 2014

7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Grand Californian Hotel, Disneyland Resort
Anaheim, California**

DRAFT PROGRAM*

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

**8:00 a.m. – 8:05 a.m. Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance
Emcee: TBD**

8:05 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Session 1: Live and Let Die

No Cal legislator – Congressman Garamendi - **CONFIRMED**
Central Valley legislator – Congressman Valadao - Invited
So Cal legislator – Congressman Issa – Invited

9:05 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Session 2: You Only Live Twice
THE DELTA**

The Historical Delta
Robin Grossinger, San Francisco Estuary Institute -
CONFIRMED

The Delta Today
Dr. Michael Gunson, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory - Invited

The Future Delta
Curt Schmutte - CONFIRMED –

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10:05 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**-Session 2: From California with Love –
Session on Ag**

Moderator:

Karen Ross, California State Secretary of Food and
Agriculture - Invited

Speakers:

Delta Farmer – Tom Neuharth, Invited

CV Farmer, Shawn Coburn, Confirmed

So Cal Farmer; Charles Wolk, Confirmed

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

BREAK

11:15 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Session 3: Moneyraker –

Moderator – Bob Simonds - CONFIRMED

Rob Sands, CEO & President, Constellation Brands - Invited
Or

Gina Gallo, Winemaker, Gallo Brands - Invited

Daniel W. Boyd, Vice President, DR Horton Homes -
CONFIRMED

Coca Cola Bottling Executive - Invited

Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiang, Nantworks – Invited

12:05 p.m. 12:20 p.m.

BREAK

12:20 – 1:25 p.m.

Lunch and Session 4

Session 4 Thunderball; The politics of the water bond

Panel of Water Bond Authors - Invited

1:25 p.m.

**(Subject to Change)*

Closing Remarks



INFORMATION ITEM

March 17, 2014

TO: **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Dick, Clark, & Hinman)

FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Darcy Burke

SUBJECT: **Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Washington D.C. Luncheon and Sacramento Reception**

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 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 26, 2014 and the Sacramento reception the evening of March 5, 2014.

With the assistance of Director Barbre, Jim Barker and Congressman Issa's office, we hosted over fifty 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.

From our Member Agencies, Irvine Ranch Water District, Orange County 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 and Cucamonga Valley Water District also participated. The Santa Ana Watershed Protection Agency, SAWPA, participated at the luncheon as well.

Budgeted (Y/N): Y	Budgeted amount: \$7,000	Core _X_	Choice __
Action item amount:	Line item:		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

The luncheon was attended by Director Barbre, Rob Hunter and Darcy Burke from MWDOC. Congressman Royce, Congressman Rohrabacher, Congressman Calvert and Congresswoman Negrete-McCloud attended and spoke at the event. In addition, staff from Congressman Takano, Congressman Miller, Congressman Campbell, Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, Congressman Ruiz, Congressman Hunter, and Congressman Duncan participated.

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

Catering	\$1,492.00
Printing (Posters and program)	\$ 396.60
Materials (Thumb Drives)	\$ 492.50 *
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	\$ 2,381.10

*= Thumb drive expenses are part of the reproduction expense of Public Affairs and are not included in the budget for this event; rather they are budgeted as part of Water Awareness efforts.

The total final expense will be shared between the four presenting agencies; MWDOC, EMWD, IEUA and WMWD. Both IEUA and WMWD have already committed to participating again next year. Staff had not been able to confirm EMWD's participation at the time of this report.

For the Sacramento reception, IEUA and their sub agency Cucamonga Valley Water District took the lead. Director Barbre and Rob Hunter participated on behalf of MWDOC. The reception took place at Ella's Dining Room and Bar in downtown Sacramento and the attendance was estimated to be over 100. MWDOC staff is currently waiting for an attendance and expense report from Cucamonga Valley Water District. Please note that Townsend Public Affairs sponsored the event as well as other consultants from the various agencies.

Public Affairs Activities Report February 18, 2014 – March 16, 2014

<p>Member Agency Relations</p>	<p>Rob, Karl and Harvey accompanied Director Barbre and Director Steiner from the San Diego County Water Authority on a State Water Project (SWP) trip on March 8-9. Tiffany coordinated registration and guest needs for the shared trip.</p> <p>Tiffany is working with Director Ackerman and MWD to reschedule two upcoming inspection trips.</p> <p>Darcy and Jessica are working with Metropolitan staff and our Member Agencies to coordinate outreach efforts in regards to drought messaging. Draft talking points have been distributed for comments and consideration. In addition, Metropolitan hosted a Public Information Officers meeting on February 21st to discuss outreach strategy, coordination and collaboration with outside organizations including Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), Department of Water Resources and others.</p> <p>Jessica and Darcy are planning the March 18 Public Affairs Workgroup and Legislative Coordinators meeting.</p> <p>Jessica provided water supply photos to the Cities of Buena Park and Brea.</p> <p>Jessica provided water use efficiency materials printed by Metropolitan Water District to Mesa Water District and City of Garden Grove.</p> <p>Jessica and Tiffany worked with administration staff to coordinate the agenda and email invitation for the April 3 Semi-annual Elected Officials Forum. Tiffany distributed the invitation to member agency managers and board members.</p>
<p>Community Relations</p>	<p>Darcy, Jessica and Tiffany continue to work on the 2013 Annual Report, which will be available on the MWDOC website in both electronic and printable versions. The draft report should be completed later this month.</p> <p>Darcy provided an emergency messaging training session for the Emergency Response Network Inland Empire (ERNIE) on February 12th. The training is designed specifically for field personnel.</p> <p>Jessica participated in the WACO Planning meeting on February 18.</p>

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	<p>Jessica developed and distributed the February issue of eCurrents newsletter.</p> <p>Tiffany, Jessica, Vivian, and Sarah implemented MWDOC's social media activities through Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest during this period.</p> <p>Jessica and Melissa provided information to the OC Stormwater Program and their PR consultant, Communications Lab, for a story they are pitching to the OC Register on rain barrels.</p> <p>Jessica participated in the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting on March 4. As the staff administrator for ISDOC, Jessica is also working to book speakers for the upcoming ISDOC Lunch Meetings, oversee completion and distribution of the 2014 ISDOC Directory, invoice new Associate Members, and coordinate upcoming Executive Committee meeting agendas and minutes.</p> <p>Jessica developed and distributed a participant satisfaction survey for ISDOC. The survey is intended to measure satisfaction with the Quarterly Lunch Meetings and identify areas for improvement.</p> <p>Jessica facilitated a number of requests from members of the community for presentations on water supply/water use efficiency to audiences including irrigation/landscape professionals, senior citizen groups, and elementary school students. She also distributed a variety of water-related literature to residents upon request.</p> <p>Jessica staffed the March 7 WACO meeting featuring guest speakers Karl Seckel and Herb Nakasone of Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency.</p> <p>Jessica and Vivian Lam coordinated distribution of Poster & Slogan Contest and Photography & Digital Arts Contest flyers to all OC public schools through the OC Department of Education's internal mailing system. This allowed MWDOC to get the Contest information out to all public school students without incurring any postage costs. Flyers are being mailed separately, through the US Postal Service, to private schools, home school groups, public libraries, and Boys and Girls Clubs. The Contest deadline is April 4.</p> <p>Jessica updated the 2014 drought talking points to reflect current water supplies and regional messages. The talking points cover the current drought situation, the BDCP, water use efficiency, and water supply reliability. An executive summary was added to the multi-page document.</p> <p>Jessica developed content for a drought briefing paper. Tiffany then created the infographic design/layout.</p> <p>Tiffany created a webpage specifically for drought messaging and</p>
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	<p>materials. Tiffany also updated several website pages with current information.</p> <p>Tiffany created the monthly collage/image used for the cover of eCurrents, Facebook, and the website homepage.</p> <p>Tiffany and Sarah gathered information from all member agencies and special districts to complete the annual MWDOC and ISDOC directories. Sarah put all of the information received into two completely workable electronic pdfs, which have been emailed to special district, member agency, and legislative office contacts. Tiffany has posted the MWDOC Directory on the website.</p> <p>Tiffany created an infographic/handout about what a 20% reduction in water use looks like.</p>
Education	<p>The participation target for the 2013-14 Water Education Assembly Program has increased to 80,821 students. Recently, Mesa Water District, City of Seal Beach, and City of Tustin approved funding for additional students to bring the participation total up to its current level. To date, 69,840 students have been booked in the program. DSC staff is confident they will be able to book the remaining students in the coming months.</p> <p>During the month of February, 12,669 students participated in the Traditional Assembly Program; 769 students participated in the Keypad Program; no students participated in the Water Quality Program.</p> <p>Jessica met with Discovery Science Center staff on March 4 to discuss the 2014-15 School Program and pricing.</p>
Media Relations	<p>On March 7, Rob Hunter was interviewed by NBC4 News on Garemendi's Water Plan and the importance of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. The story aired on NBC News later than evening: http://www.nbclsanjeles.com/news/local/Congressman-Seek-Allies-in-Bid-to-Thwart-Delta-Tunnels-249099091.html.</p> <p>Pat Brennan, reporter from the <i>Orange County Register</i>, contacted MWDOC on March 6 regarding the significance of local reservoirs to Orange County's water supply. Jessica provided information on local reservoirs and the importance of both local and regional storage projects.</p> <p>Pat Brennan contacted Jessica on February 19 regarding MWDOC's drought resolution. The resolution was referenced in a subsequent <i>OC Register</i> article on the President's drought relief package.</p>

	<p>Darcy was quoted in an <u>OC Weekly</u> blog article written by Brendan Ferguson on Orange County's water supply and the need to use water efficiently.</p> <p>Jessica developed and distributed a press release regarding MWDOC's drought resolution and the call for enhanced water use efficiency.</p> <p>Jessica developed and distributed a press release regarding the MWDOC Board Officer elections.</p>
Special Projects	<p>Darcy finished the draft Value of Water Communications Plan. Final edits are in progress. A Request For Qualifications for the Focus Group and Subject Matter Expert Consultation portions of the plan has been released with final responses due on Friday, March 21, 2014.</p> <p>Planning for the OC Water Summit continues. Information on the program, speakers and sponsorships will be provided to the Public Affairs and Legislation Committee.</p> <p>Jessica distributed a Save the Date email for the 7th annual OC Water Summit. To date, 25 guests are registered for the event.</p> <p>Tiffany created the electronic May 16, OC Summit sponsorship commitment form and link. Sponsorships can now be completed online.</p> <p>Darcy and Jessica continue to work on developing the Public Affairs 2014-2015 Budget.</p> <p>Jessica updated the MWD vs. SDCWA Litigation briefing paper with an update on the current status of the lawsuit. She also drafted talking points regarding the preliminary ruling.</p> <p>Jessica designed a Board Resolution for Congressman Gary Miller.</p> <p>Tiffany and Warren are working to design and order permanent name badges for employees and Directors.</p>
Water-Use Efficiency Marketing	<p>Joe Berg filmed a short video for the Orange County Public Works department. The video shoot was part of a series that focus on nine projects that have received funding including The Reserve Project. Darcy assisted with the development of the script and will assist in the distribution of the video and related clips.</p> <p>Jessica met with staff of OC Stormwater Program, IRWD, San Clemente, UC Cooperative Extension, and Communications Lab on March 3 to discuss the pilot OC Garden Friendly program. Three</p>

	<p>pilot program event dates/locations have been selected at Home Depot stores: March 29 in Huntington Beach, May 3 in Laguna Niguel, and May 17 in Brea. Through these events, the partners will promote California Friendly plants and water efficient irrigation systems.</p> <p>MWDOC worked with the OC Stormwater Program's PR Consultant, Communications Lab, to design a water bill insert that promotes the OC Garden Friendly pilot program events as well as MWDOC's rebates on water use efficient irrigation systems and turf removal. More than 180,000 copies of the bill inserts were printed and mailed to 12 water districts and cities for distribution to their customers. A variety of additional marketing materials are currently developed by Communications Lab to promote the program and related events.</p> <p>Jessica participated in the March 6 OC Water Use Efficiency Coordinators meeting, which was hosted by IRWD. Jessica updated the group on the pilot OC Garden Friendly meeting, 2014-15 Public Affairs budget, current WUE marketing activities, the upcoming OC Water Summit, and other public affairs activities.</p> <p>Jessica coordinated a request from a Homeowners Association in Mission Viejo for 700 copies of a rebate flyer co-branded with the OC Stormwater Program logo. The flyers were distributed to HOA residents in March.</p> <p>Jessica is working on MWDOC's Best Management Reporting on education and public information activities for the California Urban Water Conservation Council.</p>
Legislative Affairs	<p>Tiffany went above and beyond in developing a variety of creative materials for the February 26th Washington D.C. briefing and luncheon. These included the briefing book, program, posters, customized name tags, loaded thumb drives, and a one-page leave behind.</p> <p>Darcy coordinated with staff at Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), Western Municipal Water District (WMD) and Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) for the February 28th, 2014 ACWA DC Luncheon. Fifty-four people participated at the luncheon, including Congressman Ken Calvert, Congressman Ed Royce, Congresswoman Gloria Negrete McCloud and Congressman Dana Rohrabacher.</p> <p>In addition, Director Barbre and Rob represented MWDOC in our participation in the shared Sacramento reception on March 5th. The event is held in conjunction with ACWA's Symposium. IEUA took the lead for that event. Townsend was a sponsor for the event.</p>

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	<p>Darcy has been working with Ed Laird regarding issues with the Air Quality Management District (AQMD). Mr. Laird expertise and guidance has been extremely helpful. Although staff had hoped to have scheduled the initial meeting by this time, Mr. Laird is currently recovering from surgery and the project has been slightly delayed. Staff is continuing to pursue the recommended course of action. In addition, Dr. Burke from the AQMD has been busy with his work on the Los Angeles Marathon and his schedule has been extremely tight.</p> <p>Darcy has been meeting with Townsend Public Affairs (TPA) on a bi-weekly basis.</p>
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OC Water Officials: Save It While We Got it!

By Brandon Ferguson

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While Californians pray for rain, the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) is asking residents and businesses to tighten up their water consumption. In order to help the request, the SoCal Water Smart program is offering rebates to residents who install high efficiency toilets and washers, moisture sensing sprinkler systems and rain barrels (hopefully there will be some rain to fill them). The program also offers customers \$1 per square foot of lawn removed and replaced with drought tolerant plants.



This latest call for a reduction in water consumption comes a month after Governor Jerry Brown issued a drought emergency due to far lower than average Sierra snowpack.

"Orange County receives approximately 30 percent of its annual water supply from this source," MWDOC said in a press release issued yesterday. "Enhanced water use efficiency efforts are needed in order to reduce the amount of water taken out of storage this year."

But while the rest of the state smacks its parched lips and counts every drop, OC is in a better (or wetter) position than many other counties.

"As a region, we've invested in water reliability projects," MWDOC Spokesperson Darcy Burke told *the Weekly*. "Water use efficiency is a huge investment that all of Orange County has made, and that has put us in a position where we're better off."

Burke added that 17 communities across the state may run out of water in the next 60 to 100 days. "None of them are in Orange County," she said.

North Orange County, which is blessed with a large freshwater aquifer, has been a leader in water reuse and groundwater recharge. A series of channels and sandy bottom river beds diverts water from the Santa Ana River every year into the aquifer. In addition, the Orange County Water District (OCWD) operates a massive Groundwater Replenishment System, which treats wastewater that otherwise would be dumped in the ocean, and instead produces as much as 70 million gallons of drinkable water per day.

But Burke cautioned against a lack of vigilance.

"That doesn't mean waste it. It's still dry out there and we don't know how long it's going to continue."

For more information on the rebate program, www.mwdoc.com/wue or socalwatersmart.com.




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BY LAURA OLSON / STAFF WRITER

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SACRAMENTO – Gov. Jerry Brown and top Democrats unveiled a \$687.4 million emergency drought-relief proposal Wednesday to help residents struggling with record-dry conditions as well as to fund badly needed updates to the state’s water infrastructure.

The legislation calls for food and housing assistance for struggling farm families as well as money for emergency drinking water supplies. It also would accelerate projects to capture and recycle water,

improve groundwater management, and increase water conservation and efficiency.

Officials announced the proposal at the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services here, underscoring the immediate and historic nature of California’s dry weather. Charts showed rainfall and reservoir levels that continue to lag, as well as the spike in wildfires.



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“This is a time to pull together as Californians first, to rise above a lot of divisions that pull us apart because we don’t know how long this thing is going to last,” Brown said.

The announcement follows a visit last week from President Barack Obama, who traveled to the Central Valley to promote \$180 million he made available to aid state farmers and families in California’s driest areas.

State environmental officials say the drought is one of the most severe on record. Brown declared a state of emergency last month and directed state agencies to cut back on their water usage.

The governor also has called on residents to voluntarily reduce their water use by 20 percent. He sidestepped a question Wednesday about the possibility of mandatory water restrictions, saying that officials are taking the situation step-by-step: “What needs to be done will be done.”

The Democratic proposal would mostly rely on money from voter-approved bonds, including \$549 million from two recent propositions. It also would make it easier to enforce water rights laws and increase penalties for illegally diverting water.

“We’re not waiving environmental laws. We’re not hiking fees or taxes,” said Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento. “We’re using money that we have available now to save time, to save water and to help Californians hardest-hit by the drought.”

Steinberg and Assembly Speaker John Perez, D-Los Angeles, said they plan to move the proposal through their chambers in the coming weeks. Once approved, projects could begin almost immediately, though some could take a year or more to be completed.

Republican legislative leaders criticized the proposal for not taking on more of the state’s long-term water issues. Assembly Minority Leader Connie Conway, R-Tulare, called the proposal “a drop in the bucket,” and said she will be unveiling legislation Thursday aimed at addressing broader needs as well as the drought’s short-term effects.

Democrats said they still want to put a water bond proposal on the November ballot, and are ironing out “minor differences” between the two chambers over how to reduce the previous \$11 billion plan.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the region’s water wholesaler, said the new legislation’s plan to speed up money for projects could be a key tool as the drought continues.


“Strategic funding of drought relief programs can lessen the impacts, and this proposal is a very important first step to providing that assistance,” general manager Jeffrey Kightlinger said in a statement.

The water district is working with local agencies to identify potential projects,



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which could include some recycling and conservation efforts, said Metropolitan spokesman Bob Muir.

The message from other local water officials Wednesday was simple: limit your water use.

The Municipal Water District of Orange County's board of directors called on all water users to conserve supplies and prepare for prolonged drought. While a statement from the water agency said there is no immediate threat of water-supply interruptions, the duration of the state's crippling drought is unknown.

The statement encouraged residents to plant drought-tolerant vegetation, or install rotating sprinklers and "smart" timers on sprinklers, and check for leaks around the house.

Staff writer Pat Brennan contributed to this story.

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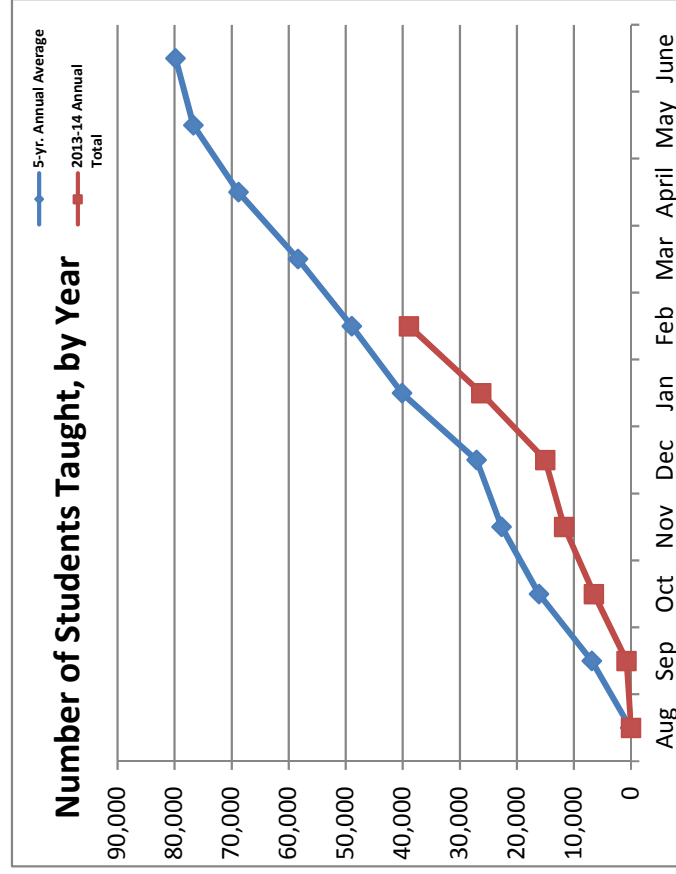
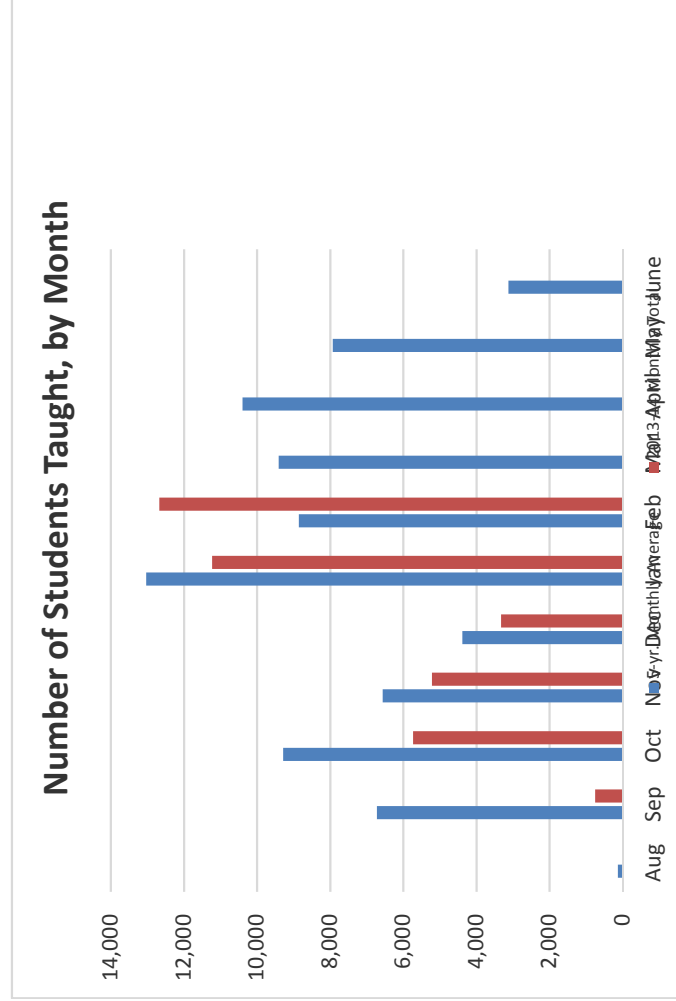
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Number of Students Reached in the Water Education School Program- Assembly Program

Year	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total
5-yr. Monthly Average	127	6,723	9,283	6,565	4,384	13,033	8,851	9,408	10,398	7,928	3,125	79,717
5-yr. Annual Average	127	6,850	16,133	22,698	27,082	40,114	48,965	58,373	68,771	76,699	79,824	79,824
2013-14 Monthly Total	0	750	5,727	5,210	3,322	11,229	12,669					38,907
2013-14 Annual Total	0	750	6,477	11,687	15,009	26,238	38,907					38,907





INFORMATION ITEM

March 17, 2014

TO: **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Dick, Clark & Hinman)

FROM: **Robert Hunter, General Manager**

Staff Contact: Jessica Ouwerkerk

SUBJECT: 2014 Poster & Slogan Contest and Photography & Digital Arts Contest

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

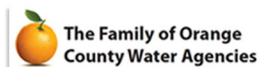
The 2014 Poster & Slogan Contest and Photography & Digital Arts Contest are in full-swing. Contest flyers were developed in-house with graphic design work completed by Public Affairs intern Vivian Lam. The Contest flyers (attached to the write-up) were printed and distributed to all Orange County public schools through the Orange County Department of Education's internal mailing system. Contest flyers were also sent to private schools, home school organizations, Boys and Girls Clubs, and public libraries throughout Orange County. Staff of Discovery Science Center is passing out the flyers to participants in our Water Education School Program. MWDOC is promoting the Contest through its website, social media, and eCurrents newsletter, and MWDOC member agencies are promoting the Contests at the local level.

Staff is currently receiving a number of inquiries regarding the Contests and a few requests for free paper, which is being offered due to resource constraints at local schools. The Contest deadline is April 4, 2014. We hope to generate close to 1,000 Contest entries. In past years we received up to 1,500 entries when we were still printing calendars comprised of the winning artwork. Ever since we stopped printing the calendars that number has dropped to around 800 entries per year.

Budgeted (Y/N): Y	Budgeted amount: \$7,500	Core _X_	Choice __
Action item amount: \$7,500	Line item: 32-7360		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

Following the Contest deadline, the entries will be sorted by grade level and director division. The best entries from each director division and grade level will be featured in an online judging process. MWDOC and member agency directors and staff will all be invited to participate in the online judging process, which will be conducted via survey in Constant Contact.

Thirty winning students will be selected: 15 Poster Contest winners, 5 Slogan Contest winners, and 10 Photography/Digital Arts Contest winners. Four grand prize winners (one each in grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12) will receive either a Nintendo DS or iPad Mini. All 30 winners – and their parents and teachers – will be invited to attend an Awards Ceremony on June 3 at Discovery Science Center. At the Awards Ceremony, all winning students will receive their framed artwork, a trophy, certificate, and a custom t-shirt or tote bag imprinted with their poster/slogan/digital artwork. MWDOC and member agency Directors and staff will be invited to attend the Awards Ceremony in support of the winning students.



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2013 CONTEST WINNER

WATER AWARENESS PHOTOGRAPHY & DIGITAL ARTS CONTEST

The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and the Family of Orange County Water Agencies present the 2014 Water Awareness Photography and Digital Arts Contest. Our goal is to get students thinking about the importance of our most valuable natural resource - water. Students are encouraged to create digital photos and digital artwork that reflect the theme: **Thirst.**

For example, "Why is water vital for our way of life?" OR "How can you help save water during a drought?"

CONTEST RULES

Open to Orange County students in grades 6-12.

Students may submit one or more original digital photographs or computer-generated artwork pieces.

All files must be submitted in JPG, PNG, or PDF format and should be no larger than 10 MB in size.

Photographs and digital artwork should be medium to high resolution (300 dots per inch or higher).

Computer-generated artwork can be created using Adobe Photoshop/Illustrator, Microsoft Publisher/PowerPoint, or any other graphics program.

Only original artwork will be accepted. Submissions must not contain images created by anyone other than the student. However, students may utilize the Ricki Raindrop character, which is available for download at mwdoc.com/services/poster-slogan.

Contact:
Sarah Franks
sfranks@mwdoc.com
(714) 963-3058

DEADLINE: 4.4.14

Every teacher whose students submit digital artwork entries will be entered into a drawing to win a **\$100** gift card for teaching supplies. Four teachers will be selected. 10 students will be selected as winners.

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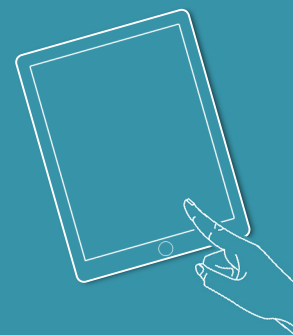
6-8 One Grand Prize Winner
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IN GRADES

9-12 One Grand Prize Winner
will receive an iPad Mini

All 10 winning students (and parents & teachers) will be invited to attend a special Awards Ceremony at Discovery Science Center. Results will be posted in May at mwdoc.com/services/poster-slogan.

PRIZES



SUBMIT ARTWORK

please e-mail entries to
DIGITALARTS@MWDOC.COM

OR post your entry on our Facebook page
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF
ORANGE COUNTY

PLEASE INCLUDE

in the body of your e-mail

STUDENT'S NAME	PHONE NUMBER	SCHOOL NAME
TEACHER'S NAME	GRADE LEVEL	EMAIL ADDRESS

2-3 sentences explaining how you created your artwork or photograph.
(How did you create the images? Which programs did you use?)



WATER AWARENESS POSTER & SLOGAN CONTEST

The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and the Family of Orange County Water Agencies present the 2014 Water Awareness Poster & Slogan Contest. Our goal is to get students thinking about the importance of our most valuable natural resource - water. Orange County students in grades K-5 are encouraged to create posters or slogans that reflect the theme: **THIRST**. For example: "Why is water vital for our way of life?" OR "How can you help save water during a drought?"

RULES:

- 1 Open to all Orange County students in grades K-5. Submissions must reflect the student's own ability.
- 2 Posters must be drawn horizontally on 8.5x11 or 11x17 inch paper. We can provide you with free paper if needed.
- 3 Slogans must be 15 words or less and should be written on a separate sheet of paper. Please do not write the slogan on the same page as your poster.
- 4 Original artwork only. (No copyrighted characters or images; e.g., Spongebob or Mickey Mouse.)
- 5 All entries will become the exclusive property of MWDOC for reproduction/promotional purposes.

Please send entries to:



Every teacher whose students submit posters or slogans will be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 gift card for teaching supplies. Four teachers will be selected.



Apple iPad Mini

One Grand Prize Winner in grades 3-5



Nintendo DS

One Grand Prize Winner in grades K-2



Awards Ceremony

All winning students (and their parents and teachers) will be invited to attend a special awards ceremony at Discovery Science Center.

DEADLINE: April 4, 2014

Please write the following information on the back of your poster or slogan:

Student's Name	Grade Level	Teacher's Name
Home Phone #	School Name	School District

Contact:

Sarah Franks; (714) 963-3058 or sfranks@mwdoc.com