

MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
Jointly with the  
**PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**  
June 16, 2014, 8:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 101

**Committee:**

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES
  - a. Federal Legislative Report (Barker)
  - b. State Legislative Report (Townsend)
  - c. County Legislative Report (Lewis)
  - d. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)
  - e. MWDOC Legislative Matrix
  - f. MET Legislative Matrix

2. UPDATE ON WATER POLICY DINNER (JULY 30, 2014)

**ACTION ITEMS**

3. TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON DC IN 2014 TO COVER FEDERAL INITIATIVES

**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. VALUE OF WATER COMMUNICATIONS PLAN – STATUS UPDATE

5. PRELIMINARY RECAP OF 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY WATER SUMMIT (MAY 16, 2014)

6. PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES REPORT

7. WATER EDUCATION SCHOOL PROGRAM- MONTHLY PARTICIPATION DATA

**OTHER ITEMS**

8. 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*  
*June 11, 2014*

At press time, Washington is reeling from the fact that the House Republican Majority Leader, Eric Cantor, was defeated soundly (by 11% points) in yesterday's Virginia Republican Primary. Historians have pointed out no House Leader of Cantor's level has ever been defeated in a party primary.

Some of the national political "experts" are suggesting that there were multiple reasons for his defeat. Among the other takeaways:

- Immigration Reform is still a hot button issues with many. Cantor was seen as being "supportive of amnesty" from the far right.
- The Tea Party Conservative Movement is alive and well, notwithstanding some losses earlier this year.
- Cantor didn't do his homework as a Congressman and didn't take care of his district. Cantor never ramped up a political operation to anticipate this challenge.
- The Polling industry is going through a difficult period trying to sort out how to get good sampling with the rise of cell phones and American's predisposition to not respond to public opinion polling surveys. Two separate polls had Cantor ahead of his opponent by 34 and 13 points respectively, with a reported 5% sampling error...

What does this mean to the US Congress?

In an already "dysfunctional" House of Representatives, Eric Cantor was seen as the Republican in House Leadership who could connect to the "far right wing" of the House Republicans and assist in bringing their votes to a "majority" vote on key issues. With him now "gone", this will scramble the players and the Members of House Leadership. Cantor was seen as an heir apparent to Speaker Boehner. The coming months will be interesting to follow as Members will begin to jockey for future positions in House Leadership. Some have openly wondered how long Speaker Boehner will stay as Speaker and now with Cantor's departure—the race to become the next Majority Leader has already started.

Among other issues, Cantor's defeat will make it difficult to pass immigration reform in the near

term and it will be harder to cobble together a long term “grand bargain” the term used to refer to long term tax reform and spending plan—something that has eluded Congress for several years now.

On the Presidential level, political experts have advised Republicans that they need to be proactive in trying to solve the nation’s Immigration system—or else face the prospect of defeat again at the polls in 2016 at the national level, and perhaps beyond. There are many political operatives that blame Romney’s defeat in 2012 to the fact that he was unable to carry the same percentage of voters in the ethnic communities that President Bush had carried.

***Water Update:***

During the past month, Congress passed and the President signed into law the Water Resources Reform Act, also known as WRRDA.

WRRDA provides the legal authorities (or in Congressional speak, the “Authorization”) for the Army Corps of Engineers to perform their missions around the country.

MWDOC was extensively involved in helping shape the 2014 WRRDA Bill. Among other issues where MWDOC was actively involved and successful were the following:

- WIFIA--MWDOC worked hard for the inclusion of the WIFIA Loan Program, a method to ultimately provide funding for some \$1.7 Billion in loan authority for water projects around the country.
- MWDOC worked hard to improve the language to cover the recapture of funds spent prior to final agreements with the Army Corps or with a future WIFIA Office, so that all monies spent toward a project can be packaged in a WIFIA Loan (a matter discussed extensively at the time of the Senate EPW Committee Staff Director visit).
- MWDOC worked hard in both the House and the Senate for the inclusion (or the addition) of “Desalination” as a project purpose.
- The Senate Bill had a cap of WIFIA federal loan funding at 49%. The Conference Report kept that language but added a new provision that allows 25% of the projects funded with WIFIA to receive up to 80-100% WIFIA Funding, an improvement over the Senate Bill. Our goal to increase the “cap” was partially accomplished.
- We, along with many groups, fought hard to have the Tax Free Municipal Bond Funding mechanism prohibition taken out of the Conference Report. That was not accomplished. Allowing the Tax Free Municipal Bond Provision to finance these water projects caused a scoring cost to the Treasury and that's why it wasn't done--at least at this time. The 80-100% funding language noted above in the above paragraph was seen as a “compromise on this point”.

- Preservation of the \$40 Million Section 5039 Provision in the 2007 WRRDA Bill:

The Senate Bill had language that could have been very harmful to our interests and could have likely extinguished our Authorization. Director Barbre and Staff worked hard with the Boxer Office and the Senate EPW Committee to make sure they understood the importance of the impact of the Senate Language. After a series of discussions, they promised to correct this provision. In the Final Conference Report, the legislation contains language which grandfathers (or protects) any authorization in the 2007 WRDA Bill, and that would include our California Authorization. Authorizations for the Army Corps prior to 2007 which are "inactive" may now face deauthorization in the future. Our provision of interest is protected in this legislation.

Returning to the Municipal Bond question, there is a "Report" ordered in this year's Conference Report (in the Bill language) which says the Corps is supposed to report to the committees of jurisdiction about the number of applications and projects that they will be funded with WIFIA monies. A significant House Staffer with the House T%I Subcommittee Chairman's Office added this language because he is very concerned (and confident) that the 49% / Tax Municipal Bond glitch will in fact cause problems. And he wants the Corps to have to document this because this Committee Staffer will want to have a record to justify future legislative activity in this area.

We believe the Congress purposefully left the status quo Municipal Bond Language in the bill.

It could cost the treasury hundreds of millions of dollars or Billions of dollars if these municipal bond rules were changed. If there is a bill or amendment run in the future to fix this provision, a "tax revenue funding offset" would need to be found to pay for the monies lost to the US Treasury. In this atmosphere we are in—in our Congress, finding such offsets is not easily done. I think this is one of the reasons they left his provision in the bill and kept this language. They couldn't find an easy offset and didn't want to deal with it. Additionally, such a legislative change would have been a significant departure from TIFIA, the transportation loan program – the program that WIFIA was modeled after.

That all said, fixing this provision should become one of our future priorities. I am confident it will be a priority of many groups.

During the pendency of the WRRDA process as well as other MWDOC related issues, it is significant to note that Director Brett Barbre was very active in meeting with key Senators, Congressmen, Senior House and Senate Committee and Personal Staffers throughout this entire process so that MWDOC could bring our issues to a positive conclusion. Senators and Congressman and their staffers take note of elected officials who travel to Washington to communicate their concerns and Director Barbre has represented the interests of Orange County tirelessly and with great effectiveness.

***On the Appropriations front:***

We are waiting to hear about the Senate Energy and Water appropriations bill hoping our activity will be significant in helping break the log jam on the funding of Army Corps Environmental Infrastructure Projects, (e.g. The 5039 type account). Last year \$44 Million was appropriated. There was however some language in the legislative documents which prevented California and many other states from receiving any of these funds. This year we are working to try and allow California to be able to apply for and use these funds. We will learn the result of this later this summer/fall.

***Drought:*** Senator Diane Feinstein’s Drought bill passed the US Senate since our last report was published. Her bill and the Congressman Valadao bill are now in a “House / Senate Conference”. There has not been much movement on the legislation since Feinstein’s bill passed the Senate. The key 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 the 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 will continue to monitor this as we meet regularly with California offices on these issues.

**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	<b><i>Appropriations:</i></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.  <b><i>Authorizations:</i></b> The WRDA Bill continues to be in a House / Senate Conference. The Bill should be voted on

			during the next month.
			<i>Earmarks:</i> We continue to monitor the moratorium. This topic is likely to be addressed again at the beginning of the next session.

**GENERAL NEWS, CONGRESSIONAL, AND POLITICAL UPDATES**

	<p>Director Wayne Osborne visited Capitol Hill in early June and met with Congressman Rohrabacher’s Legislative Staffer who handles water issues. Director Osborne provided a sketch of the different issues MWDOC is working on in our service area. Director Osborne thanked the Congressman’s Office for their assistance in helping us launch our Smart Controller Program of water savings. Other issues discussed included the status of WRRDA, the Drought, Ocean Water Desalination, Appropriations, and various engineering related issues associated with projects in Southern California.</p>

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**MEMO**

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

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

**Date: June 10, 2014**

**Subject: Monthly Political and Activity Report**

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**STATE POLITICAL UPDATE**

In early June, much of the discussion in Sacramento is focused on the budget. Democratic lawmakers have been working closely with Governor Jerry Brown to finalize the details of the state budget prior to the June 15 deadline.

California's improving economy has resulted in a budget surplus, which has allowed the Governor to begin to address long term financial issues. However, much of the debate has centered around how much money the state should save, how the money should be spent and how to structure major programs. Governor Brown has emphasized debt reduction while democratic legislators are seeking higher spending in many areas. Spending plans that have been adopted by Assembly and Senate budget committees reflect revenue estimates by the Legislative Analyst's Office that are about \$2.5 billion higher than the Governor's estimates.

The Governor's May revise included a \$107.77 billion general fund budget for the fiscal year. The Assembly plan calls for \$110.8 billion in spending and the Senate plan calls for almost \$110 billion. The legislative houses have expressed differences in opinion from the administration on major policy issues including school funding and the use of cap and trade auction revenue. Governor Brown is proposing to spend the bulk of cap and trade auction revenue on planning and building the high speed rail system. The Senate plan emphasizes using the revenue towards better urban planning, "smart growth" initiatives, transit, affordable housing and helping low-income communities hurt by pollution. Under the Senate proposal, high speed rail would receive no more than 15 percent of the auction revenues. The Assembly plan would create a grant program to reduce greenhouse gases. However, despite several differences, legislative leaders and the Governor have announced an agreement on a constitutional amendment to strengthen California's rainy-day fund, which will be on the ballot in November.

Once the budget is passed legislative committee meetings will continue throughout the month of June. The Legislature will adjourn on summer recess for the majority of July, and will return at the beginning of August to wrap up the legislative session. August 31<sup>st</sup> is the final day for each house to pass bills and recess will begin upon their adjournment.

On May 22, the Administration released the first draft of their groundwater management proposal. The proposal states that the discussions as well as the accompanying trailer bill language that was introduced will likely extend beyond the budget in June. The groundwater management proposal builds off of the California Water Action Plan that the Administration released in January 2014. The proposal includes the following goals:

- Adopt a state definition of “sustainable groundwater management;”
- Recognize groundwater recharge as a beneficial use;
- Provide state technical assistance to local groundwater management agencies for development and implementation of sustainable groundwater management plans;
- Empower local agencies to achieve sustainability;
- Provide for state backstop authority when local action has not occurred or has been insufficient. If necessary, the State Water Resources Control Board would have the authority to draft and adopt a plan for an area that has serious groundwater problems and has not implemented or adopted a plan of their own; and,
- Make groundwater adjudications more efficient by extending the expedited process for statutory adjudications for surface water to include groundwater.

#### *Drinking Water Program Transfer*

On May 21, Governor Brown introduced a trailer bill to transfer the Drinking Water Program from the Department of Public Health to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on July 1, 2013. This step was follow up to th Drinking Water Reorganization Transition Plan that was developed by a task force and stakeholder group. Under the proposed trailer bill, the Division of Drinking Water would be overseen by a Deputy Director reporting directly to the Executive Director of the SWRCB. In addition, the Deputy Director would be required to have a public health expertise to ensure that the public health focus of the program is maintained.

Additionally, the trailer bill language proposes legislative changes to better align the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund with the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The trailer bill proposes a Transition Advisory Group to be convened for at least two years. The group will consist of representatives of water agency organizations, environmental justice organizations, disadvantaged communities, local health and environmental health officers and additional stakeholders that will oversee the process and advise the State Board.

#### *Bay Delta Conservation Plan*

To allow more time for review by members of the public and stakeholders, state and federal officials announced on May 30, that they have extended the public comment period on the draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) as well as the environmental documents. The public comment period has been extended from June 13 to July 29. Officials also announced the release of a draft agreement that would govern implementation on the BDCP. This document details the roles and responsibilities of the various agencies under BDCP. The draft implementing agreement provides expectations, assurances and protections as well as sets forth remedies and recourse should any party involved in the BDCP fail to perform its obligations. These parties include the California Department of Water Resources, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, certain contractors of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project, the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

## **Water Bond**

Water bond discussions continue in Sacramento. Following the May 30 deadline, there are a number of water bond measures still being debated in each House. Each measure proposes varying amounts of public spending on new dams, water conservation, water storage and habitat restoration projects. The Legislature faces a June 26 deadline to place a bond on the November ballot, although the Legislature can tweak the rules to delay this date.

On June 10, SB 848 (Wolk) was amended to a \$10.5 billion bond measure. Senate Pro Tem Steinberg has indicated that he would like SB 848 to be the Senate's vehicle for a water bond, though he acknowledges that several sections of the bill will need to be modified in order to secure the votes needed for passage on the Senate Floor. As of this report, the Governor has not stated his preference on a water bond.

## **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 secured Congressman Garamendi as a speaker at the Orange County Water Summit on May 16. TPA coordinated logistics and had the Congressman available to OCWD Director's for a small group meeting after his remarks. In addition, in the week leading up to the Water Summit, TPA reached out to a number of additional elected and administration leaders to speak at the Summit.
- TPA provided Director Hinman with information regarding State Water Resources Control Board's timeline for issuing orders to farmers, water right holders, and water agencies to stop diverting water from streams and rivers as follow up to the last PAL meeting.

# The County of Orange Report

Presented June 16, 2014  
By Lewis Consulting Group

## **Leadership Changes at County Agencies in Turmoil**

We have closely followed the ongoing saga of two of Orange County's most important yet embattled agencies – Orange County Fire Authority and CalOptima.

For months Supervisor Todd Spitzer and others including the powerful Firefighter Union have been clamoring for the ouster of OCFA Chief Keith Richter. Bolstered by a highly critical management audit, Richter's detractors finally got their wish as the Chief announced his resignation effective August 29<sup>th</sup>.

The long awaited management audit was an indictment of nearly every aspect of OCFA's management, particularly noting a lack of accountability at all levels. The OCFA provides critical fire and 911 ambulance service to over half of our county's population.

The OCFA Board has announced that the process of the selection of a new chief is underway and an ad hoc committee is presently being formed to start the selection and hiring process.

CalOptima, which serves as Orange County's health plan for low-income, disabled persons and the elderly has once again experienced turnover in a key administrative position. Patti McFarland, who has served as chief financial officer for less than one year has resigned paving the way for former financial officer of the Inland Empire Health plan, Chet Uma to accept the vacated position.

CalOptima has faced a withering amount of criticism the last couple of years, much of it related to controversial governance changes. Both federal and state audits have detailed shortcomings at the critical agency. Largely because of ongoing criticism, there has been massive turnover in every key managerial position and indeed Uma will be the third CFO since 2012.

## **Primary Election Lollapalooza**

Orange County's voters have spoken...well, at least 24% of them have. It is an accepted theory that unpredictable things happen in historically low turnout elections and political junkies certainly got their fill of surprises as a result of the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Primary.

Here is a recap of the good, the bad and ugly resulting from Orange County voter's decision making.

There were two notable election trends which helped shape the results of numerous races. First, there was a record shattering percentage of voters who chose to vote by absentee ballot – over 70%. Secondly, Democrats suffered from an enthusiasm gap relative to Republicans, a trend which will be heavily monitored heading into the November election. As of this stage of the ballot counting process, 20.5% of registered Democrats cast ballots versus 27.4 of Republicans.

**Orange County Results:**

**Board of Supervisors, 2<sup>nd</sup> District**

The only suspense in this race to succeed Supervisor John Moorlach was whether or not heavily endorsed and financed favorite Michelle Steel would garner 50% of the vote required to win outright in the Primary. It appears Steel will fall just short, attracting about 48% of the vote. This sets up a November run-off with Assemblyman Allan Mansoor who garnered 23% of the vote. Steel is a prohibitive favorite to win in November.

**Board of Supervisors, 4<sup>th</sup> District**

Apparently the residents of fourth district are pleased with incumbent Chairman Shawn Nelson's tenure in office as he was re-elected with an unheard of 84% of the vote.

**Board of Supervisors, 5<sup>th</sup> District**

Surprise #1. Conventional wisdom had Mission Viejo Councilman Frank Ury leading the pack and the suspense was who he would be forced in a run-off with. However, the voters had other ideas and Councilman Robert Ming and Councilwoman Lisa Bartlett will instead face off in November leaving Frank Ury and his high powered supporters wondering "what happened?"

**County Assessor**

The disproportionately heavy Republican turnout was unkind to incumbent Assessor Webster Guillory. Guillory will have his hands full with former Board of Equalization member Claude Parrish in the November run-off.

**County Auditor/Controller**

New City of Orange Treasurer Eric Woolery out campaigned his four opponents and his hard work paid off in the form of a resounding and stunning 57% of the vote. No run-off in this election, Woolery assumes his new office in January.

**Other County offices**

Incumbents Hugh Nguyen (Clerk/Recorder), Tony Rackauckas (District Attorney), Sandra Hutchens (Sheriff) and Shari Freidenrich (Treasurer-Tax Collector) all rolled up impressive margins in their respective re-election races.

**Board of Equalization #4**

With Michelle Steel's retirement from this office, a spirited campaign emerged with six candidates vying to represent all of Orange County and parts of or all of Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego Counties. Assemblymember Diane Harkey eked out a narrow 1% first place finish over Nader Shahatit. 66% of the voters cast a

ballot for a Republican candidate, so the November run-off between Republican Harkey and Democrat Shahatit sets up well for Harkey.

**U.S. Representative #38**

Although Benjamin Campos outpolled Congresswoman Linda Sanchez in the Orange County portion of the 48<sup>th</sup>, those 11 precincts won't put a dent in Sanchez's victory margin in November.

**U.S. Representative #39**

Popular Congressman Ed Royce received 72% of Orange County votes cast and he will cruise to another term in November.

**U.S. Representative #45**

State Senator Mimi Walters came in first with 45% of the vote. The only drama was who would come in second place and Walters catches a break as she will face a Democrat, Drew Leavens in the heavily Republican district.

**U.S. Representative #46**

Loretta Sanchez received 50% of the primary vote besting four opponents. She will face off against Lake Forest City Councilman Adam Nick in November.

**U.S. Representative #48 and #49**

Incumbents Dana Rohrabacher (56%) and Darrell Issa (69%) both scored impressive primary re-election numbers and will be favored to win handily in November.

**State Senate #32**

Republican Mario Guerra will face Democrat Tony Mendoza in November. Guerra won big in Orange County, but Los Angeles County dominates this district all but insuring a November election for Mendoza.

**State Senate #34**

The Republican turnout advantage really dominated the results in this district as the two GOP candidates, Janet Nguyen and Long Pham, garnered 67% of the vote. Nguyen received 15,000 more votes than her November Democrat opponent, former Assemblyman Jose Solorio. Solorio's weak showing of 33% will change the prognosticators calculus in predicting the winner of this pivotal Senate District.

**State Assembly #55<sup>th</sup>**

This district which included a swath of North Orange County featured one of the most hotly contested and bitter races ostensibly between Republican Ling Ling Chang and Phil Chen. Chang, with popular Congressman Ed Royce's full support emerged in first place and will be favored in a face off against Democrat Gregg Fritchle in November.

**State Assembly #65**

Longtime assistant to Congressman Ed Royce, Young Kim, took advantage of the Republican voting disparity and rolled up a surprisingly large 55-45% margin over Democrat Sharon Quirk-Silva. This race will be one of the featured battlegrounds in the state and now this race must be considered a toss-up.

State Assembly #68, #69 & #72

Orange County Assembly incumbents Don Wagner, Tom Daly and Travis Allen each posted impressive first place finishes. Interestingly, Tom Daly's surprise November opponent Republican Sherry Walker is married to Lake Forest City Councilman and Republican nominee for Congress Adam Nick.

State Assembly #73

This South Orange County Assembly race has attracted a lot of attention and fascination for political observers. Two big surprises in one race...first, Councilman Bill Brough's stunning margin over three fellow Republican candidates for the right to face Democrat Wendy Gabriella in November was surprising and impressive. Even more stunning was the complete collapse of Republican Anna Bryson's campaign. Largely because of a \$500,000 independent expenditure financed by Republican tycoon Charles Munger on Bryson's behalf, the conventional wisdom was she was ordained to win. However, something went very wrong, perhaps voters rebelled against too much mail and cable TV ads and her last place finish in a field of 5 goes down in history as one of the most embarrassing defeats in Orange County political history.

State Assembly #74

Once again voters in Orange County offered up several surprises in this coastal district. Early on the presumption was that Newport Beach Councilman Keith Curry would be a dominant first place finisher. Near the end of the race insiders were giving Republican candidate Emanuel Patrascue an edge in making the run-off. However, Huntington Beach Mayor Matt Harper dashed Patrascue's ambitions and ran a strong second place narrowly behind Curry. Look for the Republican run-off to be a donnybrook in November and a chance for voters to express their opinion of beach fire rings which will certainly be a defining issue in this election.

Judicial Contests

In the four judicial contests on the June ballot, incumbents Derek Johnson and Joanne Motoike were handily returned to the bench. Deputy DA Jeff Ferguson also won the open office #35 attaining a huge 63-37% victory margin. In office #14, Kevin Haskins came tantalizingly close to a June win with over 49% of the vote, but barring a late surge in votes, Haskins will run-off in November again Kenneth "KC" Jones who trailed with 34% of the vote.

Anaheim

In Anaheim voters voted to start the process of legalizing safe and sane fireworks and at the same time rejected an effort to shorten popular Mayor Tom Tait's term from four years to two years.

Statewide Office trends

As a result of the enhanced GOP Orange County turnout, Republican candidates fared better in Orange County returns compared to the state as a whole. Popular Governor Jerry Brown received just 38% of the vote in Orange County balloting.

# ACKERMAN CONSULTING

## Legal and Regulatory

June 16, 2014

1. **CEQA Reform:** At the last Public Works Coalition (PWC) meeting June 6, the consensus was that the reform for this year is most likely dead. The few substantive bills have died in committee and AB 2417 (Nazarian) which dealt with an exemption for recycled water pipe replacement was amended to death. However, on May 22, 2014, the Senate Environmental Quality and Judiciary Committees sent a letter to all stakeholders asking for input to reform CEQA. While this may sound familiar, I would suggest that MWDOC and its member agencies respond. The deadline is September 1, 2014. The letter that was sent is attached to this report.
2. **Gold Rush-Chapter Two:** As a result of the drought, major rivers in California are at all time lows in terms of flow and depth, particularly at their beginnings in the Sierras. These conditions are necessary for gold panning. Since gold is still bringing \$1250 per ounce, gold prospectors are again out in force. Mining supply stores in Sacramento, Auburn and Bakersfield are seeing a surge in sales. Nuggets are being discovered, although not quite at the level of our first gold rush.
3. **Water Rights and Usage:** In our April report, we discussed the history of water rights in California. One of those categories known as "first in time-first in right" or senior rights holders is coming under more review and discussion. There are almost 4000 of these folks, farmers, companies, utilities, state agencies, cities (LA, San Francisco) and the like, who have no legal obligation to conserve and can take as much water as they see fit. There is presently very little tracking of how much water these entities use. The state's current system is based on self-reporting with very little oversight or follow up. It is estimated that about one half of the state's water supply falls in this category. While it is unlikely that these legal rights will be successfully challenged, as conditions worsen things may change.

4. **Marijuana Drought:** The Federal Bureau of Reclamation has issued a temporary order that forbids delivery of water it controls including use of its infrastructure for the cultivation of marijuana. This has become a legal issue for the federal government since two states, Washington and Oregon, have recently expanded the use of marijuana in their states. Last week the House on a bipartisan vote passed a measure that would prohibit the federal government from interfering with states medical marijuana laws. It now goes to the Senate where it's future is unclear. Marijuana is still banned under federal law by the Controlled Substance Act. This could become a new talking point for California current drought condition, "Conserve water, stop smoking pot!!".
5. **Water/Tax Wars:** A recent study by the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) "Paying for Water in California" shows where some policy wonks want to go to "solve" our water situation. They estimate the total cost of water in California is \$30 Billion per year and that 84% of that comes from users. They also point out that in the last \$25 Billion in voter approved water bonds since 2000, nothing went for storage. The vast majority went for open space acquisitions and environmental concerns. They next discuss legal challenges for water world in financing infrastructure and other needs. These include Prop 218, 26 and 13 (the original). They suggest changes to them which you might have guessed, will be very controversial. They further discuss regulatory and service fees and carving out exemptions for water world in the law.

# CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

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May 22, 2014

Dear CEQA Stakeholder:

The Senate Environmental Quality and Judiciary Committees are exploring ways to improve the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and would appreciate your input by completing a brief questionnaire on your experience with the environmental review process. The intent of this questionnaire is to identify areas where stakeholders believe improvements to the current process are needed, and to better understand which components of CEQA work well from the perspective of the CEQA stakeholder community.

The California Supreme Court has recognized that CEQA's "purpose is to inform the public and its responsible officials of the environmental consequences of their decisions before they are made," and in so doing CEQA "protects not only the environment but also informed self-government." (*Citizens of Goleta Valley v. Board of Supervisors* (1990) 52 Cal.3d 553, 564.) Keeping in mind the purpose of CEQA, we respectfully request that you provide us with your thoughts on the following:

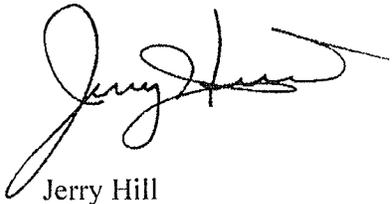
- 1) What are the top three areas or issues in CEQA that you believe need to be improved?  
How would you improve each one?
- 2) What are the top three things that work well in CEQA and why?
- 3) If possible, please provide real-world examples from your experience with CEQA substantiating your responses to #1 and/or #2 above.

Feedback from stakeholders who participate in this questionnaire will help the Committees better understand how CEQA practitioners view the current environmental review process, and may aid the Committees in shaping future CEQA legislation. If you wish to participate in this questionnaire, please email your responses to [joanne.roy@sen.ca.gov](mailto:joanne.roy@sen.ca.gov) and [tobias.halvarson@sen.ca.gov](mailto:tobias.halvarson@sen.ca.gov) by September 1, 2014.

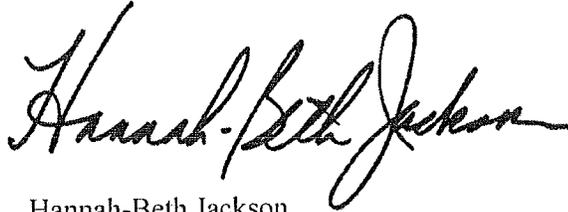
If you have any questions about this questionnaire, please contact the Committee staff at the email addresses listed above, or call Joanne Roy with the Senate Environmental Quality Committee at 916.651.4108 or Tobias Halvarson with the Senate Judiciary Committee at 916.651.4113.

Thank you for your thoughtful participation.

Sincerely,



Jerry Hill  
Senator, 13th District



Hannah-Beth Jackson  
Senator, 19th District

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# Municipal Water District of Orange County Priority Legislation

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>(05/15/2014)</b> Re-referred to SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.		
<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 voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program.	<b>(05/21/2014)</b> In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Not heard.		
<b>AB 2554</b>	<b>Rendon [D]</b>	Yes	<b>Clean, Safe, and Reliable Drinking Water Act of 2014</b> Current law, the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would repeal these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.	<b>(04/30/2014)</b> From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS (10 - 3)		
<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>(06/10/2014)</b> In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.		
<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>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>(04/22/2014)</b> In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Reconsideration granted. <b>(05/13/2014)</b> In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Not heard.		



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## HIGH PRIORITY

	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 145	Perea [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 <b>HEARING DATE: 06/18/2014 9:30 am, Room 3191</b>		ACWA: Oppose CSDA: Oppose
AB 543	Campos [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 1073	Torres [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. (05/20/2014) In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.		ACWA: Support
AB 1393	Perea [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
ACA 8	Blumenfield [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 633	Pavley [D]	Yes	<b>Environment: California Environmental Quality Act</b> State the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation revising the California Environmental Quality Act to, among other things, provide greater certainty for smart infill development. States the intent of the Legislature to provide funds annually to the Strategic Growth Council for the purposes of providing planning incentive grants to local and regional agencies to update and implement general plans.	(09/11/2013) From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass as amended.	Oppose	ACWA: Watch CSDA: Support in Concept
SB 731	Steinberg [D]	Yes				

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SB 735	Wolk [D]	Yes	<p><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.</p>	<p><b>(08/13/2013)</b> In ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Not heard.</p>	<p><b>MWD:</b> Oppose <b>ACWA:</b> Not Favor <b>CSDA:</b> Watch</p>
SCA 9	Corbett [D]	Yes	<p><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.</p>	<p><b>(06/27/2013)</b> Re-referred to SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS</p>	<p><b>CSDA:</b> Support</p>
SCA 11	Hancock [D]	Yes	<p><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.</p>	<p><b>(06/27/2013)</b> Re-referred to SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS</p>	<p><b>CSDA:</b> Support</p>



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NEWLY INTRODUCED/AMENDED IN 2014				
<b>AB 69</b>	<b>Perea [D]</b>	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><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.</p>
<b>AB 194</b>	<b>Campos [D]</b>	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(02/06/2014)</u> To SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.</p>
<b>AB 515</b>	<b>Dickinson [D]</b>	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(06/05/2014)</u> From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY with author's amendments.  <u>(06/05/2014)</u> In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.  <u>HEARING DATE: 06/18/2014 9:30 am, Room 3191</u></p>
<b>AB 1043</b>	<b>Chau [D]</b>	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(05/20/2014)</u> Withdrawn from SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.  <u>(05/20/2014)</u> Re-referred to SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.  <u>HEARING DATE: 06/18/2014 9:30 am, Room 3191</u></p>



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AB 1249	Salas [D]	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(05/20/2014)</u> From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY with author's amendments. <u>(05/20/2014)</u> In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. <u>HEARING DATE: 06/18/2014 9:30 am, Room 3191</u></p>	
AB 1445	Logue [R]	Yes	<p><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.</p>	<p><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. <u>(06/09/2014)</u> From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY with author's amendments. <u>(06/09/2014)</u> In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. <u>HEARING DATE: 06/18/2014 9:30 am, Room 3191</u></p>	
AB 1527	Perea [D]	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(05/20/2014)</u> From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY with author's amendments. <u>(05/20/2014)</u> In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. <u>HEARING DATE: 06/18/2014 9:30 am, Room 3191</u></p>	



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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.	<b>(04/24/2014)</b> 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.	<b>(04/08/2014)</b> 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.	<b>(03/28/2014)</b> To ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.  <b>(03/28/2014)</b> From ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS with author's amendments.  <b>(03/28/2014)</b> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.	
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.	<b>(05/22/2014)</b> To SENATE Committee on ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.	
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.	<b>(06/10/2014)</b> In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Not heard.	
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.	<b>(06/05/2014)</b> To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.  <b>HEARING DATE: 06/24/2014 9:30 am. Room 112</b>	



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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	<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>(05/23/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.	
AB 1970	Gordon [D]	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.	<u>(05/23/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.	
AB 1983	Gray [D]	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.	<u>(03/03/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committees on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.	
AB 2040	Garcia [D]	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.	<u>(06/05/2014)</u> To SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE. <u>HEARING DATE: 06/18/2014</u> <u>9:30 am, Room 112</u>	



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AB 2046	Gomez [D]	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(06/05/2014)</u> To SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE. <u>HEARING DATE: 06/18/2014 9:30 am, Room 112</u></p>	
AB 2049	Dahle [R]	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(05/8/2014)</u> To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. <u>HEARING DATE: 06/18/2014 9:30 am, Room 3191</u></p>	
AB 2067	Weber [D]	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(06/10/2014)</u> From SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS. <u>HEARING DATE: 06/10/2014 9:30 am, Room 112</u></p>	
AB 2189	Garcia [D]	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(05/23/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.</p>	
AB 2194	Mullin [D]	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(05/22/2014)</u> To SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE. <u>HEARING DATE: 06/11/2014 9:30 am, Room 112</u></p>	



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AB 2403	Rendon [D]	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(06/02/2014)</u> From SENATE Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE with author's amendments.  <u>(06/02/2014)</u> In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE.  <u>HEARING DATE: 06/11/2014 9:30 am, Room 112</u></p>	
AB 2417	Nazarian [D]	No	<p><b>Environmental Quality</b> Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the California Environmental Quality Act that makes various legislative findings regarding environmental quality.</p>	<p><u>(06/05/2014)</u> To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.  <u>HEARING DATE: 06/18/2014 9:30 am, Room 3191</u></p>	
AB 2420	Nazarian [D]	No	<p><b>Well Stimulation Treatments: Local Prohibition</b> Authorizes a city or county to adopt and enforce a local ordinance prohibiting well stimulation treatments</p>	<p><u>(04/30/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Failed passage.  <u>(04/30/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Reconsideration granted.  <u>(06/04/2014)</u> From SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY with author's amendments.</p>	
AB 2442	Gordon [D]	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(06/04/2014)</u> In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.  <u>HEARING DATE: 06/18/2014 9:30 am, Room 3191</u></p>	



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AB 2443	Rendon [D]	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(05/28/2014)</u> To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER. <u>HEARING DATE: 06/24/2014 9:30 am, Room 112</u></p>	
AB 2463	Dickinson [D]	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(05/23/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.</p>	
AB 2619	Gaines B [R]	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(03/28/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE. <u>(03/28/2014)</u> From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE with author's amendments. <u>(03/28/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.</p>	
AB 2636	Gatto [D]	No	<p><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</p>	<p><u>(05/28/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE. (74-2)</p>	
AB 2686	Perea [D]	Yes	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(05/21/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Not heard.</p>	



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<b>AB 2712</b>	<b>Daly [D]</b>	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>(06/05/2014)</b> To SENATE Committees on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and JUDICIARY.  <b>HEARING: 06/18/2014 9:30 am, Room 3191</b>	
<b>SB 764</b>	<b>Yee [D]</b>	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)	
<b>SB 985</b>	<b>Pavley [D]</b>	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>(06/02/2014)</b> To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.  <b>HEARING DATE: 06/17/2014 9:00 am, State Capitol, Room 437</b>	
<b>SB 1036</b>	<b>Pavley [D]</b>	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>(06/05/2014)</b> To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.  <b>HEARING DATE: 06/17/2014 9:00 am, State Capitol, Room 437</b>	
<b>SB 1049</b>	<b>Pavley [D]</b>	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>(05/23/2014)</b> In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.	
<b>SB 1080</b>	<b>Fuller [R]</b>	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.	
<b>SB 1120</b>	<b>Galgiani [D]</b>	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>(06/09/2014)</b> To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.  <b>HEARING DATE: 06/17/2014 9:00 am, State Capitol, Room 437</b>	



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SB 1132	Mitchell [D]	No	<p><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.</p> <p><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</p>	<p><u>(05/29/2014)</u> In SENATE. Read third time. Failed to pass SENATE. (16-16)</p>		
SB 1168	Pavley [D]	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(06/02/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.</p>		
SB 1362	Correa [D]	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(04/21/2014)</u> From SENATE Committee on RULES with author's amendments. <u>(04/21/2014)</u> In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES. <u>(06/02/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES. <b>HEARING DATE: 06/16/2014 1:30 pm, State Capitol, Room 447</b></p>		
SB 1281	Pavley [D]	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(06/09/2014)</u> From ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES with author's amendments. <u>(06/09/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.</p>		
SB 1451	Hill [D]	No	<p><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.</p>	<p><u>(05/06/2014)</u> In SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Not heard.</p>		

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Bill Author	Amended Date; Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
<p>AB 52 Gatto (D)  Sponsor: California Tribal Business Alliance and various tribes</p>	<p>Amended 06/02/2014; Senate Environmental Quality Committee – 06/18/2014 hearing</p>	<p><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.</p>	<p><b>WATCH</b> pursuant to board action in August 2013</p>	<p>Prior version of bill would have resulted in increased project costs and delays, duplicative environmental review and litigation exposure. Metropolitan removed its prior opposition after September 2013 amendment.</p>
<p>AB 145 Perea (D)  Sponsor: California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Clean Water Action and Community Water Center</p>	<p>Amended 06/18/2013; Senate Appropriations Committee – held on suspense file</p>	<p><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.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> pursuant to board action in May 2013</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>AB 1331 Rendon (D)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 05/08/2014; Senate Governance and Finance Committee – 06/11/2014 hearing</p>	<p><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 million 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.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013</p>	<p>Metropolitan requested amendments to: 1) revise 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 statutory reference to the Quantification Settlement Agreement; and 4) clarify requirement for “certification” of urban water management plans, ag water management plans and groundwater management plans to qualify for funding under IRWMP.</p>

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<p>AB 1445 Logue (R)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 02/14/2014; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee</p>	<p><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.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013</p>	<p>Funding priorities in AB 1445 are inconsistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.</p>
<p>AB 1636 Brown (D)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 04/21/2014; Assembly Local Government Committee</p>	<p><b>Water Conservation.</b> Prohibits city, county or city and county from enforcing any law or ordinance requiring residents to water lawns during drought emergency declared by Governor.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014</p>	<p>Would help clarify that any local government law or ordinance imposed during gubernatorial-declared drought emergency cannot interfere with property owner's ability to limit outside irrigation practices.</p>
<p>AB 1671 Frazier (D)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Introduced 02/12/2014; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee</p>	<p><b>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Water Conveyance System.</b> Requires legislative authorization for construction of new Delta conveyance that utilizes tunnel system.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b> pursuant to board- adopted Delta Action Plan</p>	<p>Delta Reform Act of 2009 wisely chose to set achievable and balanced set of state policies to restore Delta ecosystem and improve water supply reliability. AB 1671 seeks to undermine science- based planning with politically-driven process.</p>
<p>AB 1799 Gordon (D)  Sponsor: Santa Clara Valley Water District</p>	<p>Amended 05/01/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file</p>	<p><b>Mitigation Lands.</b> Intended to provide alternative option to an endowment for long-term stewardship of mitigation lands. Exempts governmental entity or special district from having to provide endowment for long-term stewardship of mitigation lands if entity provides evidence that it possesses investment-grade credit rating and provides resolution or contractual agreement to enforce mitigation requirements.</p>	<p><b>WATCH</b> pursuant to board- adopted permit streamlining policy principle</p>	<p>Could impose burdensome financial obligations on public agencies. AB 1799 was held by Assembly Appropriations Committee, and is no longer moving forward.</p>

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<p>AB 1961 Eggman (D)  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 unnecessary and unbalanced planning mandates on counties thus inviting conflicts with other well-established local and regional planning processes. Could also impose significant hurdles to delivery of infrastructure and development activities to support California economy.</p>
<p>AB 2043 Conway (R) and Bigelow (R)  Sponsor: Authors</p>	<p>Amended 05/19/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee</p>	<p><b>Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014.</b> Repeals existing 2014 water bond. Authorizes \$8.035 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; \$495 million for drought relief, wastewater treatment and safe drinking water; \$1.05 billion for water recycling and advanced water treatment technology; and \$100 million for local and regional projects, as specified.</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 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)  Sponsor: San Diego County Water Authority</p>	<p>Amended 06/03/2014; Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee – 06/10/2014 hearing</p>	<p><b>Urban Water Management Plans.</b> Amends Urban Water Management Planning Act to simplify and update reporting required of retail and wholesale water agencies through urban water management plans. Also delays due date for filing 2015 plans by six months to accommodate data gathering for 20% X2020 progress report.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014</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 (Laird), supported by Metropolitan in 2007. AB 2067 streamlines reporting requirements for urban water suppliers in manner generally consistent with updated CUWCC best management practices.</p>

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<p>AB 2100 Campos (D)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 04/24/2014; Senate Transportation and Housing Committee – 06/17/2014 hearing</p>	<p><b>Common Interest Developments.</b> Prohibits common interest development from imposing fine for yard maintenance related to under-watered plants and lawns during drought emergency declared by Governor.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT AND AMEND</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014</p>	<p>Would help clarify that rules imposed by common interest developments, during gubernatorial-declared drought emergency, cannot interfere with property owner's ability to limit outside irrigation practices. Seek amendment to expand requirement to local ordinance enforcement.</p>
<p>AB 2104 Gonzalez (D)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 04/01/2014; Senate Transportation and Housing Committee – 06/10/2014 hearing</p>	<p><b>Common Interest Developments.</b> Specifies that architectural or landscaping guidelines or policies of common interest development are void if they prohibit use of low water-using plants and other water conservation measures.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014</p>	<p>Would help clarify that rules imposed by 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 water-efficient landscape ordinance adopted by a local government; or 3) prevent homeowner from complying with water-saving ordinance adopted by local agency.</p>
<p>AB 2282 Gatto (D)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 05/08/2014; Senate Transportation and Housing Committee – 06/17/2014 hearing</p>	<p><b>Building Standards: Recycled Water Infrastructure.</b> Requires Department of Housing and Community Development and Building Standards Commission, upon consultation with experts in the field, to develop recycled water building standards for residential and commercial use.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014</p>	<p>Will facilitate future use of recycled water by conducting research to assist in development of new mandatory building standards for indoor and outdoor recycled water use in residential, commercial and public buildings.</p>

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<p>AB 2312 Nestande (R) and Olsen (R) Sponsor: Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries</p>	<p>Amended 04/10/2014; Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee – 06/09/2014 hearing</p>	<p><b>Metal Theft.</b> Requires junk dealer or recycler to request theft alert notifications associated with theft of commodity metals.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board policy adopted during 2011/12 legislative session</p>	<p>Would provide Metropolitan, its member agencies and other public agencies with increased level of protection against metal theft by strengthening existing law.</p>
<p>AB 2313 Nestande (R) and Olsen (R) Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 04/21/2014; Senate Governmental Organization Committee – 06/10/14 hearing</p>	<p><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 tools necessary to address metal theft.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board policy adopted during 2011/12 legislative session</p>	<p>Would provide Metropolitan, its member agencies and other public agencies with increased level of protection against metal theft by strengthening existing law.</p>
<p>AB 2417 Nazarian (D) Sponsor: ACWA CMUA WaterReuse</p>	<p>Amended 05/7/2014; Senate Environmental Quality Committee – 06/18/2014 hearing</p>	<p><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.</p>	<p><b>WATCH</b> pursuant to 2014 board-adopted legislative strategy</p>	<p>May 7 amendment limits benefit and flexibility sought by bill sponsors.</p>
<p>AB 2434 Gomez (D) Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 05/19/2014; Senate Governance and Finance Committee</p>	<p><b>Income Taxes: Exclusion.</b> Excludes from gross income any amount received as rebate, voucher or other financial incentive by local water or energy agency for turf removal water conservation programs.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014</p>	<p>Will clarify state income tax law and provide relief to state taxpayers to facilitate more aggressive approach to lowering water use.</p>

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<p>AB 2463 Dickinson (D)  Sponsor: Regional Water Authority</p>	<p>Amended 04/21/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file</p>	<p><b>Water: Plans.</b> Directs DWR to partner with the Regional Water Authority, and other interested agencies in Sacramento region, to develop investment plan for water supply reliability by January 1, 2017.</p>	<p><b>WATCH</b></p>	<p>Prior amendment 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. April 21 amendment, while not having direct effect on Metropolitan, will be monitored to ensure that finished plan does not call for water augmentation projects that could affect SWP supplies.</p>
<p>AB 2554 Rendon (D)  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 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 statutory reference to Quantification Settlement Agreement. Funding priorities in AB 2554 are generally consistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.</p>
<p>AB 2636 Gatto (D)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 05/23/2014; Senate Rules Committee for assignment</p>	<p><b>CalConserve.</b> Will establish sustainable funding source through use of state revolving fund for financing water use efficiency projects. Designed 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>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 2684 Stone (D)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 05/27/2014; Senate Rules Committee for assignment</p>	<p><b>Hatchery Practices: Salmon and Steelhead.</b> Requires Department of Fish and Wildlife to implement specified policies and practices for hatchery chinook salmon reared and released in California waters, including specified tagging prior to release.</p>	<p><b>WATCH AND AMEND</b> pursuant to board-adopted Delta Action Plan</p>	<p>Although Metropolitan has supported fish tagging programs in the past, staff recommends amendments to AB 2684 to integrate review of scientific experts.</p>

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<p>AB 2686 Perea (D)  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 unspecified amount for 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 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>
<p>SB 103  Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee</p>	<p>Amended 2/25/14; signed by Governor on March 1, 2014; Chapter 2, Statutes of 2014</p>	<p><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.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT IN CONCEPT</b> (signed into law prior to board action)</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>SB 104  Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee</p>	<p>Amended 2/26/14; signed by the Governor on March 1, 2014; Chapter 3, Statutes of 2014</p>	<p><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 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.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT IN CONCEPT</b> (signed into law prior to board action)</p>	<p>Potentially provides 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 Delta.</p>

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<p>SB 731 Steinberg (D)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 09/09/2013; Assembly Local Government Committee</p>	<p><b>CEQA.</b> Would enact California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Modernization Act of 2013 and proposes numerous changes to CEQA law.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> pursuant to board action in August 2013</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>SB 735 Wolk (D)  Sponsor: Delta Counties Coalition</p>	<p>Amended 05/24/2013; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee</p>	<p><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.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b> pursuant to board-adopted Delta Action Plan</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>SB 750 Wolk (D)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 08/08/2013; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee</p>	<p><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.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> pursuant to board-adopted water conservation policy principles</p>	<p>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.</p>

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<p>SB 848 Wolk (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 02/20/2014; Senate Rules 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 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 requirements for "certification" of urban and ag water 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>

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<p>SB 992 Nielsen (R)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 05/28/2014; Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee – 06/18/2014 hearing</p>	<p><b>Common Interest Developments.</b> Prohibits common interest development from imposing fine for yard maintenance related to reducing or eliminating watering of vegetation during drought emergency declared by Governor.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT AND AMEND</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014</p>	<p>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. Seek amendment to expand requirement to local ordinance enforcement.</p>
<p>SB 1014 Jackson (D)  Sponsors: Alameda County Board of Supervisors; California Product Stewardship Council; City and County of San Francisco</p>	<p>Amended 05/27/2014; Assembly Rules for policy committee assignment</p>	<p><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 department.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to 2013 board-adopted legislative strategy</p>	<p>Should help protect drinking water quality against contamination caused by unused pharmaceutical products passing through wastewater and treatment facilities.</p>
<p>SB 1036 Pavley (D)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 05/27/2014; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee – 06/17/2014 hearing</p>	<p><b>Urban Water Management Plans.</b> Requires Dept. of Water Resources to include in its guidance for preparation of urban water management plans a methodology for voluntary calculation or estimation of energy intensity of urban water systems.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014</p>	<p>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 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.</p>
<p>SB 1080 Fuller (R)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Introduced 02/19/2014; Senate Rules Committee</p>	<p><b>Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.</b> Seeks to amend November 2014 water bond.</p>	<p><b>WATCH</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013</p>	<p>Spot bill.</p>

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<p>SB 1130 Roth (D) Sponsor: Eastern MWD and Elsinore Valley MWD</p>	<p>Amended 04/21/2014; Assembly Judiciary Committee – 06/10/2014 hearing</p>	<p><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 proposed delivery of water to County Water Company (CWC) of Riverside customers.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action on SB 772 (Emmerson) in 2013</p>	<p>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 system during construction.</p>
<p>SB 1144 Galgiani (D) Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Introduced 02/20/2014; Senate Housing and Transportation Committee</p>	<p><b>Common Interest Developments.</b> Prohibits common interest development, city, county, or city and county from imposing fine for yard maintenance related to under-watered plants and lawns during drought emergency declared by Governor.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014</p>	<p>Would help clarify that rules imposed by common interest development and local government, during gubernatorial-declared drought emergency, cannot interfere with property owner's ability to limit outside irrigation practices.</p>
<p>SB 1250 Hueso (D) Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Introduced 05/7/2014; Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee</p>	<p><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 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 local and regional 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 allocation of bond funds for Delta sustainability in Chapter 7 and 2) clarify statutory reference to Quantification Settlement Agreement. Funding priorities in SB 1250 are generally consistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.</p>
<p>SB 1370 Galgiani (D) Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 03/24/2014; Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee</p>	<p><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.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013</p>	<p>Funding priorities in SB 1370 are inconsistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.</p>

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<p>SB 1420 Wolk (D)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 04/21/2014; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee- 06/17/2014 hearing</p>	<p><b>Urban Water Management Plans.</b> Proposes amendments to 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.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>SB 1447 Fuller (R)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Introduced 02/21/2014; Senate Rules Committee</p>	<p><b>Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP): Judicial Review.</b> States legislative intent to enact legislation establishing judicial review procedures for BDCP.</p>	<p><b>WATCH</b> pursuant to board- adopted Delta Action Plan</p>	<p>Spot bill.</p>

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<p>H.R. 123 Holt (D-NJ)  Companion Measure: S.2226 Udall, T. (D-NM)</p>	<p>1/31/2013; Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness</p>	<p><b>Water Advanced Technologies for Efficient Resource Use Act of 2013</b> – This bill encourages water efficiency.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> based on board-adopted 2013 Legislative Strategy (Dec. 2012)</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>H.R. 745 Napolitano (D-CA)</p>	<p>5/23/2013; Hearing held by the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power</p>	<p><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.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> based on board-adopted 2013 Legislative Strategy (Dec. 2012)</p>	<p>The legislation would provide much needed funding for desalination research, including both brackish and seawater desalination.</p>
<p>H.R. 765 Capps (D-CA)</p>	<p>2/15/2013; In House Committee on Natural Resources; Referred to Subcommittee on Water and Power</p>	<p><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</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> based on support for HR 2738 in the previous Congress</p>	<p>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.</p>

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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) 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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<p>H.R.2307 Vela (D-TX)  Companion Measure: S.1125 Cornyn (R-TX)</p>	<p>7/9/2013; Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on The Western Hemisphere</p>	<p><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.</p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b> based on board action on the domestic agreements supporting Minute 319 and protecting Metropolitan's interests in the deal, November 2012</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>H.R. 2508 Calvert (R-CA)  Companion Measure: S. 1219 Boxer (D-CA)</p>	<p>7/8/2013; Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power</p>	<p><b>Pechanga Indians Water Rights Settlement</b> - Authorizes the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement</p>	<p><b>WATCH</b></p>	<p>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.</p>

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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)	6/3/2014; Presented to the President for Signature. 5/22/2014; Conference Report agreed to in the 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)	2/14/2014; 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; Referred to the 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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Bill Author	Amended Date; Location	Title - Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
<p>S. 601 Boxer (D-CA)  Companion Measure: H.R.3080 Shuster (R-PA)</p>	<p>6/3/2014; Presented to the President for Signature. 5/22/2014; Conference Report agreed to in the Senate.</p>	<p><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.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT, and amend, Title X</b> of this bill, based on board-adopted 2013 Legislative Strategy, December 2012</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>S.1125 Comyn (R-TX)  Companion Measure: H.R.2307 Vela (D-TX)</p>	<p>6/10/2013; Referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations</p>	<p><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.</p>	<p><b>OPOUSE</b> based on board action on the domestic agreements supporting Minute 319 and protecting Metropolitan's interests in the deal, November 2012</p>	<p>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.</p>

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Bill Author	Amended Date; Location	Title - Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
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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Bill Author	Amended Date; Location	Title - Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
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)	5/22/2014; Passed/agreed to in the Senate.	<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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Bill Author	Amended Date; Location	Title - Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
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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Bill Author	Amended Date; Location	Title - Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
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)*



**DISCUSSION ITEM**

June 16, 2014

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

**FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager**

Staff Contact: Jessica H. Ouwerkerk

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON JULY 30TH WATER POLICY FORUM & DINNER**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee discuss the report and direct staff as appropriate.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**SUMMARY**

The next MWDOC Water Policy Forum & Dinner will take place on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at the Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel in Costa Mesa. The guest speaker for the evening will be Randy Record, newly elected Chairman of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The pre-dinner reception will be held in Chairman Record's honor, as MWDOC has done in the past for other newly-elected MET Chairmen.

Recently, Southern California Edison staff contacted MWDOC to express their interest in sponsoring this event. SCE would like to be involved in this event in some way, and they have not indicated a specific budget. Staff has brainstormed a couple options for the Committee's consideration:

1. Pre-dinner reception sponsorship (SCE funds an open bar for a specified dollar amount, or one pre-paid drink ticket per person) – Approx. cost: \$2,500 (or more)

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

2. Event Partner sponsorship (SCE contributes a specific dollar amount in exchange for their name being listed as a partnering agency) – Approx. cost: \$3,500
3. Program sponsorship (SCE contributes a specific dollar amount in exchange for a page in the program) – Approx. cost: \$1,500
4. Media sponsorship (SCE logo displayed on the screen during dinner in exchange for covering all A/V and videography costs) – Approx. cost: \$2,000
5. No SCE sponsorship (we can still offer them a reserved table)

The approximate costs of each sponsorship can be adjusted as needed.

At the time of this report, a total of 51 guests (including one reserved table of 10 for RBF) are registered for the event. We anticipate this number will rise to around 200 participants. The guest registration fee is \$75.00 per person until July 25<sup>th</sup> or \$85.00 per person thereafter. Reserved tables are also available for \$750 for a table of 10 or \$600 for a table of eight.

The event budget is included below.

<b>ESTIMATE - Water Policy Dinner Budget (based on 200 guests)</b>			
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Total</b>
Meals (order 88%)	176	\$ 59.98	\$ 10,556.48
Parking (66% avg.)	132	\$ 6.00	\$ 792.00
Program Printing	200	\$ 0.80	\$ 160.00
Audio Visual	1	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Reception Supplies	1	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Video Production	1	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Service Staff Gratuity	1	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
PayPal Fees	132	\$ 2.48	\$ 327.36
Speaker/Honoree Recognition Item	1	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Speaker Transportation	0	\$ 260.00	\$ -
Speaker Accomodations	0	\$ 200.00	\$ -
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ 13,845.84</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Paid Registrations	154	\$ 75.00	\$ 11,550.00
Paid Registrations	13	\$ 85.00	\$ 1,105.00
Comp'ed registrations for MWDOC Directors, staff, speaker	17	\$ -	\$ -
MWDOC Budget-funded registrations for legislative staffers	16	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,200.00
	<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 13,855.00</b>
	<b>Net Income</b>		<b>\$ 9.16</b>



**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM**

June 18, 2014

**TO:** Board of Directors

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

Rob Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Karl Seckel

**SUBJECT: Travel to Washington DC in 2014 to Cover Federal Initiatives**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**June 2014 Progress Report**

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During the current quarter, Director Barbre made one trip to Washington DC to gather information on the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) and the potential for appropriations to emerge from the legislation.

For the upcoming quarter, it is likely that an additional trip will be made to continue to examine how implementation of WRRDA will occur, especially regarding appropriations for previously authorized funding opportunities.

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

## **March 2014 Progress Report**

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

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

The meetings and discussions have revolved around what Congress and the various Committees will do with respect to earmarking of projects and/or how to deal with the prohibition on earmarking as well as tracking progress on proposed legislation for the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2013, the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Authority (WIFIA) and the Corps of Engineers Environmental Infrastructure Account from WRDA 2007. The most recent trip back is to meet with Senator Feinstein's Office to directly discuss the potential for funding projects like the Doheny Desal Project.

## **ANNUAL SUMMARY FROM DECEMBER 2013**

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

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

- The fourth and fifth trips for the year occur in the summer or early fall to follow-up on any late issues as appropriations bills are drafted and approved.
- Each of these trips can include one to two persons (staff and/or Directors; typically Director Brett Barbre makes all of the trips because of his expertise and connections).
- This item **does not** include the travel for the MWDOC Legislative meeting in February or travel to the ACWA Washington DC Conference in February or March.



**INFORMATION ITEM**

June 18, 2014

**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Robert Hunter, General Manager Staff Contact: Darcy M. Burke  
**SUBJECT:** Value of Water Communications Plan – Status Update

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file this 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’s Board of Directors (MWDOC) recognized the need to engage in a dialogue with the Orange County public in their 2010 Strategic Plan goal: “MWDOC will engage and understand its member agencies and the communities it serves in order to meet their water needs and ensure that these communities understand the water challenges faced by the region.” The MWDOC member agency managers amplified this sentiment in their 2011 priority-setting workshop, where improving “credibility with customers” as a work priority received the highest level of support.

The Value of Water Communications Plan began development in late 2012 in collaboration with MWDOC’s member agencies, the three cities and other stakeholders. The first phase of development included identifying the long term objectives, conducting benchmark research and identifying a viable method to monitor and measure the public’s perception of value.

The project is currently in Phase 2 which consists of the following activities:

- Professional consultants
- Develop messages (PAW)
- Conduct focus groups (6 to 8 focus groups, analysis and report)
- Conduct PAW/GM Workshop to share focus group output

<b>Budgeted (Y/N):</b> Y	Budgeted amount: \$132,465	Core <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Choice <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Action item amount:</b>		Line item:	
<b>Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):</b>			

- Reformulate messages where required
- Develop appropriate regional campaign branding, visual elements and other creative templates for use by the member agencies

The Board has authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement for professional communications services with Fraser Communications (Fraser). From there, Fraser developed the discussion guide, refined the draft messages, and recently completed the focus groups. Prior to the Focus Group portion beginning, Renee Fraser and MWDOC staff met with Member Agency Managers and Public Affairs staff to review the content of the Discussion Guide, the schedule and the purpose of the qualitative study.

The overarching goal of the Value of Water Communications Plan is to build trust and credibility with the public while meeting the following objectives:

**Build a public majority consensus for**

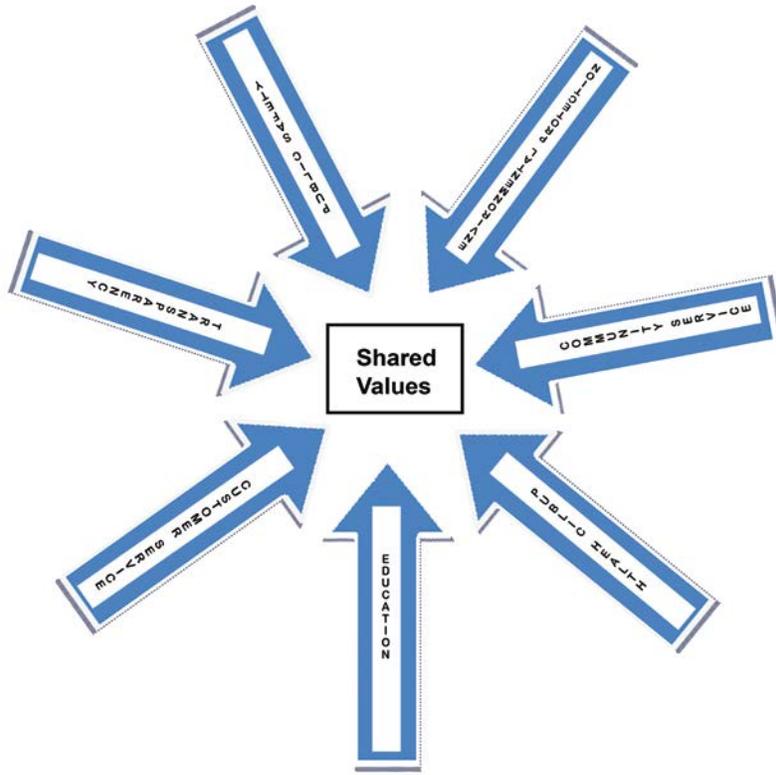
- **Water reliability planning and investments**
- **Local water project investments**
- **For water rate increases**
- **The value of water and water service at the local level**
- **Restoring the Bay Delta and alternate conveyance**
- **Continued and increased water use efficiency**
- **Supporting the outcomes in Metropolitan's Market Transformation Plan,**

The Value of Water Communications Plan is a long-term effort designed to engage, educate and inform Orange County residents and businesses of the value water service provides. Changing public perception and sentiment as well as instilling public trust is a long-term effort. It is not a switch that you turn on and off overnight; rather it is a commitment that MWDOC and the retail water agencies make every day, with each customer and stakeholder interaction.

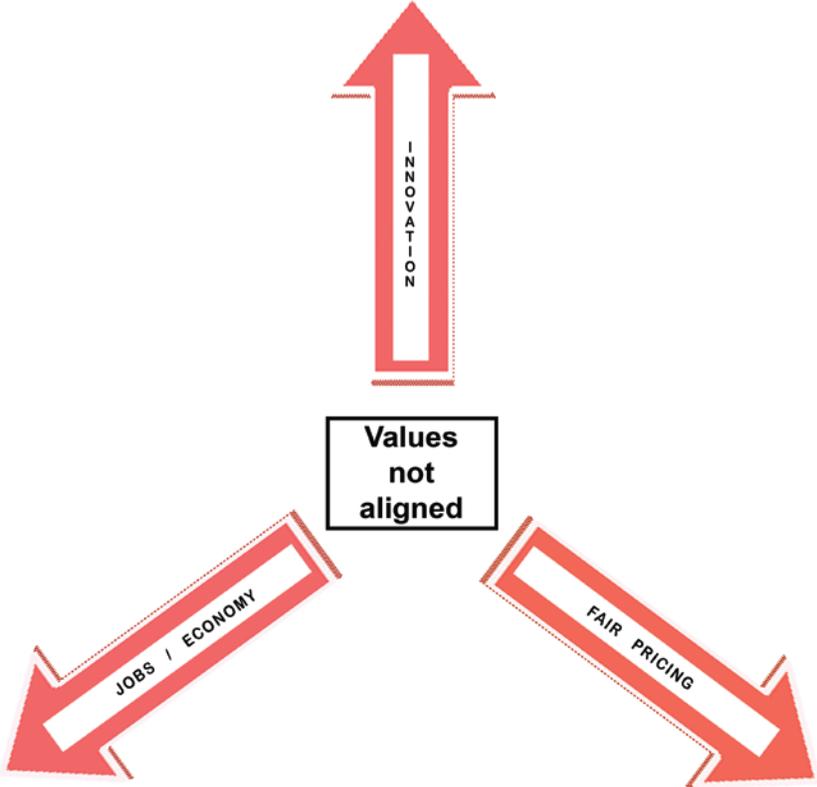
In order to build trust and improve credibility, MWDOC staff worked with the Public Affairs Workgroup to identify 10 key values and asked the survey respondents to rank them from 1 to 10 on importance, with 1 being least important and 10 being the most important. The ten values selected were:

1. Education
2. Public Safety
3. Public Health
4. Customer Service
5. Fair Pricing
6. Transparency
7. Environmental Protection
8. Economy/Jobs
9. Innovation
10. Community Service

At the same time, MWDOC staff sent out an electronic survey to the Orange County Water Industry including elected board members, general managers, staff and operators. They were also asked to rate the same values using the same scale. Out of the 10 Values, 7 were shared value, ranking high for both the general public and for the Orange County Water Industry:



The remaining three were out of alignment but ranked exceptionally high by the general public:



The Discussion Guide and Draft messaging focused on 5 value statement areas, based on the results of the public polling, the weight the general public gave the values and the ability for MWDOC and the Member Agencies to demonstrate the value in action. The five value areas selected were:

- Economy/Jobs
- Innovation
- Education
- Public Safety
- Public Health

The focus groups were conducted in Irvine over three evenings on June 4<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>.. Eight groups were held comprised of the following market segments:

- General Market x2
- Mavens (a trusted expert in a particular field, who seeks to pass knowledge on to others. The word maven comes from Hebrew, and means one who understands, based on an accumulation of knowledge ) – x2
- Latino market, Spanish Speaking
- Latino market, English speaking or Bilingual
- Asian

After the first two sessions, Fraser and MWDOC staff met to make minor modifications and clarifications to the Discussion Guide. Although the final results of the study have not been completed, Fraser Communications provided MWDOC staff an Interim Report that included the following observations:

- Education and Innovation have stood out in both groups as the favorite categories, followed by Jobs & the Economy. Overall, group reactions to all points are similar.
- The maven group was informed and very conscious of water conservation and usage.

The overall categories in the first two focus groups ranked as follows:

1. Education
2. Innovation
3. Jobs/Economy
4. Safety
5. Health

Other observations worth noting include the following:

- Not one participant knew who the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) was or what we did
- Distrust of government is widespread and significant
- Most don't read their bills, just look at the amount due
- Want to know what MWDOC and the water districts are doing about the drought, water quality, ocean desalination, etc.
- Rarely mentioned water districts as a trusted source of information on water
- Elected officials were not seen in a positive light

- Although they were provided factual statements to comment on, overwhelmingly the participants did not believe the statements
- Overwhelming rejection on the belief that tap water is high quality; associate taste with quality and most thought the water tasted terrible throughout the County
- Overwhelming support for ocean desalination and although many commented that the cost would be more
- Overwhelming consensus that MWDOC and retail water agencies need to do more to communicate what we are doing

When the focus groups conclude, a complete report with all of the findings and recommendations will be presented to the Board in July.



**INFORMATION ITEM**

June 16, 2014

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

**FROM: Robert Hunter**                      Staff Contact: Darcy Burke  
**General Manager**

**SUBJECT: Preliminary Recap on the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange County Water Summit**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee:

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**DETAILED REPORT**

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The 7th Annual Orange County Water Summit (Summit) took place on Friday, May 16, 2014. The purpose of the Summit is to provide relevant information related to water issues, projects and emerging technologies for the business community; it is not targeted at water industry affiliates.

The success of the Summit can be attributed to three key areas; top level speakers, exceptional venue, and the non-technical platform in which the information is conveyed. Each year, we survey the participants in a number of key areas including:

- Value
- Program
- Logistics

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

Here are the results from this year's survey, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 = Very Dissatisfied and 5= Very Satisfied:

1. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the 7th Annual OC Water Summit = **4.2**

2. **78%** of respondents believed the duration of the Summit was about right.

3. Please rate your level of satisfaction with each of the sessions. (If you are dissatisfied with any session, please explain why in the Comments box.)

"Live and Let Die" (Infrastructure): Congressman John Garamendi, Paul Helliiker = **4.1**

"You Only Live Twice" (BayDelta): Robin Grossinger, Curt Schmutte = **4.0**

"From California with Love" (Agriculture): Sandra Schubert, Charles Wolk, Tim Neuharth, Joe Del Bosque = **4.2**

"Moneyraker" (Business): Bruce Karas, Ben Edwards, Daniel Boyd = **4.0**

"Thunderball" (Water Bond): Dave Puglia, Rick Claussen = **3.8**

4. **76.5** of respondents believed the amount of time allocated to each speaker was about right.

5. For future OC Water Summit events the current panel format received the highest rating – **4.1**

6. **89.3%** of respondent believed the registration fee was appropriate for the value they received.

7. How likely were they to attend a future OC Water Summit? **4.5 said VERY LIKELY**

In addition to the survey questions, we also include open ended questions for suggestions and other comments. Here are the results from this year's survey:

1. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the 7th Annual OC Water Summit. - Comments
Answer
Well-organized, good speakers, plenty of time for schmoozing. Really good event overall. Location, food, timing, speakers and the avocados were excellent. Well rounded - good speakers....informative
The only thing I felt was missing was something on urban stormwater capture for water supply.

You really rock with the break snacks and lunch! I thought the almonds and avocados were a nice touch, and worked well with the theme. As for theme, I'm continually amazed by the table decorations you come up with year after year!

Appreciated varied perspectives  
Best one yet.

WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE PANEL DISCUSSION

PERHAPS LECTURES COULD BE SENT PRIOR TO THE SUMMIT

The presentations were excellent!

This was my first Water Summit and I was very pleased with the topics and speakers. I felt that it gave everyone a chance to talk about their concerns. I will be there next year.

Great Program and Speakers as usual.

I loved the theme and the way it was peppered through all areas of the program, moderator, decor, etc.

Great set-up, theme, speakers, environment.

Our Directors and their guests were very impressed with the Summit.

Objective of summit was not well defined in relation to its title. Overall, discussion lacked focus. Some speakers made assertions unsupported by facts. Leading authority on Delta from MWD was not given sufficient opportunity to rebut assertions made by one panelist. It seems to me that, there was no clear distinction between BDCP and provisions of current and proposed water Bond measures.

I was very impressed with the caliber of the speakers and the information relayed.

I thought there was a very good cross-section of speakers and perspectives. A panel discussion among several of the individuals would have resulted in some real fireworks! The debate was unbalanced with the opponents of the BDCP and Bond seeming to get more time without a counterpoint.

**2. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following items. (If you are dissatisfied with any element, please explain in the Comments box.) - Comments**

**Answer**

Date conflicts with one of our Board meetings.

A bit pricey for parking.

Food was excellent...love the venue...I am used to the parking now and it is not a big deal

The high content of sugar in the breakfast made it impossible for me to eat it. Good thing I had eaten before. Very little gluten-free foods.

I didn't understand the "fracking" protesters outside the facility, but I know that had nothing to do with the summit.

The parking at Downtown Disney isn't very intuitive and I ended parking at an inconvenient lot.

Would have appreciated an 8 am start time

HOW BOUT SOME OF THAT SALMON FOR THE BAGEL WITH SOME ONION AND CUCUMBER

Great job in all aspects!

Difficult for everyone to get there early

**3. In your opinion, was the duration of the Summit (7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.) too short, too long, or about right? - Comments**

**Answer**

great job

It seemed rushed at the end and some people were not even done eating.

If you can find ample speakers, I think going to 3 pm would work for many.

I had an afternoon appointment so it worked out fine.

No comment

You had a lot of great content and it moved along really well - I liked the MOC - he kept things on track and was appropriately in the theme and humorous.

#### MAIN LECTURE WITH TOPIC DRIVEN WORK SHOPS

#### GET UCI INVOLVED WITH UPDATE FROM WACO ON SATELLITE IMAGERY OF THE AQUAFER

A more in depth panel discussion and Q&A from audience will be a great addition to the summit. Duration should be driven by the importance of the issues to be discussed and the purpose of the Summit.

#### 4. Please rate your level of satisfaction with each of the sessions. (If you are dissatisfied with any session, please explain why in the Comments box.) - Comments

##### Answer

Helliker (who was pretty good) was out-shown by Cong. Garamendi. Might have been good to have another congressman on the other side.

Ag speakers were good.

Water Bond discussion was especially good on the politics.

Possibly more emphasis on a panel discussion format and a little more time for Q & A from the audience.

I very much appreciate your efforts in getting speakers that have interesting viewpoints... I have enjoyed the authors, economist, builders, farmers, politicians that you have brought now and in the past. Much better than water engineers talking to water engineers.

The Thunderball session was the best of the day, but it was pressed for time because the other sessions ran long.

You did a great job bringing a diversity of opinions together.

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he water bond fell short with me, and no one ever really discussed what the bond would entail. And, since I don't follow politics, and summary would have been helpful.

The two perspectives on the BDCP was excellent. The IT issues with Curt Schmutte detracted from the talk that was otherwise excellent. The Ag talk was very good especially Del Bosque who detailed his water conservation measures. I am not personally very interested in the business side but the talk seemed fine. There wasn't much new in the Water Bond talk but that's probably to be expected until the Governor chimes in.

Never attended as I was working the registration desk

Only little negative was not having Curt's presentation flyover - seemed like it got him a little off balance - but he recovered quickly.

tell the congressman there's a water bond coming on the ballot

Curts lecture technical fubu, grossinger is not a good speaker, paleolithic water???

announce tour schedule on seminar website and have the lectures for download prior//

have a virtual tour of one of the tours

I saw the first three segments, but had to leave after that (day job). I would have preferred fewer segments, and have been able to hear more in depth from the remaining presenters. For example, Schmutte gives a great detailed presentation on the BDCP that could not be done on the time he was given. Too bad, it would have been worth hearing, particularly after following Garamendi's disastrous and inaccurate skewering of the plan. Somebody should have countered that windbag.

Curt Schmutte was the only credible voice in opposition to the Garamendi point of view. His message was lost in an apparent attempt not to offend the opposition. I have seen him speak very convincingly when in front of a friendly audience on the MWD tour. Unfortunately, he did not deliver on this occasion. The pear grower was a caricature of selfishness, not worthy to even debate the big subject at hand.

Garamendi is a great speaker, regardless of whether you agree or disagree with him. Loved hearing about the Ag perspective from the farmers! Lots of great information was presented.

Not present for first two sessions.

Not enough time for questions

**5. In your opinion, was the amount of time allocated for each speaker too short, too long, or about right? - Comments**

**Answer**

good job

Honestly, it depended on the speaker. Some I wanted to hear more from, and not so much with others.

I was especially impressed by the strong measures to keep people within their time slots.

Need to develop a better way to notify speakers when their allotted time is running short. Using the James Bond audio clip was not only tacky, it was disruptive.

Need more time for Q&A.

Too many speakers with not enough time to make much of a presentation.

Program design is more important issue here.

For some topics, such as the Agriculture topic, the time allotted was too short. All three speakers were very interesting and informative.

**6. For future OC Water Summit events, which of the following event formats would you prefer? - Comments**

**Answer**

[No Responses]

## 7. Are there specific topics or speakers you would like to see featured at future OC Water Summits? - Responses

### Answer

It might be interesting to have a speaker or two on new technologies such as the moisture collectors in place in Chile or the satellite-driven watering systems proffered by Cong. Garamendi or any of the new ideas.

-Presentation from SAWPA on the brine line

Technological advances and research

noticed that there was no space to add text to question # 6 above....I like how you mix up the event formats...keep doing what you're doing.

If San Juan Capistrano loses their water rate appeal, a water rate segment would be topical, controversial and fun to hear.

Seawater desalination. Why is it not happening?

I'd love to see a panel of average citizens tell us what they think about water. We usually only hear from the experts.

Who is doing something innovative?

Who is doing community outreach / education regarding water conservation?

hint: go to [www.OperationCleanSlate.com](http://www.OperationCleanSlate.com)

I think more of an NGO presence would be good (NRDC, for example).

The mix of topics and speakers are wonderful. This summit had my attention (as it has in the last several years) with the diverse presenters not all being from water agencies. Coke and Hurley did a wonderful job. Never knew these large companies were so intimately involved with water. thank you.

I would really love a discussion on the real-world situation of Orange County water infrastructure - so I can gain a better understanding of the need to replace it.

Water recycle/reuse

What will extensive conservation do to SoCal economy and lifestyle?

Environmental groups

discussion regarding rates

some discussion regarding emergencies here in the OC and water usage

lead a serious measured debate regarding global warming and man made carbon emissions

Water supply interdependency (Ag, Municipal, Environmental) and economic impacts.

Sustainability of water supplies and the transfer infrastructure.

The politics of water and virtual water import/export.

Global climate change impact on future water supply of mega cities.

I'd bring Schmutte back for a more detailed and updated discussion on the health and future of the Delta; by next year, we will know much more about the water bond status (passed, failed, postponed?) and it would be nice to hear, in some detail, how things will proceed and what that means for local agencies.

I like the water-agriculture-business-politics perspective. Would be nice to see energy, medical also get into this discussion forum

Ocean Desalination benefits and challenges. A new landscape aesthetic for Southern California more appropriate for our climate.

Speakers with global relevance and projects outside of California would be a good change.

A discussion on rate setting and rate structures. Also, a 'western' water perspective similar to that presented by Pat Mulroy in 2013, but perhaps from additional Color. R. users.

Discussion about De-Salinization plants. Construction, processes, cost, examples of those already built, picture tours of existing.

Examples of how other developed countries are using their water resources. Innovation in delivery systems, storage, harvesting?

Recycled reuse, development of alternative water supplies and emerging markets.

**8. Do you believe the Summit registration fee was appropriate for the value you received? - Comments**

**Answer**

good job

Kind of!

It is a little pricey to see the same presentations and same faces as you do at WACO or any of the other local water meetings. Not sure if the cost deters non-water folks from attending, and they appear to be the real target audience.

...but I really appreciate you working with me.

Excellent value

**9. How likely are you to attend future OC Water Summits? - Comments**

**Answer**

Best Water conference in California!

As long as Disney and OCWD remain united for these summits, I'm there! :)

Depends on the topic

**10. Do you have any suggestions for how we can improve future OC Water Summits, or is there anything else you would like to tell us? - Responses**

**Answer**

I thought the choice of MC was interesting. He was good on his panel, but I was nonplussed by his overall MCness. I like the idea that he wasn't one of the "usual suspects" or a MWDOC/MET Board member, but I couldn't figure out why he was selected for the duty. Good event overall. Thank you.

Have the emcee let attendees read the speaker bios from the booklet. Reading each one verbatim (and often stumbling or mispronouncing locations and concepts) took up time, and we can read them ourselves.

This was my first time attending the OC Water Summit and I found the program to be very well organized, informative and effective.

This is the best water conference in California. Year after year you continue to excel keep up the good work.

Great job by MWDOC's staff.

Very well done as usual. I found this OC Summit more informational than most, probably because it is an election year and there are plenty of issues on the table. Good Job.

Keep up the good work - our future depends on it!

Good job overall!!

Great job. Good speakers and topics. I have a somewhat changing perspective on the tunnel project. I very much enjoyed the presentations by the farmers from the three different areas of the state. They have a tough job.

Great job.

Pitchers of iced tea at the table for lunch would be nice. It's difficult to recommend much, as you seem to think of everything!

Keep the topics current

You do an excellent job - hope you can get more and more businesses, NGOs and regional electeds there in the future.

THANX AGAIN, AWESOME JOB, LOOKING FORWARD TO DISCUSSING IN PERSONAGE.

Keep up the good work!

Perhaps a sit-down lunch meal is not necessary. Perhaps a light lunch similar to the breakfast arrangement would be better.

Most of the attendees are already aware of the water supply problems. Each speaker should select one specific solution and advocate it.

I really enjoy the Disneyland environment and conference set-up. Very positive and fun place to digest the information and panels. Thanks!

Develop a clearly defined purpose for the summit. Determine if you can define desired results or objective(s). If you cannot do this do not have a summit.

Consider timing of summit in relation to major decision points by federal and state legislative and/or executive branches as well as need for voter education.

The James bond idea became tiresome. No one understood the speaker notification. Just have the moderator tell the speaker to wrap up. Don't try to be cute

Well done event

The use of warning sounds for speakers should be cleaned up to a standard sound versus a themed sound...it was very annoying to hear a poor quality "Bond...James Bond" interruption.

Most of your speakers are great. A few might need to learn how to speak to keep a large room of people engaged. Some people just are not public speakers Don't know if there is a method to screen speakers? Still it was great and I found everyone interesting.

The survey will be reviewed with the Co-Chairmen and the comments considered as planning for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual OC Water Summit begin in August.

Although most of the expenses from the event have been received, there are still some outstanding and are not included in the preliminary recap below:

**Municipal Water District of Orange County  
PRELIMINARY Recap of Revenues and Expenses for O.C. Water Summit Event  
Event Date: May 16, 2014**

Preliminary Reconciliation as of:  
6/10/2014

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>MWDOC</u>	<u>OCWD</u>	<u>Total</u>
Recorded sponsorships	\$ 50,100.00	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 43,500.00
Pending sponsorships payments		6,600.00		6,600.00
Guests paid via cash/check (17) @ \$120 each		2,040.00	120.00	2,160.00
Guests paid via cash/check (6) @ \$140 each		840.00		840.00
Guests paid via PayPal (109) @ \$120 each		13,080.00		13,080.00
Guests paid via PayPal (28) @ \$140 each		3,920.00		3,920.00
Guests paid via PayPal (1) @ \$75 each		75.00		75.00
Guests paid via check (1) @ \$60 each		60.00		60.00
Unpaid guests 7 @ \$120 each		840.00		840.00
Unpaid guests 4 @ \$140 each		560.00		560.00
Note: Sponsored registered guests				
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 50,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 70,515.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,120.00</b>	<b>\$ 71,635.00</b>

<u>Expenses</u>			
Event food & beverage (breakfast-, lunch- snack-)	\$ 28,367.25	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 32,867.25
Hotel service charges			-
Event food & beverage sales tax			-
Hotel engineering charges (power & lighting)			-
Hotel parking	1,528.00		1,528.00
Hotel staff tips	522.00		522.00
Room charges -	4,867.28		4,867.28
Audio-Visual equipment rental	17,322.66		17,322.66
Disney thank you gifts			-
Video production			-
Signage			-
Summit programs			-
Sponsorship brochures			-

Speaker travel reimbursement	-	-	-
Speaker gifts	-	-	-
Staff dinner	-	-	-
Staff prep lunch	-	-	-
Planning meetings	229.45		229.45
Rental of two-way radios	226.00		226.00
Program printing	2,640.60		2,640.60
Name badges	399.47		399.47
Summit supplies	205.18		205.18
PayPal fees	574.88		574.88
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 56,882.77</b>	<b>\$ 4,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 61,382.77</b>
<b>Net Revenue (Expense) to the District</b>	<b>\$ 13,632.23</b>	<b>\$ (3,380.00)</b>	<b>\$ 10,252.23</b>

For the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual OC Water Summit, staff has reserved Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Grand Californian. For the Summit in 2016, staff is exploring other options throughout the year that may work better than May. Disney approached staff at the conclusion of last year's event to ensure they could participate in our next Summit. The luncheon sponsor, Mesa Water District, has already indicated they would like to participate at the same level next year. again. The Co-Chairmen of the event, Director Thomas from MWDOC and Director Sheldon from OCWD are scheduled to have their first kick-off planning meeting before the end of summer.

**Public Affairs Activities Report**  
**May 19, 2014 – June 15, 2014**

<p><b>Member Agency Relations</b></p>	<p>Darcy and Jessica attended Metropolitan’s Pubic Information Officers (PIO) meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Jessica participated in Metropolitan’s PIO webinar on May 28 to review the findings of their focus groups.</p> <p>Darcy and Tiffany are actively coordinating with MWDOC/MWD Directors in regards to the upcoming Inspection Trip Season, which begins in mid September.</p> <p>Darcy and Margie Wheeler of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met with President Dick to begin coordinating his Agriculture – Bay Delta trip for September.</p> <p>Tiffany worked with Damon Micalizzi from Yorba Linda Water District to provide potential DVL tour dates to the Engineers Without Borders group.</p> <p>Darcy and Jessica provided Metropolitan staff with some concerns and feedback on their new summer campaign to encourage water conservation, water use efficiency and rebate participation. The tagline of the campaign is, “Don’t waste another minute wasting water.” This is part of the “Show California Some Love and Be California Friendly” campaign.</p> <p>Darcy and Jessica participated in the annual joint Water Use Efficiency Coordinator and Public Affairs Workgroup meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The intent of the meeting is to better coordinate communication and outreach efforts between both areas throughout the region. Jessica presented her Master’s thesis on environmental messaging.</p> <p>Karl and Sarah Franks (Public Affairs Intern) participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> San Juan Capistrano Water Forum on May 29<sup>th</sup>. In addition, Karl and Vivian Lam (Public Affairs Intern) participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> and final San Juan Capistrano Water Forum on June 10<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Jessica provided water use efficiency literature/marketing materials to the City of Tustin, City of San Juan Capistrano, and Laguna Beach County Water District.</p>
<p><b>Community Relations</b></p>	<p>Darcy staffed the June 6th WACO meeting featuring guest speaker Steve Arakawa from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Steve provided WACO attendees with an update on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.</p> <p>Darcy was able to confirm Chairman Randy Record for the July 30<sup>th</sup></p>

Water Policy Dinner. A reception honoring Chairman Record will take place immediately preceding the dinner.

Tiffany, Jessica, Vivian, and Sarah implemented MWDOC's social media activities through Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest during this period.

Tiffany created the monthly collage/image used for the cover of eCurrents, Facebook, and the website homepage.

Tiffany updated several MWDOC website pages with current information.

Jessica conducted a participant satisfaction survey for the 2014 OC Water Summit. Summit survey results will be shared at the June 16 PAL Committee meeting.

Planning is underway for the July 30 Water Policy Forum & Dinner featuring guest speaker MET Chairman Randy Record. Jessica developed and distributed the email invitation, and thus far 51 guests are registered. Tiffany is in the process of creating custom invitations for legislative staffers (their registration fee will be comped by MWDOC) and organizations that have reserved tables at previous dinners. Additional information will be provided to the PAL Committee on June 16.

The Awards Ceremony recognizing the winners of the 2014 Poster & Slogan Contest and Photography & Digital Arts Contest was held at Discovery Science Center on June 3. More than 150 guests attended in support of the 30 winning students. Representatives of MNWD, Huntington Beach, Santa Ana, and Tustin attended. Director Finnegan delivered the opening remarks; Jessica served as the event emcee; Tiffany, Vivian, and Sarah helped with registration, photos, and other event logistics. Ricki Raindrop even made a rare appearance!

Jessica and Sarah are compiling artwork to be submitted to Metropolitan's annual Poster Contest. The winning entries will be featured in a travelling art exhibit next year.

Jessica and Darcy are working on the June issue of eCurrents, which will feature articles on drought/emergency response, a Summit recap, Poster & Slogan Contest/Photography & Digital Arts Contest recap, and more.

Jessica coordinated the May 29 ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon featuring guest speaker Dan Schnur (Director of the USC Unruh School of Politics and candidate for California Secretary of State), including booking the speaker, developing/distributing event invitations, assisting with registrations and invoices, and other event logistics. Approximately 65 individuals attended the luncheon. Tiffany assisted with onsite registration.

	<p>Jessica participated in the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting on June 3.</p> <p>Jessica staffed the WACO Planning meeting on May 20.</p> <p>Sarah and Vivian staffed a MWDOC booth at the Seal Beach Public Works Open House event on May 21.</p> <p>Darcy and Jessica are scheduled to participate in a PIO training conducted by the County at its EOC facility in Loma Ridge on June 11.</p> <p>MWDOC was asked to write an article on water for OC Lawyer magazine. Darcy and Jessica are working on an article.</p> <p>Jessica made several updates to MWDOC's Open Government site.</p>
<p><b>Education</b></p>	<p>During the month of May, 10,415 students participated in the Traditional Assembly Program; 1,313 students participated in the Keypad Program; no students participated in the Water Quality Program. To date, 70,667 students have participated in the traditional Assembly Program. DSC anticipates reaching a total of 79,630 students during the current school year. This number is a few thousand short of the participation target of 81,494 students. This is largely due to the fact that schools in a few select areas have declined to participate or are unresponsive to DSC's marketing efforts.</p>
<p><b>Media Relations</b></p>	<p>Meghan Cuniff, a reporter at <i>The Orange County Register</i>, conducted a phone interview with Darcy regarding the Orange County Grand Jury Report. The article ran on June 7, 2014.</p>
<p><b>Special Projects</b></p>	<p>Darcy and Jessica met with Renee Fraser (Fraser Communications) and her staff regarding the question development guide for the focus groups, the draft messages and supporting statements and the composition of the focus group participants.</p> <p>Darcy and Jessica observed MWDOC's Focus Groups on June 4<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>. A total of 8 focus groups were held in Irvine and included the general market, the Asian Market, the Latino Market and two groups of "Mavens". Results from the focus groups will be provided to the Public Affairs and Legislation Committee at the July meeting.</p> <p>Darcy and Jessica hosted a meeting on May 27 for Member Agency Managers and Public Affairs Workgroup members with Renee Fraser to review the information for the focus groups, the purpose</p>

	<p>and role of focus groups, and the schedule for the Value of Water Communications Plan.</p> <p>Darcy is reviewing the Orange County Grand Jury Report and drafting MWDOC's response.</p> <p>Jessica submitted for an award for MWDOC's Open Governemnt site through ACC-OC's "Golden Hub of Innovation" awards program. The application was submitted under the Technology/eGovernment category. Winners will be announced at the June 26 ACC-OC event held at Discovery Science Center.</p> <p>Jessica met with Rob to receive input on the draft Communications Plan outline for all MWDOC's communication efforts outside of (but in coordination with) the Value of Water Communication Plan for FY2014-15.</p>
<p><b>Water-Use Efficiency Marketing</b></p>	<p>Jessica is working with a graphic designer to develop bill inserts promoting the outdoor/landscape-related rebates and the Home Certification Program.</p> <p>Jessica is working with MWDOC's website developer to create a new Water Use Efficiency microsite that would serve as a user-friendly portal for all water use efficiency rebate programs and resources.</p> <p>Jessica worked with WUE staff to update MWDOC's Spray-to-Drip advertisement</p>
<p><b>Legislative Affairs</b></p>	<p>Darcy provided a PowerPoint presentation and speaking points for President Dick at Senator Huff's Water Forum. The Forum was held on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Brea Embassy Suites. Rob and Darcy attended the event with President Dick. The forum had over 100 attendees.</p> <p>Darcy and Townsend Public Affairs continue to have their bi-weekly meetings.</p> <p>Rob, Darcy, Karl, Cathy and Harvey participate in interviews for the Government Affairs Manager position.</p>

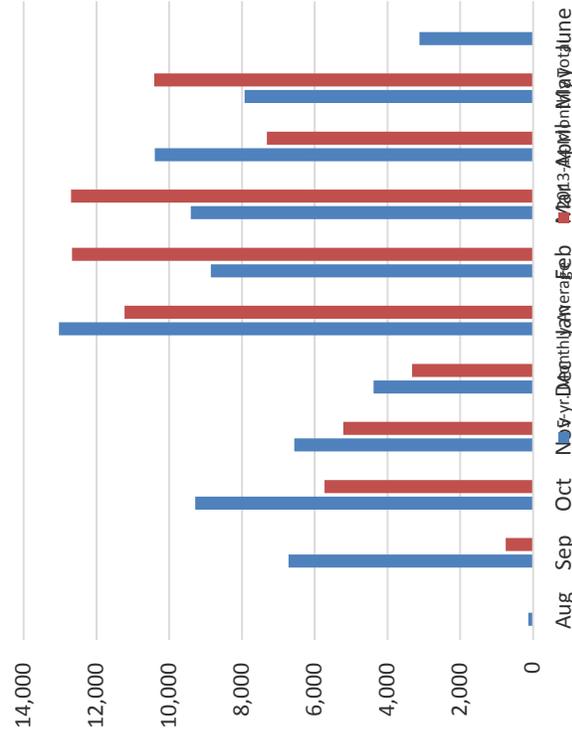
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<b>Regulatory Affairs</b>	<p>Darcy provided background materials and regulatory procedure information on Hexavalent Chromium for Director Barbre in preparation for an on-camera interview with Dave Nazar, PBS – Southern California.</p> <p>Darcy has been asked to facilitate a strategic planning session for Operator Certification for California- Nevada American Water Works Association. The session will focus on current mandatory certification programs, voluntary certification programs, emerging issues and technologies and accepted best practices. The session is scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento.</p>
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**Number of Students Reached in the Water Education School Program- Assembly Program**

Year	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total
5-yr. Monthly Average	127	6,723	9,283	6,565	4,384	13,033	8,851	9,408	10,398	7,928	3,125	79,717
5-yr. Annual Average	127	6,850	16,133	22,698	27,082	40,114	48,965	58,373	68,771	76,699	79,824	79,824
2013-14 Monthly Total	0	750	5,727	5,210	3,322	11,229	12,669	12,700	7,314	10,415		69,336
2013-14 Annual Total	0	750	6,477	11,687	15,009	26,238	38,907	51,607	58,921	69,336		69,336

**Number of Students Taught, by Month**



**Number of Students Taught, by Year**

