

MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
Jointly with the  
**PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**  
May 19, 2014, 8:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 101

**Committee:**

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Director Clark  
Director Hinman

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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

**ACTION ITEMS**

2. ELECTION OF ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO)
3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CSDA BYLAWS AND AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO CAST THE DISTRICT'S BALLOT

**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.)

4. SUPPORT LETTER TO RESTORE RECYCLING WATER FUNDING IN THE WATER BOND
5. UPDATE ON MET'S AND MWDOC'S COMMUNICATIONS PLANS
6. 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY WATER SUMMIT (MAY 16, 2014)
7. PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES REPORT
8. WATER EDUCATION SCHOOL PROGRAM- MONTHLY PARTICIPATION DATA

**OTHER ITEMS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Congress is back in session after their April recess and is beginning to determine what they are likely to pass for the remainder of the year. Among other must pass bills: Funding for the Federal Government, an extension of the Federal Transportation Program, various “tax extenders” that are passed on a yearly basis and for our community, the Water Resources Reform Development Act or WRRDA.

WRRDA is the major authorization bill which provides the Army Corps of Engineers the authorities to execute its programs and activities. Most federal water activities take place in the Bureau of Reclamation, the EPA or the Army Corps of Engineers.

The legislation is in the very final stages of completion. Both the House and the Senate have passed their respective bills and they have gone to a House and Senate Conference Committee where the differences are negotiated between some hand selected Conferees.

Right now the Conference Report is being circulated for signatures by the House and Senate Members of the Conference. The document is still not public and so we cannot discuss what’s in the final legislation yet. The legislation is expected to be released in the next week or so.

MWDOC has worked hard on two particular provisions in the bill. One is the WIFIA Loan Program—that will allow water districts to borrow federal dollars at a below market rate—with an insurance premium to protect the US Taxpayers against default—the loan in turn to be repaid to the federal government over a 35 year period. It is expected that water districts such as ours could save millions of dollars with the program. The transportation industry has a similar program called the TIFIA Loan Program.

One of our major issues is to provide borrowers the ability to also receive tax free municipal bond financing in addition to a WIFIA loan, if a borrower wanted to go in that direction. The way that the legislation passed the Senate included the WIFIA Program but denied tax free municipal bond joint financing packaging. This is due to the fact that the Feds were concerned that water districts were getting “two bites” of the federal apple so to speak. A discounted loan program and if the water districts used tax free municipal bond financing, the revenue side of the federal budget would take a “hit”.

We have been very active in working on this issue—along with most other water related groups in the country. Again, details of the Conference Report should be released in the next week or so.

The other issue we have been concerned about is retaining the Water Infrastructure Section which authorizes \$40,000,000 for California Water Infrastructure which MWDOK worked hard to include in the 2007 version of the Act. Senator Boxer's office provided Director Barbre and staff with their personal assurances that this section would remain "active" and protected.

On the other national issues of significance to bring to your attention:

***The Ukraine:*** The situation continues to slowly erode with pro-Russian forces seizing more areas of the Ukraine. This issue continues to be on the front page. There is concern that a Civil War may erupt in the country.

***NSA Reform:*** Taken off the front pages for months now, the House Intelligence Committee has recently passed legislation reforming the way that the National Security Agency can collect phone data. The new law would end the NSA's ability to collect a "bulk collection" of people's phone calls. Under this new legislation still working its way through the Congress, phone records would stay in the hands of private phone companies that will keep them for regulatory and billing purposes. The NSA could only search the records after a specific "court order". Under current law the NSA has amassed a huge collection of data documenting every call that every person has made in America for years. Eric Snowden, the former NSA employee who outed the program, remains in Russia in political asylum.

***Water Update:***

***Drought:*** Senator Diane Feinstein introduced a drought relief bill in February. The California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014, co-sponsored with Barbara Boxer which would make it easier for federal agencies to move water to where it's most needed, but still adhering to the Endangered Species Act. There is word here that Senator Feinstein can get a bill to the Floor without a hearing—but it will still take 60 votes to avoid a filibuster under Senate rules. No small feat here in Congress under current circumstances. There is concern amongst some Republicans and Democrats that her bill could hurt some farmers and fishermen in Northern California. Meanwhile as reported previously, Congressman Valadao's bill has cleared the House of Representatives. Speaking with his office, they report that the effort right now is for all of the water stakeholders to come to an agreement as to what the "water deficit is" south of the Delta. An agreement on that amount of deficit will be critical in their eyes. It will be the first step towards trying to find a resolution on how to manage the region's water. The Federal Government may only be able to solve a portion of that water deficit and it will be up to the local stakeholders to find the balance of that water deficit. We meet regularly with California offices on these issues.

***WRRDA Conference:*** This topic was addressed on the front page of this report this month.

***Appropriations:*** The Congress is in the process of holding hearings and soon will be conducting

committee markups regarding the Energy and Water Appropriations bills. MWDOC has sought Report Language which would allow California, as well as other states, to be able to use authorized Army Corps funds without the restrictions which were placed on the states in last year's bill.

### 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>
<b>Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) U.S. Dept of Agriculture</b>	SmarTimer Irrigation Controller Installations		The NRCS Program may provide funding opportunities in future grant programs.
<b>South Orange Coastal Ocean Water Desalination Project</b>	Federal Appropriations and an Authorization for Federal Funds for the Desalination Project	Competitive Grant Programs	<p><b>Appropriations:</b> MWDOC has submitted requests to have broader Report Language accompany Energy and Water Appropriations Bill—thereby providing an opportunity for MWDOC an opportunity to receive funding from the Army Corps of Engineers.</p> <p><b>Authorizations:</b> The WRDA Bill continues to be in a House / Senate Conference. The Bill should be voted on during the next month.</p>
			<p><b>Earmarks:</b> We continue to monitor the moratorium. This topic is likely to be addressed again at the beginning of the next session.</p>

## GENERAL NEWS, CONGRESSIONAL, AND POLITICAL UPDATES

Several odds and ends for this month:

Clay Aiken of the TV “American Idol” fame, will be the Democratic Nominee for the North Carolina US Congressional Seat this fall.

Regarding the 2016 Presidential Election on the Republican side, Jeb Bush is being courted by some of the country’s biggest Republican campaign donors to determine if he is going to run for President in 2016. He is the former popular Governor of Florida, a key state to the Republican Party in a national race. It appears his decision to run will turn on whether his wife, Columba, to whom he has been married to for 40 years, will give him the green light to do it. His wife is known to be “not your traditional political wife”. She is a very private person and does not seek the limelight. She has always been supportive of her husband’s public life, but running for President carries all of this to a new level. She is Mexican born and she could have a significant impact on the discussion of immigration related issues in this country according to many operatives here in Washington.

Clearly in Washington circles, Hillary Clinton is seen as the favorite of the Democratic Party if she decides to run for President.

Admittedly, the subject of Global Warming is a very controversial topic. That said, there is mounting evidence that global warming could be affecting every part of the United States. This report will discuss the topic from time to time.

There is a body of U.S. Scientists that participate in the International Panel on Climate Change who suggest that the warming of the past 50 years was primarily caused by emissions of heat trapping gases released by humans. Burning coal for electricity, using gasoline to fuel cars and trucks, clear cutting forests and engaging in certain agricultural activities have all contributed to the current situation.

Plotted from multiple data sets going back to 1850, the panels suggests there is evidence that the land air temperature has increased, the sea water temperature has increased and “sea level” has increased and glaciers are thinning more rapidly than 100 years ago, according to a NOAA “State of the Climate in 2012 Report” and the National Snow and Ice Data Center.

Conservative critics argue that this recently released report is a political document aimed at trying to provide cover for the Obama Administration that wants to beef up its regulatory function over power plants and other

	<p>energy related industries. This is a debate that will be ongoing.</p> <p>Here is an article from the May 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Washington Post that speaks to the melting of the Antarctic Ice Sheet. It provides a perspective of what Capitol Hill and the Obama Administration might read of their morning page of the newspaper.</p> <p><b><i>Collapse of Antarctic ice sheet is underway and unstoppable but will take centuries</i></b> By Darryl Fears, Wash Post 5-12-14</p> <p>The collapse of the giant West Antarctica ice sheet is underway, two groups of scientists said Monday. They described the melting as an unstoppable event that will cause global sea levels to rise higher than projected earlier.</p> <p>Scientists said the rise in sea level, up to 12 feet, will take centuries to reach its peak and cannot be reversed. But they said a decrease in greenhouse gas emissions could slow the melt, while an increase could speed it slightly.</p> <p>Temperatures at sea, on land and on ice all point to a warming trend over the past century, according to several indicators in the government's National Climate Assessment.</p> <p>Warm, naturally occurring ocean water flowing under the glaciers is causing the melt. "We feel it is at the point that it is . . . a chain reaction that's unstoppable," regardless of any future cooling or warming of the global climate, said Eric Rignot, a professor of Earth science at the University of California at Irvine. He was the lead author of a NASA-funded study that was one of the two studies released Monday.</p> <p>The only thing that might have stopped the ice from escaping into the ocean and filling it with more water "is a large hill or mountains," Rignot said. But "there are no such hills that can slow down this retreat," he added.</p> <p>The peer-reviewed NASA Study has been accepted by the journal Geophysical Research Letters and is expected to be published within days. The NASA announcement coincided with the release of a University of Washington study that contained similar findings. It will be published Friday in the journal Science.</p> <p>Both studies observed ice retreating from four massive glaciers in West Antarctica — Pine Island, Thwaites, Smith and Kohler. The Thwaites glacier alone holds enough water to increase sea level by two feet, the University of Washington study said. Together, the glaciers hold enough</p>
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	<p>water to raise it by several feet.</p> <p>Sea levels will not rise suddenly, in spite of what the word “collapse” implies, said a statement by the university in its report. “The fastest scenario is 200 years, and the longest is more than 1,000 years.”</p> <p>The statement said university scientists used detailed maps and computer models to reach their conclusion “that a collapse appears to have already begun.” “Scientists have been warning of its collapse, based on theories, but with few firm predictions or timelines,” the statement said.</p> <p>The new projections of sea-level rise by both studies are higher and potentially more devastating than earlier projections by international scientists who authored an Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report last year and U.S. scientists who wrote the federal government’s National Climate Assessment, which was issued this month.</p> <p>The findings probably will force the IPCC to increase its current estimate of up to three feet of sea-level rise by 2100, said Sridhar Anandakrishnan, a professor of geosciences at Pennsylvania State University.</p> <p>The IPCC bases its results on reviews of earlier studies, and the recent observations on polar ice “are only now starting to come together,” said Anandakrishnan, who was not involved in the NASA study.</p> <p>Tom Wagner, cryosphere program scientist at NASA’s Earth Science Division in Washington, said this is not the first time scientists have said West Antarctica ice will collapse.</p> <p>“That idea that this is unstoppable has been around since the 1970s,” Wagner said. “We’ve finally hit this point where we have enough observation to put this together” and say it is happening.</p> <p>Earlier projections of a collapse are one reason scientists criticized some IPCC projections as overly conservative.</p> <p>In the National Climate Assessment, released last week, scientists already predicted a harsh scenario for the Chesapeake Bay. “As sea levels rise,” they said, “the Chesapeake Bay region is expected to experience an increase in coastal flooding and drowning of . . . wetlands” that protect against storm surge.</p> <p>Sea-level rise would be made worse because the land is sinking in the lower bay region because of ancient geological forces.</p>
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**MEMO**

**To: Municipal Water District of Orange County**

**From: Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.**

**Date: May 13, 2014**

**Subject: Monthly Political and Activity Report**

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**STATE POLITICAL UPDATE**

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Assemblymember Toni Atkins was sworn in as the 69<sup>th</sup> Speaker of the Assembly. In her first remarks as Speaker, Atkins praised California's gradual return to fiscal stability, urged more investment in education and pledge to bolster California's business climate. Atkins is the first Assembly speaker from San Diego, and the third woman, to lead the House since the Legislature became a full time institution.

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Governor released the May Revision of his original budget proposal. As anticipated, the Governor is projecting an additional \$2.4 billion in revenue for the upcoming fiscal year. The May Revision now represents a total budget of \$156.2 billion. The Governor has maintained a position of generally paying down debt and liabilities.

In the arena of Natural Resources, the May Revision includes total funding of \$7.9 billion for all programs included in the Agency. The May Revision includes a total of \$3.3 billion to support the Department of Water Resources. In addition the May Revision builds upon the Governor's California Water Action Plan proposed in the January budget and includes an increase of \$2.5 million in General Fund in 2014-15 and \$5 million annually for four additional years to support local groundwater management efforts.

The following revisions are proposed for additional one-time resources for 2014-15 to continue immediate drought-related efforts started in the current year. There is an additional \$142 million included for drought-related expenditures. Revisions include, but are not limited to:

- Department of Fish and Wildlife - An increase of \$30.2 million in General Fund and \$8.5 million other funds to implement enhanced salmon monitoring, restore sensitive habitat, improve water infrastructure for wildlife refuges, expand the fisheries restoration grant program, and remove barriers for fish passage;
- Department of Water Resources - An increase of \$18.1 million in General Fund to assess current surface and groundwater conditions, provide technical

guidance to local water agencies and for public outreach through the Save Our Water campaign

- Office of Emergency Services – An increase of \$4.4 million in General Fund for the State Operations Center to continue to provide local communities with technical guidance and disaster recovery support related to the drought
- State Water Resources Control Board – An increase of \$4.3 million in General Fund to continue enforcement of drought-related water rights and water curtailment actions.

With the release of the May Revision, negotiations between the Governor and Legislature begin in earnest. Over the next several weeks, the Legislature will engage the Governor on various programs they see as needing increases in funding, as well as discussing issues such as high-speed rail where the two sides are still debating the appropriate amount of funding moving forward (particularly regarding the use of cap-and-trade revenues).

Polling and discussion is heating up on the 2014 water bond. In a new Public Policy Institute of California poll released at the end of March, half of likely voters stated that they would vote yes on an \$11.1 billion bond. Support has increased 8 percent over the last year.

There are currently eight water bond measures that continue to move forward. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, AB 1331 (Rendon), the \$8 billion water bond measure, cleared the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality on a 5-2 vote. The committee's discussion touched on a number of topics including the Delta, continuous appropriations and the definition of a disadvantaged community. Several of the bills are being heard in Appropriations committees during the week of May 12<sup>th</sup> and they must make the May 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for bills to pass out of their House of Origin in order to continue to move forward in the process.

### **SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH**

- TPA monitors and updates the MWDOC Legislative Matrix.
- TPA sends regular updates on the ACWA Lobbyist Coordinator meetings each Monday to MWDOC staff.
- TPA provided notes from the MET Legislative Coordinator meeting to MWDOC staff.
- TPA continues to hold conference calls with Darcy Burke every other week to coordinate on activities.
- TPA assisted with invitations and securing RSVPs for the quarterly Legislative Staffers Luncheon.
- Heather Stratman presented a Water Bond Briefing at the quarterly Legislative Staffers Luncheon.

- TPA provided a Water Bond Comparison Matrix at the request of the General Manager (attached).
- TPA provided a Water Bond History memo to MWDOC staff (attached).
- TPA provided a Water Bond Comparison Powerpoint to MWDOC staff
- TPA secured Congressman John Garamendi as a speaker for the upcoming OC Water Summit. TPA arranged for a private briefing session with the Congressman following his presentation at the Summit.

Bill	AB 1331 (Rendon)	AB 2043 (Bigelow)	SB 848 (Wolk)	SB 927 (Cannella)	SB 1250 (Hueso)
Amount Overall	<b>\$8.0 Billion</b>	<b>\$7.935 Billion</b>	<b>\$6.825 Billion</b>	<b>\$9.217 Billion</b>	<b>\$10.150 Billion</b>
Continuous Appropriation	<b>None</b>	<b>\$3.0 Billion</b> Continuous Appropriation Specified for Storage	<b>Not Specified</b>	<b>Continuous</b> Appropriation Specified	<b>\$3.0 Billion</b> Continuous Appropriation Specified for Storage
Amendment for South Orange County to Remain in San Diego in IRWM Region	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
Surface Storage	<b>\$2.50 Billion</b> Projects including surface storage as identified in CALFED Bay Delta <b>\$25 Million</b> Feasibility Studies	<b>\$3.0 Billion</b> Continuous Appropriation	<b>\$1.0 Billion</b> Projects including surface storage <b>\$25 Million</b> Feasibility studies of surface storage projects	<b>\$90 Million</b> Projects including surface storage in drought conditions as identified in CALFED Bay Delta	<b>\$3.0 Billion</b> Continuous Appropriation
Desalination	<b>\$500 Million</b> Projects including groundwater and seawater desalination	<b>\$800 Million</b> Projects including desalination, and groundwater, and seawater	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>\$500 Million</b> Water recycling and advanced treatment including seawater and associated treatment desalination
Water Use Efficiency	<b>\$2.0 Billion</b> Projects including water-use efficiency and water conservation	<b>\$250 Million</b>	<b>\$1.5 Billion</b> Projects including water-use efficiency and water conservation	<b>\$90 Million</b> Projects including water efficiency	<b>\$250 Million</b> Projects including water-use efficiency and water conservation
Water Reuse/Stormwater	<b>\$2.5 Billion</b> Projects including stormwater retention facilities	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$500 Million</b> For stormwater capture and reuse grants	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$900 Million</b> Projects including stormwater quality projects and <b>\$250 Million</b> for stormwater capture
Delta Mitigation	<b>\$1.0 Billion</b> Of that, \$600 Million for Delta Conservancy	<b>\$1.5 Billion</b>	<b>\$1.2 Billion</b> Of that, \$800 Million for Delta Conservancy	<b>\$2.25 Billion</b>	<b>\$2.25 Billion</b>

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Municipal Water District of Orange County  
**From:** Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.  
**Date:** May 6, 2014  
**Subject:** History of Water Bonds in California

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This memo is an outline of four water bonds passed in California, and one pending. TPA conducted research tracing back to 1914 and has included all water bonds that were passed from that year forward in this memo.

The memo is structured in chronological order, starting with the water bond passed in 1960 (California Water Resources Development Bond Act), and ending with the current, pending water bond of 2014 (Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act).

### **California Water Resources Development Bond Act (Burns-Porter Act)**

**Proposition No.:**  
Proposition 1

**Year Passed:**  
1960

**Approved By:**  
52.3%

**Bond Amount:**  
\$1.75 billion for the development of the water resources of the state.

**Overview:**  
Proposition 1 funded the creation of a State Water Resources Development System, which is now the nation's largest state-built water and power development and distribution system.

#### **Projects Funded:**

- Construction of a State Resources Development System for California, which included:
  - The acquisition, construction and completion of the State Water Facilities;
  - Construction of additional facilities determined to be necessary and desirable to meet local needs, such as:
    - Flood control;
    - Need to augment the supplies of water in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta;
    - Need to conserve or develop water that was tributary to the stream on which the facilities were constructed.

## **The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986**

**Proposition No.:**

Proposition 65

**Year Passed:**

1986

**Approved By:**

62.6%

**Overview:**

Proposition 65 is an initiative to protect California citizens and the state's drinking water sources from chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm, and to inform citizens about exposures to such chemicals.

The initiative authorizes the following:

- Requires the Governor to publish, at least annually, a list of chemicals known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity. The list has grown to include approximately 800 chemicals since it was first published in 1987;
- Requires businesses to notify Californians about significant amounts of chemicals in the products they purchase, or that are released into the environment.

The initiative is administered by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA).

## **The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002**

**Proposition No.:**

Proposition 50

**Year Passed:**

2002

**Approved By:**

55.3%

**Bond Amount:**

\$3.4 billion in general obligation bonds to fund a variety of water projects, to be repaid by the General fund.

**Overview:**

Proposition 50 intends to secure and safeguard the integrity of the state's water supply from catastrophic damage or failure from terrorist acts or other deliberate acts of destruction.

Additionally, the initiative seeks to provide a safe, clean, affordable and sufficient water supply to meet the needs of California residents, farms and businesses.

### **Projects Funded:**

- **Projects protecting state, local and regional drinking water systems from terrorist attack or deliberate acts of destruction or degradation - \$50 million;**
  - Projects include:
    - Monitoring and early warning systems, fencing, protective structures, contamination treatment facilities, emergency interconnections, and communications systems;
    - Other projects designed to prevent damage to water treatment, distribution and supply facilities, to prevent disruption of drinking water deliveries, and to protect drinking water supplies from intentional contamination.
- **Infrastructure improvements and related actions to meet safe drinking water standards - \$435 million;**
  - Projects include:
    - Small community drinking water systems;
    - Development and demonstration of new technologies and related facilities for water contaminant removal and treatment;
    - Community water quality monitoring facilities and equipment;
    - Drinking water source protection;
    - Treatment facilities necessary to meet disinfectant by-product safe drinking water standards;
    - Reducing Colorado River water use to 4.4 million acre feet per year.
- **Clean water and water quality projects – \$390 million (*approximately*);**
  - Competitive grants for water pollution prevention, water reclamation, water quality improvement, water quality blending and exchange projects, drinking water source protection projects, and projects that mitigate pathogen risk from recreational uses at drinking water storage facilities - \$100 million;
  - Restoration protection and development of river parkways - \$100 million;
  - Acquisition, restoration and protection of land and water resources to improve water quality in Lake Tahoe - \$40 million;
  - Restoration and protection of the water quality and environment of coastal waters, estuaries, bays and near-shore waters, and groundwater - \$100 million;
    - Including the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan - \$20 million;
  - Acquisition of land and water resources to protect water quality in lakes, reservoirs, rivers, streams and wetlands in the Sierra-Nevada-Cascade Mountain Region - \$30 million.
- **Desalination and contaminant removal projects - \$100 million;**
  - Projects include:
    - Desalination of ocean or brackish waters;
    - Pilot and demonstration projects for treatment and removal of contaminants.
- **CALFED Bay-Delta Program - \$825 million;**
  - Projects include:
    - Surface water storage planning and feasibility studies - \$50 million;
    - Water conveyance facilities - \$75 million;
    - Delta levee restoration - \$70 million;
    - Water supply reliability projects - \$180 million;
    - Ecosystem restoration implementation - \$180 million;
    - Watershed program implementation - \$90 million;

- Urban and agricultural water conservation, recycling and other water use efficiency products - \$180 million.
- **Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWM) - \$500 million;**
  - Funds projects that protect communities from drought, protect and improve water quality and improve local water security by reducing dependence on imported water.
- **Colorado River - \$20 million;**
  - Funds grants for canal lining and related projects necessary to reduce the Colorado river water use pursuant to the California Colorado River Water Use Plan.
- **Coastal watershed and wetland protection - \$200 million;**
  - Coastal watershed protection through State Coastal Conservancy- \$120 million;
  - San Francisco Bay Conservancy Program - \$20 million;
  - Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for protection of the Los Angeles river watershed upstream and the Santa Monica Bay and Ventura County coastal watersheds - \$20 million.

**The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Safe Drinking Water Bond)**

**Proposition No.:**

Proposition 84

**Year Passed:**

2006

**Approved By:**

53.8%

**Bond Amount:**

\$5.4 billion in general obligation bonds to fund water projects and expenditures, to be repaid from the state's General fund.

**Overview:**

Proposition 84 authorizes actions to be taken to ensure safe drinking water and a reliable supply of water for farms, cities and businesses, as well as to protect California's rivers, lakes, streams, beaches, bays and coastal waters, for the current and future generations.

The initiative also addresses challenges resulting from the growth of the state's population and the impacts of climate change.

**Projects Funded:**

- **Safe drinking water and water quality projects – \$1.525 billion;**
  - Grants and direct expenditures to fund emergency actions to ensure safe drinking supplies are available for all Californians;
  - Grants for small community drinking water system infrastructure improvements;
  - Loans and grants for projects to prevent or reduce contamination of groundwater;
  - Grants for projects that assist local public agencies to meet the long-term needs of the state (*e.g. delivery of safe drinking water*);



- Grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for projects that reduce the discharge of pollutants from agricultural operations into surface waters of the state.
- **Flood control projects - \$800 million;**
  - Floodplain mapping, assisting local land-use planning, and to avoid or reduce future flood risks and damages - \$30 million;
  - Flood control projects - \$275 million;
  - Flood Protection Corridor projects - \$40 million;
  - Flood control projects in the Delta - \$275 million;
  - Funding the state's share of nonfederal costs of flood control and flood prevention projects - \$180 million.
- **Statewide water management - \$65 million;**
  - Funds planning and feasibility studies related to the existing and potential future needs for California's water supply, conveyance and flood control systems.
- **Protection of rivers, lakes and streams - \$928 million;**
  - Coastal fishery restoration - \$180 million;
    - Including the development of a natural community conservation plan for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program - \$20 million.
  - Colorado River related - \$90 million;
  - Public access to recreation and fish and wildlife resources - \$54 million;
  - Projects in accordance with the California River Parkways Act of 2004 - \$72 million;
  - Urban Streams Restoration Program - \$18 million;
  - River parkway projects - \$36 million;
  - Watersheds of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers - \$72 million;
  - Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy - \$36 million;
  - Expansion and improvement of the Santa Ana River Parkway - \$45 million;
  - Sierra Nevada Conservancy - \$54 million;
  - California Tahoe Conservancy - \$36 million;
  - Resource conservation and restoration projects - \$45 million;
  - Reduction and prevention of storm water contamination - \$90 million;
  - Restore flows and naturally-producing and self-sustaining populations of salmon - \$100 million.
- **Forest and wildlife conservation - \$450 million;**
  - Flood conservation and protection projects - \$180 million;
  - Development, rehabilitation, restoration, acquisition and protection of habitat - \$135 million;
  - Grants for land acquisition and funding of facilities for research and training to improve the management of natural lands and preservation of wildlife resources - \$25 million;
  - Implementation of Natural Community Conservation Plans - \$90 million;
  - Protection of ranches, farms, and oak woodlands - \$45 million.
- **Protection of beaches, bays and coastal waters and watersheds - \$540 million;**
  - Clean Beaches Program - \$90 million;
  - State Coastal Conservancy - \$135 million;
  - San Francisco Bay Conservancy - \$108 million;
  - Protection of Santa Monica Bay and its watersheds - \$45 million;
  - Protection of Monterey and its watersheds - \$45 million;
  - Protection of San Diego Bay and its adjacent watersheds - \$27 million;

- Development of scientific data needed to adaptively manage the state's marine resources and reserves - \$90 million.
- **State parks and nature education facilities - \$500 million;**
  - Development, acquisition, interpretation, restoration and rehabilitation of the state park system and its natural, historical, and visitor serving resources - \$400 million;
  - Grants for nature education and research facilities and equipment to nonprofit organizations and public institutions - \$100 million.
- **Sustainable communities and climate change reduction projects - \$580 million;**
  - Urban greening projects - \$90 million;
  - Grants for local and regional parks - \$400 million;
  - Planning grants and planning incentives - \$90 million.

### **The Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014**

#### **Ballot Year:**

Pending; slated for the 2014 ballot

#### **Bond Amount:**

\$11.14 billion proposed

#### **Overview:**

Currently, the Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014, \$11.14 billion water bond measure, is slated for the 2014 ballot. The bond would authorize the issuance of bonds for the purpose of financing a drinking water and water supply reliability program. The bond act, among other things, makes specified amounts available for projects relating to drought relief, water supply reliability, ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration, and emergency and urgent actions that ensure safe drinking water supplies are available in disadvantaged communities and economically distressed areas.

There has been much discussion in Sacramento about how this bond should be restructured and reformatted in order to be replaced by a different water bond vehicle. Any amendments to the existing bond or the legislature's desire to replace the existing bond will require a two-thirds vote.

#### **Proposed Projects:**

- Drought relief projects, disadvantaged communities, small community wastewater treatment improvements and safe drinking water revolving fund - \$455 million;
- Integrated regional water management projects - \$1.4 billion;
- Projects that "support delta sustainability options - \$2.25 billion;
- Water storage projects - \$3 billion;
- Ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects in 21 watersheds - \$1.7 billion;
- Groundwater protection and cleanup - \$1 billion;
- Water recycling and advanced treatment technology projects - \$1.25 billion.

# The County of Orange Report

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## **Will the Angels Fly Away? – Stadium Appraisal Strengthens Anaheim's Bargaining Power.**

After months of speculation regarding the proposed framework of a deal to keep the Angels playing baseball in Anaheim, the City Council and the public finally know the value of what was being offered Angels owner Arte Moreno.

In a classic cart before the horse maneuver, last year the city council voted by a 4-1 margin to adopt a framework for an Anaheim/Angels baseball agreement, which among other things, would have assigned development rights on much of the surrounding parking lot for \$1 per year in a 66 year lease. In exchange, the Angels would agree to make \$150 million of stadium upgrades and repairs.

What was missing until now was an appraisal of the property. Waronzof Associates, Inc. calculated that if the Angels stay in Anaheim the developable land could be sold for \$245 million. Ironically, if the Angels moved and the stadium was torn down, the land appraised for \$325 million.

Mayor Tom Tait has been a critic of the proposed deal from day one, decrying the lack of an appraisal. The Mayor also noted that the current lease requires the Angels to pay for stadium upkeep and that was part of an earlier agreement which allowed the Angels almost all revenue generated from the teams ticket sales and other stadium revenue.

Angels owner Arte Moreno has, among other things, signed a \$2 Billion cable TV contract for Angels TV coverage and during his ownership the value of the team has skyrocketed. Mr. Moreno bought the Angels from the Disney Corporation in 2003 for \$180 million and in March 2014 Forbes Magazine estimates the value of the team to be \$775 million.

## **Some Good News from the Grand Jury**

The Orange County Grand Jury in recent years has aggressively found fault with much of the County governance. Among other things, the Grand Jury has blasted county hiring practices, oversight and of course the on-going criticism leveled at the Orange County healthcare system known as Cal-Optima.

However, the Grand Jury has found one department in the County which they singled out for uncommon high praise – the Orange County Registrar of Voters. Even though the report was released some time ago, the Board of Supervisors, at a recent meeting were responding to additional information sought by the Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury had conducted an exhaustive review of all aspects of the 2012 General Election and the numerous responsibilities undertaken by the Registrar of Voters.

The Grand Jury, in its general summation, stated that the “Registrar of Voters office is a model for other County Departments and agencies to emulate.” They concluded by saying the “Grand Jury is pleased to commend the Registrar of Voters and his employees for a job well done during the November election.” The Orange County Registrar is Neal Kelly.

### **Irvine Great Park Continues to Grab Headlines**

The Great Park in Irvine continues to be embroiled in controversy and continues to be in the news for things other than being a Great Park.

As the audit of the Great Park finances continues along, the City Council has issued subpoenas to the consulting firm of Forde & Mollrich to compel the public relations firm to turn over documents the city has been requesting – including receipts, checks, invoices and correspondence – but has not received from the former vendor of the Great Park. The subpoena was issued on May 2 to Forde & Mollrich, who have been a central player in the development of the Great Park and had received \$100,000 per month retainer for Public Relations work for the Great Park. Forde & Mollrich are reported to have received \$7.2 million between 2005 and 2012 to promote the park that has as yet to be developed.

The City has also issued a subpoena to Mia Lehrer who is a landscape architect. It is reported the Ms. Lehrer may have not been paid by Great Park master designer Ken Smith.

Former presiding Judge of Orange County, Nancy Stock, signed the subpoenas and has been brought in by the city to make the process impartial and act as an independent overseer.

### **Fire Authority Under Seige**

May 22 projects to be a pivotal day for the Orange County Fire Authority. On that date a long delayed management audit is projected to be released. The audit was originally scheduled to be released in march and interim reports were also promised by the Costa Mesa based firm conducting the audit, but those reports were kept under wraps as well.

The audit, along with speculation that the OCFA Board has been meeting in closed session about Fire Chief Keith Richter’s job performance, has many wondering if Chief Richter may soon be relieved of his duties

The OCFA has recently been subjected to much scrutiny and criticism. IN recent months there was an over-billing for phony inspections scandal. There has been the controversy surrounding the potential over charging of the City of Irvine for services. Recently, the State of California transferred authority for overseeing the 911 ambulance contract procurement form the OCFA to the County.

Also, wrapped up within the controversy of both the audit and current OCFA leadership is the status of Fire Chief Keith Richter. The powerful Firefighters Union are gunning for Richter and the current OCFA atmosphere may help them win the day.

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## Legal and Regulatory

May 19, 2014

1. State Regulation for Groundwater??: As we have discussed before, California is one of the few states that does not regulate groundwater. That would end if Senator Pavley's SB 1168 passes. There has been much discussion lately regarding the pros and cons of the state or any local government agency regulating groundwater, particularly from the California farmers. In April of this year, ACWA put forth a plan for protecting the state's aquifers. This issue has far reaching ramifications for both agricultural and urban areas as the over drafting of groundwater is becoming more common in our current drought condition.
2. San Joaquin Valley Sinking: Farmers in the Central Valley of California are becoming more dependent on groundwater for their crops as a result of the drought. Wells that used to produce at the 200 foot level are now being drilled in excess of 1000 feet to find water. The number of permits being issued to drill wells tells the story: Tulare County 831, Fresno County 739, Madera County 410 and so it goes through the rest of the Central Valley. This is causing an overdraft condition for the groundwater basin which is significant. Years ago the over pumping caused substantial subsidence in the San Joaquin valley up to 28 feet in some areas. Today subsiding is continuing at about a foot a year causing damage to roads, canals and the like. As we know, the Central Valley is center of the California agricultural industry and produces 25% of the nation's food.
3. Almond Power: Almonds are the third largest farm product in California. They are the fastest growing market and California produces 80% of the world demand. Almonds are a heavy user of water and they have high nutritional value. These farmers are at the center of most water battles as environmentalists claim they are intentionally planting crops which demand higher water allocations. Farmers have responded by ripping out older trees as they tend to use more water than younger ones.

4. Oil Wells Help Farmers: California is the third largest oil producing state in the country. Coincidentally, that oil is generally produced closed to our farm areas. One barrel of oil brings with it nine barrels of water. That water as you may have guessed is not exactly Pellegrino quality. It is referred to as brackish and contains many things including salt, arsenic and other ingredients. However it can be recycled or otherwise treated and made acceptable for agricultural use. The oil industry and the farmers are working together to enhance this relationship which could prove to be extremely valuable in the long run.
5. Solar Desalination Plants: In Firebaugh, a city in Fresno County, the WaterFX solar thermal desalting plant has been in operation for about a year for the Panoche Water and Drainage District. It has been converting contaminated irrigation runoff into pure water at the rate of 14,000 gallons per day. WaterFX plans on building 36 such machines which could produce 2 millions gallons per day. They project the cost of this water to be \$450 per acre foot which is must cheaper than the current going rate for other desalinated water. In addition this price is competitive to the \$300 per acre foot cost which farmers currently pay when they have to buy water on the open market. This concept if it proves successful could be a real draw to the farmer/oil partnership discussed in the above paragraph.
6. LA County Loses Runoff Case: The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers have a major problem every time it rains. Storm water from sprinklers, roads, commercial sights, houses, animals (both foreign and domestic), pesticides and all other sources, pour into those rivers and eventually work their way to the ocean. The NRDC and other groups have sued Los Angeles County and the Flood Control District for violating water quality standards. The County responded that they were not the source of the pollution and should therefore not be responsible. The 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit of the Federal District court disagreed and the US Supreme Court declined to hear the case. The process of this case and the various legal theories advanced has been extremely convoluted so this is not the final word on the matter. But it should be watched very carefully as it could have an impact on all local agencies.
7. Reversing the California Aqueduct: Some water districts in the San Joaquin Valley are proposing to run about 47 miles of the California Aqueduct backward. Certain water districts, including Lost Hills, Berrenda Mesa and Belridge are in no mans land when it comes to water and the current drought. Apparently it is possible to install pumps to push the water uphill because of the gradual grade of the aqueduct. This would be done at those districts cost and only on a temporary basis. Kern County is also considering this option. Stay tuned. I would suggest that they are going to have a "up hill battle" on this suggestion.

8. Golf Doing Its Share: Southern California golf courses are trying to do their share during our drought condition. Many courses have switched to using recycled water to irrigate. It can be a very expensive project and a source of recyclable water must be available. All courses are committed to the 20% reduction by 2020. Many are installing smart meters and removing unnecessary grass from the course and replacing with drought tolerant plants. More sand traps are also being considered, which I personally oppose.
9. CEQA Reform: As a result of deadlines, an oral update of this issue will be presented at the PAL meeting.





# Municipal Water District of Orange County Priority Legislation

Item 1e

BILL	AUTHOR	HIGH PRIORITY	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	MWDOC POSITION	OTHER POSITIONS
<b>PROPOSED WATER BOND LEGISLATION</b>						
<b>AB 1331</b>	<b>Rendon [D]</b>	Yes	<b>Climate Change Response for Clean and Safe Drinking Water</b> 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.	<b>(05/08/2014)</b> In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.		
<b>AB 2043</b>	<b>Bigelow [R]</b>	Yes	<b>Safe Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act</b> 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.	<b>(04/29/2014)</b> From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. (11-0)		
<b>SB 848</b>	<b>Wolk [D]</b>	Yes	<b>Safe Drinking Water: Water Quality: Flood Protection Act</b> 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.	<b>(02/26/2014)</b> From SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. (5-2)		
<b>SB 927</b>	<b>Cannella [R]</b>	Yes	<b>Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee</b> 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.	<b>(04/22/2014)</b> In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Failed passage.  <b>(04/22/2014)</b> In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Reconsideration granted.		
<b>SB 1250</b>	<b>Hueso [D]</b>	Yes	<b>Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act</b> 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.	<b>(05/13/2014)</b> In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Not heard.		



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

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	<b>California Environmental Quality Act</b> 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	<b>Emergency Services: Utility Access</b> 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	<b>Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund</b> 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. (04/22/2014) Re-referred to SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.		ACWA: Support
ACA 8	Blumenfield [D]	Yes	<b>Local Government Financing: Voter Approval</b> 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	<b>CEQA</b> 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
SB 731	Steinberg [D]	Yes	<b>Environment: California Environmental Quality Act</b> States 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  Updated: May 13, 2014



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<b>SB 735</b>	<b>Wolk [D]</b>	Yes	<b>Sacramento San Joaquin Delta Reform Act</b> 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.	<u><b>(08/13/2013)</b></u> In ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Not heard.		<b>MWD:</b> Oppose <b>ACWA:</b> Not Favor <b>CSDA:</b> Watch
<b>SCA 9</b>	<b>Corbett [D]</b>	Yes	<b>Local Government: Economic Development: Special Taxes</b> 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.	<u><b>(06/27/2013)</b></u> Re-referred to SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS		<b>CSDA:</b> Support
<b>SCA 11</b>	<b>Hancock [D]</b>	Yes	<b>Local Government: Special Taxes: Voter Approval</b> 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.	<u><b>(06/27/2013)</b></u> Re-referred to SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS	<b>Oppose</b> <b>(4/17/2013)</b>	<b>CSDA:</b> Support



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NEWLY INTRODUCED/AMENDED IN 2014					
AB 69	Perea [D]	No	<b>Groundwater: Drinking Water: Nitrate at Risk Fund</b> 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	<b>Open Meetings: Actions For Violations</b> 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	<b>State Environmental Quality Act: Writ of Mandate</b> 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>(03/17/2014)</u> From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY with author's amendments.  <u>(03/17/2014)</u> In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.	ACWA: Watch CSDA: Watch
AB 1249	Salas [D]	No	<b>Senate Environmental Quality Committee</b> 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.	



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AB 1445	Logue [R]	Yes	<b>Water Infrastructure Act of 2014</b> 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.	<u>(02/14/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.  <u>(02/14/2014)</u> From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE with author's amendments.  <u>(02/14/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.		
AB 1527	Perea [D]	No	<b>Public Water Systems: Drinking Water</b> 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>(04/29/2014)</u> From ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. (5-2)		
AB 1636	Brown [D]	No	<b>Water Conservation</b> 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>(04/24/2014)</u> Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.		
AB 1671	Frazier [D]	No	<b>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Water Conveyance System</b> 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>(04/08/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Not heard.	Opposed	
AB 1674	Bigelow [R]	Yes	<b>Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012</b> States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would amend the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.	<u>(03/28/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.  <u>(03/28/2014)</u> From ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS with author's amendments.  <u>(03/28/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.		



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AB 1728	Garcia [D]	No	<b>Political Reform Act of 1974</b> 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>(05/08/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.		
AB 1731	Perea [D]	No	<b>Integrated Regional Water Management Plans: Funding</b> 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>(04/10/2014)</u> To SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.		
AB 1739	Dickinson [D]	No	<b>Groundwater Basin Management: Sustainability</b> 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>(04/29/2014)</u> From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. (9-5)		
AB 1807	Dahle [R]	No	<b>Water Quality: Organization of Regional Boards</b> Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law regarding regional water quality control board membership	<b>HEARING DATE: 05/14/2014</b> 9:00 am, State Capitol, Room 4202 <u>(02/18/2014)</u> INTRODUCED		
AB 1808	Dahle [R]	No	<b>Drinking Water</b> Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to the California Safe Drinking Water Act	<u>(02/18/2014)</u> INTRODUCED		
AB 1874	Gonzales [D]	No	<b>Integrated Regional Water Management Plans: Funding</b> 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>(04/29/2014)</u> From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. (15-0)		
				<b>HEARING DATE: 05/14/2014</b> 9:00 am, State Capitol, Room 4202		





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<b>AB 1970</b>	<b>Gordon [D]</b>	No	<b>Global Warming Solutions Act: Community Investment</b> 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.	<b>(05/07/2014)</b> In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspend File.		
<b>AB 1983</b>	<b>Gray [D]</b>	No	<b>Water Meters: Multiunit Structures</b> 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.	<b>(03/03/2014)</b> To ASSEMBLY Committees on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.		
<b>AB 2040</b>	<b>Garcia [D]</b>	No	<b>Public Official Compensation</b> 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.	<b>(04/30/2014)</b> In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspend File.		
<b>AB 2046</b>	<b>Gomez [D]</b>	No	<b>Joint Exercise of Powers for Financing</b> 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.	<b>(05/8/2014)</b> In ASSEMBLY. Urgency clause failed adoption. (48-12) <b>(05/8/2014)</b> In ASSEMBLY. Motion to reconsider.		
<b>AB 2049</b>	<b>Dahle [R]</b>	No	<b>Drinking Water: Point-of-Entry: Point-of-Use Treatment</b> Limits the use of point-of-entry and point-of-use treatment to water systems with less than 500 service connections.	<b>(05/8/2014)</b> To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.		
<b>AB 2067</b>	<b>Weber [D]</b>	No	<b>Urban Water Management Plans</b> 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.	<b>(05/8/2014)</b> To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.		



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AB 2189	Garcia [D]	No	<b>Water Replenishment Assessment</b> 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.	<u>(04/30/2014)</u> From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. (5-1)  <b>HEARING DATE: 05/14/2014</b> <b>9:00 am, State Capitol, Room 4202</b>		
AB 2194	Mullin [D]	No	<b>Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982</b> 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.	<u>(04/28/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.		
AB 2403	Rendon [D]	No	<b>Local Government: Assessments, fees, and charges</b> 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.	<u>(04/12/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.		
AB 2417	Nazarian [D]	No	<b>Environmental Quality</b> Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the California Environmental Quality Act that makes various legislative findings regarding environmental quality.	<u>(05/07/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.		
AB 2420	Nazarian [D]	No	<b>Well Stimulation Treatments: Local Prohibition</b> Authorizes a city or county to adopt and enforce a local ordinance prohibiting well stimulation treatments	<b>HEARING DATE: 05/14/2014</b> <b>9:00 am, State Capitol, Room 4202</b> <u>(04/30/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Failed passage.		
AB 2442	Gordon [D]	No	<b>Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act</b> 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.	<u>(04/30/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Reconsideration granted.  <u>(05/08/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE. (52-22)		





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AB 2443	Rendon [D]	No	<b>Duplication of Service: Mutual Water Companies</b> 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.	<b>(04/21/2014)</b> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.		
AB 2463	Dickinson [D]	No	<b>Delta Plan: Bay Delta Conservation Plan: Hearings</b> 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.	<b>(05/7/2014)</b> In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.		
AB 2619	Gaines B [R]	No	<b>Groundwater Monitoring</b> 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.	<b>(03/28/2014)</b> To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.  <b>(03/28/2014)</b> From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE with author's amendments.  <b>(03/28/2014)</b> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.		
AB 2636	Gatto [D]	No	<b>CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund</b> Establishes the CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund administered by the Department of Water Resources for the purpose of water use efficiency projects	<b>(04/9/2014)</b> In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.		
AB 2686	Perea [D]	Yes	<b>Clean, Safe, and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2014</b> 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.	<b>(05/01/2014)</b> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.		
AB 2712	Daly [D]	No	<b>Hazardous Materials: Orange County Water District</b> 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.	<b>(04/30/2014)</b> From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. (9-0)  <b>HEARING DATE: 05/14/2014</b> 9:00 am, State Capitol, Room 4202		Updated: May 13, 2014



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SB 764	Yee [D]	No	<b>Fish: Accounting Records: Violation</b> 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.	<b>(01/23/2014)</b> In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE ***** To ASSEMBLY (33-0)		
SB 985	Pavley [D]	No	<b>Stormwater Resource Planning</b> 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	<b>(04/08/2014)</b> Re-referred to SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.  <b>HEARING DATE: 05/19/2014</b> 9:00 am, John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)		
SB 1036	Pavley [D]	No	<b>Urban Water Management Plans</b> 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.	<b>(05/12/2014)</b> In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.		
SB 1049	Pavley [D]	No	<b>Integrated Regional Water Management Plans</b> 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.	<b>(05/05/2014)</b> In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.		
SB 1080	Fuller [R]	Yes	<b>Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act</b> 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.	<b>(02/27/2014)</b> To SENATE Committee on RULES.		
SB 1120	Galgiani [D]	No	<b>Local Water Supply Programs or Projects: Funding</b> 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	<b>(05/05/2014)</b> In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.		
SB 1132	Mitchell [D]	No	<b>Oil and Gas Well Stimulation Treatments</b> 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.	<b>(05/06/2014)</b> In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.  <b>HEARING DATE: 05/19/2014</b> 9:00 am, John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)		



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<b>SB 1168</b>	<b>Pavley [D]</b>	No	<b>Groundwater Management Plans</b> 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	<b>(05/05/2014)</b> In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspend File.		
<b>SB 1362</b>	<b>Correa [D]</b>	No	<b>Public Contracts: Orange County Water District</b> 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.	<b>(04/21/2014)</b> From SENATE Committee on RULES with author's amendments. <b>(04/21/2014)</b> In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.		
<b>SB 1390</b>	<b>Correa [D]</b>	No	<b>General Subject: Santa Ana River Conservancy</b> 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.	<b>(05/12/2014)</b> In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspend File.		
<b>SB 1281</b>	<b>Pavley [D]</b>	No	<b>Oil and Gas Production: Water Use Reporting</b> 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.	<b>(05/12/2014)</b> In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspend File.		
<b>SB 1451</b>	<b>Hill [D]</b>	No	<b>Environmental Quality: Mitigation Measures</b> 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.	<b>(05/06/2014)</b> In SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Not heard.		
<b>AB 1043</b>	<b>Chau [D]</b>	No	<b>Drinking Water, Quality, Flood, River Protection</b> 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.	<b>(06/25/2013)</b> In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Not heard.		

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H.R. 123 Holt (D-NJ)  Companion Measure: S.2226 Udall, T. (D-NM)	1/31/2013; Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness	<b>Water Advanced Technologies for Efficient Resource Use Act of 2013</b> – This bill encourages water efficiency.	<b>SUPPORT</b> 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	<b>To reauthorize the Water Desalination Act of 1996</b> - The bill would reauthorize funding provisions in the 1996 Water Desalination Act for desalination research.	<b>SUPPORT</b> 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.
H.R. 765 Capps (D-CA)	2/15/2013; In House Committee on Natural Resources: Referred to Subcommittee on Water and Power	<b>Hydrologic Changes and Water Systems Grants</b> - 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	<b>SUPPORT</b> 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	<b>Sunshine Conflicts Act of 2013</b> - 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.	<b>SUPPORT</b> 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 Regulation	<b>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area:</b> This legislation establishes the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area.	<b>SUPPORT</b> based on 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	<b>Lower Colorado River Protection Act -</b> 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.	<b>SUPPORT, if amended</b> , 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.
H.R. 1823 Heck (R-NV)	6/14/2013; House Committee on Judiciary: Referred to Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations	<b>Importation and Exportation of Mussels the Protecting Lakes Against Quaggas (PLAQ)</b> <b>Act-</b> 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.	<b>OPPOSE, unless amended</b> , 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	<b>Mexico Water Sharing Report</b> - 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").	<b>WATCH</b>	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	<b>Infrastructure Facilitation and Habitat Conservation Act of 2013</b> - creates a source of federal funding to acquire land for conservation plans adopted by local government agencies for purposes of implementing infrastructure development.	<b>SUPPORT</b> based on 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 Subcommittee on The Western Hemisphere	<b>Working to Address Treaty Enforcement Rapidly for Texas Act</b> - This legislation links Texas negotiating efforts on the Rio Grande to international treaties between the United States and Mexico on the Colorado River.	<b>OPPOSE</b> based on 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	<b>Pechanga Indians Water Rights Settlement</b> - Authorizes the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement	<b>WATCH</b>	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	<b>Stanislaus River Native Anadromous Fish Improvement Act</b> - 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.	<b>SUPPORT</b> 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	<b>Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013 (WRRDA)</b> - Creates the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013.	<b>WATCH</b>	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)	2/10/2014; Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar	<b>Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act</b> - 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.	<b>OPPOSE</b> based on board action, March, 2014	H.R. 3964 pursues a strategy of remedying water supply shortages during the drought by modifying environmental protection requirements. In 2009, Metropolitan supported a comprehensive package of state legislation that established co-equal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration in statute. H.R. 3964 would undermine these goals and have the unintended effect of imposing greater risk and uncertainty on California State Water Contractors.
H.R. 3980 McClintock (R-CA)	2/5/2014: Hearing held before the Subcommittee on Water and Power	<b>Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act</b> - authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate federal and state permitting processes related to construction of new surface water storage projects and designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing. The bill's provisions would apply when new surface water storage projects are planned on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretaries of the Interior or Agriculture.	<b>SUPPORT, if amended</b> , based on board action, April, 2014	H.R. 3980 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate federal and state permitting processes related to construction of new surface water storage projects and designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing. Staff recommends supporting this bill if it is amended to allow participation by local public agencies.

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H.R.3994 Bishop (R-UT)	2/12/2014; Introduced and referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy and Forestry	<b>Federal Lands Invasive Species Control, Prevention, and Management Act</b> - Relates to the Federal Lands Invasive Species Control, Prevention, and Management Act; improves the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior.	<b>SUPPORT</b> , based on policy principle to support federal funding of watershed management	This law would require the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior to manage federal lands under their respective jurisdictions to control invasive species. Seventy-five percent of appropriated funds for invasive species management would be spent for on-the-ground management actions, which would be categorically exempt from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) if they are in high-risk areas, such as within 1,000 feet of a water body or water project. The bill specifically provides that it does not authorize either Secretary to suspend water deliveries or diversions or otherwise prevent the operation of a public water supply system as a means of controlling invasive species.
H.R.4039 Costa (D-CA)  Companion Measure: S.2016 Feinstein (D-CA)	2/11/2014; Referred to House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy	<b>California Emergency Drought Relief Act</b> - 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.	<b>SUPPORT, if amended</b> , based on board action, March, 2014	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 proposed amendments to broaden funding eligibility and enforce streamlining provisions.

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HR 4114 McNerney (D-CA)  Companion Measure: S.2227 Udall, T. (D-NM)	2/27/2014; Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means	<b>Watersense Program Property Credit -</b> Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for property certified by the Environmental Protection Agency under the WaterSense program.	<b>SUPPORT, and amend,</b> based on board-adopted 2014 Legislative Strategy	Water use efficiency is a key component of Metropolitan's long term water supply strategy. Allowing property owners to receive tax credits for installing water efficient plumbing fixtures is consistent with Metropolitan's policy principles that supports state and federal financial assistance on improved water use efficiency. Expanded use of WUE plumbing fixtures will help member agencies meet 20X2020 requirements. Metropolitan should see amendments to include other WUE devices, raise lifetime credits, and extend sunset date.
H.R.4125 Costa (D-CA)	3/5/2014; Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power	<b>Shasta Dam Expansion Act of 2014</b> – amends the Calfed Bay-Delta Authorization Act to authorize construction for enlargement of Shasta Dam if the Secretary of the Interior finds that it is feasible.	<b>SUPPORT</b> based on board action, April, 2014	H.R. 4125 would amend the Calfed Bay-Delta Authorization Act to authorize construction for enlargement of Shasta Dam if the Secretary of the Interior finds that it is feasible
H.R.4126 Costa (D-CA)	3/7/2014; Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power	<b>San Luis Reservoir Expansion Act of 2014</b> – Amends the Calfed Bay-Delta Authorization Act to authorize the construction of the expansion of San Luis Reservoir.	<b>SUPPORT, if amended,</b> based on board action, April, 2014	H.R. 4126 would authorize the construction of the expansion of San Luis Reservoir. Metropolitan should seek amendments to also authorize San Luis Reservoir to receive seismic upgrades under the Bureau of Reclamation's Safety of Dams program.

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H.R. 4127 Costa (D-CA)	3/6/2014; Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power	<b>Upper San Joaquin River Storage Act -</b> Amends the Calfed Bay-Delta Authorization Act to authorize construction for Upper San Joaquin River storage in Fresno and Madera Counties if the Secretary of the Interior finds that the project is feasible.	<b>SUPPORT</b> based on board action, April, 2014	H.R. 4127 would amend the Calfed Bay-Delta Authorization Act to authorize construction for Upper San Joaquin River storage in Fresno and Madera Counties if the Secretary of the Interior finds that the project is feasible.
H.R. 4258 Napolitano (D-CA)  Companion Measure: S. 2019 Schatz (D-HI)	3/21/2014; Introduced and referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power	<b>SECURE Water Amendments Act -</b> legislation to reauthorize and update certain provisions of the Secure Water Act. This bill would amend Section 9504 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009.	<b>SUPPORT, in concept,</b> based on board-adopted water conservation principles (Feb. 2003)	This bill would benefit Metropolitan and member agencies by expanding project eligibility to include planning, designing, or constructing any improvement including to plan for or address the impacts of droughts. In addition, new water conservation and efficiency technologies developed through programs would indirectly benefit Metropolitan.
H.R. 4285 Thompson, M. (D-CA)	3/24/2014; To House Committee on Financial Services	<b>PACE Assessment Protection Act of 2014 -</b> Relates to the PACE Assessment Protection Act of 2014; facilitates State and local governmental entities in developing and implementing private sector job creating programs through local government financing of the installation of energy efficiency, water conservation, and renewable energy generation improvements on privately owned property with the financing to be repaid from assessments that may be levied on the local property tax bill.	<b>SUPPORT, if amended,</b> based on sponsorship of AB 474	Promotes water use efficiency through the expansion of PACE programs. Metropolitan and its member agencies are eligible, under existing state law, to establish PACE programs.

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S. 67 Lautenberg (D-NJ)	1/23/2013; Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works	<b>Public Water Systems and Hazardous Chemical Releases</b> - 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.	<b>OPPOSE</b> based on 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	<b>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area</b> : This legislation establishes the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area.	<b>SUPPORT</b> based on 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.
S.335 Merkley (D-OR)	2/14/2013; Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works	<b>Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) of 2013</b> – 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.	<b>SUPPORT</b> 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.

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S. 601 Boxer (D-CA)  Companion Measure: H.R.3080 Shuster (R-PA)	11/20/13; Conference held between the Senate and House	<b>Conservation and Development of Water Resources</b> - 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.	<b>SUPPORT, and amend, Title X</b> 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.
S.1125 Comyn (R-TX)  Companion Measure: H.R.2307 Vela (D-TX)	6/10/2013; Referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations	<b>Working to Address Treaty Enforcement Rapidly for Texas Act</b> - This legislation links Texas negotiating efforts on the Rio Grande to international treaties between the United States and Mexico on the Colorado River.	<b>OPPOSE</b> based on 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.

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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	<b>Infrastructure Facilitation and Habitat Conservation Act of 2011</b> - creates a source of federal funding to acquire land for conservation plans adopted by local government agencies for purposes of implementing infrastructure development.	<b>SUPPORT</b> , based on 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.
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	<b>Pechanga Indians Water Rights Settlement</b> - Authorizes the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement	<b>WATCH</b>	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	<b>California Emergency Drought Relief Act</b> - 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.	<b>SUPPORT, if amended</b> , based on board action, March, 2014	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 proposed amendments to broaden funding eligibility and enforce streamlining provisions.



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S.2019 Schatz (D-HI)  Companion Measure: H.R.4258 Napolitano (D-CA)	2/27/2014; Hearing held before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power	<b>SECURE Water Amendments Act</b> – legislation to reauthorize and update certain provisions of the Secure Water Act. This bill would amend Section 9504 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009.	<b>SUPPORT, in concept</b> , based on board-adopted water conservation principles (Feb. 2003)	This bill would benefit Metropolitan and member agencies by expanding project eligibility to include planning, designing, or constructing any improvement including to plan for or address the impacts of droughts. In addition, new water conservation and efficiency technologies developed through programs would indirectly benefit Metropolitan.
S.2198 Feinstein (D-CA)	4/1/2014; Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar	<b>Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014</b> - On February 11, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) introduced the California Emergency Drought Relief Act, S 2016, with Senators Barbara Boxer, Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden. The bill included provisions to help farmers, businesses and communities suffering from devastating drought conditions. To address Republican concerns, on April 1, a revised, bipartisan bill was introduced that removed direct spending from the bill and included provisions to help other Western states.	<b>SUPPORT, if amended</b> , based on board support for S.2016 (March 2014) and board action in support of system-wide conservation on the Colorado River (April 2014)	S.2198 mirrors S.2016 but has removed Title II (Emergency Supplemental Agriculture Disaster Appropriations) and Title IV (Emergency Designation). S 2198 also removes special provisions for CVP contractors to put off certain repayments during an emergency declaration. It has added a provision on directing the Secretary to fund or participate in projects to increase Colorado River Basin system water.

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S.2225 Udall, T. (D-NM)	4/9/2014; Referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works	<b>Smart Water Resource Management Conservation and Efficiency Act of 2014 -</b> Provides for a smart water resource management pilot program.	<b>SUPPORT, and amend,</b> based on board-adopted 2014 Legislative Strategy	This bill would have a positive effect on water and energy use efficiency and potentially help member agencies meet 20X2020 and other efficiency goals. Amendments to strengthen the bill include increasing the minimum number of projects; expanding eligibility for funding to university researchers and technical water/energy associations; and extending time to award agreements.
S.2226 Udall, T. (D-NM)  Companion Measure: H.R. 123 Holt (D-NJ)	4/9/2014; Referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works	<b>WaterSense Efficiency, Conservation, and Adaptation Act of 2014 -</b> Establishes a WaterSense program within the Environmental Protection Agency.	<b>SUPPORT</b> 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.

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S.2227 Udall, T. (D-NM)	4/9/2014; Referred to Senate Committee on Finance	<b>Water Efficiency Improvement Act of 2014 -</b> Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for property certified by the Environmental Protection Agency under the WaterSense program.	<b>SUPPORT, if amended</b> , based on board-adopted 2014 Legislative Strategy	Water use efficiency is a key component of Metropolitan's long term water supply strategy. Allowing property owners to receive tax credits for installing water efficient plumbing fixtures is consistent with Metropolitan's policy principles that supports state and federal financial assistance on improved water use efficiency. Expanded use of WUE plumbing fixtures will help member agencies meet 20X2020 requirements. Metropolitan should seek amendments to include other WUE devices, raise lifetime credits and extend sunset date to at least 2019.

*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. 3176 (DeFazio, D-CA), H.R. 3390 (Amodei, R-NV), H.R.3981 (Hastings, R-WA), H.R.3988 (Huffman, D-CA), H.R. 4007 (Meehan, R-PA), H.R. 4239 (Huffman, D-CA), H.R.4300 (LaMalfa, R-CA), H.R.4456 (Miller, George, D-CA),S. 68 (Lautenberg, D-NJ), S. 306 (Barasso, R-WY), S. 1153 (Gillibrand, D-NY), S. 1451 (Feinstein, D-CA), S. 2228 (Udall, T., D-NM)*

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AB 52 Gatto (D)  Sponsor: California Tribal Business Alliance and various tribes	09/05/13; Senate Environmental Quality Committee	<b>Native Americans: CEQA.</b> Expands CEQA protections for tribal cultural resources to ensure participation by tribes during all phases of project planning, clearance and implementation.	<b>WATCH</b> 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	<b>State Water Resources Control Board: Office of Drinking Water.</b> Transfers entire state drinking water program from Department of Public Health to State Water Resources Control Board.	<b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> 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. Brown Administration has proposed implementing program transfer through 2014/15 state budget and related implementing legislation.
AB 1331 Rendon (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 04/21/2014; Senate Governance and Finance Committee	<b>Water Bond.</b> 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; \$250 million for water use efficiency; \$500 million for water recycling and advanced treatment projects; \$250 for stormwater; \$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.	<b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Metropolitan has requested amendments to: 1) revise the allocation of bond funds for Delta sustainability in Chapter 8; 2) ensure water acquisitions, from willing sellers, are eligible for funding to improve conditions for fish and wildlife; 3) clarify the statutory reference to the Quantification Settlement Agreement; and 4) clarify what is required for “certification” of Urban Water Management Plans, Ag Water Management Plans and groundwater management plans to qualify for funding under IRWMP. Funding priorities in AB 1331 are generally consistent with Metropolitan’s 2014 water bond priorities.

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AB 1393 Perea (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 04/07/2014; Senate Governance and Finance	<b>Personal Income Taxes: Mortgage Debt Forgiveness.</b> Conforms state law to the federal American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2014, regarding qualified principal residence indebtedness.	<b>DROP</b>	In its prior form, authorized transfer of Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund from Dept. of Public Health to State Water Resources Control Board. Measure has been completely rewritten and no longer applies to Metropolitan.
AB 1445 Logue (R) Sponsor: Author	Amended 02/14/2014; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee	<b>California Water Infrastructure Act of 2014.</b> 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.	<b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities in AB 1445 are inconsistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.
AB 1636 Brown (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 04/21/2014; Assembly Local Government Committee	<b>Water Conservation.</b> Prohibits a city, county or city and county from enforcing any law or ordinance requiring residents to water their lawns during a drought emergency declared by the Governor.	<b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014	Would help clarify that any local government law or ordinance imposed during a gubernatorial-declared drought emergency cannot interfere with a property owner's ability to limit outside irrigation practices.
AB 1671 Frazier (D) Sponsor: Author	Introduced 02/12/2014; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee	<b>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Water Conveyance System.</b> Requires legislative authorization for construction of new Delta conveyance that utilizes tunnel system.	<b>OPPOSE</b> 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 the science-based planning with a politically-driven process.
AB 1799 Gordon (D) Sponsor: Santa Clara Valley Water District	Introduced 05/01/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee	<b>Mitigation Lands.</b> Intended to provide alternative option to an endowment for long-term stewardship of mitigation lands. Recent amendment eliminates option of adopting a resolution. Measure now requires a binding contract to allow the regulatory agency to demand an "annual pledge of revenue" and authority to require security for such revenues.	<b>PENDING</b>	As amended could allow regulatory agencies to impose burdensome financial obligations on public agencies.

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<p>AB 1961 Eggman (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: American Farmland Trust; CA Climate and Agricultural Network; Community Alliance with Family Farmers</p>	<p>Amended 04/22/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file</p>	<p><b>Sustainable Farmland Strategy.</b> Requires counties to develop Sustainable Farmland Strategy, which includes maps of agriculturally-zoned lands and description of local goals, policies and ordinances for retention and mitigation of agriculturally-zoned lands.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b> pursuant to board-adopted Delta Action Plan</p>	<p>Would impose new land planning mandate on counties that is unnecessary and unbalanced thus inviting conflicts with other well-established local and regional planning processes. Is also likely to impose significant hurdles to the delivery of infrastructure and development activities to support the California economy.</p>
<p>AB 2043 Conway (R) and Bigelow (R)</p> <p>Sponsor: Authors</p>	<p>Introduced 02/20/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee</p>	<p><b>Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014.</b> 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><b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013</p>	<p>Metropolitan has requested amendments to: 1) revise the allocation of bond funds for Delta sustainability in Chapter 8 and 2) ensure water acquisitions, from willing sellers, are eligible for funding to improve conditions for fish and wildlife. Funding priorities in AB 2043 are generally consistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.</p>
<p>AB 2067 Weber (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: San Diego County Water Authority</p>	<p>Introduced 02/20/2014; Senate Rules Committee</p>	<p><b>Urban Water Management Plans.</b> Amends the Urban Water Management Planning Act to simplify and update the reporting requirements placed on retail and wholesale water agencies through their urban water management plans.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p>	<p>Measure is consistent, in large part, with <i>Recommendation #1</i> from the Independent Technical Panel on Demand Management Measures, convened pursuant to AB 1420, a bill supported by Metropolitan in 2007. AB 2067 streamlines the reporting requirements for urban water suppliers in a manner generally consistent with the updated CUWCC best management practices.</p>

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AB 2100 Campos (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 04/24/2014; Senate Rules Committee	<b>Common Interest Developments.</b> Prohibits a common interest development from imposing a fine for yard maintenance related to under-watered plants and lawns during a drought emergency declared by the Governor.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014	Would help clarify that rules imposed by common interest developments, during a gubernatorial-declared drought emergency, cannot interfere with a property owner's ability to limit outside irrigation practices.
AB 2104 Gonzalez (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 04/01/2014; Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	<b>Common Interest Developments.</b> Specifies that architectural or landscaping guidelines or policies of a common interest development are void if they prohibit the use of low water-using plants and other water conservation measures.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014	Would help clarify that rules imposed by a common interest development are void and unenforceable if they: 1) prohibit use of low water-using plants as a group or replacement of existing turf; 2) restrict compliance with a water-efficient landscape ordinance adopted by a local government; or 3) prevent homeowner from complying with a water-saving ordinance adopted by a local agency.
AB 2282 Gatto (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 04/24/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee	<b>Building Standards: Recycled Water Infrastructure.</b> Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Building Standards Commission, upon consultation with experts in the field, to develop recycled water building standards for residential and commercial use.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014	Will facilitate future use of recycled water by conducting research to assist in the development of new mandatory building standards for indoor and outdoor recycled water use in residential, commercial, and public buildings.
AB 2312 Nestande (R) and Olsen (R)  Sponsor: Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries	Amended 04/10/2014; Assembly Floor	<b>Metal Theft.</b> Requires junk dealer or recycler to request theft alert notifications associated with theft of commodity metals.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board policy adopted during 2011/12 legislative session	Would provide Metropolitan, its member agencies and other public agencies with increased level of protection against metal theft by strengthening requirements in existing law.

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AB 2313 Nestande (R) and Olsen (R)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 04/21/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file	<b>Metal Theft.</b> Would establish Metal Theft Task Force Program to provide grants to applicant agencies for the purpose of providing local law enforcement and district attorneys with the tools necessary to address metal theft.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board policy adopted during 2011/12 legislative session	Would provide Metropolitan, its member agencies and other public agencies with increased level of protection against metal theft by strengthening requirements in existing law.
AB 2417 Nazarian (D)  Sponsor: ACWA CMUA WaterReuse	Amended 05/7/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee	<b>Recycled Water.</b> Provides CEQA exemption, under specified conditions, for installation of recycled water pipelines up to eight miles in length to further facilitate access to recycled water. Exemption sunsets January 1, 2018.	<b>PENDING</b>	By encouraging expansion of purple pipelines, recycled water could be used for landscape irrigation thus preserving potable water for human consumption.
AB 2434 Gomez (D)  Sponsor: Author	Introduced 02/21/2014; Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee suspense file	<b>Income Taxes: Exclusion.</b> Excludes from gross income any amount received as a rebate, voucher or other financial incentive by a local water or energy agency related to water or energy conservation programs.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014	Will clarify state income tax law and provide relief to state taxpayers to facilitate a more aggressive approach to lowering water use.
AB 2463 Dickinson (D)  Sponsor: Regional Water Authority	Amended 04/21/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file	<b>Water: Plans.</b> Directs DWR to partner with the Regional Water Authority, and other interested agencies in the Sacramento region, to develop an investment plan for water supply reliability by January 1, 2017.	<b>WATCH</b>	In its prior form sought to amend 2009 Delta Reform Act to require Delta Stewardship Council to hold at least five public hearings concerning incorporation of BDCP into Delta Plan. As recently amended, while not having direct effect on Metropolitan, the bill will be closely monitored to ensure that the finished plan does not call for water augmentation projects that could affect SWP supplies.



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<p>AB 2554 Rendon (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 04/23/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee</p>	<p><b>Water Bond.</b> Repeals existing 2014 bond in its entirety. Authorizes \$8.5 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 storm water management; \$1 billion for clean and safe drinking water; \$1.5 billion for watersheds; \$1 billion for Delta ecosystem restoration; and \$3 billion for surface and groundwater storage.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013</p>	<p>Metropolitan has requested amendments to: 1) revise the allocation of bond funds for Delta sustainability in Chapter 8; 2) ensure water acquisitions, from willing sellers, are eligible for funding to improve conditions for fish and wildlife; and 3) clarify the statutory reference to the Quantification Settlement Agreement. Funding priorities in AB 2554 are generally consistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.</p>
<p>AB 2636 Gatto (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 03/18/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file</p>	<p><b>CalConserve.</b> Will establish sustainable funding source through the use of a state revolving fund for financing water use efficiency projects to advance further reductions in urban per capita water use, improved agricultural water use efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through water efficiency.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to 2013 board-adopted legislative strategy</p>	<p>A revolving fund for water use efficiency projects would provide sustainable funding for expanding opportunities for water and recycled water providers to implement projects and programs that offer the greatest benefit to their customers.</p>
<p>AB 2686 Perea (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 05/01/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee</p>	<p><b>Clean, Safe, and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2014.</b> Repeals existing 2014 water bond. Authorizes an unspecified amount for a 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; \$1.850 billion for regional water security; \$1 billion for groundwater remediation; and an unspecified amount for water recycling.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013</p>	<p>Metropolitan has requested amendments to: 1) revise the allocation of bond funds for Delta sustainability in Chapter 8 and 2) ensure water acquisitions, from willing sellers, are eligible for funding to improve conditions for fish and wildlife. Funding priorities in AB 2686 are generally consistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.</p>

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SB 103 Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee	Amended 2/25/14; signed by Governor on March 1, 2014; Chapter 2, Statutes of 2014	<b>Drought Relief.</b> Appropriates \$214.9 million from voter-approved bonds (Propositions 84 and 1E), the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, General Fund and Special Funds to provide financial assistance to drought-stricken communities for unemployment, housing, clean water, water efficiency projects, flood control projects, groundwater monitoring and urgent fish and stream conservation.	<b>SUPPORT IN CONCEPT</b> (signed into law prior to board action)	Provides funds to: 1) improve energy efficiency of State Water Project (SWP); 2) assist funding emergency pathway through Delta to prepare for potential levee failures; 3) protect SWP supplies through SWRCB enforcement of water rights; 4) address extreme drought impacts on sensitive fish species; and 5) improve water use efficiency in urban and agricultural sectors during drought.
SB 104 Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee	Amended 2/26/14; signed by the Governor on March 1, 2014; Chapter 3, Statutes of 2014	<b>Drought Relief.</b> Appropriates \$472.5 million from Proposition 84 for integrated regional water management. Is intended to protect legal diversions and uses of water as well as the environment by enhancing SWRCB's ability to enforce existing proscriptions during times of drought. Also streamlines SWRCB's ability to adopt emergency regulations to promote conservation and prevent waste and unreasonable use of water during drought. Directs Department of Public Health, by June 30, 2014, to adopt revised, emergency groundwater replenishment regulations for recycled water.	<b>SUPPORT IN CONCEPT</b> (signed into law prior to board action)	Provides potentially short-term benefits to SWP operations during current drought; enhances water efficiency in the service area; and promotes local projects to reduce future reliance on the Delta.
SB 731 Steinberg (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 09/09/2013; Assembly Local Government Committee	<b>CEQA.</b> Would enact California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Modernization Act of 2013 and proposes numerous changes to CEQA law.	<b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> 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.

# Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

State Legislation Matrix 5/12/14

SB 735 Wolk (D) Sponsor: Delta Counties Coalition	Amended 05/24/2013; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee	<b>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009: Covered Actions.</b> Would authorize local Delta counties to enter into MOU with Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) for conservation plan consistent with Delta Plan.	<b>OPPOSE</b> 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 in order to ensure consistency with Delta counties' local habitat plans.
SB 750 Wolk (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 08/08/2013; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee	<b>Building Standards: Submeters.</b> 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.	<b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> 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.

# Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

State Legislation Matrix 5/12/14

<p>SB 848 Wolk (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 02/20/2014; Senate Appropriations Committee</p>	<p><b>Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality &amp; Flood Protection Act of 2014.</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013</p>	<p>Metropolitan has requested amendments to: 1) revise the allocation of bond funds for Delta sustainability in Chapter 6; 2) ensure water acquisitions, from willing sellers, are eligible for funding to improve conditions for fish and wildlife; 3) remove references to "reduce water imported to region" to ensure consistency with reduced reliance statute; 4) clarify what is required for "certification" of Urban Water Management Plans, Ag Water Management Plans and groundwater management plans to qualify for funding under IRWMP; 5) ensure levee expenditures are consistent with Delta Stewardship Council priorities as required in 2009 Delta Reform Act; and 6) ensure local cities and counties are not given "veto authority" over Delta projects. Funding priorities in SB 848 are inconsistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.</p>
<p>SB 927 Cannella (R) and Vidak (R)</p> <p>Sponsor: Authors</p>	<p>Introduced 01/29/2014; Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee – failed passage</p>	<p><b>Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014.</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013</p>	<p>Metropolitan had requested amendments to Chapters 7 and 8. Funding priorities in SB 927 are generally consistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.</p>

# Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

State Legislation Matrix 5/12/14

SB 992 Nielsen (R)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 03/25/2014; Assembly Rules Committee	<b>Common Interest Developments.</b> Prohibits common interest development from imposing fine for yard maintenance related to under-watered plants and lawns during a drought emergency declared by the Governor.	<b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014	Would help clarify that rules imposed by a common interest development, during a gubernatorial-declared drought emergency, cannot interfere with a property owner's ability to limit outside irrigation practices.
SB 1014 Jackson (D)  Sponsors: Alameda County Board of Supervisors; California Product Stewardship Council; City and County of San Francisco	Amended 04/21/2014; Senate Appropriations Committee	<b>Pharmaceutical Waste.</b> Requires Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery to adopt regulations to authorize programs to collect and properly dispose of home-generated pharmaceutical waste, based upon the model guidelines developed by the department.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to 2013 board- adopted legislative strategy	Should help protect drinking water quality against contamination caused by unused pharmaceutical products passing through wastewater and treatment facilities.
SB 1036 Pavley (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 04/07/2014; Senate Appropriations Committee	<b>Urban Water Management Plans.</b> Directs urban water suppliers to voluntarily include energy used for water supply extraction, diversion, conveyance, treatment, distribution and placement into and withdrawal from storage, and any other energy-related information the supplier deems appropriate.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014	Metropolitan may, but would not be required to, include energy use information in its Regional Urban Water Management Plan beginning in 2015. If Metropolitan were to voluntarily provide this energy use information, it would be an aggregated average energy intensity value, as it is not possible for Metropolitan to provide unique energy usage related to water delivered to each member agency.
SB 1080 Fuller (R)  Sponsor: Author	Introduced 02/19/2014; Senate Rules Committee	<b>Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.</b> Seeks to amend November 2014 water bond.	<b>WATCH</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Spot bill.

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State Legislation Matrix 5/12/14

SB 1130 Roth (D)  Sponsor: Eastern MWD and Elsinore Valley MWD	Amended 04/21/2014; Assembly Rules Committee	<b>County Water Company of Riverside Water System.</b> Would exempt wholesale and retail water agencies from liability for injuries or damages arising out of the proposed delivery of water to County Water Company (CWC) of Riverside customers.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action on SB 772 (Emmerson) in 2013	Would provide immunity protections to ratepayers of Eastern MWD, Elsinore Valley MWD, Metropolitan and Western MWD while working to secure the health and safety of former CWC customers during interim operations of the system during construction.
SB 1144 Galgiani (D)  Sponsor: Author	Introduced 02/20/2014; Senate Housing and Transportation Committee	<b>Common Interest Developments.</b> Prohibits a common interest development, city, county, or city and county from imposing a fine for yard maintenance related to under-watered plants and lawns during a drought emergency declared by the Governor.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014	Would help clarify that rules imposed by a common interest development and local government, during a gubernatorial-declared drought emergency, cannot interfere with a property owner's ability to limit outside irrigation practices.
SB 1250 Hueso (D)  Sponsor: Author	Introduced 05/7/2014; Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee – 05/13/2014 hearing	<b>Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.</b> Repeals existing 2014 water bond and proposes issuance of \$10.150 billion state general obligation bond on the November 4, 2014 ballot to fund \$900 million for clean water; \$1 billion for water supply reliability; \$350 million for local and regional conveyance; \$2.25 billion for Delta sustainability; \$3 billion for storage; \$1.3 billion for watersheds and stormwater capture; \$500 million for groundwater sustainability; \$500 million for water recycling; \$250 million for water conservation; and \$100 million for local and regional storage.	<b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Metropolitan has requested amendments to: 1) revise the allocation of bond funds for Delta sustainability in Chapter 7 and 2) clarify the statutory reference to the Quantification Settlement Agreement. Funding priorities in SB 1250 are generally consistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.
SB 1370 Galgiani (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 03/24/2014; Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee	<b>Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2014.</b> Repeals existing water bond. Proposes \$6.260 billion general obligation bond to fund surface water storage projects, including Sites, Temperance Flat and San Luis Reservoirs and expansion of Shasta.	<b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities in SB 1370 are inconsistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.

## Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

State Legislation Matrix 5/12/14

SB 1420 Wolk (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 04/21/2014; Senate Appropriations Committee	<b>Urban Water Management Plans.</b> Proposes amendments to the Urban Water Management Planning Act to include: 1) quantifying and reporting annual distribution system water loss; 2) voluntarily displaying and accounting for water savings estimated to result from adopted codes, standards, ordinances and plans; and 3) requiring urban water suppliers to submit urban water management plans to DWR electronically using standardized formats.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014	Seeks to modernize requirements for UWMP Act. Amends portions of UWMP Act consistent with three of five recommendations contained in recent report to Legislature from the Independent Technical Panel convened as directed under AB 1420 (Laird), a bill supported by Metropolitan in 2007.
SB 1447 Fuller (R) Sponsor: Author	Introduced 02/21/2014; Senate Rules Committee	<b>Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP): Judicial Review.</b> States legislative intent to enact legislation establishing judicial review procedures for BDCP.	<b>WATCH</b> pursuant to board- adopted Delta Action Plan	Spot bill.



**ACTION ITEM**

May 21, 2014

**TO: Board of Directors**

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

Robert Hunter, General Manager

**SUBJECT: ELECTION OF ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER OF THE  
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO)**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors: Review and discuss the candidates and authorize President Dick, and an alternate, to cast the District's ballot and submit to LAFCO no later than the June 13, 2014 deadline.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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To be determined.

**SUMMARY**

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The terms of office for OC LAFCO's Regular Special District member (currently John Withers) and Alternate Special District Member (currently Jim Fisler) will expire on June 30, 2014.

As no other nominations were received by LAFCO for the Regular Special District member, John Withers was automatically reappointed to that position.

With respect to the Alternate Special District member, two candidates are running; Jim Fisler (Mesa Water and the incumbent), and Rich Freschi (Serrano Water District). The District has received a request for support from Mr. Fisler (attached).

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



## Maribeth Goldsby

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**From:** Cheryl Carter-Benjamin [ccarter-benjamin@oclafco.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2014 1:36 PM  
**To:** Maribeth Goldsby  
**Cc:** Robert Hunter; chair@oclafco.org; Carolyn Emery  
**Subject:** REVISED: Ballot and Declaration of Qualification to Vote  
**Attachments:** FINNEGAN.pdf

**Importance:** High

*Please use the attached revised Ballot and Declaration forms and disregard the prior email and attachments which we attempted to recall.*

Dear Special District Presiding Officers and General Managers:

Please find enclosed the Ballot and the Declaration of Qualification to Vote form for the Orange County LAFCO Alternate Special District seat that will expire on June 30, 2014.

LAFCO has received two nominations for the Special District Alternate Seat: the current incumbent **James Fisler, Mesa Water District Board Member**, and **Richard Freschi, Serrano Water District Board Member**. In accordance with Government Code Section 56332(c) and the Bylaws of the Orange County Independent Special District Selection Committee, the ballot and declaration, prepared by the LAFCO Executive Officer, are being transmitted to each independent special district presiding officer. The ballot and declaration of qualification to vote for the alternate seat are due to the LAFCO Executive Officer by **3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2014**. Ballot and declaration forms may be returned by email to [cemery@oclafco.org](mailto:cemery@oclafco.org) or mailed to the LAFCO offices at 12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 235, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

If anyone would like to observe the opening and tabulation of the ballots at the LAFCO office, please contact Carolyn Emery and we will make the appropriate arrangements. Election results will be announced by June 16, 2014.

Should you have any questions regarding the election process, please contact the Executive Officer Carolyn Emery or Cheryl Carter-Benjamin at (714) 834-2556.

Best regards,

*Carolyn Emery*

Executive Officer  
**ORANGE COUNTY LAFCO**  
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*Cheryl Carter-Benjamin*

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**DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATION TO VOTE**

Joan Finnegan  
Municipal Water District of Orange County  
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Fountain Valley, CA 92708-6930  
[mgoldsby@mwdoc.com](mailto:mgoldsby@mwdoc.com)

I, \_\_\_\_\_,\* hereby attest that  
\_\_\_\_\_\*\*has been authorized by the Board of  
\_\_\_\_\_to vote in the Orange County Special  
District Selection Committee election.

The Board also designated \_\_\_\_\_\*\*\*as the alternate  
voting member.

Name and Title\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Must be signed by either Board President or Board Secretary*

*\*\* Must be a member of the Board*

*\*\*\*Must be a member of the Board*

**Completed forms must be received by LAFCO prior to 3 PM, Tuesday, June 13, 2014. Forms must be delivered to Orange County LAFCO by:**

- (1) Email at: [cemery@oclafco.org](mailto:cemery@oclafco.org), or  
(2) Mail at: Orange County LAFCO  
12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 235  
Santa Ana, CA 92701  
Attn: Carolyn Emery, or  
(3) FAX at: (714) 834-2643, Attn: Carolyn Emery

# BALLOT

## ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER

Local Agency Formation Commission  
Term of Office Expires 06/30/2014

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Name of District*

### Certification of Voting Member

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that I am:  
*Print Name Here*

\_\_\_\_\_ the presiding officer of the above named district.

\_\_\_\_\_ a member of the Board of the above-named district designated to vote in the absence of the presiding officer pursuant to G.C. §56332(a). I have submitted proof of this designation to the Executive Officer of LAFCO.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

### CANDIDATES FOR ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER OF LAFCO: (Check one ONLY.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ *James Fisler, Mesa Water District*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Richard Freschi, Serrano Water District*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Abstain*

**Maribeth Goldsby**

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for our information

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Jim Fisler <[j.fisler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.fisler@sbcglobal.net)>

**To:** [ldick@mwdoc.com](mailto:ldick@mwdoc.com)

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 2, 2014 10:55 AM

**Subject:** lafco elections

Good Morning Larry,

Attached is my flyer for re election as LAFCO Special District "alternate" seat. I would hope you and your Board would consider voting for me for re election. Thank You for your consideration.

*Regards,*

*Jim Fisler*

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## **Re-Elect James R. Fisler LAFCO Special Districts Alternate Member**

### **James R. Fisler - President Mesa Water District**



James (Jim) R. Fisler was appointed to the Mesa Water District (Mesa Water®) Board of Directors in August 2009, elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2012, and is currently the Board President.

In addition to serving as President of Mesa Water District and being LAFCO's incumbent Special District's Alternate member, James Fisler currently is serving on the ACWA Local Government Committee, Finance Advisory Committee for the City of Costa Mesa, is a Board member of the Costa Mesa Friends of the Libraries, and is a Board member of the Costa Mesa Senior Center. Previously, James Fisler served as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner for the City of Costa Mesa and as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Costa Mesa and is a graduate of the Costa Mesa Citizens Police Academy.

Since March 2010, President Fisler has also served as President of the Mesa Water District Improvement Corporation, a California non-profit public benefit corporation formed to assist Mesa Water in financing specific improvements to the District's water system. Previously for Mesa Water, President Fisler served on the District's Engineering & Operations, Finance, Executive, IT Ad Hoc, and Public Information Committees.

After attending LAFCO meetings for over a year as Mesa Water District's liaison to LAFCO, President Fisler developed an interest in serving on the commission and was elected in 2011 to the Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County (OC LAFCO) as special district alternate. Additionally he serves as Mesa Water District liaison with the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC).

James Fisler is committed to LAFCO's mission of fostering orderly development and governance, promoting the efficient delivery of services, facilitating constructive changes in governmental structure and boundaries, and serving as a resource for local governments and citizens and would be honored to receive your vote and continue to serve as the Special District Alternate to OCLAFCO.



**ACTION ITEM**

May 21, 2014

**TO:** Board of Directors

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

Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Darcy Burke

**SUBJECT: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CSDA BYLAWS AND AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO CAST THE DISTRICT'S BALLOT**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors consider the attached recommended updates to the CSDA Bylaws and authorize the President of the Board to cast the District's ballot.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (to be determined at Committee Meeting)

**SUMMARY**

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The CSDA Board has approved the attached recommended updates to the CSDA Bylaws to bring forward to CSDA voting members for consideration. Highlights to the recommended updates include:

- General clean-up to reflect updates and organizational changes over the last 3 years;
- Clarifying language to the CSDA Board nomination and election process
- Updates to various committee definitions and titles
- CSDA affiliated chapter clarification

An official ballot is included for MWDOC to cast its vote by mail and must be received by Friday, June 13, at 5:00 pm.

**Attachment:** Proposed CSDA Bylaws Updates in mark-up form.

Budgeted (Y/N): N	Budgeted amount: -0-	Core <u>  x  </u>	Choice <u>    </u>
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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 25, 2014

**TO:** California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Voting Members

**FROM:** Noelle Mattock, CSDA Board President  
Neil McCormick, CEO

**SUBJECT:** Proposed CSDA Bylaws Updates

The CSDA Board of Directors has approved the attached recommended updates to the CSDA Bylaws to bring forward to CSDA voting members for consideration.

Highlights to the recommended updates include:

- General clean-up to reflect updates and organizational changes over the last 3 years
- Clarifying language to the CSDA Board nomination and election process
- Updates to various committee definitions and titles
- CSDA affiliated chapter clarification

The full proposed changes to CSDA's Bylaws are indicated in mark-up form for your review and can be found online at [www.csda.net/bylaws](http://www.csda.net/bylaws).

As a voting member in good standing, once your district has reviewed the proposed CSDA Bylaws updates, please use the enclosed official ballot to cast your vote by mail in favor or not in favor of the changes.

**Completed ballots must be received by Friday, June 13, 2014 at 5:00 pm to be counted.** Only official and fully completed ballots returned via regular mail to the CSDA office will be counted. The results of the Bylaws ballot will be announced in the CSDA e-News and on the CSDA website. If approved by the membership, the updated Bylaws will take effect on July 1, 2014.

If you have any questions or require printed copies, please contact Charlotte Lowe, Executive Assistant at [charlottel@csda.net](mailto:charlottel@csda.net) or (916) 442-7887.

**Thank you for your participation and continued support of CSDA!**

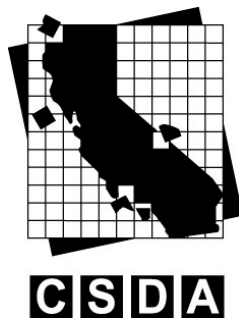
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## **BYLAWS**

### **California Special Districts Association**

#### **Approved Bylaw Revision Dates:**

**Revised 1996**

**Revised 1999**

**Revised 2004**

**Revised October 1, 2009**

**Revised August 2, 2010**

**Revised August 1, 2011**



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## ARTICLE I – GENERAL

### **Section 1. Purpose:**

In addition to the general and specific purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), CSDA will provide outreach, education, and member services, and shall generate legislative advocacy for member interests. CSDA will interact with the government associations and groups that support or oppose its membership's interests.

### **Section 2. CSDA Regions/[Networks](#):**

The state of California shall be divided along county boundaries into six ~~(6)~~ voting regions/[networks](#). The areas of the regions/[networks](#) have been determined by the Board of Directors of CSDA.

Exhibit A.....Map of the six (6) regions/[networks](#) of CSDA.

~~Exhibit B.....Names of the counties within the six (6) regions.~~

### **Section 3. Principal Office:**

The principal business office of CSDA shall be located in Sacramento, California.

## ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

### **Section 1. Qualification of Membership:**

There may be several classes of membership in ~~the~~ CSDA, as determined by the Board of Directors. The following classes have been adopted:

#### **A. Regular Voting Members:**

Regular voting members shall be any public agency formed pursuant to either general law or special act for the local performance of governmental and/or proprietary functions within limited boundaries, and which meets any one of the following criteria:

1. Meets the definition of “independent special district” set forth in Government Code Section 56044 by having a legislative body all of whose members are elected, or which members are appointed to fixed terms; or
2. A public agency whose legislative body is composed of representatives of two or more other public agencies. Such representatives may be either members of the legislative body or designated employees of such other public agencies. Public agencies which qualify as regular members pursuant to these criteria include, but are not limited to the following public agencies: (a) air quality management districts; (b) air pollution control districts; (c) county water agencies or authorities; (d) transit or rapid transit districts, or transportation authorities; (e) metropolitan water districts; (f) flood control and/or water conservation districts; (g) sanitation agencies.

Regular voting members do not include the state, cities, counties, school districts, community college districts, dependent districts, or joint powers authorities. Dependent districts are defined as those special districts whose legislative body is composed exclusively of members of a Board of Supervisors of a single county or city council of a single city, LAFCOs, joint powers authorities or the appointees of such legislative bodies with no fixed terms.

Regular voting members have voting privileges and may hold seats on the Board of Directors.

#### **B. Associate Non-Voting Members:**

Shall be those organizations such as dependent districts, cities, mutual water companies, and those public agencies that do not satisfy the criteria for regular voting membership specified in Section A above.

Associate members have no voting privileges and may not hold a seat on the Board of Directors.

#### **C. Business Affiliate Members:**

Shall be those persons or organizations that provide services to special districts and/or have evidenced interest in the purposes and goals of CSDA. Business Affiliates have no voting privileges and may not hold a seat on the Board of Directors.

**D. ~~Liaison Representatives:~~**

~~Members of CSDA, who hold memberships in other organizations which have shown an interest in the purposes of CSDA, may request the Board of Directors to appoint a non-voting liaison representative from the interested organization to participate in activities conducted by CSDA. Non-inclusive examples of said organizations are recreation and park, fire, cemetery, and mosquito abatement/vector control.~~

~~The Board of Directors may invite the non-voting liaison representatives to attend CSDA meetings and participate in CSDA committees at the discretion of the Board. Liaison representatives have no voting privileges and may not hold a seat on the Board of Directors.~~

**Section 2. Membership Application:**

Application for membership to CSDA will be directed to staff, who will determine if the applicant's interest and purpose is in common with CSDA. If the applicant meets the requirements of membership, the Board of Directors shall approve the new member by a majority vote of the Board. Acceptance to membership shall authorize participation in CSDA activities as specified in these Bylaws.

**Section 3. Membership Dues:**

The membership dues of CSDA shall be established annually by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a scheduled Board meeting. Authority to adjust the dues shall remain with the Board of Directors.

**Section 4. Membership Voting:**

Matters to be voted upon by the membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with these Bylaws. Only those matters of which proper notice was given by CSDA may be voted upon.

**A. Voting Designee:**

In accordance with these Bylaws, regular voting members in good standing shall have voting privileges. The governing body of each regular voting member shall designate by resolution, one representative from their respective district who shall have the authority to exercise the right of the regular voting member to vote. Such voting designee shall be a Board member or managerial employee of the member regular voting member. ~~Each regular voting member shall file such resolution with CSDA.~~

**B. Voting Authorization:**

Those regular voting members who have paid the required dues as set by the Board of Directors are members in good standing. Each regular voting member in good standing

shall be entitled to one vote on all matters brought before the membership for vote at any meeting or mail ballot.

## **Section 5. Membership Quorum:**

### **A. Meeting Quorum:**

Twenty-five ~~(25)~~ voting designees, as defined in Article II, Section 4, officially designated by each regular voting member present at any annual or special meeting of the CSDA shall constitute a quorum. Absentee ballots ~~shall~~will not be accepted.

### **B. Mailed Ballot Quorum:**

Mail ballots received from ~~twenty-five (25)~~ voting designees shall constitute a quorum.

## **Section 6. Membership Meetings:**

### **A. Annual Business Meeting:**

The annual business meeting of the members shall be held at the Annual CSDA Conference at such time and place as determined by the Board of Directors. Written notice of the annual business meeting shall include all matters that the Board intends to present for action and vote by the members.

Written notice of any annual meeting of the members of CSDA, via mail and/or electronic delivery, and/or facsimile shall be sent to each regular voting member in good standing, at least 45 days in advance of the designated date of such meeting. The notice shall include the time and place, and all matters the Board of Directors intends to present for action and vote by the members.

### **B. Special Meetings:**

Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the President, by a majority of the Board of Directors, or by a majority of at least a quorum of the members. Written notice shall include all matters the Board of Directors intends to present for action and vote by the members.

Written notice of any special meeting of the members of CSDA, via mail and/or electronic delivery, and/or facsimile shall be sent to each regular voting member in good standing, at least ten days in advance of the designated date of such meeting. The notice shall include the time and place, and all matters intended to be presented for action and vote by the members.

### **C. ~~Notice of Meetings:~~**

~~Written notice of any annual or special meeting of the members of CSDA, via mail and/or electronic delivery, and/or facsimile shall be sent to each regular voting member in good standing, not later than forty-five (45) days in advance of the designated date of such meeting. The notice shall include the time and place, and all matters the Board of Directors intends to present for action and vote by the members.~~

**D.C. Mail Ballot:**

The Board of Directors may at its discretion authorize the voting upon any issue, by written ballot mailed to each regular voting member in good standing. Such ballot shall be mailed by first class mail, at least not later than forty-five (45) days in advance of the date the CSDA has designated for the return of the ballot by each member to CSDA.

**E.D. Majority Vote:**

A majority of votes cast or ballots received~~vote of all regular voting members voting~~ shall be necessary to carry any matter voted upon, provided a quorum of members has voted in person or by mail ballot. Voting by proxy shall~~will~~ not be allowed.

**Section 7. Termination of Membership:**

Any member delinquent in the payment of dues for a period of three ~~(3)~~ months after said dues are due and payable, shall be notified in writing of such arrearage, and shall be given written notice of possible termination. If such delinquent dues remain unpaid for forty-five (45) days after said notice, the delinquent member shall automatically cease to be a member of CSDA.

A delinquent member may be restored to membership by making written application to the Board of Directors of the CSDA. Such reinstatement shall be at the discretion of the Board.

## ARTICLE III – DIRECTORS

### **Section 1. Number of Directors:**

The authorized number of elected directors to serve on the Board of Directors shall be ~~eighteen (18)~~. Each regular voting member agency shall be limited to one seat on the Board.

There shall be three ~~(3)~~ directors elected from each of the six ~~(6)~~ CSDA regions/networks. Directors elected from each of the six ~~(6)~~ regions/networks shall hold staggered three ~~(3)~~-year terms. The three directors serving a term of office from a region/network shall be elected from three ~~(3)~~ different regular voting member agencies located in that region/network.

### **Section 2 Term of Office:**

Directors elected from each of the six ~~(6)~~ regions/networks shall hold staggered three ~~(3)~~-year terms. After the annual election of directors, a meeting of the Board shall be held to ratify the election results. The term of office of the newly elected persons shall commence on the following January 1 and shall terminate in three ~~(3)~~ years.

### **Section 3. Nomination of Directors:**

Nomination shall be by region/network. Any regular voting member in good standing is eligible to nominate one person from their district to run for director of CSDA. The director nominee shall be a board member of the district or a managerial employee as defined by that district's Board of Directors. Nomination of the director designee shall be made by a resolution or minute action of the regular voting member's Board of Directors. Only one individual from each regular voting member district may be nominated to run at each election. In the event an incumbent does not re-run for his/her seat, the nomination period for that region/network shall be extended by ten days.

The CSDA staff, in conjunction with the Elections and Bylaw Committee, will review all nominations received and accept all that meet the qualifications set by these Bylaws. A slate of each region's/network's qualified nominees will be submitted by mail ballot, to that region's/network's regular voting membership for election pursuant to Article III, Section 4

### **Section 4. Election of Directors:**

The Election and Bylaws Committee shall have primary responsibility for establishing and conducting elections. The Committee may enforce any regulation in order to facilitate the conduct of said elections. Voting for directors shall be by the regular voting members from the region/network from which they are nominated. ~~six (6) regions and shall be conducted by mail.~~

The Election and Bylaws Committee shall meet each year to review, with staff, the regions/networks where election of directors will be necessary. The Committee will coordinate, with staff, the dates nomination requests shall be mailed to the regular voting members, the and officialy date for the nomination requests to be received at the CSDA office, and ~~will~~ set the date of the election.

#### **A. Written Notice:**



Written notice requesting nominations of candidates for election to the Board of Directors shall be sent first class mail to each regular member on the date specified by the Election and Bylaws Committee, which shall be at least ~~one hundred and twenty (120)~~ days prior to the election. The nominations must be received by ~~the~~ CSDA before the established deadline which shall be no later than ~~sixty (60)~~ days prior to the election. Nominations received after the deadline date shall be deemed invalid.

#### **B. Balloting and Election:**

Voting for directors shall be by mail.

After the nomination period for directors is closed, a mailed ballot specifying the certified nominees in each region/network shall be distributed to each regular voting member in that region/network ~~good standing~~ by first class mail. Each such regular member in each region/network shall be entitled to cast one vote for each of that region's/network's open seats on the Board.

The ballot for each region/network shall contain all nominations accepted and approved by CSDA staff. In the event there is only one nomination in a region/network, the nominee shall automatically assume the Seat up for election and a ballot shall not be mailed. Staff will execute a Proof of Service certifying the date upon which all regular voting members of each region/network were mailed a ~~mail~~ ballot.

Ballots shall be returned by mail to the principal business address of CSDA prior to the close of business (5:00 pm) on the designated election date, which shall be at least ~~forty-five (45)~~ days prior to the ~~annual business meeting of the members held at the~~ Annual Conference. Ballots received after the specified date shall not be counted.

All ballots shall remain sealed until opened in the presence of the Election and Bylaws Committee chairperson or his/her designee.

#### **Section 5. Event of Tie:**

In the event of a tie vote, a supplemental mail ballot containing only the names of those candidates receiving the same number of votes shall be mailed to each regular voting member in the region/network where the tie vote occurred.

Those mail ballots received prior to the close of business (5:00 pm) on the date designated by the Election and Bylaws Committee shall be considered valid and counted. All supplemental mail ballots received after the designated date will be deemed invalid. All ~~such~~ ballots shall remain sealed until opened in the presence of the Committee chair or his/her designee.

In the event the supplemental mail ballot results in a tie vote, the successful candidate will be chosen by a drawing by lot.

#### **Section 6. Director Vacancy:**

In the event of a director vacating his/her seat on the Board of Directors, an individual who meets the qualifications as specified in these Bylaws may be appointed or elected to complete the director's unexpired term.

**A. Two or Three Vacant Seats in the Same Region/Network:**

In the event more than one seat on the CSDA Board of Directors in any one region/network is vacant at the same time, such vacancies shall be filled by election. A mail ballot shall be prepared; listing all nominees for that region/network accepted and approved pursuant to Article III, Section 4 of these Bylaws

Regular Mmembers of each region/network shall be entitled to cast one vote for each open seat in that region/network. The candidate receiving the most votes will be elected to the vacant seat with the longest remaining term. The candidate receiving the second highest number of votes will be elected to fill the vacant seat with the second longest remaining term. The candidate receiving the third highest number of votes will be elected to fill the vacant position with the third longest remaining term.

**B. Vacancy During Nomination Period:**

In the event of a vacancy occurring "during" the nomination period ~~prior to the annual election~~, the vacancy shall be filled by election. Written notification of the vacancy and request for nominations shall be sent to each regular member in the region/network in which the vacancy occurred. Nominations will be accepted for ~~the~~such vacant seat ~~and which~~ shall be placed on the mail ballot for election in that region/network.

**C. Vacancy After Nomination Period:**

In the event of a vacancy occurring "after" the nomination period has closed, at the discretion of the CSDA Board, the vacancy may remain unfulfilled until the next regularly scheduled election or may~~shall~~ be filled by appointment. Should the CSDA Board choose to fill the vacancy by appointment, ~~N~~notification of the vacancy and request for nominations shall be sent to all regular members in the region/network in which the vacancy occurred.

The region's/network's existing directors sitting on the CSDA Board shall interview all interested candidates of that region/network and bring a recommendation to the CSDA Board of Directors ~~of the CSDA~~. The Board shall make the appointment to fill the unexpired term of the vacated Board position.

**Section 7. Director Disqualification:**

- A. A director shall become disqualified from further service upon the occurrence of the following:

A director's district is no longer a member of ~~the~~ CSDA; a director is no longer a board member or an employee of a member district; and/or a director shall resign.

Any officer or director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President or CEO~~Executive Director~~. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice or at any time specified therein.

- B. The position of a director may be declared vacant by a majority vote of the CSDA Board of Directors when a director shall fail~~s~~ to attend three ~~(3)~~ consecutive meetings of the Board, ~~without prior notice to the Board President~~.

**Section 8. Powers of Directors:**

Subject to the limitations of these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, and the California General Nonprofit Corporation Law, all corporate powers of the CSDA shall be exercised by or under the authority of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IV – DIRECTOR MEETINGS**

### **Section 1. Place of Meetings:**

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in the state of California, at such places as the Board may determine.

### **Section 2. Ratification Meeting:**

Following the election of Directors, the Board shall hold a meeting at such time and place as determined by the Board for the purpose of ratifying the newly elected directors and to transact other business of ~~the~~ CSDA.

### **Section 3. Organization Meeting:**

After the ratification meeting, an organizational meeting of the Board shall be held at such time and place as determined by the Board for the purpose of electing the officers of the Board of Directors and the transaction of other business of ~~the~~ CSDA.

### **Section 4. Planning Session:**

~~As directed by the Board of Directors~~~~Before the end of each calendar year~~, a special Strategic Planning Meeting shall be held ~~by the Board of Directors~~ to review and evaluate the plans, policies and activities related to the business interests of CSDA.

### **Section 5. Regular Meetings:**

The dates of the regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be ratified at the ~~last~~~~first~~ Board meeting of the ~~previous~~ year. The meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Board may determine. The dates and places of the Board meetings shall be published in the CSDA's publications for the benefit of the members.

### **Section 6. Special Meetings:**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors, for any purpose, may be called at any time by the President or by any group of seven ~~(7)~~ directors.

Such meetings may be held at any place designated by the Board of Directors. In the event directors are unable to personally attend the special meeting, teleconferencing means will be made available.

Notice of the time and place of special meetings shall be given personally to the directors, or sent by written or electronic communication. All written notices shall be sent at least ten ~~(10)~~ days prior to the special meeting and electronic notices ~~at least~~~~not less than~~ five ~~(5)~~ days prior.

### **Section 7. Quorum:**

A quorum of the Board of Directors for the purpose of transacting business of the CSDA shall consist of ten ~~(10)~~ directors. A majority vote among at least ten ~~(10)~~ directors present at a duly noticed meeting shall constitute action of the Board of Directors.

**Section 8. Official Records:**

All official records of the meetings of the CSDA shall be maintained at the principal business office of the CSDA.

## ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

### **Section 1. Number and Selection:**

The officers of ~~the~~CSDA shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and ~~the Immediate~~ Past President. The officers shall be elected annually from the then current members of the Board of Directors without reference to regions/~~networks~~. All officers shall be subordinate and responsible to the ~~CSDA~~ Board of Directors and shall serve ~~the CSDA~~ without compensation.

Each shall hold office for the term of one ~~(1)~~ year, or until resignation or disqualification.

The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers as the business of ~~the~~CSDA may require. Each of the appointed officers shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as are provided in these Bylaws or as the Board of Directors may determine.

### **Section 2. Duties of the President:**

The President shall be the chief officer of the CSDA and shall, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, give supervision and direction to the business and affairs of ~~the~~CSDA.

The President shall preside at all Board of Director and membership meetings. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Standing Committees. ~~The President and~~ shall ~~recommend~~ ~~appoint~~ ~~appointment of~~ committee chairs and vice-chairs and members of the Standing Committees. ~~Such appointments are~~ subject to ~~ratification confirmation~~ by the Board of Directors.

The President shall have the general powers, duties and management usually vested in the office of the president of a corporation. The President shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by these Bylaws or by the vote of the Board of Directors.

### **Section 3. Duties of the Vice President:**

In the absence of, or disability of the President, the Vice President shall perform all of the duties of the President. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of the President, and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President.

The Vice President shall be ~~the chair of the Planning Committee and~~ an ex-officio member of all of the Standing Committees.

### **Section 4. Duties of the Secretary:**

The Secretary or a designee appointed by the Board of Directors shall give notice of meetings to the Board of Directors, and notices of meetings to the members as provided by these Bylaws.

The Secretary or ~~such~~ designee shall record and keep all motions and resolutions of the Board. A record of all meetings of the Board and of the members shall be maintained. All written records of the Secretary shall be kept at the business office of ~~the~~CSDA.

A list of the membership of ~~the~~-CSDA shall be maintained by the Secretary or such designee. Such record shall contain the name, address and type of membership, of each member. The date of membership shall be recorded, and in the event the membership ceases, the date of termination.

The Secretary or ~~such~~-designee shall perform such other duties as may be required by law, by these Bylaws, or by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 5. Duties of the Treasurer:**

The Treasurer or a designee appointed by the Board of Directors shall keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of the properties and the business transactions of ~~the~~-CSDA, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses. The books of account shall at all times be open to inspection by any director or member of the CSDA.

The Treasurer or ~~such~~-designee shall be responsible to cause the deposit of all moneys of the CSDA, and other valuables in the name and to the credit of ~~the~~-CSDA, with such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer or ~~such~~-designee, shall disburse, or cause to be disbursed by ~~such~~ persons as authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors, the funds of ~~the~~-CSDA, as ordered by the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer or ~~such~~-designee shall serve as chair of the CSDA Fiscal Committee. The Treasurer shall render to the President and the Board of Directors an account of all financial transactions and the financial condition of ~~the~~-CSDA at each Board meeting and on an annual basis, or upon request of the Board.

The Treasurer or ~~such~~-designee shall, after the close of the fiscal year of ~~the~~-CSDA, cause an annual audit of the financial condition of ~~the~~-CSDA to be done.

The Treasurer or such designee shall perform such other duties as may be required by law, by these Bylaws, or by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 6. Disbursement of Funds:**

No funds shall be disbursed by ~~the~~-CSDA unless ~~a~~the check, draft or other evidence of such disbursement ~~has been~~shall be executed on behalf of ~~the~~-CSDA by ~~such~~ persons authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 7. Removal of Officers:**

Officers of the Board may be removed with or without cause at any meeting of the Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors present at such meeting.

## ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

### **Section 1. ~~Creation of Committees~~ Structure:**

~~The Board of Directors by a majority vote may create one or more committees to serve at the pleasure of the Board, and have such authority as provided by the Board of Directors.~~

Each committee shall have a chair and a vice-chair who shall be directors of the Board of Directors. ~~Appointment of two (2) or more directors to the committees shall be by a majority vote of the Board. Each committee shall have at least two Board members and no more than nine Board members.~~ Directors may be appointed as alternate members of a committee, in the event of an absent committee member.

Other members of any committee may include designees of regular, associate or professional Business Affiliate members. ~~and liaison representatives from other organizations pursuant to Article II, Section 1 to be approved by majority vote of the CSDA Board of Directors.~~

### **Section 2. Committee Actions:**

All actions of any committee of the CSDA shall be governed by and taken in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws. All committees shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and have such authority as provided by the Board of Directors. Minutes of each committee meeting shall be kept and each committee shall present a report to the Board of Directors at each scheduled Board meeting.

No committee may take any final action on any matter that, under these Bylaws, or under the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, also requires approval of the members of the CSDA.

All committees, regardless of Board resolution, are restricted from any of the following actions as imposed by the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law

No committee may: Fill vacancies on the Board of Directors or on any committee that has authority of the Board; create any other committees of the Board or appoint the members of the committees of the Board.

No committee may fix compensation of the directors for serving on the Board or on any committee; e~~E~~xpend corporate funds to support a nominee for director; or approve any contract or transaction to which CSDA is a party and in which one or more of its directors has a material financial interest.

No committee may amend or repeal Bylaws or adopt new Bylaws or amend or repeal any resolution of the Board that by its express terms is not subject to amendment or repeal.

### **Section 3. Committee Meetings:**

Meetings of the committees of ~~the~~ CSDA shall be held in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws. The time and place for regular meetings of such committees may be determined



by the Board or by such committees. Special meetings of the committees may be called by the chair of such committee, or by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 4. Standing Committees:**

Standing Committees of ~~the~~ CSDA shall be advisory in nature except for the Finance Corporation (see Section 4D). The Standing Committees are: Executive, Education Professional Development, Elections and Bylaw, Finance Corporation, Fiscal, Legislative, Membership Recruitment Member Services and Planning and Audit.

The President shall recommend the appointment of committee officers and members of each Standing Committee except the Executive Committee. All committee members are subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

##### **A. Executive Committee:**

The Executive Committee shall consist of all officers of ~~the~~ CSDA. Members shall include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the immediate Ppast Ppresident of the CSDA. If the immediate Ppast Ppresident is no longer a member of the Board of Directors, a previous past president may be appointed. If there are no directors who have served as president in the past, the President shall appoint a current director to serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

Subject to these Bylaws and approval of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall have full power, authority and responsibility for the operation and function of the CSDA.

##### **B. Professional DevelopmentEducation Committee:**

The Education Professional Development Committee shall plan, organize and direct CSDAthe education professional development programs and events of the CSDA. The Committee shall organize the Annual Conference and the Special District Legislative Days. A public relations program shall be maintained by the Committee.

##### **C. Election and Bylaws Committee:**

The Election and Bylaws Committee shall be responsible for conducting all elections foref the CSDA Board of Directors as provided in these Bbylaws. The Committee shall annually review the Bbylaws and shall be responsible for membership vote on any bylaw changes and approval of election materials.

##### **D. Finance Corporation Committee:**

The Finance Corporation Committee shall serve as the Board of Directors of the CSDA Finance Corporation a California non profit public benefit corporation organized to provide financial assistance to CSDA members in acquiring, constructing and financing various public facilities and equipment for the use and benefit of the public. The Finance Corporation Committee is not an advisory committee, but has all of the powers described in the CSDA Finance Corporation Bylaws, which are incorporated herein by this reference. Such powers include the powers to manage and control the business affairs of the corporation, to approve policies for the corporation's operations, and to

~~enter into all contracts necessary to provide financial assistance to CSDA members and be responsible for oversight of the programs of the CSDA Finance Corporation.~~

**E. Fiscal Committee:**

The Treasurer shall serve as the chair of the Fiscal Committee and shall, with the Committee, be responsible for oversight of all the financial transactions of the CSDA. An annual budget shall be ~~prepared~~ reviewed by the committee and ~~shall be~~ ratified by the Board of Directors.

~~The Fiscal Committee shall assist the Planning Committee in the continuing development of the CSDA's "Strategic Plan".~~

**F. Legislative Committee:**

The Legislative Committee shall be responsible for the development of ~~the~~ CSDA's legislative agenda. The Committee shall review, direct and assist the CSDA Advocacy and Public Affairs ~~Legislative~~ Department with legislative and public policy issues.

**G. Member Services~~Membership and Recruitment~~ Committee:**

The ~~Membership and Recruitment~~ Member Services Committee shall be responsible for recruitment and recommendation of new members to the CSDA Board of Directors. All new members shall be ratified by the Board of Directors.

**H. Planning Committee:**

~~The Planning Committee in conjunction with the Fiscal Committee shall be responsible for the continuing development of the "Strategic Plan" of the CSDA. The "Strategic Plan" shall be reviewed and monitored. The Committee shall recommend revisions and/or additions to the Board of Directors for ratification.~~

**I.H. Audit Committee:**

The Audit Committee is responsible for maintaining and updating internal controls. The Committee selects the Auditor for Board of Director approval and provides guidance to the auditors on possible audit and fraud risks. The Committee reviews the audit and management letter and makes recommendation to the Board of Directors for action.

**Section 5. Ad Hoc Committees:**

The President may appoint other Ad Hoc Committees and their officers as may be determined necessary for the proper operation of the CSDA. The Standing Committees and the Ad Hoc Committees shall plan and authorize such programs as may be directed by the Board of Directors.

The Ad Hoc Committees shall be advisory in nature and shall be composed of at least two ~~(2)~~ members of the Board of Directors. Other members of such committees may include designees of regular, associate or professional members, ~~liaison representatives of other organizations,~~ or members of the public, as approved by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 6. Special Committee of the Board:**

A Special Committee may be granted authority of the Board as a Committee of the Board, as required by the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, provided by a specific resolution adopted by a majority of the Board of Directors then in office. In such case, the Special Committee shall be composed exclusively of two ~~(2)~~ or more directors, but less than a quorum of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VII – INDEMNIFICATION**

### **Section 1. Right of Indemnity:**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the CSDA shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless both its past and present directors, officers, employees and other persons described in Section 5238(a) of the California Corporations Code, against any and all actions, expenses, fines, judgments, claims, liabilities, settlements and other amounts reasonably incurred by them in connection with any “proceeding”, as that term is used in the Section 5238(a) of the California Corporations Code.

“Expenses”, as used in these Bylaws, shall have the same meaning as in Section 5238(a) of the California Corporations Code.

### **Section 2. Approval of Indemnity:**

On written request to the Board by any person seeking indemnification under Section 5238(b) or Section 5238(c) of the California Corporations Code, the Board shall promptly determine under Section 5238(e) of the California Corporations code whether the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 5238(b) or Section 5238(c) has been met, and if so, the Board shall authorize indemnification.

If the Board cannot authorize indemnification because the number of directors who are parties to the proceeding with respect to which indemnification is sought prevents the formation of a quorum of directors who are not parties to that proceeding, the Board shall promptly call a meeting of the members.

At the request for indemnification meeting, the members shall determine under Section 5238(e) of the California Corporations Code whether the applicable standard or conduct set forth in Section 5238(b) or Section 5238(c) has been met, and, if so, the members present at the meeting in person or by proxy shall authorize indemnification.

### **Section 3. Insurance:**

The CSDA shall have the right to purchase and maintain insurance to the full extent permitted by law, on behalf of its officers, directors, employees, and agents, against any liability asserted against or incurred by any officer, director, employee or agent in such capacity, or arising out of the officer's, director's, employee's, or agent's status as such.

### **Section 4. Liability:**

No member, individual, director, or staff member of the CSDA shall be personally liable to the CSDA's creditors, or for any indebtedness or liability. Any and all creditors shall look only to the CSDA's assets for payment.

## ARTICLE VIII – LOCAL CHAPTERS

### **Section 1. Purpose:**

The purpose of local chapters is to provide a local forum of members for the discussion, consideration and interchange of ideas concerning matters relating to the purposes and powers of special districts and the CSDA.

The local chapters may meet to discuss issues bearing upon special districts and the CSDA. The chapters may make recommendations to the CSDA's Board of Directors.

### **Section 2. Organization:**

The regular voting members of ~~the~~ CSDA are encouraged to create and establish local chapters. In order to be recognized as a CSDA Chapter, each Chapter must approve and execute a Chapter Affiliation Agreement in order to obtain the right to use the CSDA name, logo, membership mailing list, intellectual property, endorsements, and CSDA staff support and technical assistance in conducting Chapter activities. The terms and conditions of the Chapter Affiliation Agreement are incorporated herein by this reference.

Each chapter formed prior to August 1, 2011, including but not limited to ~~of~~ the following ~~existing~~ chapters must have at least one ~~(1)~~ CSDA member in their membership at all times: Alameda, Butte, Contra Costa, Kern, Marin, Monterey, Orange (ISDOC), Placer, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara and Ventura. These existing chapters are strongly encouraged to have all district members as CSDA members, however the existing local chapter may include members of Such existing chapters may include as members local organizations, districts and professionals who are not members of ~~the~~ CSDA.

New chapters formed after August 1, 2011, are required to have 100 percent of their special district members as be current members of CSDA ~~members~~ in order to be a chapter affiliate of CSDA. The existing Such local chapters may include members of local organizations and professionals who are not members of CSDA.

Local chapters shall be determined to be affiliates of the CSDA upon approval and execution of the Chapter Affiliation Agreement by the local chapter and approval and ratification of the Chapter Affiliation Agreement by the CSDA Board of Directors ~~of the CSDA~~. The chapters shall be required to provide updated membership lists to the CSDA at least annually.

CSDA and its local chapters shall not become or be deemed to be partners or joint ventures with each other by reason of the provisions of these Bylaws or the Chapter Affiliation Agreement.

### **Section 3. Rules, Regulations and Meetings:**

Each local chapter shall adopt such rules and regulations, meeting place and times as the membership of such local chapter may decide by majority vote. Rules and regulations of the local chapter shall not be inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of ~~the~~ CSDA.

### **Section 4. Financing of Local Chapters:**

No part of ~~the~~ CSDA's funds shall be used for the operation of the local chapter affiliates. ~~The~~ CSDA is not responsible for the debts, obligations, acts or omissions of ~~theirs~~ local chapters.

**Section 5. Legislative Program Participation:**

Local chapters may function as a forum in regard to federal, state and local legislative issues.

The chapters may assist ~~the~~ CSDA in the distribution of information to their members.

## ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

### **Section 1. Amendment Proposals:**

Any regular voting member in good standing may propose changes to these Bylaws. The proposed amendments shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors and submitted to the Election and Bylaws Committee for their study.

After examination by the Election and Bylaws Committee and upon resolution of the Board of Directors the amendment proposals may be submitted for vote at the Annual Business meeting of the members held by ~~the~~ CSDA, at a specially called meeting, or by a mailed ballot.

### **Section 2. Amendment Membership Meeting:**

Prior notice in writing of the proposed amendment/s to these Bylaws shall be given by the Board of Directors to the regular voting members, not later than ~~forty-five (45)~~ days in advance of the amendment meeting.

Electronic copies of the proposed amendment/s shall be available on the CSDA website for the regular voting members prior to the meeting. Copies of the proposed amendments shall be available for the voting members at the amendment meeting, ~~upon advance requests~~.

### **Section 3. Mailed Amendment Ballot:**

When a mailed ballot is utilized to amend these Bylaws, the ballot shall include all amendments and matters the Board ~~of Directors~~ intends to present for action and vote by the members and shall be mailed by ~~the~~ CSDA to all regular voting members ~~in good standing~~. ~~The~~Such ballot shall be mailed by first class mail, not later than ~~forty-five (45)~~ days in advance of the date ~~the~~ CSDA has designated for the receipt of the ballot.

The amendment ballot must be received by ~~the~~ CSDA, no later than the established deadline date and time. Ballots received after the specified deadline will be deemed invalid

### **Section 4. Amendment Ratification:**

#### **A. Membership Meeting:**

The proposed Bylaw amendments shall be deemed adopted by a majority vote of all regular voting members present at a membership meeting, at which a quorum, as defined in Article 2, Section 5 of these Bylaws, of the members is present.

#### **B. Mailed Ballot:**

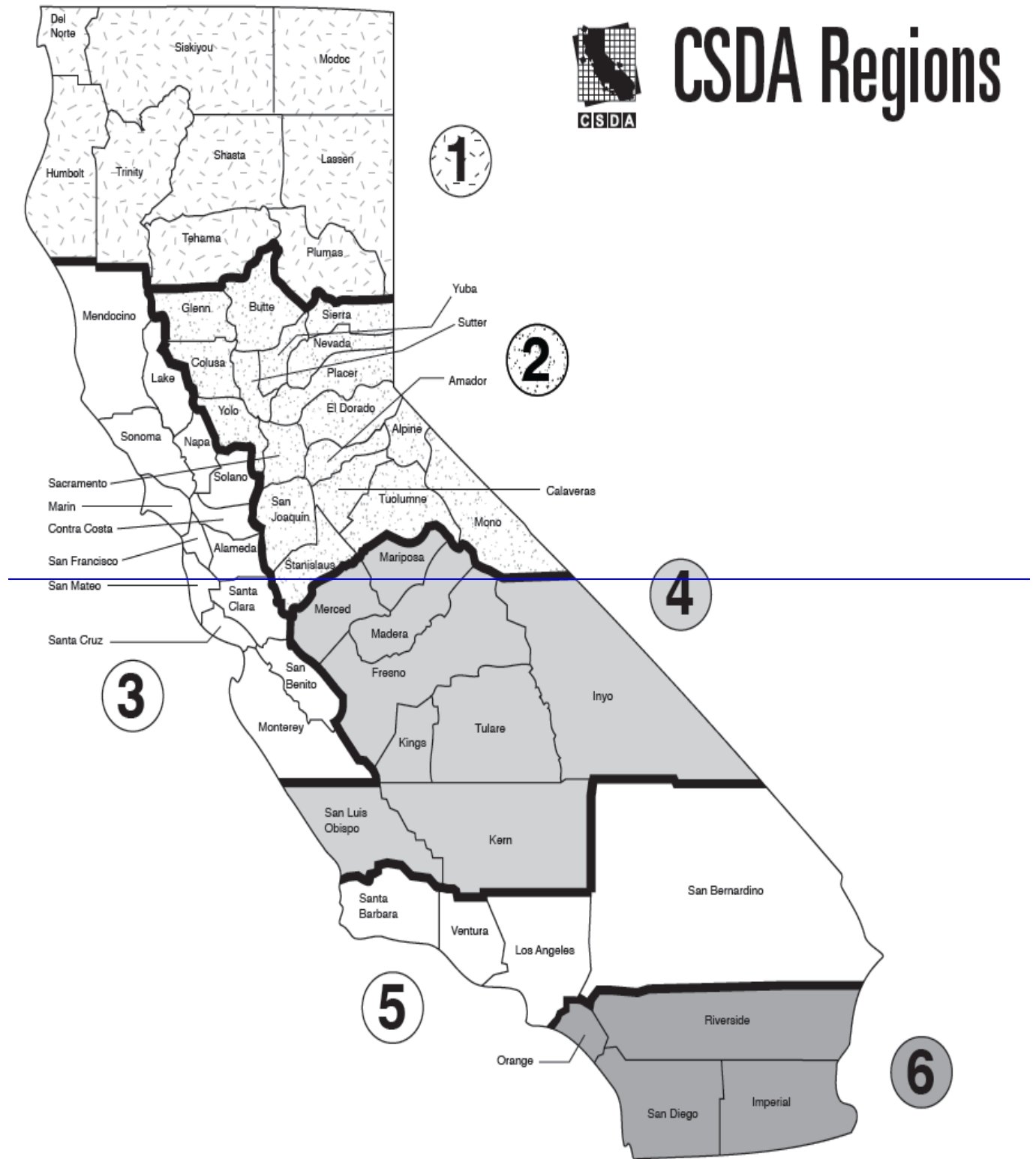
The proposed Bylaw amendment/s shall be deemed adopted when ballots have been returned by a quorum of the regular voting members, and have been approved by a majority vote of the mail ballots returned.







# CSDA Regions





## 2015 Regions/Networks





## INFORMATION ITEM

May 19, 2014

**TO:** Board of Directors

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

Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Harvey De La Torre

**SUBJECT:** **Support Letter to Restore Recycling Water Funding in the Water Bond**

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

### REPORT

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The original water bond, passed in 2009, which is currently on the 2014 November ballot, allocates \$1 billion for recycled water (Chapter 11). However, in the past year proposals by a number of state legislators have sought to downsize the \$11.14 billion bond with funding reductions that will impact mostly all of the chapters, including the water recycling water chapter. Now, as California faces a record drought discussions have returned to increase funding which enhances our water reliability.

To support this effort, a number of organizations and water agencies are calling on principle legislators and respective water committee chairs to restore the \$1 billion in funding for recycled water in the current and future water bond bills.

A number of Metropolitan member agencies as well as water agencies within Orange County have agreed to this effort and are co-signing the attached letter.

Therefore, to continue our on-going support of recycled water, the general manager plans to sign the attached letter which seeks to restore \$1 billion in a dedicated chapter for competitive grants for recycled water. All agencies seeking to sign the letter of support need to do so by May 19, 2014.

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Action item amount: N/A		Line item:	
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May X, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Room 2136  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Ben Hueso  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Room 2054  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Henry Perea  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Room 3120  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Fran Pavley  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Room 4035  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Rendon, Chairwoman Pavley, Senator Hueso, and Assemblymember Perea:

On behalf of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies, WaterReuse California, the Western Recycled Water Coalition and the undersigned water suppliers, thank you for your strong support for funding for recycled water programs in a water bond. This is an important recognition of the role water recycling plays in meeting the short term demands of the worsening drought and the critical role recycled water will play in the state's long term water supply reliability.

***As negotiations proceed on legislation to shape a new water bond for voter consideration in 2014, we jointly request that \$1 billion be restored in a dedicated chapter for competitive grants for recycled water.***

The water bond that was originally passed in 2009, and is currently on the November 2014 ballot, allocated \$1 billion for recycled water programs (Chapter 11). Our request is consistent with the level of funding contained in the \$11.14 billion bond, and reflects the importance of recycled water to the state for developing a reliable water supply. When the State Legislature moved last year to downsize the proposed bond, we supported the decision to scale back all elements of the bond including recycled water. Now, as the discussions return to the recognition that greater levels of funding are needed and will be supported by the public, we request that the \$1 billion be restored.

As the current historic drought continues, the need to expand access to reliable water supplies grows. Recycled water is a drought-proof water supply that does not rely on uncertain hydrologic conditions associated with climate change. It is a vital part of the State's water supply portfolio, and water providers are aggressively working to expand recycled water in California. Last October, our associations surveyed water and wastewater agencies statewide and identified 65 agencies currently working to develop and design recycled water projects that will produce over 550,000 acre-feet annually over the next ten years, and will cost an estimated \$5.6 billion. To put this in perspective, this amount of recycled water is equivalent to the water demands of 1.1 million average families for one year.

State grants with required local match will enable local projects to move to construction—meaning that these additional acre feet of recycled water will only be brought into the system if there is a significant State investment partnership through the water bond. Further, the matching requirement of the grants ensures a high level of local commitment and leverages the State's investment in this critical water resource.

Because recycled water is among the most sustainable, environmentally sound water resources available to the State, the inclusion of recycled water is critical to electorate support for the bond. A recent statewide survey of likely voters in the November 2014 election identified recycled water projects as the most popular program to include in a water bond. A total of 76 percent of likely voters favored recycled water projects. In fact, polling shows that 68 percent of likely voters believe that the drought is in part caused by a lack of recycled water programs.

A water bond must have a balanced approach to conserving, storing and producing water supplies. The ability to conserve one acre foot of drinking water for every acre foot of recycled water used is critical to California's ability to withstand the current and future droughts. Recycled water should be among the cornerstones of the State's water supply investments. For this reason we request that \$1 billion be restored in a dedicated chapter for competitive grants for recycled water.

Again, thank you for your on-going support of recycled water and your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



**INFORMATION ITEM**

May 19, 2014

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

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

**SUBJECT:** UPDATE ON METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S AND MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS PLANS

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**DETAILED REPORT**

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The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) have embarked on two distinct and separate communications efforts. MWDOC has been developing a regional communications plan known as the Value of Water and Metropolitan has been focusing on short term efforts in regards to the drought, water supply and water-use efficiency/conservation.

The Value of Water Communications Plan is on track to complete the message development, the focus group portion of the research (early June), develop creative elements and define a comprehensive media strategy for the implementation portion of the program by the end of summer. As a reminder, the actual implementation portion is a CHOICE budget program in FY 2014-2015. The development of the Communications Plan is included as a CORE activity in this year's budget.

In tangent with the development of the Value of Water Communications Plan, MWDOC staff has also begun developing MWDOC specific messaging, strategies and appropriate

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communication channels that will meet the short term goals related to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, the drought and water reliability investments. This separate but coordinated effort will be shared with the Board as it is developed and refined.

Metropolitan has been engaged in a strong and concerted effort in response to the Governors Emergency Drought declaration and call for a voluntary 20% water use reduction. The Metropolitan Board approved additional funding for increased water use efficiency rebates as well as for a public outreach and communications effort. Fraser Communications has been retained by Metropolitan to provide professional communications services including a focus groups study, message development, media buys, creative element development and polling.

Although Metropolitan's efforts are short term and directed to specifically address the situation at hand, MWDOC and Metropolitan staff have been coordinating and sharing Goals and objectives, metrics, research findings, draft messaging, media channel selection, target audience demographics and creative elements.

Both Metropolitan and MWDOC agree that the messages, to be most effective and have the greatest impact need to adhere to the following:

- Positive tone and language
- Conveys importance of investment in infrastructure
- Supports the need for water rate increases
- Restores trust and credibility
- Develops local project support
- Develops a case for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and alternative conveyance
- Adaptable at the retail level (similar to Water: Do More with Less)
- Easy to integrate into current messaging throughout the region as a whole
- Continues to support water-use efficiency investments
- Short messages; easier to use
- No "water speak" or engineering jargon

At the May Metropolitan Communications and Legislation Committee, the attached presentation was shared with the Board in relation to these efforts, including focus group objectives, findings, messaging, creative elements, media recommendations and time frame.



# THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## Focus Group Communications Findings and Media Plan Overview



FRASER COMMUNICATIONS

May 12, 2014



# Focus Group Objectives

- To understand Southern Californians' current knowledge, attitudes and beliefs toward issues regarding water conservation and the ongoing drought
- To gauge reactions toward and affinity for a variety of communication concepts
- To understand which specific language about the drought and about improving California's water infrastructure is most motivating and effective

# Methodology

- 9 two-hour focus groups held in April 2014
  - 4 in English among a general population
  - 2 in English among Asian consumers (Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Filipino)
  - 3 in Spanish among Hispanic consumers
- Markets included Los Angeles, Orange County, Inland Empire and San Diego, CA
- Homeowners  $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Renters  $\frac{1}{4}$  (pays own water bill)
- HHI \$50K+
- Decision-makers regarding water usage

# When pressed, the drought is seen as a serious issue - somewhat

- Most do not understand the immediate severity and negative implications to their way of life, but do understand the cost implications

*It's serious because restrictions on water may come. Then it means it will get more expensive to buy water. – Los Angeles*

*Cost of food as well is affected by the drought. It goes up with price of gas and water. – Inland Empire (H)\**

*I'm a San Diegan. Every time we have [a drought] it is just as serious as the last. Why can't they bring in water from someplace else?  
– San Diego*

# Most understand that we get our water from out of area

- It's readily understood that California sources its water from many places
  - Northern California, Colorado, the Colorado River and the Sierras were mentioned the most
- Water politics did not register as problematic and the vast majority of respondents were unaware of any issues involving the Delta

# Most perceive the drought as a statewide issue; some are knowledgeable

- Some see drought as particularly impacting Southern California –but it is perceived as more serious when communicated as a statewide problem
- In every market, a small number of respondents exist who are more aware of water issues
- These consumers could be an important part of an overall communication plan
  - We can create more detailed messaging for more sophisticated consumers
  - These consumers could help spread the message

Similarly, there are pockets of awareness and expectations that more solutions are needed

- More “in-touch” respondents seem to understand the need to invest in water resources and prepare for future shortages
- Many do not trust the government to do anything
- Municipalities need to better communicate accomplishments in conservation and infrastructure improvements to earn support

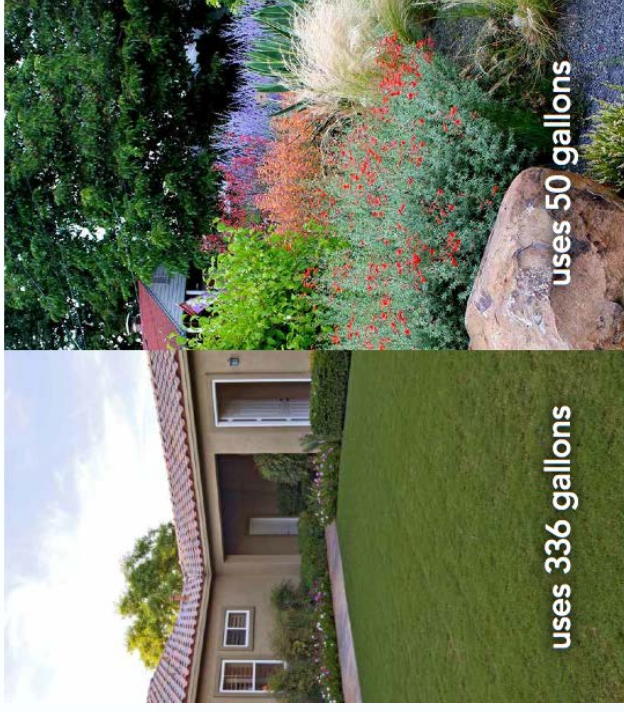
# Most have taken steps to reduce water usage

- All audiences are aware that they should conserve water, and the majority are already doing it
- However, saving money is the primary motivator – not helping the environment
- People do the little things – they need to be motivated to do more
- Regardless of market or background, the negative implications of drought – financial, loss of a way of life – resonate the most deeply with everyone



# Lawn vs. Garden was a successful message concept

- Other possible messaging approaches:
  - Images of wasting water was attention-getting
  - Images of California produce affected by drought brought home impact
  - Specific niche messages resonate with Hispanic and Asian communities



Saving water can be a beautiful thing.

Did you know you can save thousands of gallons of water a month just by replacing your lawn with California Friendly® plants? The California drought needs your help. In return you'll receive valuable rebates. We can't waste another minute wasting water.

[bewaterwise.com](http://bewaterwise.com)

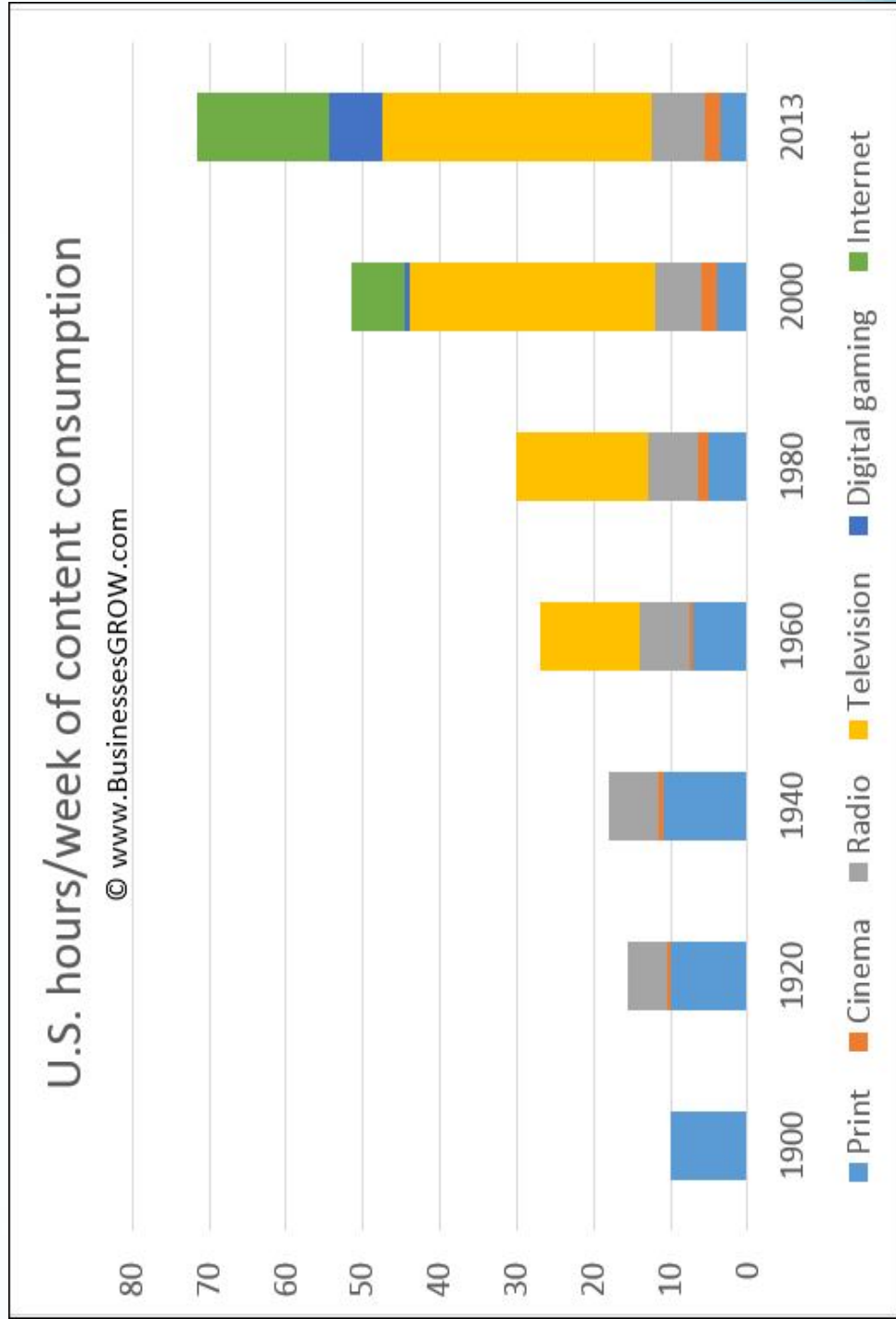
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# Overall Learning

- Approaching solutions with “21<sup>st</sup> Century” technology communicated a new idea
- California lifestyle is very relatable. People do not want to see it go away
- Fear is a resonant emotional motivator, but how fear is dramatized makes a difference
- Most respondents are unaware of water infrastructure issues and how they may worsen impact of drought
- Many respondents felt that the burden of conservation was too heavily placed on the consumer – government must communicate that it is doing its part to modernize the system and also conserve

# Media Usage Trends



# Media Usage and TV Viewing

- Heavier water users are more affluent and naturally more selective about their media choices.
- They are heavier consumers of news and information.
- A25-64 HHI \$50K+ are appointment television viewers, heaviest in news, late night, fringe and primetime broadcast and cable.
- Younger Audience of A18-24 will also be effectively reached by TV



# Media Mix - Radio

- Radio – General Market radio also provides coverage of African American and English-speaking Hispanics and Asian
- In-language Spanish and Asian

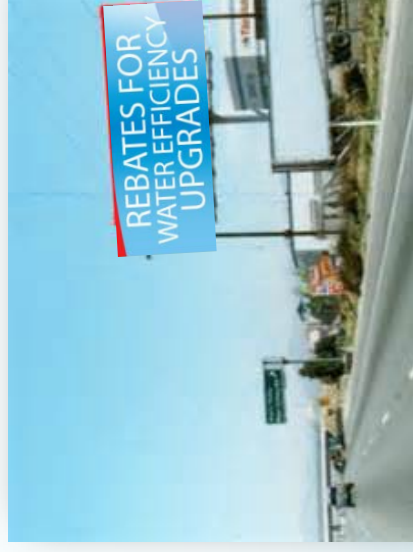
# Media Mix - Digital

- Key priority - drive people to [bewaterwise.com](http://bewaterwise.com)
- News and weather platforms online support the newsworthiness and seasonality of a water conservation message
- Online radio, e.g. Pandora
- Display Advertising
  - Audience Targeting
  - Retargeting
  - Contextual Targeting
  - Behavioral Targeting
  - Geo Targeting
- Native Advertising



# Media Mix - Targeted

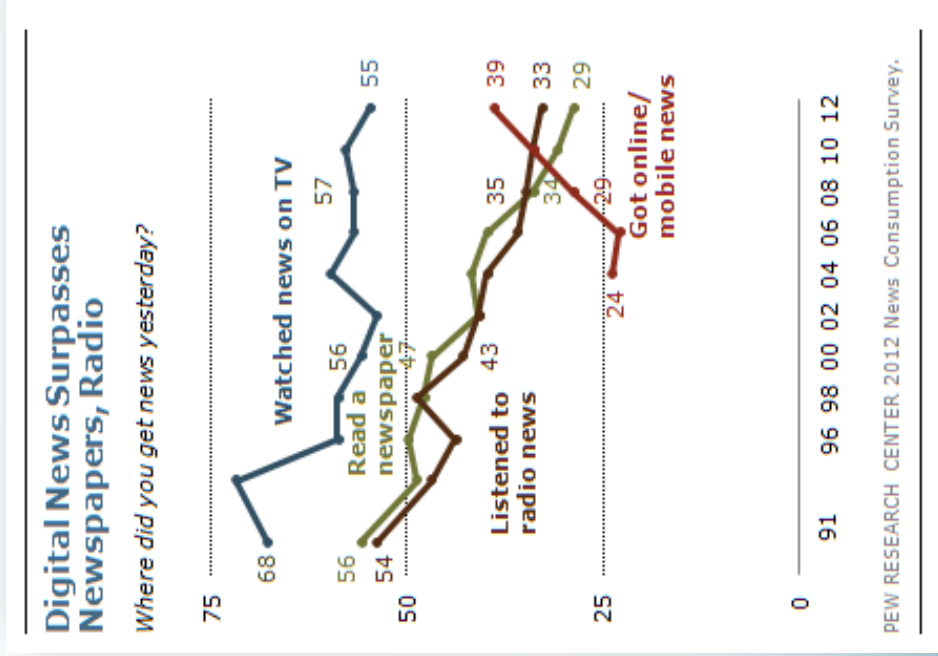
- Targeted Out of Home – State Water Project Areas
- Social Engagement and Bloggers – Reaches influential's and informs word-of-mouth
- Google Search – Used widely across all ethnicities



# Print –Focus on Earned Media for More Complex Aspects

## Print /Newspaper

- News content is ideal to place the campaign's messaging around
- Newspaper readership continues to fall sharply, making it a less efficient vehicle
- Audiences are more likely to consume news online from digital sources than print





# Media Plan

- Radio – 21 weeks
- TV – 6 weeks
- Digital – 4 months
- Out of Home – State Water Project Areas; 3 months
- Social Engagement and Bloggers– 4 months
- Search –12 months
- Target:
  - Home owners and renters A25+; HHI \$50K+(of all ethnicities)
  - Campaign will include English, Spanish and Asian language messaging in the six counties





# Questions?



**INFORMATION ITEM**

May 19, 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**

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

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**SUMMARY**

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Since August, staff has been planning the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange County Water Summit which will be held on May 16, 2014. The event is a coordinated effort between the Municipal Water District of Orange County and Orange County Water District. The event is Co-Chaired by Directors Jeff Thomas (MWDOC) and Steve Sheldon (OCWD), and supported by key staff members. This year's theme is "Bond...Water Bond." Disney provided graphic services, décor and on-site design.

All promotional and registration materials were distributed electronically. As of May 13, 2014, 356 individuals were registered to attend the event. In addition, staff has secured \$50,100 in sponsorships as well as in-kind contributions from the City of Anaheim, California Avocado Commission and RPAC Almond Processors. As in years past, a complete accounting will be provided to the Committee at the August meeting.

The program follows:

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***Bond....Water Bond***

**Friday, May 16, 2014**

**7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

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

**PROGRAM\***

**7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**

**Registration & Continental Breakfast**

**8:00 a.m. – 8:05 a.m.**

**Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance**

Jeffrey M. Thomas, Director, Municipal Water District of  
Orange County - **CONFIRMED**

Stephen R. Sheldon, Director Orange County Water District -  
**CONFIRMED**

Emcee: Benjamin Edwards, Vice President of Global  
Outreach, Hurley  
– **CONFIRMED**

David Ontko, Deputy Chief Counsel, Disneyland Resort -  
**CONFIRMED**

**8:10 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.**

**Session 1: Live and Let Die**

Congressman Garamendi, United States House of  
Representatives, District 3 – **CONFIRMED**

Karla Nemeth, California Natural Resources Agency -  
**INVITED**

**8:40 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.**

**Session 2: You Only Live Twice – The Sacramento-San  
Joaquin River Bay Delta (the Delta)**

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

The Future Delta  
Curt Schmutte, Engineering Consultant, Metropolitan Water  
District of Southern California - **CONFIRMED**

### **Video - Fight for Water Struggle**

**9:35 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Break**

**9:50 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.**

### **Session 3: From California with Love – Agriculture**

Moderator: Sandra Schubert, California State Under-  
Secretary of Food and Agriculture - **CONFIRMED**

Speakers:

Charles Wolk, California Avocado Commission -  
**CONFIRMED**

Tim Neuharth, Steamboat Organic Farms - **CONFIRMED**

Joseph Del Bosque, Empresas Del Bosque, Inc. -  
**CONFIRMED**

**10:55 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.**

### **Session 4: Moneyraker – Business**

Moderator: Benjamin Edwards, Vice President of Global  
Outreach, Hurley - **CONFIRMED**

Speakers:

Bruce Karas, Vice President Environment and Sustainability,  
North America, The Coca-Cola Company - **CONFIRMED**

Ben Edwards, Vice President of Global Outreach, Hurley -  
**CONFIRMED**

Daniel W. Boyd. Vice President, DR Horton Homes and  
2013-2014 President of the Building Industry Association of  
Southern California- **CONFIRMED**

**11:55 am – 12:15 p.m. Break**

**12:20 p.m. – 1:25 p.m. Lunch and Session 5: Thunderball: The Politics of the  
Water Bond**

**Video - Thirst**

Speakers:

Dave Puglia, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs &  
Communications, Western Growers, Association -

**CONFIRMED**

Rick Claussen, Partner, Redwood Pacific Public Affairs -

**CONFIRMED**

**1:25 p.m.**

**Closing Remarks**

*\*(Program Subject to Change)*

**Public Affairs Activities Report**  
**April 21, 2014 – May 18, 2014**

<b>Member Agency Relations</b>	<p>Darcy and Jessica are observed Metropolitan's Focus Groups that were held in Irvine on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The two that were conducted that evening were representative of the Asian market and the general market segments. This information is being used to develop Metropolitan's short and long term drought messaging as well as will be used to establish a base line for MWDOC's Value of Water research and creative element development.</p> <p>Darcy and Jessica presented on the Value of Water Survey to Metropolitan's April Water Use Efficiency Coordinators.</p> <p>Jessica conducted a survey of participants in the April 3 Elected Officials Forum. Survey results were provided to MWDOC management staff for consideration.</p> <p>Darcy and Tiffany coordinated with MWDOC/MWD directors to submit potential dates to Metropolitan for next season's inspection trip program.</p> <p>Darcy provided Metropolitan staff with the crisis communication templates, message maps, pre-approved emergency text messages and other crisis communication tools.</p>
<b>Community Relations</b>	<p>Darcy, Jessica and Tiffany have completed the draft 2013 Annual Report. Rob has reviewed it and the revisions are in progress. Once complete, it will be available in electronic and print formats.</p> <p>Darcy presented a Bay Delta Conservation Plan update to the Brea Noon Rotary Club on April 29<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Darcy provided a PowerPoint presentation for President Dick's meeting with the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce Circle of Champions. The meeting was held May 7<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Jessica developed and distributed a special issue of eCurrents that focuses on topics included at the Orange County Water Summit.</p> <p>Tiffany, Jessica, Vivian, and Sarah implemented MWDOC's social media activities through Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest during this period.</p> <p>Jessica participated in the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting on May 13. The next ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon will take place on May 29 and will feature guest speaker Dan Schnur (Director of the</p>

	<p>USC Unruh School of Politics and candidate for California Secretary of State).</p> <p>Darcy staffed the May 2 WACO meeting featuring guest speakers Dr. Duane Waliser and Dr. Michael Gunson, both of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Darcy also staffed a WACO Ad-hoc Committee meeting on May 13.</p> <p>30 students in grades K-12 were selected as winners of the 2014 Poster &amp; Slogan Contest and Photography &amp; Digital Arts Contest. Approximately 45 MWDOC and member agency Directors and staff participated in the online judging process. The Awards Ceremony recognizing the winning students (and their parents and teachers) will take place June 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Discovery Science Center. Director Finnegan will deliver the opening remarks, and Jessica will serve as the emcee. All winning students will receive a trophy, certificate, their framed artwork, and a t-shirt or tote bag imprinted with their poster/slogan/digital artwork. Approximately 150 attendees are expected to attend this event.</p> <p>Staff distributed water-related literature and water use efficiency marketing materials to the City of Cypress and two local teachers.</p> <p>Tiffany updated several MWDOC website pages with current information.</p> <p>Tiffany customized two MWDOC WUE Tips infographics for El Toro Water District's distribution to their customers at community events.</p> <p>Tiffany has updated both the WEROC briefing paper, and WEROC Water Trailers briefing papers with current program information and is working on combining the two papers to create a visually appealing and easy to follow single page infographic.</p> <p>Director Barbre and Jessica met with Daisy Tong of Saigon West on April 24 regarding outreach to the Vietnamese community.</p> <p>Sarah Franks and Vivian Lam staffed a MWDOC booth at Mission Viejo's Environmental Fair and Green Expo events on April 24-25.</p> <p>Sarah and Vivian staffed an informational booth on water at Ericsson's Earth Day event on April 22.</p> <p>Jessica was asked to host a WateReuse webinar on social media use by government agencies. Nick Laurell with Stephen Groner &amp; Associates will be leading the webinar; Jessica will make introductions and lead the Q&amp;A. The webinar is scheduled to take place on May 14.</p>
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<b>Education</b>	<p>The participation target for the 2013-14 Water Education Assembly Program has increased to 81,494 students. Recently, the City of Orange approved funding for 277 additional students to bring the participation total up to its current level. To date, 77,550 students have been booked in the program and 60,097 students have been served. DSC is projecting that they will book 2,080 additional students before the school year comes to a close.</p> <p>During the month of April, 8,490 students participated in the Traditional Assembly Program; 206 students participated in the Keypad Program; 180 students participated in the Water Quality Program.</p> <p>Jessica is currently working with the member agencies and the three cities to confirm participation levels in the 2014-15 School Program. Next year's participation target is estimated to be 80,588 students.</p>
<b>Media Relations</b>	<p>On May 2, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency distributed a press release on drought and the pilot OC Garden Friendly program. MWDOC and the County of Orange were mentioned as program sponsors.</p> <p>Jessica participated in a media and spokesperson training at Metropolitan Water District on April 25.</p>
<b>Special Projects</b>	<p>Final planning and coordination efforts are in progress for the OC Water Summit continues. Information on the program, speakers and sponsorships will be provided to the Public Affairs and Legislation Committee. An oral update regarding the event will be provided at the Public Affairs and Legislation Committee.</p> <p>Tiffany designed and distributed several electronic and print invitations for the OC Water Summit.</p> <p>Tiffany created a half-page MWDOC advertisement to be included in the final OC Water Summit program.</p> <p>Darcy and Jessica hosted a conference call for Member Agency managers to answer any questions regarding the Value of Water Communications Plan, Choice Program.</p> <p>Jessica is in the process of developing a Communications Plan that outlines all MWDOC's communication efforts outside of (but in coordination with) the Value of Water Communication Plan for FY2014-15.</p>



	Darcy met with Renee Fraser of Fraser Communications to develop a timeline for focus groups and related deliverables for the Value of Water Communications Plan.
<b>Water-Use Efficiency Marketing</b>	<p>The second of three events for the pilot OC Garden Friendly program was held in Laguna Niguel on May 3. MWDOC staffed a booth to promote California Friendly plants and water efficient irrigation systems. Approximately 250 members of the public participated in this event. MWDOC staff engaged in conversation about water use efficiency with approximately 90 individuals who were interested in removing turf, installing smart timers and/or rotating nozzles, and becoming more water efficient. The remaining pilot program event will be held May 17 in Brea.</p> <p>Jessica continues to work with the Water Use Efficiency department to develop a draft microsite that would serve as a user-friendly portal for all water use efficiency rebate programs and resources. The microsite would be funded through MWDOC's existing budget for marketing of water use efficiency programs.</p> <p>Jessica participated in the OC Stormwater Program's Public Education Committee meeting on April 22.</p> <p>Jessica and Sergio staffed a booth at the Spring Garden Show on April 24 and 26. Staff discussed landscape water use efficiency opportunities and rebates with attendees.</p> <p>Jessica and Melissa worked with the OC Stormwater Program to develop a custom rebates flyer for Home Depot stores throughout Orange County. The flyer featured information and photos of the rebate-eligible devices that Home Depot sells. Flyers were delivered to all Home Depot stores in Orange County for a special event on April 26.</p> <p>Jessica worked with the water use efficiency department to design a Turf Removal Program sticker that was placed on the front page of the OC Register on May 3. The sticker was distributed to OC Register subscribers in areas that are participating in the Turf Removal Program.</p>
<b>Legislative Affairs</b>	<p>Darcy and Townsend Public Affairs continue to have their bi-weekly meetings. In addition to the efforts surrounding the numerous proposed Water Bonds.</p> <p>Senator Ackerman provided exceptional assistance in securing the luncheon panel for the OC Water Summit.</p> <p>Darcy worked with TPA and hosted a Legislative Staff luncheon on</p>

	<p>May 6<sup>th</sup> at MWDOC. Representatives from over 15 state and federal offices participated. The agenda included a BDCP update, MWDOC's Bond Principles, Water Supply Update and the Drought, regional water use efficiency messaging and the Orange County Water Summit.</p> <p>Tiffany designed and distributed two electronic and print invitations for the Legislative Staff luncheon.</p>
<b>Regulatory Affairs</b>	<p>Darcy attended and participated at the California Department of Public Health Services and Department of Water Resources Operator Certification Stakeholders Meeting on April 22, 2014. The meeting focused on reviewing the changing range of knowledge for Water Treatment Operators as well as transitioning the program and stakeholders group to the Department of Water Resources as of July 1, 2014. This also included discussion on fee structures, customer service and resources.</p> <p>Darcy participated at the Public Utilities Commission roundtable discussion forum held at Metropolitan on April 30, 2014. Topics included water-use efficiency investments, communication efforts, the drought, water supply resource development and rate structures for the public as well as private water providers.</p>

# 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	12,700	7,314			58,921
2013-14 Annual Total	0	750	6,477	11,687	15,009	26,238	38,907	51,607	58,921			58,921

