

MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
Jointly with the  
**PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**  
September 15, 2014, 8:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 101

**Committee:**

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

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

2. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S PROPOSED "WATERS OF THE US" WETLANDS RULE
3. VALUE OF WATER COMMUNICATIONS CHOICE PROGRAM

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014
5. S2198 (FEINSTEIN) EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF ACT OF 2014
6. RESOLUTION HONORING MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY RETIRING DIRECTOR WAYNE CLARK
7. RESOLUTION HONORING OCWD RETIRING DIRECTOR KATHRYN BARR
8. RESOLUTION HONORING LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN DIRECTOR KRIS MURRAY
9. TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON DC IN 2014 TO COVER FEDERAL INITIATIVES
10. ISDOC OFFICER ELECTIONS

**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.)

11. DROUGHT OUTREACH
12. UPDATE REGARDING OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup> WATER POLICY FORUM & DINNER
13. 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY WATER SUMMIT
14. NOVEMBER ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING
15. PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES REPORT

**OTHER ITEMS**

16. 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  
 September 9, 2014*

The Congress is in full swing after returning from their month long August Recess. At the present time, the House and the Senate are scheduled to meet until the last week of September and then adjourn for the fall election period.

Both parties want to allow their incumbents time to campaign. In the Senate, there is widespread speculation that there is a 50 – 50 chance that the Senate control could switch to the Republican Party. Currently, the Senate is controlled by the Democratic Party by a 55 to 45 margin. The GOP would need a switch of six seats to gain control of that chamber. In the House, the GOP already has a majority of the seats, 234 to 201, and most analysts believe they will continue to maintain that majority until after the 2020 Census.

Among other must do activities in September, the Congress must pass a short term appropriations bill to fund the federal government beyond October 1, 2014. Senator Barbara Mikulski, Chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee quipped earlier this week—that she wanted to make the federal funding extension “as boring as possible” to avoid any controversy.

President Obama is expected to deliver a national speech tomorrow outlining his “strategy” regarding the growing threat of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. In addition, there will be a number of closed door military related briefings for Members of Congress—particularly Members of the Intelligence and Defense related committees.

President Obama’s decision to delay his executive action regarding the serious immigration issue has Members from both parties frustrated, not to mention the border states which are being overwhelmed with the influx of immigrants.

Two other significant developments occurred during August that are noteworthy to review quickly. Ben Bernanke, the former Chairman of the Federal Reserve and considered one of the foremost students of the Great Depression, was quoted in a US Court of Claims document on August 22 with the following statement: “*September and October 2008 was the worst financial crisis in global history, including the Great Depression*” ...and of the 13 “most important financial institutions in the United States, 12 were at risk of failure within a period of a week or

two.”

The second comment goes to the federal deficit report released by the Congressional Budget Office. The CBO announced on August 27<sup>th</sup> that the US Government’s deficit over the next decade will be smaller than previously forecast—as lower interest rates have slowed the increase in debt nationally. The current forecast is now more than \$400 Billion smaller through the next ten years. The CBO continued that federal finances are stabilizing after the economic downturn and slow recovery. **“The shadow (of the great recession) lasted longer than we had thought it would...but we are now at the point (where the) the underlying financial conditions have improved.”** The deficit is now 2.9% of the gross domestic product—roughly one third of the deficit during the worst year of 2009. The point here is-- in a very technical way, the CBO is saying the economy has substantially improved.

It is in that backdrop, that the Congress focuses on other issues and the issues of our day. Of note, regarding transportation infrastructure, at the very last minute before the August recess started, the Congress passed an extension so that federal highway and transit funds would not run dry—and passed an extension until May of 2015.

#### ***Water Update:***

Regarding the two drought bills (see the end of the Report for summaries of both the House and Senate bills), negotiations continue between the key players in the House and the Senate. The major participants are the six Members of Congress who represent the Central Valley and the two US Senators.

To quickly summarize, the Senate Bill sponsored by Senator Feinstein provides the authorities for the federal agencies to offer greater flexibility in the management of water resources if there is an emergency drought declaration. Federal agencies are to assist as much as possible. There is no funding provided to build and enlarge any of the existing water storage facilities.

The House Bill sponsored by Congressman Valadao increases the pumping out of the Delta and declares that the Endangered Species Act has been met with respect to endangered fish. The legislation encourages and authorizes the enlargement of five storage facilities—though no federal funds are authorized for this purpose.

It is unclear if there will be resolution between the two bills during September. The parties have until the end of the year to reach an agreement before the active legislation terminates at the end of the Congress. It has been reported that there has been some difficulty with the House and Senate Offices receiving “good data” from the federal agencies—making certain decisions more difficult.

In previous Washington Reports, there has been discussion regarding this year’s Energy and Water Appropriations Bill. The House has passed their Bill, the Senate has not. The major take away from that discussion was that the House Appropriations Committee has reported out a water appropriations bill for the Army Corps and the Bureau of Reclamation, while the Senate has only passed their bill through the subcommittee level—and in essence released a

subcommittee approved “Report”.

The Congress is expected to pass an Omnibus Appropriations bill sometime later this fall or early next year and the timing will be somewhat dependent upon the results of the November election.

The final WRRDA bill authorized \$350 Million for WIFIA to be spread out over five years—for both the Army Corps and the EPA to provide credit assistance in the form of loans and loan guarantees for up to 49% of project costs\* for water infrastructure, including Ocean Water Desalination. It is noteworthy to mention that the EPA will administer the funds for desalination.

Notwithstanding the passage of this significant act, it passed during the same period that the House appropriations Committee was assembling their funding bill. The House did not provide any funding in this year’s appropriations bill for WIFIA. Though no funding was appropriated, the House language did provide the Corps the authority to obligate some funds for the implementation in the fiscal year that begins on October 1<sup>st</sup> for this program. This issue may be dealt with more during the consideration of the Omnibus funding bill.

*\*The EPA believes that the funds (federal appropriations for loans) that they receive can support up to 33 times that amount in loans or roughly \$5.7 Billion in loans. Additionally, though generally WIFIA financing is limited to 49% of the project cost, there is an exception that allows 25% of the overall WIFIA appropriation to be used for loans in excess of 49%, but cannot exceed 80% of the cost of the project.*


## GENERAL NEWS, CONGRESSIONAL, AND POLITICAL UPDATES

### California Water Drought Bill Summaries:

#### I. The House Bill: Summary of HR 3964, Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act

**Title I: Central Valley Project Water Reliability** - Amends the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) to include among the Act's purposes: (1) to ensure that water dedicated to fish and wildlife purposes is replaced and provided to Central Valley Project (CVP) water contractors by December 31, 2018, at the lowest cost reasonably achievable, and (2) to

facilitate and expedite water transfers in accordance with that Act. Redefines "anadromous fish" for purposes of such Act. Defines "reasonable flows" as water flows capable of being maintained taking into account competing consumptive uses of water and economic, environmental, and social factors.

Eliminates existing limitations on the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to enter into any new contracts for water supply from the CVP. Directs the Secretary to renew any existing long-term repayment or water service contract, upon request of the contractor that provides for the delivery of water from the CVP for a period of 40 years (the current contractual term is 25 years). Requires new or renewed contracts to include a provision that requires the Secretary to charge only for water actually delivered.

Directs the Secretary to take all necessary actions to facilitate and expedite CVP water transfers in accordance with such Act or any other provision of federal reclamation law and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

Grants the Secretary discretion to modify CVP operations to provide reasonable water flows of suitable quality, quantity, and timing to protect all life stages of anadromous fish.

Repeals a requirement that not less than 67% of all funds made available to the Restoration Fund under CVPIA be authorized to be appropriated to carry out habitat restoration, improvement, and acquisition provisions of that Act.

Requires the CVP and the California State Water Project (SWP) to be operated pursuant to the water quality standards and operational constraints described in the "Principles for Agreement of the Bay-Delta Standards Between the State of California and the Federal Government," dated December 15, 1994 (Bay-Delta Accord of 1994), without regard to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) or any other law pertaining to the operation of the CVP and the SWP.

Prohibits the Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce from distinguishing between natural-spawned and hatchery-spawned or otherwise artificially propagated strains of a species in making any determination under ESA that relates to any anadromous fish species that are present in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers or their tributaries and that ascend those rivers and their tributaries to reproduce after maturing in the San Francisco Bay or the Pacific Ocean.

Adds the Kettleman City Community Services District as an authorized service area of the CVP. Directs the Secretary to enter into a long-term contract for the delivery of up to 900 acre-feet of CVP water for municipal and industrial use.

Directs the Secretary to offer to the Oakdale Irrigation District, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, and the Calaveras County Water District a contract enabling such districts to collectively impound and store a portion of their Stanislaus River water rights in the New Melones Reservoir in accordance with applicable terms of the Warren Act.

Establishes a pilot program to remove non-native predatory fish from the Stanislaus River.

Directs the Secretary, if the San Luis Reservoir does not fill by the last day of February, to permit any entity with an agricultural water service or repayment contract for the delivery of water from the Delta Division or the San Luis Unit to reschedule into the immediately following contract year (i.e., March 1 through the last day of February) any unused CVP water previously allocated for irrigation purposes.

**Title II: San Joaquin River Restoration** - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to cease any action to implement the Stipulation of Settlement dated September 13, 2006, in the litigation entitled Natural Resources Defense Council, et al. v. Kirk Rodgers, et al., U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California.

Amends the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act to eliminate references to such Stipulation of Settlement and to direct the Secretary, beginning on March 1, 2015, to modify Friant Dam operations to release restoration flows in a manner that improves the fishery in the San Joaquin River between Friant Dam and Gravelly Ford. Directs the Secretary, prior to October 1, 2015, to: (1) identify the impacts associated with the release of such restoration flows; (2) identify measures necessary to mitigate impacts on adjacent and downstream water users, landowners, and agencies as a result of such restoration flows; and (3) implement all such mitigation measures identified before such restoration flows are commenced.

Repeals provisions relating to settlement of litigation regarding restoration of the San Joaquin River reintroduction of the California Central Valley Spring Chinook salmon into such River.

**Title III: Repayment Contracts and Acceleration of Repayment of Construction Costs** - Directs the Secretary of the Interior, upon request of the contractor, to convert all existing long-term CVP contracts to contracts that require a contractor to pay the remaining balance of construction at a Treasury rate discount.

**Title IV: Bay-Delta Watershed Water Rights Preservation and Protection** - Directs the Secretary of the Interior (notwithstanding the provisions of this Act, federal reclamation law, or the ESA), in the operation of CVP, to: (1) strictly adhere to state water rights law governing water rights priorities by honoring water rights senior to those belonging to CVP, regardless of the source of priority; and (2) strictly adhere to and honor water rights and other priorities that are obtained or that exist under the California Water Code. Requires any action taken by the Secretary or the Secretary of Commerce to protect any species listed under the ESA that affects the diversion of water or involves the release of water from any CVP water storage facility to be applied in a manner that is consistent with water rights priorities established by state law.

Directs the Secretary and the Secretary of Commerce, in implementing the ESA in the Bay-Delta and on the Sacramento River, to apply any limitations on the operation of CVP or to formulate any reasonable prudent alternative associated with CVP's operation in a manner that strictly adheres to and applies water rights priorities for project water and base supply provided for in the Sacramento River settlement contracts.



Directs the Secretary, subject to the absolute priority of Sacramento River settlement contractors, to allocate water provided for irrigation purposes to existing CVP agricultural water service contractors within the Sacramento River Watershed.

Directs the Secretary to ensure that there are no redirected adverse water supply or fiscal impacts to those within the Sacramento River or San Joaquin River watershed or to the SWP arising from the Secretary's operation of CVP to meet legal obligations.

**Title V: Miscellaneous** - Declares that: (1) coordinated operations between CVP and SWP, previously requested and consented to by the state of California and the federal government, require assertion of federal supremacy to protect existing water rights throughout the system; (2) these circumstances are unique to California; and (3) nothing in this Act shall serve as precedent in any other state.

Declares that this Act shall not affect the Proclamation of State of Emergency and the associated executive order issued on January 17, 2014, by the Governor of California.

Amends the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to: (1) decrease the length of a segment of the Lower Merced River in California designated as a wild and scenic river; and (2) revise provisions concerning the water surface level of Lake McClure in Mariposa County, California.

## II. **The Senate Bill, S. 2198, Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014**

Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of the Interior (Secretaries), in response to the declaration of a state of drought emergency in California, to provide the maximum quantity of water supplies possible to Central Valley Project (CVP) and Klamath Project agricultural, municipal and industrial, and refuge service and repayment contractors, State Water Project contractors, and any other locality or municipality in California by approving, consistent with applicable laws: (1) any project or operations to provide additional water supplies if there is any possible way the Secretaries can do so, unless the project or operations constitute a highly inefficient way of providing additional water supplies; and (2) any projects or operations as quickly as possible based on available information to address the emergency conditions.

Sets forth actions to be taken to increase water supply, including: (1) ensuring that the Delta Cross Channel Gates remain open to the greatest extent possible, (2) requiring the Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service to recommend revisions to operations of the CVP and the California State Water Project, (3) adopt a 1:1 inflow to export ratio for the increased flow of the San Joaquin River, (4) require the Director and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation to complete all requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the Endangered Species Act of 1973 necessary to make final permit decisions on water transfer requests, and (5) make WaterSMART grant funding allocated to California for eligible projects available on a priority and expedited basis.

Authorizes financial assistance under the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 for projects to increase water supply.

Requires federal agency heads to consult with the Council on Environmental Quality to develop alternative arrangements to comply with NEPA.

Directs the EPA to prioritize projects under state water pollution control revolving funds to provide water to areas at risk of having an inadequate supply of water for public health and safety purposes or to improve resiliency to drought.

Requires the Commissioner of Reclamation to provide water supply planning assistance in preparation for and in response to dry, critically dry, and below normal water year types, upon request, to CVP or Klamath Project contractors or other reclamation project contractors in California, including contractors who possess contracts for refuge water supplies or who deliver refuge water supplies.

Reauthorizes: (1) the Calfed Bay-Delta Act, (2) the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, and (3) the Secure Water Act.

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to fund or participate in pilot projects to increase Colorado River System water in Lake Mead and the initial units of Colorado River Storage Project reservoirs to address the effects of historic drought conditions.

Amends the Klamath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2000 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take actions to reduce water consumption or demand or to restore ecosystems in the Klamath Basin watershed, including tribal fishery resources held in trust.

Provides for the termination of authorities under this Act upon the suspension or withdrawal of the California drought emergency declaration.

Amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to expand federal emergency assistance to provide for disaster unemployment, emergency nutrition, and crisis counseling assistance.

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**MEMO**

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

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

**Date:        September 9, 2014**

**Subject:     Monthly Political and Activity Report**

**STATE POLITICAL UPDATE**

The legislature returned from Summer Recess on August 4<sup>th</sup> and immediately faced a number of deadlines, which accelerated the pace of activity in the Capitol. August 15 was the deadline for fiscal committees to get all bills to the Senate and Assembly floor. Starting August 18, committees were not allowed to meet for any reason, and activity was limited to the floor session for the remainder of the session. The legislative session ended at 3:30 AM on August 30, ahead of the August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, which was the deadline to pass any remaining bills. From the end of session, the Governor has until September 30, to sign or veto legislation.

In the final weeks leading to the end of session the legislature considered hundreds of bills, including many that had a potential impact on water agencies. The two items that received the most attention are outlined below in independent sections: the water bond and groundwater legislation. Also described is SB 1390 (Correa), which deals with the formation of a Santa Ana River Conservancy.

***Water Bond***

At the beginning of the 2014 legislative session there were over a dozen water bond proposals. By the beginning of June, there were only three primary vehicles under consideration for a water bond. At this time the Governor had not weighted in on any proposal. Finally, June 24, the Governor released his outline for a water bond, putting funding at \$6 billion, a significant reduction from legislation that was under consideration. On July 3, the legislature attempted to pass a water bond package, but was unsuccessful, as it failed to garner any Republican support. At the adjournment of the legislature that day, they began summer recess. Over summer recess no work was

done on the water bond. The, on August 4, after returning from recess, negotiations began immediately as the legislature faced an August 13 deadline to pass any water bond related legislation if it was going to appear on the November ballot. During negotiations Republicans held that they would not support a bond if it contained less than \$3.0 billion for surface storage. A bi-partisan deal was struck on August 13 (a postponed deadline, which was originally August 11), and the Governor signed AB 1471 (Rendon). The water bond will go before the voters in November at Proposition 1.

The final bond did not contain everything that all stakeholders wanted, although it was enough to garner strong bi-partisan support.

AB 1471 replaced the \$11.1 billion water bond from 2009. The total funding for the new bond is \$7.545 billion, with \$7.1 billion from new bonds, and an additional \$425 million in funds reallocated from unissued bonds authorized for Prop 1E, 13, 44, 50, 84 and 204. The final amount was a compromise between the Governor's \$6 billion proposal. The allocations for the final bond have \$520 million for Clean, Safe, and Reliable Drinking Water; \$1.4 billion for Watershed Protection and Restoration Projects; \$810 million for Drought Preparedness; \$2.7 billion for Water Storage Projects, continuously appropriated; \$725 million for Water Recycling; \$900 million for Groundwater Sustainability; and \$395 million for Flood Management.

Among the various legislative vehicles that were introduced as water bond measures in 2014, no measure in its original form included South Orange County in the San Diego region of the Integrated Regional Water Management program (IRWM). Similar to the 2009 water bond, South Orange County was included in the Santa Ana region of the IRWM program. However, at MWDOC's request, TPA worked with Assembly Member Rendon to amend AB 1331 in April to put South Orange County into the San Diego IRWM region to ensure that the work and collaboration underway between South Orange County, the County of Orange, and San Diego Regional stakeholders could continue. TPA continued out work in this area to educate and advocate with the other water bond authors to make the same amendments. When final water bond deliberations resumed, following the July Summer Recess of the Legislature, TPA was successful in securing an agreement among all four legislative caucuses, legislative leadership, and the entire Orange County delegation to make the final push to amend South Orange County into the San Diego IRWM funding pot. The final bond language, found in AB 1471, is written as follows:

***“79744. (a)... For the South Coast hydrologic region, the department shall establish three funding areas that reflect the watersheds of San Diego County and southern Orange County (designated as the San Diego subregion), ...”***

Attached to this update you will find a summary matrix of the water bond.

## ***Groundwater Regulation Update***

Early in the legislative session, several members expressed a desire to take a comprehensive look at California's groundwater management. The Governor expressed a similar interest indicating he was taking groundwater legislation into consideration as part of his annual budget bill, however nothing moved forward as part of the budget process. The result of a two part stakeholder process, the smaller to gather information and craft legislation, and the larger to receive public input, resulted in SB 1168 and AB 1739. Both bills were amended several times to reflect concerns and information taken from the stakeholder process. Over the final two weeks of session there was intense lobbying from all sides on these bills. Opponents to the bills remained agricultural interests from the Central Valley, and they were able to win over some Democratic moderates, Assembly Member Henry Perea, and Assembly Member Susan Eggman. There was strong support for the bills from many other interests, including Orange county water agencies, and environmental groups. While ultimately the bills passed far from unanimously, they did receive bi-partisan support and are now before the Governor for his consideration.

### ***SB 1390 (Correa)***

SB 1390 was introduced to establish the Santa Ana River Conservancy, which would be administered by the State Coastal Conservancy, to deal with resource and recreational goals of the Santa Ana River region. Early language in the bill would have potentially made it difficult for water or wastewater entities to continue work on projects or maintenance on infrastructure within or along the river. TPA worked with the author to ensure language was amended in the legislation allowing an exemption for particular entities, to properly continue regular maintenance and operations along the Santa Ana River.

### **SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY/AUGUST**

- TPA participated in the member agencies luncheon and provided a report
- TPA held a check in call with the Government Affairs manager to coordinate activities
- TPA monitored the Water-Energy Grant public meeting
- TPA worked to secure water bond amendment language to include South Orange County in the San Diego IRWM funding region
- TPA provided ongoing water bond status emails to MWDOC
- TPA provided staff an updated MWDOC and WACO legislative matrix
- TPA provided staff with a detailed water bond matrix
- TPA provided staff with a water bond presentation and outline as reference

# The County of Orange Report

Presented September 15, 2014  
By Lewis Consulting Group

## **Huge New Gift of Land for Orange County**

The Irvine Company has offered to cancel development and instead transfer ownership of 2,500 acres of open to County in perpetuity.

The land, which is mostly in Anaheim or the East Orange area include parts of Weir Canyon, Fremont Canyon, Black Starr Canyon, Lime Star Canyon and land around Irvine Lake and Irvine Regional Park.

The Irvine Company had spent years securing entitlements for the two main stretches of the property and gained the right to build 2,500 homes in Anaheim Hills and 3,000 homes in East Orange.

In 2010, the Irvine Company donated 20,000 acres of land which the County accepted for permanent Orange County open space. Because there are costs associated with maintaining open space, negotiations are currently underway between the County of Orange and The Irvine Company to determine how those costs will be met. Hopefully the transaction will proceed and generations of Orange Countians will enjoy the open space in Orange County's beautiful back country.

## **Great Park Investigation Takes New Turn – District Attorney Enters Fray**

The exhaustive audit and forensic investigation into Irvine's Great Park finances took a new and unexpected turn when a Senior District Attorney sent an August 26 request to the City to provide "copies of interviews, depositions and any supporting documentation that is associated with the audit including the final report."

The city has successfully utilized depositions and subpoenas to uncover startling admissions of both ineptness and wrong doing with the governance of Great Park finances. However, the District Attorney's office potentially elevates the matter to a new level.

Irvine Councilwoman Christina Shea, one of two councilmembers overseeing the audit noted, "I'm very pleased that the DA is stepping in to support our audit team, our legal team, because we believe we need the DA's support to move forward into another segment of this review."

Ironically, DA Tony Rackauckas in years past has been loath to investigate political corruption, a stark contrast to his predecessor Michael Capizzi.

In fact, the District Attorney's office was urged numerous times to look into irregularities with the Great Park, but never took action. According to media reports from both the OC Weekly and the Voice of OC, DA Rackauckas who supported Larry Agran's failed re-election campaign for Mayor has a long history of association with Mr. Arnold Forde, one of the key Great Park contractors and subjects of the current investigation. This information has spawned a number of political rumors and conspiracy theories.

### **Orange County Fire Authority Update – Richter OUT, Bowman IN**

We have previously detailed the challenges facing the Orange County Fire Authority and a major management audit which concluded accountability was "lacking at all levels" of the Fire Authority.

As a result of all the tumult, former embattled Fire Authority Chief Keith Richter tendered his resignation after five years on the job.

The OCFA on a unanimous vote selected former City of Anaheim Fire Chief Jeff Bowman to lead the agency on an interim basis.. It is expected a permanent replacement will be selected late this year or early next year.

Bowman is highly respected in the fire community. He earned high marks as Anaheim's Fire Chief for 16 years. He also commanded the San Diego Fire Department for four years. Even the Orange County Firefighters union was highly complementary of this selection. Bowman will have his hands full, but observers believe he is up to the challenge.

### **Orange County Ballot Extremely Crowded**

Thanks to a plethora of county and city measures, along with a number of school bonds, the November 2014 ballot is one of the most crowded in recent history. Starting with countywide Measure E and ending with Yorba Linda Measure JJ, there are 28 separate measures crowding the November ballot. One measure, Huntington Beach's Measure U has been withdrawn from the ballot. Listed below is the complete list.

E County of Orange – Authorize Ethics Commission to Enforce County Campaign Finance Rules

G County of Orange – Prohibit Supervisor Election Loser from Taking Office as Supervisor

H Anaheim Union High School District – Classroom and School Safety Bond Measure

I Fullerton Joint Union High School District – Improve Our Excellent Local High Schools Measure



J North Orange County Community College District – Fullerton/Cypress Colleges Repair and Student/Veteran Job Training Measure

K Orange Unified School District – Critical Upgrades and Repairs for Quality High Schools Measure

L City of Anaheim – Require City Council Members be Residents of and Elected by Districts

M City of Anaheim – Charter Amendments (Sections 500,508, 511); Increase City Council Members to Six

N City of Anaheim – Anaheim Local Services Measure

O City of Costa Mesa – Proposed Charter Establishing Home Rule

P City of Costa Mesa – Advisory Measure, Should Toll Lanes Be Built on the I-405 Freeway?

Q City of Cypress – Measure Q Rezones 9470 Moody St. From PS-1A to PC-14 in Compliance With Measure D

R City of Cypress – Measure R Rezones 6.8 Acres at 8721 Cypress Ave. from PS-1A to PC-13 in Compliance With Measure D

S City of Fountain Valley --- Transient Occupancy Tax Increase

T City of Huntington Beach – Safe and Sane Fireworks

U City of Huntington Beach – Withdrawn

V City of Irvine – Orange County Great Park Fiscal Transparency and Reforms Act

W City of Irvine – Term Limits Measure

X City of Lake Forest – Establishing a Term Limit for the Mayor and City Council Members of the City of Lake Forest

Y City of Newport Beach – Amendment of the Newport Beach General Plan, Land Use Element

Z City of Rancho Santa Margarita – Initiative to Change Zoning Classification of Former Nissan Site

AA City of Santa Ana – Modernization of Utility User Tax

BB City of Santa Ana – Establishment of Medical Marijuana Collectives and Cooperatives

CC City of Santa Ana – Medical Cannabis Restriction and Limitation Act

DD City of Seal Beach – Utility Users Tax (UUT) Modernization/Tax Reduction

EE City of Seal Beach – Charter Amendment to Appoint the City Clerk

GG City of Stanton – 9-1-1/Public Safety and Essential City Services Protection Measure

HH City of Tustin – Increase in Hotel Room Tax

II City of Villa Park – Safe and Sane Fireworks Measure

JJ City of Yorba Linda – Eliminating Pension and Health Care Benefits for Future City Council Member Terms

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## Legal and Regulatory

September 15, 2014

1. **No CEQA Review for Initiative:** While the Legislature has been unable to agree on any CEQA reform, the California Supreme Court has produced some of its own. In the city of Sonoma, Wal-Mart had a proposal to build a "Supercenter". Obviously, there was opposition and the city was preparing to go through the EIR process with its normal delays and challenges. During the process the city was served with a petition to place an initiative on the ballot to approve the project. Signatures were gathered, the initiative was placed on the ballot and passed by vote of the people. This action was challenged in court for failing to go through the EIR process and not complying with CEQA. After a number of court battles the case reached the Supreme Court. The Court held that CEQA requires public agencies to conduct environmental reviews but that CEQA review did not apply to the initiative process. CEQA applies to discretionary acts of agencies but in these cases the agency has no discretion. It had to follow the voter approved initiative. Also the time deadlines for the initiative implementation are much shorter than CEQA reviews, and the initiative has priority legally. This may prove to be a useful case for private and public projects in the future.
2. **Limit on Water Board Contributions:** In response to the many problems with Central Basin Municipal Water District, including indictments against Senator Ron Calderon and former Assemblyman Tom Calderon, and criminal charges against board members, the Legislature has passed a measure that would apply to all water districts. It establishes a limit of \$250 annual campaign contribution per board member from anyone doing business with their district. If more is received, the member would have to abstain on any matter involving that donor. At this writing the Governor has not acted on the bill.
3. **Pressure Chambers help Farmers:** A brief case size pressure device is being used by over 25% of California farmers to determine more precisely when and how much water to apply to their crops. Its biggest application is almond orchards. A leaf is taken from a tree and placed in the device. Pressure is applied and the amount of water forced out is measured. Calculations are made to determine if the tree is getting too much, too little or just the right amount of water and then adjustments are made to irrigation systems. Conservation savings are being realized and use of the device is expanding.
4. **Drought Brings Early Harvest to Wine Country:** The drought and the associated dry, hot weather is causing the wine country to prepare for an earlier than normal grape harvest this year. This is welcome good news for the wine industry after they have been hit with fires and earthquakes already.

5. **Bottled Water Still Coming from California:** Bottled water is big business in the United States and particularly California. Dasani, Aquafina, Arrowhead and Chrystal Geyser, all have major production facilities in our state. 55% of bottled water comes from spring or groundwater with the balance being purchased from municipal water districts and then treated. While the overall percentage of water used in bottled products is very small, it is interesting to note that California, even during our drought, is a major player. Part of the reason is that at least until now, California is the only state that does not regulate groundwater. If you have a well and you find water, it is yours. Also the exact amount being taken from California is unclear as most producers mix their water with supplies from around the US.
6. **Delta Farmers Taking Our Water?:** There is becoming an increasing awareness and therefore more litigation as to how much water Delta farmers are taking compared to what they are entitled. The farmers have senior rights that predate many other folks including the State. However the Sacramento-San Joaquin system is used by many other agencies, municipalities and the State to transfer water from one location to another. Generally those flows go through the Delta and the farmers are taking out unspecified amounts. Accurate measurements are not made. While the farmers are entitled to their share of natural flows, they are not entitled to water being transferred by DWR and Bureau of Reclamation.
7. **Drought Helping Water Quality at Lake Tahoe:** As a result of the drought and the reduced snowmelt going to Lake Tahoe, the water quality and clarity is greatly improved. The runoff reduction has reduced pollutants and natural contaminants from reaching the Lake. However, The water level is lower than normal.
8. **Drought Helps Red Hills Roach:** Drought conditions usually put unusual stress on fish on the endangered species list. One such fish, the Red Hills roach, was thought to be in trouble this time. However when a UC Davis biologist went hunting upstream for the roach, he discovered a huge creek with lots of water and fish. While he had originally thought he would catch a few survivors and take them back to the university, he found so many that he left them alone.





# Municipal Water District of Orange County Priority Legislation

BILL	AUTHOR	HIGH PRIORITY	SUMMARY	LATEST ACTION	MWDOC POSITION	OTHER POSITIONS
PROPOSED WATER BOND LEGISLATION						
AB 1471	Rendon [D]	Yes	<b>Climate Change Response for Clean and Safe Drinking Water</b> Repeals provisions that creates the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012. Enacts the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 to authorize the issuance of bonds in a specified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a water quality, supply, and infrastructure program. Reallocates a specified portion of the funds for the purposes of for specified propositions for the same purposes.	(8/13/2014) Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter Number 188		
Dead Water Bond Legislation						
AB 2043	Bigelow [R]	Yes	<b>Safe Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act</b> Enacts the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2014, which, if adopted by votes, would authorize the issuance of bonds to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program.	(08/06/2014) In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Not heard		
AB 2554	Rendon [D]	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.	(04/30/2014) From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS (10 - 3)		
SB 848	Wolk [D]	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.	(08/18/2014) In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File		



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<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	<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.	<b>(05/13/2014)</b> In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Not heard.		
<b>HIGH PRIORITY</b>						
<b>Enrolled or to Governor</b>						
<b>AB 543</b>	<b>Campos [D]</b>	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.	<b>(08/27/2014)</b> Enrolled		<b>ACWA:</b> Oppose <b>CSDA:</b> Oppose
<b>SB 633</b>	<b>Pavley [D]</b>	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.	<b>(08/28/2014)</b> *****To GOVERNOR		<b>ACWA:</b> Watch <b>CSDA:</b> Watch
<b>Not Passed by Legislature</b>						
<b>AB 145</b>	<b>Perea [D]</b>	Yes	<b>State Water Resources Control Board</b> 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.	<b>(08/30/2013)</b> In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.	<b>Oppose unless Amended</b>	<b>MWD:</b> Oppose unless Amended <b>ACWA:</b> Oppose unless Amended <b>CSDA:</b> Watch
<b>AB 1073</b>	<b>Torres [D]</b>	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.	<b>(09/12/2013)</b> Withdrawn from SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION  <b>(09/12/2013)</b> In SENATE: Ordered to third reading.		<b>CSDA:</b> Watch



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ACA 8	Blumenfield [D]	Yes	<b>Local Government Financing: Voter Approval</b> Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to create an additional exception to the 1% limit for an ad valorem tax rate imposed by a city, county, city and county, or special district, to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund specified public improvements and facilities, or buildings used primarily to provide sheriff, police, or fire protection services, that is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, city and county, or special district.	<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.	<u>(06/27/2013)</u> To SENATE Committees on GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE and ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.	Oppose (4/17/2013)	CSDA: Support
SB 731	Steinberg [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.	<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.	<u>(09/11/2013)</u> From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Do pass as amended. (9-0)	Oppose	ACWA: Watch CSDA: Support in Concept
SB 735	Wolk [D]	Yes	<b>Sacramento San Joaquin Delta Reform Act</b> Amends the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 to exclude from the definition of covered action the approval or implementation of a project as part of a larger conservation plan submitted pursuant to the Federal Endangered Species Act, a natural community conservation plan submitted pursuant to the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act, or certain permits related to the taking, importation, exportation, or sale of endangered species.	<b>Sacramento San Joaquin Delta Reform Act</b> Amends the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 to exclude from the definition of covered action the approval or implementation of a project as part of a larger conservation plan submitted pursuant to the Federal Endangered Species Act, a natural community conservation plan submitted pursuant to the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act, or certain permits related to the taking, importation, exportation, or sale of endangered species.	<u>(08/13/2013)</u> In ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Not heard.		MWD: Oppose ACWA: Not Favor CSDA: Watch
SCA 9	Corbett [D]	Yes	<b>Local Government: Economic Development: Special Taxes</b> Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for community and economic development projects requires the approval of a specified percentage of its voters voting on the proposition.	<b>Local Government: Economic Development: Special Taxes</b> Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for community and economic development projects requires the approval of a specified percentage of its voters voting on the proposition.	<u>(06/27/2013)</u> Re-referred to SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS		CSDA: Support
SCA 11	Hancock [D]	Yes	<b>Local Government: Special Taxes: Voter Approval</b> Makes conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions relative to special taxation. Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 55% of the voters voting on the proposition.	<b>Local Government: Special Taxes: Voter Approval</b> Makes conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions relative to special taxation. Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 55% of the voters voting on the proposition.	<u>(06/27/2013)</u> Re-referred to SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS	Oppose (4/17/2013)	CSDA: Support



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CHAPTERED / SIGNED BY GOVERNOR IN 2014					
AB 1393	Perea [D]	Yes	<b>Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund</b> Transfers the administration of the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the related grant and loan program for construction of public water systems to the State Water Resources Council.	<u>(07/21/2014)</u> Signed by GOVERNOR. <u>(07/21/2014)</u> Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 152	ACWA: Support
AB 2403	Rendon [D]	No	<b>Local Government: Assessments, fees, and charges</b> Provides that provisions of the California Constitution generally require that assessments, fees, and charges be submitted to property owners for approval or rejection after the provisions of written notice and the holding of a public hearing. Modifies the definition of water to specifically include recycled water and stormwater intended for water service.	<u>(06/28/2014)</u> Signed by GOVERNOR. <u>(06/28/2014)</u> Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 78 [Effective Rule]	
NEWLY INTRODUCED/AMENDED IN 2014					
Enrolled or to Governor					
AB 194	Campos [D]	No	<b>Open Meetings: Actions For Violations</b> Amends the Ralph M. Brown Act. Requires every agenda for a regular meeting or notice for a special meeting to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body on items being considered by the legislative body. Expands the authorization for a district attorney or interested party to seek a judicial determination that an action taken by a legislative body is null and void if the legislative body violates this requirement.	<u>(09/03/2014)</u> Enrolled.	
AB 1249	Salas [D]	No	<b>Senate Environmental Quality Committee</b> Requires an integrated regional water management plan to include an explanation of how the plan addressed nitrate contamination, or an explanation of why the plan does not address such concentration, if an area within the boundaries of the plan has been identified as a nitrate high-risk area by the State Water Resources Control Board; requires the Board when selecting projects for funding to establish a preference for project that implement plans that address nitrate impacts.	<u>(08/27/2014)</u> Enrolled	
AB 1527	Perea [D]	No	<b>Public Water Systems: Drinking Water</b> Requires the State Department of Public Health in administering programs to fund improvements and expansions of small community water systems, and other water systems, to promote service delivery alternatives that improve efficiency and affordability of infrastructure and service delivery.	<u>(08/29/2014)</u> Enrolled	





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AB 1728	Garcia [D]	No	<b>Political Reform Act of 1974</b> Relates to the Political Reform Act of 1974. Revises the definition of agency to include a local government agency formed pursuant to provision of the Water Code. Revises the definition of license, permit, or other entitlement for use with respect to proceedings before a local government agency formed pursuant to the Water Code to apply to all contracts that are not competitively bid. Relates to the financial interests of a person who compensates a person to support or oppose a particular decision.	<u>(09/03/2014)</u> *****To GOVERNOR		
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>(8/29/2014)</u> *****To GOVERNOR		
AB 2067	Weber [D]	No	<b>Urban Water Management Plans</b> Requires an urban retail water supplier and an urban wholesale water supplier to provide narratives describing the supplier's water demand management measures. Requires the narrative to address the nature and extent of each water demand management measure implemented to describe the water demand management measures that the supplier plans to implement.	<u>(08/29/2014)</u> *****To GOVERNOR		
AB 2442	Gordon [D]	No	<b>Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act</b> Prohibits the State Water Resources Control Board, a regional board, and any authorized person, from being civilly or criminally liable for any act or omission of the state board, regional board, or any authorized person in connection with any investigation, cleanup, abatement, or other remedial work, unless the act or omission was performed in a grossly negligent manner.	<u>(09/03/2014)</u> Enrolled		
AB 2636	Gatto [D]	No	<b>CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund</b> Establishes the CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund administered by the Department of Water Resources for the purpose of water use efficiency projects	<u>(08/26/2014)</u> Enrolled		
SB 985	Pavley [D]	No	<b>Stormwater Resource Planning</b> Amends the Stormwater Resource Planning Act that authorizes a city, county, or special district, to develop a stormwater resource plan that meets certain standards. Requires a stormwater resource plan to identify opportunities to use existing publicly owned lands to capture and reuse stormwater	<u>(09/02/2014)</u> Enrolled		



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SB 1036	Pavley [D]	No	<b>Urban Water Management Plans</b> Authorizes an urban water supplier to include within an urban water management plan certain energy-related information, including, but not limited to, estimates of the amount of energy used to extract or divert water supplies.	<u>(08/20/2014)</u> *****To GOVERNOR		
SB 1120	Galgiani [D]	No	<b>Local Water Supply Programs or Projects: Funding</b> Requires the Department of Water Resources to conduct a statewide inventory of local regional water supply projects and post specified results of the inventory on the department's Internet Web site	<u>(8/20/2014)</u> *****To GOVERNOR		
SB 1390	Correa [D]	No	<b>General Subject: Santa Ana River Conservancy</b> Establishes the Santa Ana River Conservancy to acquire specified lands on either side of the riverbed of the Santa Ana River and would prescribe the management, powers, and duties of conservancy.	<u>(09/03/2014)</u> Enrolled		
SB 1281	Pavley [D]	No	<b>Oil and Gas Production: Water Use Reporting</b> Declares that the use of freshwater in all elements of the development and production of oil and gas shall be reduced to an unspecified percentage of baseline freshwater use. Requires well and facility owners or operators to report to the division the volume, source, and use of all freshwater, recycled water, and treated water.	<u>(09/02/2014)</u> Enrolled		
<b>Not Passed by Legislature</b>						
AB 69	Perea [D]	No	<b>Groundwater: Drinking Water: Nitrate at Risk Fund</b> Establishes the Nitrate at Risk Fund to be administered by the State Department of Public Health for loans, principal forgiveness loans, or grants to certain water systems operating in a high-nitrate at-risk area for specified purposes. Requires fertilizer sellers to pay a materials charge for deposit in the Fund.	<u>(07/03/2014)</u> Withdrawn from Senate Committee on Agriculture <u>(07/03/2014)</u> Re-referred to Senate Committee on Rules.		



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AB 515	Dickinson [D]	No	<b>State Environmental Quality Act: Writ of Mandate</b> Amends the State Environmental Quality Act that requires a court, if the court finds that a public agency has violated the requirements of the Act, to issue an order, in the form of a peremptory writ of mandate, specifying what actions by the public agency are necessary to comply with the requirements of the Act. Requires the writ to specify the time by which the public agency is to make an initial return of the writ containing specified information.	<u>(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.	ACWA: Watch CSDA: Watch
AB 1043	Chau [D]	No	<b>Drinking Water, Quality, Flood, River Protection</b> Amends the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. Eliminates the requirement to develop and adopt regulations and requires a grantee of certain initiative bond act funds to take specific actions to recover the costs of cleanup and to utilize those funds for certain groundwater contamination cleanup projects.	<u>(08/28/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. ASSEMBLY concurred in SENATE amendments. To enrollment	
AB 1445	Logue [R]	Yes	<b>Water Infrastructure Act of 2014</b> Enacts the California Water Infrastructure Act of 2014. Authorizes the issuance of bonds in a specified amount to finance a public benefit associated with water storage projects programs.	<u>(02/14/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE. <u>(02/14/2014)</u> From ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE with author's amendments. <u>(02/14/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.	
AB 1636	Brown [D]	No	<b>Water Conservation</b> Prohibits a city or county, during a drought emergency declared by the Governor, from enforcing a law or ordinance requiring a resident to water his or her lawn.	<u>(04/24/2014)</u> Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.	



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AB 1671	Frazier [D]	No	<b>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Water Conveyance System</b> Prohibits the Department of Water Resources from constructing water facilities as part of a specified water conveyance system unless specifically authorized by the Legislature.	<u>(04/08/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Not heard.	Opposed	
AB 1674	Bigelow [R]	Yes	<b>Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012</b> States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would amend the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.	<u>(03/28/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.  <u>(03/28/2014)</u> From ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS with author's amendments.  <u>(03/28/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY		
AB 1731	Perea [D]	No	<b>Integrated Regional Water Management Plans: Funding</b> Requires, in each integrated regional water management region, that not less than a specified percentage of any funding for integrated regional water management planning purposes be used to facilitate and support the participation of disadvantaged communities in integrated regional water management planning and for projects that address critical water supply or water quality needs for disadvantaged communities.	<u>(06/10/2014)</u> 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.	<u>(08/29/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. ASSEMBLY concurred in SENATE amendments. To enrollment		
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		



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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.	<b>(05/23/2014)</b> 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.	<b>(05/23/2014)</b> 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.	<b>(03/03/2014)</b> To ASSEMBLY Committees on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.		
AB 2046	Gomez [D]	No	<b>Joint Exercise of Powers for Financing</b> Authorizes a joint powers authority to execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered, certificates of participation in a lease or installment sale agreement for the financing or refinancing of a project that is situated in another state, including working capital related to that project, if the project and its financing meets certain conditions.	<b>(08/14/2014)</b> In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee		
AB 2049	Dahle [R]	No	<b>Drinking Water: Point-of-Entry: Point-of-Use Treatment</b> Limits the use of point-of-entry and point-of-use treatment to water systems with less than 500 service connections.	<b>(05/08/2014)</b> To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.		
AB 2189	Garcia [D]	No	<b>Water Replenishment Assessment</b> Requires the board of each water replenishment district to make the specified findings and determinations before holding the public hearing, and to give written notice by mail to operators of water-producing facilities within the district that would be subject to the proposed replenishment assessment. Provides the basis for the assessment. Authorizes a water-producing facility operator to submit a protest opposing the assessment.	<b>(05/23/2014)</b> In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.		
AB 2194	Mullin [D]	No	<b>Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982</b> Amends the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 that authorizes a community facilities district to finance various services, including, but not limited to, flood and storm protection services. Authorizes the financing of storm water management.	<b>(08/21/2014)</b> In SENATE. Joint Rule 61 suspended		



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AB 2417	Nazarian [D]	No	<b>Environmental Quality</b> Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the California Environmental Quality Act that makes various legislative findings regarding environmental quality.	<b>Environmental Quality</b> Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the California Environmental Quality Act that makes various legislative findings regarding environmental quality.	<u>(06/18/2014)</u> In SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Not heard		
AB 2420	Nazarian [D]	No	<b>Well Stimulation Treatments: Local Prohibition</b> Authorizes a city or county to adopt and enforce a local ordinance prohibiting well stimulation treatments	<b>Well Stimulation Treatments: Local Prohibition</b> Authorizes a city or county to adopt and enforce a local ordinance prohibiting well stimulation treatments	<u>(04/30/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Failed passage.		
AB 2443	Rendon [D]	No	<b>Duplication of Service: Mutual Water Companies</b> Makes inapplicable the provision that a mutual water company is a private utility entitled to just compensation for a taking in a territory it services at the time of the taking when a political subdivision constructs facilities to provide or extend recycled water service to the territory of the mutual water company.	<b>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.	<u>(08/28/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. ASSEMBLY concurred in SENATE amendments. To enrollment. (77-1)		
AB 2463	Dickinson [D]	No	<b>Delta Plan: Bay Delta Conservation Plan: Hearings</b> Amends existing law, the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 that establishes the Delta Stewardship Council. Requires the council to have at least 5 public hearings concerning the incorporation of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan into the Delta Plan if the Department of Fish and Wildlife approves the Bay Delta Conversation Plan as a natural community conservation plan.	<b>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.	<u>(05/23/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.		
AB 2619	Gaines B [R]	No	<b>Groundwater Monitoring</b>	<b>Groundwater Monitoring</b>	<u>(03/28/2014)</u> To ASSEMBLY		
AB 2686	Perea [D]	Yes	<b>Clean, Safe, and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2014</b> Repeals the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012. Enacts the Clean, Safe, and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2014, which, if adopted by the votes, would authorize the issuance of bonds to	<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	<u>(08/06/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Not heard		
AB 2712	Daly [D]	No	<b>Hazardous Materials: Orange County Water District</b> Imposes requirements on the Orange County Water District when conducting a remediation project at a hazardous waste release site. Prohibits the district from implementing a remediation project unless the plan for the proposed remediation project is approved pursuant to the specified procedures.	<b>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.	<u>(08/25/2014)</u> In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading		
SB 764	Yee [D]	No	<b>Fish: Accounting Records: Violation</b> Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law declaring that the protection and conservation of the fish and wildlife resources of this state are of utmost public interest.	<b>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.	<u>(01/23/2014)</u> In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE ***** To ASSEMBLY (33-0)		
SB 1049	Pavley [D]	No	<b>Integrated Regional Water Management Plans</b> Amends the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act. Includes projects or programs that reduce energy used to acquire, transport, treat, or distribute water, as a regional project or program. Requires a regional water management group to include all water suppliers that are within a watershed area, the area over a groundwater basin or subbasin, or the area within a county's boundaries.	<b>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.	<u>(05/23/2014)</u> In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.		Updated: August 4, 2014





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SB 1080	Fuller [R]	Yes	<b>Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act</b> Relates to the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in a specified amount. Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to reduce the bond amount.	<u><b>(02/27/2014)</b></u> To SENATE Committee on RULES.		
SB 1132	Mitchell [D]	No	<b>Oil and Gas Well Stimulation Treatments</b> Requires a specified scientific study to consider additional elements and evaluate various potential direct, indirect and cumulative health and environmental effects of onshore and offshore well stimulation and well stimulation treatment-related activities. Prohibits all well stimulation treatments until the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency convenes a committee to review the scientific study.	<u><b>(05/29/2014)</b></u> In SENATE. Read third time. Failed to pass SENATE. (16-16)		
SB 1168	Pavley [D]	No	<b>Groundwater Management Plans</b> Requires a local agency to determine sustainable yield for a groundwater basin in coordination with other applicable local agencies whose service areas overlie the groundwater basin	<u><b>(08/29/2014)</b></u> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. To second reading. <u><b>(08/29/2014)</b></u> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading. <u><b>(08/29/2014)</b></u> In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE for concurrence. (47-27) <u><b>(08/29/2014)</b></u> In SENATE. SENATE concurred in ASSEMBLY amendments. To enrollment. (25-10)		
SB 1362	Correa [D]	No	<b>Public Contracts: Orange County Water District</b> Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that governs the contracts of Orange County Water District as provided in a specified statute and further provides that the district is not bound by any contract unless the same is made in writing approved by a resolution of the board.	<u><b>(04/21/2014)</b></u> From SENATE Committee on RULES with author's amendments. <u><b>(04/21/2014)</b></u> In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.		
SB 1451	Hill [D]	No	<b>Environmental Quality: Mitigation Measures</b> Relates to the California Environmental Quality Act. Requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to submit to the Legislature a report on the types and effectiveness of a representative sample of mitigation measures adopted by state and local agencies.	<u><b>(05/06/2014)</b></u> In SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Not heard.		

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H.R. 123 Holt (D-NJ)  Companion Measure: S.2226 Udall, T. (D-NM)	1/31/2013; Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness	<b>Water Advanced Technologies for Efficient Resource Use Act of 2013</b> – This bill encourages water efficiency.	<b>SUPPORT</b> based on board-adopted 2014 Legislative Strategy (Dec. 2013)	WaterSense is the complement of EPA's ENERGYSTAR program. The bill would increase the effectiveness of the WaterSense program, which certifies water-efficient products and services and provides consumer outreach and education. The grant funding would allow Metropolitan and its member agencies to expand incentive programs to encourage early adoption of water efficient devices. This would help reduce per capita water use to achieve 20x2020 and the water efficiency targets in the IRP.
H.R. 267 McMorris-Rogers (R-WA)	8/9/14; Enacted into Public Law 113-23	<b>Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013</b> - This bill would increase the exemption limit from 5,000 to 10,000 kilowatts, create a statutory exemption and modify the terms for FERC's discretionary exemptions to apply to any tunnel, canal, pipeline, or similar water conveyance facility that is used primarily for water distribution and not primarily for power generation, and it would allow FERC to extend a preliminary permit for an additional two years.	<b>SUPPORT</b> based on board-adopted 2014 Legislative Strategy (Dec. 2013)	Metropolitan operates and may add small hydropower generation plants on its own conduits. The provisions of HR 267 that streamline or exempt such facilities from the licensing process can benefit Metropolitan.
H.R. 745 Napolitano (D-CA)	5/23/2013; Hearing held by the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power	<b>To reauthorize the Water Desalination Act of 1996</b> - The bill would reauthorize funding provisions in the 1996 Water Desalination Act for desalination research.	<b>SUPPORT</b> based on board-adopted 2014 Legislative Strategy (Dec. 2013)	The legislation would provide much needed funding for desalination research, including both brackish and seawater desalination.



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H.R. 765 Capps (D-CA)	2/15/2013; Introduced and referred to House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Water and Power	<b>Hydrologic Changes and Water Systems Grants</b> - Authorizes the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program of awarding grants to owners or operators of water systems to increase resiliency or adaptability of the systems to any ongoing or forecasted changes to the hydrologic conditions of a region of the United States	<b>SUPPORT</b> based on support for HR 2738 in the previous Congress	This is a reintroduction of H.R. 2738 of the 112th Congress. This EPA-administered grant program could have significant benefit to Metropolitan and its member agencies as they face the challenges of climate change on water supply sources. Grant funding could go towards many projects and programs that Metropolitan and the member agencies are currently operating or are studying for future operations, including groundwater recharge, water banking, recycling, desalination, stormwater capture, water use efficiency, etc.
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.

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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.
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.

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H.R. 1823 Heck (R-NV)	6/14/2013: House Committee on Judiciary: Referred to Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations	<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.
H.R. 1863 Vela (D-TX)	7/9/2013: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs 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.

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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.
H.R.2307 Vela (D-TX)  Companion Measure: S.1125 Cornyn (R-TX)	7/9/2013; Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on The Western Hemisphere	<b>Working to Address Treaty Enforcement Rapidly for Texas Act</b> - This legislation links Texas negotiating efforts on the Rio Grande to international treaties between the United States and Mexico on the Colorado River.	<b>OPPOSE</b> based on board action on the domestic agreements supporting Minute 319 and protecting Metropolitan's interests in the deal, November 2012	Metropolitan has spent significant resources over the past decade working with Lower Colorado River stakeholders to establish a cooperative relationship with its counterparts in Mexico resulting in the agreements of Minute 319. Metropolitan opposes conceptually tying funding for Minute 319 implementation to Mexico's agreements on the Rio Grande because that could impact the cooperative relationship Colorado River stakeholders have spent a decade cultivating with Mexico and would have an adverse impact on Metropolitan's interests.

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H.R. 2508 Calvert (R-CA)  Companion Measure: S. 1219 Boxer (D-CA)	7/8/2013; Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power	<b>Pechanga Indians Water Rights Settlement -</b> Authorizes the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement	<b>WATCH</b>	The Act seeks to achieve a final settlement of the Pechanga's claims to water rights in the Santa Margarita River Watershed that includes the Pechanga, Rancho California Water District, Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), and the United States. Metropolitan staff are currently analyzing the renewed proposal and Act, and working on terms that will be brought to this Board for consideration.
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 2014 Legislative Strategy (Dec. 2013)	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.

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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)  Companion Measure: S.2427 Barraso (R-WY)	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)	7/9/2014; Hearing held before the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.	<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 (Dec. 2013)	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 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	PACE Assessment Protection Act of 2014 - 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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H.R. 5363 Napolitano (D-CA)  Companion Measure: S.2771 Boxer (D-CA)	7/31/2014; Introduced and referred to the Committees on Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, and Science, Space and Technology.	<b>Water in the 21st Century Act or W21</b> - Creates the Water in the 21st Century Act; establishes a WaterSense program; relates to water conservation and efficiency and adaption, recycling and storage and integrated water management, innovation through research and data and technology include desalination, and drought preparedness and resilience.	<b>SUPPORT</b> , and <b>amend</b> , based on board-adopted 2014 Legislative Strategy (Dec. 2013)	The State Residential Water Efficient and Conservation Incentive Program grant funding would allow Metropolitan and/or its member agencies to annually seek funding to expand incentive programs and encourage adoption of water efficient devices.
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.

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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 2014 Legislative Strategy (Dec. 2013)	This bill would provide funds for "regionally significant" water infrastructure projects following a competitive application process. Unlike existing State Revolving Funds which generally prioritize small, rural water systems for funding, this program focuses on large-scale projects with the minimum loan amount set at \$20 million.

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S.1125 Cornyn (R-TX)  Companion Measure: H.R.2307 Vela (D-TX)	6/10/2013; Referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations	<b>Working to Address Treaty Enforcement Rapidly for Texas Act</b> - This legislation links Texas negotiating efforts on the Rio Grande to international treaties between the United States and Mexico on the Colorado River.	<b>OPPOSE</b> based on board action on the domestic agreements supporting Minute 319 and protecting Metropolitan's interests in the deal, November 2012	Metropolitan has spent significant resources over the past decade working with Lower Colorado River stakeholders to establish a cooperative relationship with its counterparts in Mexico resulting in the agreements of Minute 319. Metropolitan opposes conceptually tying funding for Minute 319 implementation to Mexico's agreements on the Rio Grande because that could impact the cooperative relationship Colorado River stakeholders have spent a decade cultivating with Mexico and would have an adverse impact on Metropolitan's interests.
S.1175 Feinstein (D-CA)  Companion Measure: H.R.2280 Calvert (R-CA)	7/16/2014; Hearing held before the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife.	<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.

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S. 1219 Boxer (D-CA)  Companion Measure: H.R. 2508 Calvert (R-CA)	7/22/2014; Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar, awaiting further action.	<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.
S.2019 Schatz (D-HI)  Companion Measure: H.R.4258 Napolitano (D-CA)	7/31/2014; Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar.	<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.

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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.
S.2225 Udall, T. (D-NM)	7/14/2014; Hearing held before the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife.	<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 (Dec. 2013)	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.

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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 2014 Legislative Strategy (Dec. 2013)	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.
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 (Dec. 2013)	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.

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S.2427 Barasso (R-WY)  Companion Measure: H.R. 3980 McClintock (R-CA)	6/4/2014; Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.	<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	S.2427 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.
S.2771 Boxer (D-CA)  Companion Measure: H.R.5363 Napolitano (D-CA)	7/31/2014; Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.	<b>Water in the 21st Century Act or W21</b> - Creates the Water in the 21st Century Act; establishes a WaterSense program; relates to water conservation and efficiency and adaption, recycling and storage and integrated water management, innovation through research and data and technology include desalination, and drought preparedness and resilience.	<b>SUPPORT and amend</b> , pursuant to board-adopted 2014 Legislative Strategy (Dec. 2013)	The State Residential Water Efficient and Conservation Incentive Program grant funding would allow Metropolitan and/or its member agencies to annually seek funding to expand incentive programs and encourage adoption of water efficient devices.

*Metropolitan is actively tracking numerous other federal bills, including, but not limited to, the following: H.R. 135 (Matsui, D-CA), H.R. 399 (Matsui, D-CA), H.R. 867 (Paulson, R-MN), H.R. 935, (Gibbs, R-OH), H.R. 996 (Slaughter, D-NY), H.R. 2554 (Denham, R-CA), H.R. 3176 (DeFazio, D-CA), H.R. 3390 (Amodei, R-NV), H.R.3981 (Hastings, R-WA), H.R.3988 (Huffman, D-CA), H.R. 4007 (Meehan, R-PA), H.R. 4239 (Huffman, D-CA), H.R.4300 (LaMalfa, R-CA), H.R.4456 (Miller, George, D-CA),S. 68 (Lautenberg, D-NJ), S. 306 (Barasso, R-WY), S. 1153 (Gillibrand, D-NY), S. 1451 (Feinstein, D-CA), S. 2228 (Udall, T., D-NM)*



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AB 52 Gatto (D)  Sponsor: California Tribal Business Alliance and various tribes	Amended 08/22/2014; Governor's desk	<b>Native Americans: CEQA.</b> Expands CEQA protections for tribal cultural resources to ensure participation by tribes during all phases of project planning, clearance and implementation.	<b>WATCH</b>	Amendments incorporated in final bill address Metropolitan's concerns regarding: a) mandatory requirement that the lead agency adopt mitigation measures from statutory list; and 2) ensure tribal cultural resources were not given higher level of protection as provided to unique archaeological resources.
AB 145 Perea (D)  Sponsor: California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Clean Water Action and Community Water Center	Amended 06/18/2013; Senate Appropriations Committee – dead bill.	<b>State Water Resources Control Board: Office of Drinking Water.</b> Would have transferred entire state drinking water program from Department of Public Health to State Water Resources Control Board.	<b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> pursuant to board action in May 2013	Moving Drinking Water Program to SWRCB, without further study, could place program efficiency at risk and diffuse emphasis on public health. Brown Administration moved forward with program transfer through 2014/15 state budget and related implementing legislation.
AB 1331 Rendon (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 06/17/2014; Senate Rules Committee – dead bill	<b>Water Bond.</b> Sought to repeal existing 2014 bond in its entirety. Would have authorized \$8.2 billion general obligation bond for November 2014 ballot to fund \$1 billion for local resources development; \$250 million for water use efficiency; \$500 million for water recycling and advanced treatment projects; \$250 for stormwater; \$1 billion for clean and safe drinking water; \$1.5 billion for watersheds; \$1.2 billion for Delta ecosystem restoration; and \$2.5 billion for surface and groundwater storage.	<b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities in AB 1331 were inconsistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.

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AB 1445 Logue (R)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 02/14/2014; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee -- dead bill	<b>California Water Infrastructure Act of 2014.</b> Sought to repeal existing 2014 bond in its entirety. Proposed \$5.8 billion general obligation bond for November 2014 ballot, in which \$4.8 billion was authorized for water storage and \$1 billion for improved water quality.	<b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities in AB 1445 were inconsistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.
AB 1471 Rendon (D) Atkins (D) Gatto (D) Perea (D) Salas (D) Gomez (D)	Amended 08/13/2014; signed by Governor; Ch. 188, Statutes of 2014	<b>Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.</b> Repeals existing 2014 bond in its entirety. Authorizes a new \$7.12 billion general obligation bond for November 2014 ballot and would repurpose \$425 million from previously approved general obligation bonds to fund: \$810 million for regional water reliability; \$250 million for safe drinking water; \$725 million for water recycling; \$900 million for groundwater sustainability; \$1.495 billion for watershed protection, ecosystem restoration and state settlements; \$2.75 billion for storage; and \$395 million for statewide flood management.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities are consistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities. Provides critical funding to advance water investments for local supplies and statewide system reliability that would provide both environmental and supply benefits for years to come.
AB 1636 Brown (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 04/21/2014; Assembly Local Government Committee -- dead bill	<b>Water Conservation.</b> Would have prohibited city, county or city and county from enforcing any law or ordinance requiring residents to water lawns during drought emergency declared by Governor.	<b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014	Intent was to clarify that any local government law or ordinance imposed during gubernatorial-declared drought emergency could not interfere with property owner's ability to limit outside irrigation practices.
AB 1671 Frazier (D)  Sponsor: Author	Introduced 02/12/2014; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee -- dead bill	<b>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Water Conveyance System.</b> Sought to require legislative authorization for construction of new Delta conveyance that utilizes tunnel system.	<b>OPPOSE</b> pursuant to board- adopted Delta Action Plan	Delta Reform Act of 2009 wisely chose to set achievable and balanced set of state policies to restore Delta ecosystem and improve water supply reliability. AB 1671 sought to undermine science- based planning with politically-driven process.

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<p>AB 1799 Gordon (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Santa Clara Valley Water District</p>	<p>Amended 05/01/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file – dead bill</p>	<p><b>Mitigation Lands.</b> Intended to provide alternative option to an endowment for long-term stewardship of mitigation lands. Would have exempted governmental entity or special district from having to provide endowment for long-term stewardship of mitigation lands if entity provided evidence that it possessed investment-grade credit rating and provided resolution or contractual agreement to enforce mitigation requirements.</p>	<p><b>WATCH</b> pursuant to board-adopted permit streamlining policy principle</p>	<p>Could have imposed burdensome financial obligations on public agencies.</p>
<p>AB 1961 Eggman (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: American Farmland Trust; CA Climate and Agricultural Network; Community Alliance with Family Farmers</p>	<p>Amended 04/22/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file – dead bill</p>	<p><b>Sustainable Farmland Strategy.</b> Would have required counties to develop Sustainable Farmland Strategy, which included 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 have imposed new unnecessary and unbalanced planning mandates on counties thus inviting conflicts with other well-established local and regional planning processes. Could have imposed significant hurdles to delivery of infrastructure and development activities to support California economy.</p>
<p>AB 2043 Conway (R) and Bigelow (R)</p> <p>Sponsor: Authors</p>	<p>Amended 05/19/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee – dead bill</p>	<p><b>Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014.</b> Sought to repeal existing 2014 water bond. Would have authorized \$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>Funding priorities in AB 2043 were generally consistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities but further refinements would have been necessary to gain district's full support.</p>

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<p>AB 2067 Weber (D)  Sponsor: San Diego County Water Authority</p>	<p>Amended 08/07/2014; Governor's desk</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>
<p>AB 2100 Campos (D)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 06/10/2014; signed by Governor, Ch. 164, Statutes of 2014</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>Will 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.</p>
<p>AB 2104 Gonzalez (D)  Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 08/12/2014; Governor's desk</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 08/19/2014; Governor's desk</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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AB 2312 Nestande (R) and Olsen (R)  Sponsor: Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries	Amended 08/05/2014; Governor's desk	<b>Metal Theft.</b> Requires junk dealer or recycler to request theft alert notifications associated with theft of commodity metals.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board policy adopted during 2011/12 legislative session	Would provide Metropolitan, its member agencies and other public agencies with increased level of protection against metal theft by strengthening existing law.
AB 2313 Nestande (R) and Olsen (R)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 08/04/2014; Senate floor – dead bill	<b>Metal Theft.</b> Would have established 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.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board policy adopted during 2011/12 legislative session	Would have provided Metropolitan, its member agencies and other public agencies with increased level of protection against metal theft by strengthening existing law.
AB 2417 Nazarian (D)  Sponsor: ACWA CMUA WateReuse California	Amended 05/07/2014; Senate Environmental Quality Committee – dead bill	<b>Recycled Water.</b> Would have authorized 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 was to sunset January 1, 2018.	<b>WATCH</b> pursuant to 2014 board-adopted legislative strategy	May 7 amendment limited benefit and flexibility sought by bill sponsors. Author dropped measure.
AB 2434 Gomez (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 05/19/2014; Governor's desk	<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.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014	Will clarify state income tax law and provide relief to state taxpayers to facilitate more aggressive approach to lowering water use.
AB 2463 Dickinson (D)  Sponsor: Regional Water Authority	Amended 04/21/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file – dead bill	<b>Water: Plans.</b> Directed 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.	<b>WATCH</b> (opposed prior version pursuant to board-adopted Delta Action Plan)	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. Amended measure monitored to ensure it did not result in call for water augmentation projects that would negatively impact SWP supplies.

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AB 2554 Rendon (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 04/23/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee – dead bill	<b>Water Bond.</b> Sought to repeal existing 2014 bond in its entirety. Authorized \$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.	<b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities in AB 2554 were generally consistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities but further refinements were necessary to gain district's full support.
AB 2636 Gatto (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 08/19/2014; Governor's desk	<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 and improved agricultural water use efficiency.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to 2013 board-adopted legislative strategy	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.
AB 2686 Perea (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 05/01/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee – dead bill	<b>Clean, Safe, and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2014.</b> Sought to repeal existing 2014 water bond. Authorized 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.	<b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities in AB 2686 were generally consistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities but further refinements were necessary to gain district's full support.
SB 103 Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee	Amended 2/25/14; signed by Governor; Ch. 2, Statutes of 2014	<b>Drought Relief.</b> Appropriates \$214.9 million from voter-approved bonds (Propositions 84 and 1E), the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, General Fund and Special Funds to provide financial assistance to drought-stricken communities for unemployment, housing, clean water, water efficiency projects, flood control projects, groundwater monitoring and urgent fish and stream conservation.	<b>SUPPORT IN CONCEPT</b> (signed into law prior to board action)	Provides funds to: 1) improve energy efficiency of State Water Project (SWP); 2) assist funding emergency pathway through Delta to prepare for potential levee failures; 3) protect SWP supplies through SWRCB enforcement of water rights; 4) address extreme drought impacts on sensitive fish species; and 5) improve water use efficiency in urban and agricultural sectors during drought.

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SB 104 Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee	Amended 2/26/14; signed by Governor; Ch. 3, Statutes of 2014	<b>Drought Relief.</b> Appropriates \$472.5 million from Proposition 84 for integrated regional water management. Is intended to protect legal diversions and uses of water as well as environment by enhancing SWRCB's ability to enforce existing proscriptions during times of drought. Also streamlines SWRCB's ability to adopt emergency regulations to promote conservation and prevent waste and unreasonable use of water during drought. Directs Department of Public Health, by June 30, 2014, to adopt revised, emergency groundwater replenishment regulations for recycled water.	<b>SUPPORT IN CONCEPT</b> (signed into law prior to board action)	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.
SB 731 Steinberg (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 09/09/2013; Assembly Local Government Committee – dead bill	<b>CEQA.</b> Would have enacted California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Modernization Act of 2013 and proposed numerous changes to CEQA law.	<b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> pursuant to board action in August 2013	Could have imposed several costly new requirements on public agencies with no reciprocal benefits. Could have made CEQA compliance significantly more burdensome, costly and unpredictable with new requirements resulting in increased costs to public agencies undertaking their own projects.
SB 735 Wolk (D)  Sponsor: Delta Counties Coalition	Amended 05/24/2013; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee – dead bill	<b>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009: Covered Actions.</b> Would have authorized local Delta counties to enter into MOU with Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) for conservation plan consistent with Delta Plan.	<b>OPPOSE</b> pursuant to board-adopted Delta Action Plan	Measure was 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.

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SB 750 Wolk (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 08/08/2013; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee -- dead bill	<b>Building Standards: Submeters.</b> Directed water purveyors to require newly constructed multiunit residential structures or mixed use residential and commercial structures that apply for water connections after January 1, 2014, to have, as condition of new water service, submeters that measure water supplied to each individual dwelling unit.	<b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> pursuant to board-adopted water conservation policy principles	Measure would have promoted construction of water efficient buildings and provide communities with another tool to better manage available supplies.
SB 848 Wolk (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 07/03/2014; Senate floor-- dead bill	<b>Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality &amp; Flood Protection Act of 2014.</b> Sought to repeal existing 2014 bond. Authorized \$7.5 billion general obligation bond for November 2014 ballot to fund: \$2.350 billion for safe drinking water, including local projects development; \$2.3 billion for water quality projects, including recycling and advanced treatment technology projects, watershed projects outside Delta, state settlements and obligations and funding for designated conservancies and natural resource agencies; \$850 million for Delta ecosystem, water quality improvements, protection of cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values , Delta levee improvements and flood control; and, \$2 billion for storage, continuously appropriated.	<b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities in SB 848 were inconsistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.



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SB 866 Wolk (D) Steinberg (D) Pavley (D)	Amended 08/13/2014; vetoed by Governor as identical version, AB 1471, was signed	<b>Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.</b> Sought to repeal existing 2014 bond in its entirety. Authorized new \$7.12 billion general obligation bond for November 2014 ballot. Would have repurposed \$425 million from previously approved general obligation bonds to fund: \$810 million for regional water reliability; \$250 million for safe drinking water; \$725 million for water recycling; \$900 million for groundwater sustainability; \$1.495 billion for watershed protection, ecosystem restoration and state settlements; \$2.75 billion for storage; and \$395 million for statewide flood management.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities were consistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.
SB 927 Cannella (R) and Vidak (R) Sponsor: Authors	Introduced 01/29/2014; Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee – dead bill	<b>Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014.</b> Renamed and sought to amend existing 2014 water bond. Authorized \$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.	<b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities in SB 927 were generally consistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities but further refinements were necessary to gain district's full support.
SB 992 Nielsen (R) Sponsor: Author	Amended 08/22/2014; Governor's desk	<b>Common Interest Developments.</b> Excludes homeowners associations (HOAs) that use recycled water, as defined, for landscaping irrigation from the prohibition on fining an owner that eliminates or reduces watering of vegetation or lawns during a locally or state declared drought..	<b>REVIEW PENDING</b>	Would help clarify that rules imposed by common interest development, during a gubernatorial-declared or local drought emergency, cannot interfere with property owner's ability to use non-potable water for outside irrigation.

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SB 1014 Jackson (D)  Sponsors: Alameda County Board of Supervisors; California Product Stewardship Council; City and County of San Francisco	Amended 08/06/2014; Assembly Appropriations Committee – dead bill	<b>Pharmaceutical Waste.</b> Required that upon enactment of federal regulations, California Board of Pharmacy, in consultation with specified state agencies, would adopt regulations to implement drug-take-back programs for collection and destruction of home-generated pharmaceutical waste.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to 2013 board-adopted legislative strategy	Could have helped protect drinking water quality against contamination caused by unused pharmaceutical products passing through wastewater and treatment facilities.
SB 1036 Pavley (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 05/27/2014; Governor's desk	<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.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014	Metropolitan may, but would not be required to, include energy use information in its Regional Urban Water Management Plan beginning in 2015. If Metropolitan were to voluntarily provide this energy use information, it would be aggregated average energy intensity value, as it is not possible for Metropolitan to provide unique energy usage related to water delivered to each member agency.
SB 1080 Fuller (R)  Sponsor: Author	Introduced 02/19/2014; Senate Rules Committee – dead bill	<b>Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.</b> Sought to amend November 2014 water bond.	<b>WATCH</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Spot bill.
SB 1121 DeLeon (D)  Sponsor: Author	Amended 08/19/2014; Assembly floor – dead bill	<b>California Climate Technology and Infrastructure</b> – Required California Alternative Energy Advanced Transportation Financing Authority, in consultation with ARB, to develop and administer California Climate Technology and Infrastructure Financing program to finance eligible greenhouse gas emission reduction projects.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in July 2014	Could have provided financial assistance for water-related energy efficiency projects that could benefit Metropolitan. Loans and other funding mechanisms would have resulted in lower interest rates resulting in lower costs to ratepayers.

# Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

State Legislation Matrix 9/08/14

SB 1130 Roth (D) Sponsor: Eastern MWD and Elsinore Valley MWD	Amended 04/21/2014; signed by Governor; Ch. 173, Statutes of 2014	<b>County Water Company of Riverside Water System.</b> Exempts wholesale and retail water agencies from liability for injuries or damages arising out of delivery of water to County Water Company (CWC) of Riverside customers.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action on SB 772 (Emmerson) in 2013	Provides immunity protections to ratepayers of Eastern MWD, Elsinore Valley MWD, Metropolitan and Western MWD while working to secure safe drinking water to former CWC customers.
SB 1144 Galgiani (D) Sponsor: Author	Introduced 02/20/2014; Senate Housing and Transportation Committee – dead bill	<b>Common Interest Developments.</b> Sought to prohibit 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.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014	Would have helped 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.
SB 1250 Hueso (D) Sponsor: Author	Introduced 05/7/2014; Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee – dead bill	<b>Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.</b> Sought to repeal existing 2014 water bond. Authorized \$10.150 billion 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 water conservation; and \$100 million for local and regional storage.	<b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities in SB 1250 were generally consistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities but further refinements were necessary to gain district's full support.
SB 1370 Galgiani (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 03/24/2014; Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee – dead bill	<b>Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2014.</b> Sought to repeal existing water bond. Authorized \$6.260 billion general obligation bond to fund surface water storage projects, including Sites, Temperance Flat and San Luis Reservoirs and expansion of Shasta.	<b>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED</b> pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities in SB 1370 were inconsistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.

## Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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SB 1420 Wolk (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 08/14/2014; Governor's desk	<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.	<b>SUPPORT</b> pursuant to board action in April 2014	Seeks to modernize requirements for UWMP Act. Amends portions of UWMP Act consistent with three of five recommendations contained in recent report to Legislature from the Independent Technical Panel convened as directed under AB 1420 (Laird), a bill supported by Metropolitan in 2007.
SB 1447 Fuller (R) Sponsor: Author	Introduced 02/21/2014; Senate Rules Committee – dead bill	<b>Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP): Judicial Review.</b> Stated legislative intent to enact legislation establishing judicial review procedures for BDCP.	<b>WATCH</b> pursuant to board- adopted Delta Action Plan	Spot bill.



**DISCUSSION ITEM**

September 15, 2014

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

**FROM:** Robert Hunter  
General Manager

**Staff Contact:** Heather Baez

**SUBJECT:** **Environmental Protection Agency's proposed "Waters of the US"  
Wetlands Rule**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**DETAILED REPORT**

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On April 21, 2014 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jointly released a new proposed rule – Definition of Waters of the U.S. Under the Clean Water Act – that would amend the definition of "waters of the U.S." and expand the range of waters that fall under federal jurisdiction. Counties could feel a major impact as more waters become federally protected and subject to new rules or standards.

The proposed rule could impact county-owned and maintained roadside ditches, flood control channels, drainage conveyances, storm water systems, and more.

Additionally, it would expand the authority of the federal government to enforce the Clean Water Act on lands crossed by small tributaries of navigable water bodies, including some where the presence of water is seasonal, or "ephemeral," meaning lasting a short time or only when it rains.

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

The public comment period is open until October 20, 2014. Staff is seeking direction and input from the committee on how MWDOC should respond. Options include signing on to SMWD's response, ACWA's response, or drafting our own response to be sent to the EPA.

Dan Ferons, General Manager of the Santa Margarita Water District and Director on the San Juan Basin Authority Board will give a short presentation and is available to answer questions from the committee.



**DISCUSSION ITEM**  
September 15, 2014

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

**FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager**

**Staff Contact:** Darcy M. Burke

**SUBJECT: VALUE OF WATER COMMUNICATION CHOICE PROGRAM**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee discuss the information provided and then receive and file the report

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**DETAILED REPORT**

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The final activities related to the Core Value of Water Communications Plan are wrapping up this month. Staff is scheduled to meet with Fraser Communications to review proposed media strategies, outreach efforts and other recommendations related to the program moving to CHOICE.

Based on these recommendations, staff will finalize an information packet to be distributed to the Member Agencies and the Three Cities (Anaheim, Fullerton and Santa Ana) for consideration and confirmation for further participation. The Value of Water Communications Plan was not included in the first round of CHOICE billing as the media strategies, channels and related activities have not been finalized.

The proposed CHOICE budget was as follows:

Item description	Total
Other Professional Fees	\$ 88,500.00

Budgeted (Y/N): Y	Budgeted amount: \$148, 250	Core __	Choice X__
Action item amount:		Line item:	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted): The amount in the budget was a draft placeholder and contingent on participation as well as final outreach recommendations.			

Professional Services for Outreach	\$ 25,000.00
Temporary In-house Staffing	\$ 20,000.00
Gas Station Pump Video Ads	\$ 12,000.00
Bus Shelter Ads	\$ 12,500.00
Public Service Announcements (2)	\$ 8,000.00
Website Development (Microsite)	\$ 3,500.00
Mobile Application Development	\$ 7,500.00
<b>Reproduction Expense</b>	<b>\$ 23,000.00</b>
Printed Marketing Materials	\$ 15,000.00
Water Bill Inserts	\$ 8,000.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$ 36,750.00</b>
Regional Advertising (e.g., Business Journal)	\$ 25,000.00
Digital and Social Media Marketing (e.g., Google AdWords, Facebook)	\$ 2,500.00
Event Booth Materials	\$ 1,750.00
Promotional Items (for events)	\$ 7,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 148,250.00</b>

Current subscription figures provide a budget of approximately \$178,000. Adjustments to the proposed budget and specific outreach investments will be made prior to sending the final reservation information out to our Member Agencies.





**ACTION ITEM**  
September 17, 2014

**TO:** Board of Directors

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

Rob Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends a support position on the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, a \$7.54 billion bond approved by the Legislature and will be Proposition 1 on the November 2014 ballot for California voters.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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To be determined at committee meeting

**DETAILED REPORT**

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In January, Senator Wolk introduced SB 848 (Wolk) as her new water bond vehicle. The bill was introduced as a verbatim version of the September 11, 2013 version of SB 42, a \$6.72 billion water bond (later amended to \$7.5 billion) to replace the \$11.2 billion water bond on the November 2014 ballot that has been carried over since 2010. AB 1331 (Rendon), an \$8.2 billion proposal was introduced as the Assembly version of the water bond. As the session continued, both Assemblymembers Perea and Bigelow introduced their own \$8+ billion proposals. In late July, Governor Brown weighed in on the issue with his own \$6 billion proposal indicating he wanted a “no frills, no pork” water bond that invests in the most critical projects. As negotiations continued into August, Senate Republicans also introduced a working proposal, SB 1013 (Vidak). Finally on August 13, with the deadline looming – a compromise was struck. AB 1471 (Rendon, Atkins & Gomez) and SB 866 (Steinberg & Wolk) were identical bills going through the Senate and Assembly, with AB 1471 being signed by Governor Jerry Brown late in the evening on August 13, 2014.

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

Both bills were approved unanimously by the Senate, and by a vote of 77-2 in the Assembly with Assemblymembers Chesbro and Donnelly voting no. This measure will be Proposition 1 – the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 going to the voters in November.

MWDOC's advocates worked closely with the Orange County delegation with Assemblywoman Harkey taking the lead, to ensure a successful amendment was in both AB 1471 and SB 866 that would place our South Orange County member agencies in the San Diego hydrologic region. By virtue of the nature of its watersheds, south Orange County is more appropriately included in the San Diego hydrologic region, instead of the Santa Ana region as was written in the \$11 billion bond that had already been placed on the ballot in 2009. Projects that may be obtained in south Orange County would be more similar in nature to opportunities in the San Diego region. MWDOC's member agencies in south Orange County currently have working agreements in place with San Diego region agencies pertaining to the allocation of funds for a variety of water projects. Note: The regional boundaries that currently exist pursuant to the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan provisions in Propositions 50 and 84 remain intact.

A breakdown of the bond funding is as follows:

**Regional Water Reliability—\$810M**

- Integrated regional water management \$510M
- Storm water capture \$200M
- Water Conservation \$100M

**Safe Drinking Water – \$520M**

- Provide clean, safe and reliable drinking water to all Californians. With minimum to leverage federal funds for safe drinking water and clean water programs and for disadvantaged communities.
- Small Community Wastewater Program \$260M
- Drinking Water Public Infrastructure \$260M

**Water Recycling- \$700M**

- Statewide water recycling projects and activities.

**Groundwater Sustainability – \$900M**

- Prevent and reduce groundwater contaminants \$800M
- Provide sustainable groundwater management planning and implementation \$100M

**Watershed Protection, Watershed Ecosystem Restoration, State Settlements - \$1.495B**

- Conservancies \$327.5M
- Wildlife Conservation Board \$200M (restoration of flows)
- Department of Fish and Wildlife \$285M (out of delta, no mitigation on BDCP)
- Department of Fish and Wildlife \$87.5M (in delta with constraints)
- State settlements and obligations including CVPIA \$475M
- Rivers and creeks \$120M

**Storage- \$2.7B**

- Continuous appropriation for water storage projects.

**Statewide Flood Management – \$395M**

- Statewide flood management projects and activities \$100M
- For delta levee subvention programs and delta flood protection projects \$295M

**General Provisions**

- Funding eligibility requires urban or agricultural water management plans and compliance with 2009 Water Conservation Act.
- Bay Delta Conservation Plan neutral.
- Protects existing water rights and reaffirms area of origin protections.
- Assumes repurposing of \$105M from Prop. 84 and \$95M of Prop. 50, \$81M from Prop. 13, \$25.5M from Prop. 204, \$13.5M from Prop. 44, \$5M from Prop. 82, \$100M from Prop. 1E and \$7.12B of new bond debt.

Below are some of the designated funding areas in the current water bond, as well as potential areas of impact beneficial to Orange County:

- Funding for IRWM program section provides:
- \$63 million for Santa Ana sub-region
- \$52.5 million for San Diego sub-region (South Orange County is included in the San Diego sub-region)
- Desalination is an eligible project under water recycling

# Proposition 1 – Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Act of 2014

MWDOC Public Affairs & Legislation Committee  
September 15, 2014

*Heather Baez*  
*Governmental Affairs Manager*  
Municipal Water District of Orange County



## We're in a Drought!



Lake  
Oroville



## How We Got Here

- Negotiations began in 2008
- Gov. Schwarzenegger and Republicans were heavily involved in crafting the package
- Democrats were willing to support, but only if several key water-policy related bills were adopted as well



Thanks to compromise they were moving closer.



## 2009 Comprehensive Water Package

- Signed by the Governor in November 2009
- Includes four policy bills
  - SBx7-1 (Simitian/Steinberg) Delta Plan/Governance
  - SBx7-6 (Steinberg/Pavely) Groundwater Monitoring
  - SBx7-7 (Steinberg/Feuer/Huffman) Water Use Efficiency
  - SBx7-8 (Steinberg) Water Quality/Diversions
- Includes a \$11.14 billion water bond
  - Intended for the November 2010 ballot



## 2014 Water Bond Negotiations

- **Consensus on Issues**
  - Surface storage with continuous appropriations
  - Desalination as an eligible project category
  - Water use efficiency and storm water capture
  - Water recycling and Delta Mitigation
- **NO Consensus on Funding**
  - Surface storage
  - Delta Mitigation
  - Overall bond amount



## Governor Brown and Others Weigh In

### **Governor Brown's Proposal**

- \$6 billion
- \$2 billion for Surface Storage
- \$1.5 billion for Watershed Protection
- \$500 million for Delta Mitigation
- \$500 million for Statewide Flood Management

### **Senate Democrats New Proposal**

- SB 848 (Wolk)
- Reduces bond amount from \$10.5 billion to \$7.5 billion
- Funding categories reduced by 30% except:
  - Groundwater Treatment & Remediation (remains at \$1 billion)
  - Recycled Water (remains at \$500 million)



## Republicans Push Back

**On August 7, the Senate Republicans release their proposal**

- SB 1013
- \$8.7 billion
- \$3 billion for surface storage with continuous appropriation
- \$700 million for Water Recycling
- \$600 million for Delta Mitigation
- \$1.5 billion for Watershed Protection
- \$900 million for Water Use Efficiency

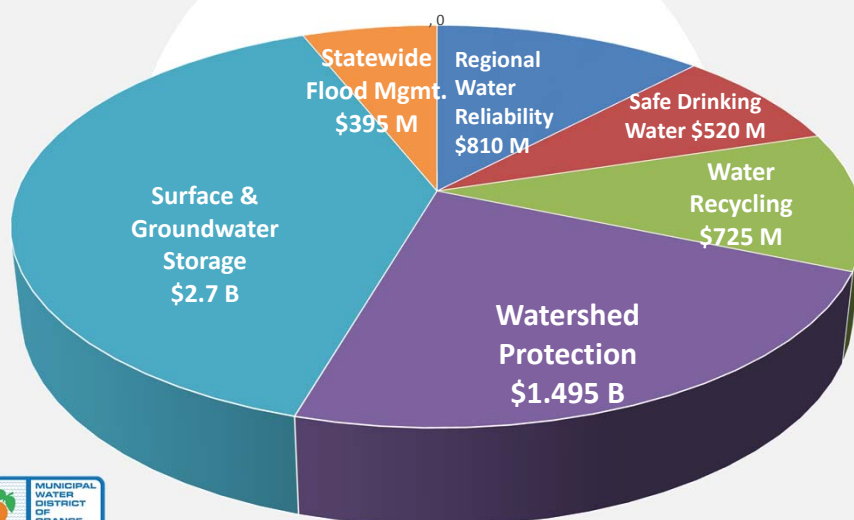


## An Agreement is Made

- **August 11 the Governor releases legislative language outlining a \$7.195 billion bond**
- **AB 1471 and SB 866 are amended and introduced the next morning, August 12**
- **August 13, both houses pass AB 1471 and SB 866, with Governor Brown signing AB 1471 allowing it to replace the previous \$11 billion bond on the ballot**
- **Both measures received unanimous support in the Senate, Assemblymembers Chesbro & Donnelly opposed**



## Prop 1 – The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014



## Allocation of Funds

- **Surface and Groundwater Storage - \$2.7 billion**
  - Continuous Appropriation for above and below-ground storage projects
  - Two reservoirs, one north of Sacramento in Colusa County, and the other in the Sierra, northeast of Fresno are expected to win funding
  - No funding for projects from this chapter unless it provides measurable improvements in the Delta ecosystem
  - Match may not exceed 50%





### Allocation of Funds, Continued

- **Watershed Protection, Ecosystem Restoration, State Settlements, \$1.495 billion**
  - \$327.5 million to conservancies
  - \$200 million to Wildlife Conservation Board
  - \$285 million to Department of Fish & Wildlife (outside the Delta, no mitigation on BDCP)
  - \$87.5 million to Department of Fish & Wildlife (in-Delta with constraints)
  - \$475 million to State Settlement Obligations, including CVPIA
  - \$120 million to Rivers and Creeks



### Allocation of Funds, Continued

- **Groundwater Sustainability - \$900 million**
  - \$800 million to prevent and reduce contaminants
  - \$100 million to provide sustainable groundwater management planning and implementation
- **Regional Water Reliability- \$810 million**
  - \$510 million for integrated regional water management
  - \$200 million for storm water capture
  - \$100 million for water conservation



### Allocation of Funds, Continued

- **Water Recycling- \$725 million**
  - Water recycling projects including treatment, storage, conveyance, and distribution facilities for potable and nonpotable recycling projects
  - Contaminant and salt removal including groundwater and desalination projects
  - Pilot projects for new potable reuse and other salt contaminant removal technology
  - Match not less than 50%



### Allocation of Funds, Continued

- **Safe Drinking Water - \$520 million**
  - Leverages federal funds for safe drinking water and clean water programs for disadvantaged communities
  - \$260 million for Small Community Wastewater Program
  - \$260 million for Drinking Water Public Infrastructure
  - \$5 million limit per project



### Allocation of Funds, Continued

- **Statewide Flood Management - \$395 million**
  - \$295 million for Delta levee subvention programs and Delta flood protection projects
  - \$100 million for statewide flood management projects and activities
  - Make best effort to coordinate funding with proceeds from Props 84 and 1E



### Allocation of Funds, Continued

- **General Provisions**
  - \$7.12 billion issuance of bonds
  - \$425 million of unissued bonds authorized for Props 1E, 13, 44, 50, 84 and 204
  - Eligible applicants include public agencies, nonprofit organizations, public utilities and mutual water companies
  - Funding eligibility requires compliance with the 2009 Water Conservation Act
  - Bay Delta Conservation Plan neutral



## Funding Beneficial for Local Projects

- Of significance to Orange County:
  - \$63 million for the Santa Ana region Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWMP)
  - \$52 million for the San Diego IRWMP (includes South Orange County)
  - Desalination is an eligible project under Recycling
  - Santa Ana Watershed is eligible for funding under the State Coastal Conservancy
  - San Juan basin would be eligible for funding under storm water capture
  - An additional \$100 million is available for water use efficiency outside IRWM that can be utilized for conservation purposes



## Support and Opposition

- Support
  - ACWA
  - California Chamber of Commerce
  - California Farm Bureau
  - Natural Resources Defense Council
  - Ocean Conservancy
  - Surfrider Foundation
- Opposition
  - Southern California Watershed Alliance
  - Restore the Delta



**Questions?**





**ACTION ITEM**  
September 17, 2014

**TO:** Board of Directors

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

Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT:** **S2198 (Feinstein) Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Public Affairs and Legislation Committee take a support position on S2198 (Feinstein) – *Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014*.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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To be determined at committee meeting

**SUMMARY**

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The *Emergency Drought Relief Act* is a narrowly-focused bill to address the most dire effects of drought in California. The bill leaves federal laws and regulations untouched—including the *Endangered Species Act*, the *Clean Water Act* and all biological opinions. Its goal is to cut red tape and increase operational flexibility for federal agencies.

The bill includes five key provisions for California to maximize water supplies during the drought while operating within environmental laws and regulations:

- Federal agencies must open the Delta Cross Channel Gates for as long as possible while salmon are not migrating, which will allow additional water to be pumped without harming fish or water quality.
- The Bureau of Reclamation is required to monitor turbid (cloudy or opaque) water, which will allow water pumping operations to be adjusted when endangered fish that are attracted to turbid waters swim close to pumps.

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

- Movement of voluntary water transfers must remain at a one-to-one ratio for the months of April and May while the governor's drought declaration remains in effect. This means any water transfers sent down the San Joaquin River are allowed to be pumped out of the Delta at an equal amount. This provision only applies to voluntary water transfers, not the river's regular flow, and must adhere to current law.
- Federal agencies must provide maximum water supplies possible from Delta pumping while remaining consistent with the *Endangered Species Act* and biological opinions for both smelt and salmon.
- The review process for installing temporary barriers and operable gates in the Delta must be expedited, which will help manage salinity and improve the quantity and quality of water.

## DETAILED REPORT

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*Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014* - Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of the Interior (Secretaries), in response to the declaration of a state of drought emergency in California, to provide the maximum quantity of water supplies possible to Central Valley Project (CVP) and Klamath Project agricultural, municipal and industrial, and refuge service and repayment contractors, State Water Project contractors, and any other locality or municipality in California by approving, consistent with applicable laws:

(1) any project or operations to provide additional water supplies if there is any possible way the Secretaries can do so, unless the project or operations constitute a highly inefficient way of providing additional water supplies; and

(2) any projects or operations as quickly as possible based on available information to address the emergency conditions.

Sets forth actions to be taken to increase water supply, including:

(1) ensuring that the Delta Cross Channel Gates remain open to the greatest extent possible,

(2) requiring the Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service to recommend revisions to operations of the CVP and the California State Water Project,

(3) adopt a 1:1 inflow to export ratio for the increased flow of the San Joaquin River,

(4) require the Director and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation to complete all requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the Endangered Species Act of 1973 necessary to make final permit decisions on water transfer requests, and

(5) make WaterSMART grant funding allocated to California for eligible projects available on a priority and expedited basis.

Authorizes financial assistance under the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 for projects to increase water supply.

Requires federal agency heads to consult with the Council on Environmental Quality to develop alternative arrangements to comply with NEPA.

Directs the EPA to prioritize projects under state water pollution control revolving funds to provide water to areas at risk of having an inadequate supply of water for public health and safety purposes or to improve resiliency to drought.

Requires the Commissioner of Reclamation to provide water supply planning assistance in preparation for and in response to dry, critically dry, and below normal water year types, upon request, to CVP or Klamath Project contractors or other reclamation project contractors in California, including contractors who possess contracts for refuge water supplies or who deliver refuge water supplies.

Reauthorizes: (1) the Calfed Bay-Delta Act, (2) the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, and (3) the Secure Water Act.

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to fund or participate in pilot projects to increase Colorado River System water in Lake Mead and the initial units of Colorado River Storage Project reservoirs to address the effects of historic drought conditions. Amends the Klamath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2000 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take actions to reduce water consumption or demand or to restore ecosystems in the Klamath Basin watershed, including tribal fishery resources held in trust.

Provides for the termination of authorities under this Act upon the suspension or withdrawal of the California drought emergency declaration.

Amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to expand federal emergency assistance to provide for disaster unemployment, emergency nutrition, and crisis counseling assistance.





## Item No. 6

### **ACTION ITEM** September 17, 2014

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Darcy M. Burke

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION HONORING MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY RETIRING DIRECTOR WAYNE CLARK**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors approve honoring MWDOC Director Wayne Clark with an honorary resolution and direct staff to prepare the resolution for presentation at the upcoming MWDOC Water Policy Dinner on October 2, 2014.

### **DETAILED REPORT**

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In early December, Director Wayne Clark will retire from the Municipal Water District Board of Directors after 35 years of faithful service.

As a small token of our thanks for his years of service and his continued support, staff has drafted an honorary resolution recognizing his contributions and achievements. The draft resolution follows and is intended to be presented to Director Clark at MWDOC's upcoming Water Policy Dinner which will be held on October 2nd, 2014.

Budgeted (Y/N): Y	Budgeted amount: \$5,000	Core _X_	Choice __
Action item amount: \$150.00	Line item: 32-7040		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
HONORING WAYNE A. CLARK.  
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Wayne A. Clark is retiring from the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Board of Directors after 35 years of service to the District and to his constituents in west and central Orange County conducting himself at all times with honor, integrity, dignity, and respect, and made decisions based on what is right for those whom he serves, not on what is politically expedient; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Clark has served Orange County well, providing leadership and valuable perspective as a member and former president of the MWDOC Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Clark has also represented Orange County's interests and the regional water community as a whole, through his founding of the Urban Water Institute, where he has served formerly as their Executive Director and continues to serve on its Board of Directors in addition to the serving as a representative to the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and the National Water Resources Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Clark helped form the Irvine Unified School District and served as a charger chairman of the Irvine City Planning Commission, and served as director of the Irvine Ranch Water District from 1977 to 1981 and was the first elected director to serve as president; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Clark was an early member of the Orange County Press Club, a writer and columnist for several newspapers, including the *Los Angeles Times*, as well as the first public information officer for the University of California, Irvine.

**WHEREAS**, Director Clark was a former executive assistant to a member of the Orange County Board of Supervisors and was president and owner of a public relations consulting firm managing successful campaigns and state-wide bond issues including one that financed the start-up of UC-Irvine and several other campuses of higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Clark served our great nation in the United States Army, earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of California Berkeley and attended Hastings College of Law in San Francisco; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors and staff of the Municipal Water District of Orange County have thoroughly enjoyed working with Director Clark over the years and will miss him and the positive, supportive, and solution-oriented approach he brought to his role as a water leader and policy maker.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Water District of Orange County offers a heartfelt thanks to Director Wayne A. Clark for his service to the District, for his leadership and valuable contributions in enhancing water reliability for Orange County and all of southern California, and for his friendship and personal dedication in all that he has done for our country.

Adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of September, Two Thousand and Fourteen.



## Item No. 7

### **ACTION ITEM** September 17, 2014

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Darcy M. Burke

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION HONORING ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
RETIRING DIRECTOR KATHRYN “KAY” BARR**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors approve honoring OCWD Director Kathryn “Kay” Barr with an honorary resolution and direct staff to prepare the resolution for presentation at the upcoming MWDOC Water Policy Dinner on October 2, 2014.

### **DETAILED REPORT**

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In early December, Director Katherine “Kay” Barr will retire from the Orange County Water District Board of Directors after 35 years of faithful service.

As a token of our thanks for her years of service, staff has drafted an honorary resolution recognizing her contributions to OCWD and Orange County. The draft resolution follows and is intended to be presented to Director Barr at MWDOC’s upcoming Water Policy Dinner which will be held on October 2nd, 2014.

Budgeted (Y/N): Y	Budgeted amount: \$5,000	Core _X_	Choice __
Action item amount: \$150.00	Line item: 32-7040		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
HONORING KATHRYN (“KAY”) L. BARR  
FOR HER SERVICE TO THE ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, Kathryn (“Kay”) Barr is retiring from the Orange County Water District (OCWD) Board of Directors after 35 years of service to the District and to her constituents in north Orange County; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Barr has served Orange County well, providing leadership and valuable perspective as a member and former president of the OCWD Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Barr has been a public servant in a myriad of ways including serving on the City Council of Garden Grove from 1962 to 1970, and again from 1974 to 1978; serving as Mayor Pro Tem from 1962 to 1969, and appointed Mayor in 1969; served as a member of Orange County Vector Control District's Board of Trustees and Director of the Garden Grove Sanitary District and

**WHEREAS**, Director Barr also represented Orange County's interests by serving as a representative to the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and the National Water Resources Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Barr has been involved in the business community and advocated for their interests while at S&S Construction, her own business and in real estate; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Barr served her community with the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, the Artificial Kidney Foundation, the Girls Club of Garden Group, Garden Grove Woman's Civic Club and the Community Hospital of Long Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Barr has been recognized for her service and was named Garden Grove Woman of the Year as well as Cypress College Community Leader of the Year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Water District of Orange County offers a heartfelt thanks to Director Kathryn (“Kay”) Barr for her service to Orange County, for her leadership and valuable contributions in enhancing water reliability for Orange County and all of southern California, and for her friendship and personal dedication in all that he has done for our country.

Adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of September, Two Thousand and Fourteen.



## Item No. 8

### **ACTION ITEM** September 17, 2014

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Darcy M. Burke

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION HONORING LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN DIRECTOR KRIS MURRAY**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors approve honoring Metropolitan Director Kristine (“Kris”) L. Murray with an honorary resolution and direct staff to prepare the resolution for presentation at the upcoming MWDOC Water Policy Dinner on October 2, 2014.

### **DETAILED REPORT**

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In August, Director Kristine (“Kris”) Murray retired from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California’s Board of Directors after serving on behalf of the City of Anaheim for five years. As a token of our thanks for her years of service and her continued support, staff has drafted an honorary resolution recognizing her contributions and leadership. The draft resolution follows and is intended to be presented to Director Murray at MWDOC’s upcoming Water Policy Dinner which will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.

Budgeted (Y/N): Y	Budgeted amount: \$5,000	Core _X_	Choice __
Action item amount: \$150.00	Line item: 32-7040		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
HONORING KRISTINE (KRIS) L. MURRAY  
FOR HER SERVICE TO THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN  
CALIFORNIA COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Kristine (“Kris”) Murray is retiring from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) after 5 years of service to the District representing her constituents in Anaheim and working for the interests of all Orange County; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Murray has served on the Real Property and Asset Management Committee; Special Committee on Bay-Delta; Communications and Legislation Committee, providing leadership and valuable perspective to the Metropolitan Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Murray has served her city, the City of Anaheim, as a member of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Murray served the residents of Anaheim as a member and Vice Chairman on the Anaheim Public Utility Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Murray represents the City of Anaheim on the Southern California Council of Governments Region Council, served on the Executive Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Murray also represents the City of Anaheim on the Orange Council of Governments Board and as a member of the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Murray has advocated for crime prevention, youth initiatives, education, transportation solutions and economic sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Murray earned a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from California State University Long Beach and a Master’s Certificate in Transportation Management from the Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State University; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors, MWDOC Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Directors and staff of the Municipal Water District of Orange County have thoroughly enjoyed working with Director Murray over the years and will miss her and the positive, supportive, and solution-oriented approach she brought to her role as a water leader and policy maker.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Water District of Orange County offers a heartfelt thanks to Director Kristine (“Kris”) Murray for her service to the District, for her leadership and valuable contributions in enhancing water reliability for Orange County and all of southern California.

Adopted on the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of September, Two Thousand and Fourteen.



## CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM

September 17, 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)

### September 2014 Progress Report

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During the current quarter, Director Barbre made one trip to Washington DC to continue discussions on implementation of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) including the roll-out of Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Authority (WIFIA) and the potential for securing appropriations from the legislation. One more trip may be held in the remainder of the year or pushed over into early 2016.

<b>Budgeted (Y/N): Yes</b>	Budgeted amount: \$15,000 for travel	Core <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Choice <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Action item amount: n/a</b>		Line item: Cost centers 11 (Board) & 12 (Staff)	
<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.			

## 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.

## 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 MWD OC Legislative meeting in February or travel to the ACWA Washington DC Conference in February or March.



**ACTION ITEM**  
September 17, 2014

**TO: Board of Directors**

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

Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Jessica Ouwerkerk

**SUBJECT: ISDOC OFFICER ELECTIONS**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors discuss the ISDOC Officer Elections and authorize President Dick to vote on behalf of MWDOC.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**SUMMARY**

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2014 is an election year for the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC). Currently, ISDOC is conducting a vote of the Regular Special District Members for the election of officers to serve a two-year term beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2016. (Additional information on the election and procedure is provided in the attached letter sent from ISDOC to its membership.)

At this time, MWDOC is requested to cast its vote by completing and remitting the attached Ballot. One candidate per position has been slated, including Director Finnegan for the position of Treasurer. Ballots are due Friday, October 17, 2014.

The new officers will be announced at the October 30<sup>th</sup> ISDOC Quarterly Lunch Meeting.

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



September 3, 2014

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 20895  
Fountain Valley, CA 92728

Meeting Location

MWDOC/OCWD  
18700 Ward Street  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

(714) 963-3058  
(714) 964-5930 fax

[www.mwdoc.com/isdoc](http://www.mwdoc.com/isdoc)

Executive Committee

**President**

Hon. Rich Freschi  
*Serrano Water District*

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Hon. Bob Moore  
*South Coast Water District*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

Hon. Mike Scheafer  
*Costa Mesa Sanitary District*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**

Hon. Sandra Jacobs  
*Santa Margarita Water District*

**Secretary**

Hon. Leslie Keane  
*Orange County Cemetery District*

**Treasurer**

Hon. Joan C. Finnegan  
*Municipal Water District of  
Orange County*

Staff Administration

Jessica H. Ouwerkerk  
*Municipal Water District of  
Orange County*

**Heather Baez**

*Municipal Water District of  
Orange County*

**RE: Election of Independent Special District of Orange County (ISDOC) Officers**

Dear Member Districts,

The nomination period for Executive Committee officer positions closed on August 25th. At this time, ISDOC is conducting a vote of Regular Special District Members for the election of officers. This letter serves as official notice of the election.

Currently, there is one nomination per position. The names of nominated candidates are printed on the ballot; however, any elected or appointed official from a Regular Member District has the ability to run for an officer position as a write-in candidate. If elected, a write-in candidate will need to provide a resolution supporting election to the position from its District before he/she can be seated.

The Executive Committee meets at 7:30 am on the first Tuesday of the month. Meetings are open to the public. Duties of Executive Committee members are contained in the ISDOC bylaws, which may be found at the ISDOC website - <http://www.mwdoc.com/ISDOC>.

Each Regular Member district in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. In accordance with current bylaws, the vote must be cast (signed) by the district's presiding officer or an alternate selected by the district board.

You may submit your ballot via mail or email to Jessica Ouwerkerk: P.O. Box 20895, Fountain Valley, CA 92728 (mail) or [jouwerkerk@mwdoc.com](mailto:jouwerkerk@mwdoc.com) (email). **Ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2014 in order to be counted. Even if positions are uncontested, it is important to submit a ballot since a quorum of voting members is required for the election of officers.**

The names of officers elected will be announced at the October 30th quarterly meeting.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the election process further, please contact Jessica Ouwerkerk (MWDOC) at [jouwerkerk@mwdoc.com](mailto:jouwerkerk@mwdoc.com).

Sincerely,

Rich Freschi, President  
Independent Special Districts of Orange County

**Enclosed:** Ballot for ISDOC Election of Officers

# INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The ISDOC Executive Committee consists of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President. Officers are elected in October of even numbered years for two year terms. You may vote for the those individuals who have been nominated or select another individual. If elected, however, write in candidates will need to provide a resolution from their Board supporting their election before they can be seated.

### **Cast your Vote:**

Please cast your vote by placing an "X" on the line next to the individuals for which you wish to vote. If you are writing in a candidate, please include their district affiliation and position.

#### **President**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mike Schaefer, Vice President      **or**      \_\_\_\_\_  
Costa Mesa Sanitary District

#### **First Vice President (Programs)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Bob Moore, Vice President      **or**      \_\_\_\_\_  
South Coast Water District

#### **Second Vice President (Membership)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Jim Fisler, President      **or**      \_\_\_\_\_  
Mesa Water District

#### **Third Vice President (Legislation)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sandra Jacobs, President      **or**      \_\_\_\_\_  
Santa Margarita Water District

#### **Secretary**

\_\_\_\_\_ Leslie Keane, Vice Chair      **or**      \_\_\_\_\_  
Orange County Cemetery District

#### **Treasurer**

\_\_\_\_\_ Joan Finnegan, Director      **or**      \_\_\_\_\_  
Municipal Water District of Orange County

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\_\_\_\_\_  
DISTRICT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE

**Ballots must be received no later than 5 p.m. October 17, 2014.**

You may mail or email your ballot - Attention ISDOC Executive Committee Election - to:  
Mail: Jessica Ouwerkerk, P.O. Box 20895, Fountain Valley, CA 92728  
Email: [jouwerkerk@mwdoc.com](mailto:jouwerkerk@mwdoc.com)



**INFORMATION ITEM**  
September 15, 2014

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

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

**SUBJECT: DROUGHT OUTREACH**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**DETAILED REPORT**

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As part of our efforts to provide education, information and resources to Orange County residents, business and policymakers, Public Affairs is tracking activities related to drought outreach. Since the last Public Affairs and Legislation Committee in early August, staff has conducted the follow drought outreach efforts:

OC LAWYER PUBLICATION	Article	Aug-14	Darcy
eCurrents - Drought edition	Electronic Newsletter	Aug-14	Darcy/Jessica
City of Seal Beach - City Council Meeting	Presentation	8/11/2014	Joe Berg
OC Register	Article	8/24/2014	Joe Berg
Villa Park Women's League	Presentation	9/10/2014	Joe Berg
Legislative Staff Luncheon	Presentation/Meeting	9/9/2014	Heather/Jessica
Del Norte Garden Club	Presentation	9/11/2014	Joe Berg
Mesa Water District Board Meeting	Presentation	9/11/2014	Rob Hunter

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



**INFORMATION ITEM**

September 15, 2014

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

**FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager**

Staff Contact: Jessica H. Ouwerkerk

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON OCTOBER 2ND WATER POLICY FORUM & DINNER**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**SUMMARY**

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The next MWDOC Water Policy Forum & Dinner will take place on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at the Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel in Costa Mesa. ACWA President John Coleman is confirmed as the guest speaker. The pre-dinner reception will be held in honor of Director Clark, as this will be the last Water Policy Dinner during his tenure on the MWDOC Board of Directors. Retiring OCWD Director Kay Barr and retiring MWD Director Kris Murray will also be recognized.

At the time of this report, approximately 50 guests have registered for the event. Two organizations have requested reserved tables: Mesa Water District and Cadiz. The guest registration count is anticipated to rise to between 150 and 200 attendees in the coming weeks. The guest registration fee is set at \$75.00 per person until September 26<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.

Budgeted (Y/N): Y	Budgeted amount: \$6,300	Core _X_	Choice __
Action item amount: N/A		Line item: 31-7670	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

The preliminary 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>



**INFORMATION ITEM**

September 15, 2014

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

**FROM:**       **Robert Hunter, General Manager**

**Staff Contact: Darcy M. Burke**

**SUBJECT:   8th Annual Orange County Water Summit**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**SUMMARY**

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Planning for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange County Water Summit began in August with the initial meeting between the Co-Chairmen, Directors Jeff Thomas and Steve Sheldon; key staff members were also in attendance. Staff is beginning to work with Disney to refine the theme of the event and develop collateral materials. The event is scheduled for Friday, May 15, 2015.

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

Staff is working on identifying sponsorships, developing partnerships with local business groups, the program and theme refinement. A meeting of the entire planning committee will be scheduled before the end of the calendar year. Promotion of the event should begin after the New Year.

The working draft of the program follows:

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



## **The 2015 OC WATER SUMMIT**

*Final Theme Name in Process*

*Working Draft: Building a water portfolio*

**Friday, May 15, 2015**

7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Grand Californian Hotel, Disneyland Resort  
Anaheim, California

### **DRAFT PROGRAM\***

<b>7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Continental Breakfast</b>
<b>8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Pledge of Allegiance</b>
	<u>Emcee:</u> <b>Ben Edwards, Hurley, Confirmed</b>
<b>8:10 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.</b>	
<b>9:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.</b>	Session 1:
	-Session 2 Session on Ag Speakers: Northern California Farmer Central Valley Farmer; Paul Parreira, confirmed So Cal Farmer;
<b>10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	Session 3: Session on Business
<b>12:00 p.m. 12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>12:15 – 1:25 p.m.</b>	Lunch and Session 4
<b>1:25 p.m.</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>

\*(Subject to Change)



**INFORMATION ITEM**  
September 15, 2014

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

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

**SUBJECT: NOVEMBER ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee 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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In the Settlement Agreement with the Member Agencies, it specifies that the Municipal Water District of Orange County will conduct a Board meeting for the Elected Officials of its member agencies and cities. The next scheduled Elected Officials meeting has been scheduled for November 6, 2014.

Based on feedback and post event surveys from previous Elected Officials meetings, the meeting will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with light food and refreshments available for the attendees. Two items have been added to the agenda for the meeting; Value of Water Communications Plan update and results from the Water Bond, Proposition 1. The invited officials will also be polled to see if there are other items they would like covered.

Staff is also inviting newly elected prior to the meeting to get an overview of MWDOC, water supply and current water issues. That portion of the meeting is scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m.

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

**Public Affairs Activities Report**  
**August 9, 2014 – September 14, 2014**

<b>Member Agency Relations</b>	<p>Darcy and Tiffany continue to work with Albert Mendez of Metropolitan on the upcoming inspection trips season. Itineraries, invitations, confirmations, registrations, and guest and Director needs are being coordinated for the following 4 trips simultaneously; The first trip of season is Colorado River Aqueduct trip on September 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>. Director Dick will be hosting an Ag Trip on September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and his shared business coalition inspection trip on October 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup>. Director Ackerman will be co-sponsoring a State Water Project trip with Chairman Randy Record on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>By Director request, Tiffany is creating a Save the Date notice for Director Barbre's Colorado River Aqueduct trip scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Darcy and Jessica participated in Metropolitan's PIO meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Updates on regional rebate programs and communication efforts were presented. Darcy is scheduled to present on the Value of Water at the October Metropolitan PIO meeting.</p> <p>Jessica is coordinating a Public Affairs Workshop on Business Communications and Presentations on October 21.</p> <p>Darcy presented on the Value of Water research, findings and recommendations to the East Orange County Water District Board of Directors on Thursday, August 21, 2014.</p> <p>Darcy is working with Nathan Purkiss from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in regards to coordinating future Bay Delta Conservation Plan outreach, messaging and defining the current "Ask."</p> <p>Heather prepared a brief background sheet on AB 2104 (Gonzalez) for the City of Newport Beach.</p> <p>Heather presented on Proposition 1, the water bond at South Coast Water District's meeting on August 28.</p> <p>Jessica provided water use efficiency graphics and materials to: LBCWD, Santa Ana, Tustin, La Habra, Seal Beach, SCWD, TCWD, Master Gardeners.</p> <p>Jessica participated in the August 26 Orange County Stormwater Program Public Education Committee meeting. MWDOC and the OC Stormwater Program are working on a number of collaborative</p>
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	<p>efforts, including a Coastal Cleanup Day event, how-to videos on efficient watering, and the OC Garden Friendly program.</p> <p>Jessica met with SMWD's new Public Information Officer, Jonathan Volke, to discuss public relations and outreach activities.</p> <p>Jessica provided Metropolitan staff with information and graphics on MWDOC's drought outreach activities. The information was used in a Communication &amp; Legislation Committee meeting presentation by staff.</p> <p>Jessica facilitated a large order of Metropolitan's outreach materials on behalf of the member agencies. Water use efficiency brochures, drought rack cards, and water saving tips flyers were distributed to 15 MWDOC member agencies.</p>
<b>Community Relations</b>	<p>Darcy presented on the Value of Water research and findings at Southern California Edison's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Water Conference in Irwindale.</p> <p>Tiffany is continuing to work with Immersiv Media on the initial development phase of the OC Water Hero Program phone app.</p> <p>Tiffany, Jessica and Sarah implemented MWDOC's social media activities through Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest during this period.</p> <p>Tiffany updated several MWDOC website pages with current information.</p> <p>Tiffany provided a customized "What does 20% Look Like?" infographic for the Yorba Linda Water District.</p> <p>Tiffany and Jessica completed a WUE rebates handout/infographic describing available rebates, rebate amounts, and water saving statistics. This infographic is currently being utilized at community events, on social media pages, and has been added to the MWDOC website.</p> <p>Tiffany and Sarah are working on an infographic titled "Orange County is Saving Water." This infographic highlights water saving efforts by Orange County residents and Orange County water agencies.</p> <p>The October 2 Water Policy Forum &amp; Dinner featuring keynote speaker John Coleman, President of ACWA is just a few weeks away. Jessica developed and distributed multiple email invitations. Tiffany created and distributed both e-version and print-version customized invitations to legislative staffers, and to organizations that have purchased reserved tables at previous Dinners. To date, approximately 50 guests have registered for the event, including 2</p>

	<p>reserved tables: Cadiz and Mesa WD.</p> <p>Darcy attended the South Orange County Economic Coalition's breakfast forum on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p>Heather attended the Community Leaders Briefing featuring MWD General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger and Congressman Alan Lowenthal. Directors Dick and Thomas also attended.</p> <p>Heather attended the Orange County Water Association monthly luncheon with a presentation from Jonathan Loveland of Poseidon Water.</p> <p>Heather drafted an article on the water bond for the September issue of eCurrents.</p> <p>Jessica developed and distributed the August issue of eCurrents. This newsletter focused on the drought. Darcy developed many of the articles.</p> <p>Jessica developed a Frequently Asked Questions handout on the new State Water Board regulations. The FAQ was added to the MWDOC website, distributed through social media, and sent to the member agencies. Several agencies have also distributed the FAQ sheet through their communication channels.</p>
<b>Education</b>	<p>Jessica worked with Accounting staff to develop the year-end reconciliation report for the 2013-14 School Program. The report delineates how surplus revenue will be credited back to the participating agencies.</p>
<b>Media Relations</b>	<p><b>OC Register</b>, Reporter Kelly Zhou requested information on sprinkler flow rates for a story on overwatering. Jessica provided the requested information on August 18.</p> <p>Jessica and Sarah Franks wrote a press release announcing the Water Bond will go on the November ballot as Proposition 1.</p> <p><b>Yahoo! News</b>, Reporter Dylan Stableford wrote an article on lawn painting as it pertains to drought and turf removal. MWDOC's turf removal program was mentioned.</p> <p><b>OC Register</b>, On August 30, Reporter Teri Sforza wrote an article on the \$8 million water meter error in South Orange County. Rob, Darcy, and Jessica spoke with Teri prior to the article and provided information.</p> <p><b>Leader-Post</b>, Reporter Amy Taxin of the Associated Press wrote an article about drought and turf replacement. MWDOC's Turf</p>

	<p>Removal Program was discussed, and Joe Berg was quoted.</p> <p><b>Daily Pilot</b>, On August 20, Reporter Bradley Zint wrote an article about turf removal in Costa Mesa. The article spotlighted a Costa Mesa couple who participated in MWDOC's Turf Removal Program.</p> <p><b>OC Register</b>, On August 19, Reporter Aaron Orlowski wrote an article about California's water resources and the state's limited ability to track water use. Rob Hunter was quoted on Orange County's water sources.</p>
<b>Special Projects</b>	<p>Darcy and Jessica are working with Fraser Communications to finalize the Value of Water creative materials, campaign and media strategy. The information will be presented to the Public Affairs Workgroup on September 16<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Darcy participated in the Orange County's Virtual Joint Information Center's Working Group meeting.</p> <p>Darcy met with California Nevada Section, American Water Works Association's new Certification Manager, Steve Garner. They reviewed next steps in the industry analysis for Recycled Water Operator Certification, Water Quality Sampling Certification and advanced treatment endorsements for certified treatment operators.</p> <p>Darcy met with Mario Santoyo of the Friant Water Authority and Latino Water Coalition regarding the Water Bond, SB 2198 and drought outreach efforts.</p> <p>Darcy is assisting Heather Collins, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the American Water Works Association's Annual Conference and Exhibition Planning Committee on arranging a number of technical tours in Orange County. The International Annual Conference will be held in Anaheim next June.</p> <p>Director Thomas, Director Sheldon (Orange County Water District), Darcy and Eleanor Torres (Orange County Water District) have met and begun planning the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange County Water Summit scheduled for Friday, May 15, 2015. Preliminary planning includes a business session, agricultural session, as well as an opening panel and lunch presentation. The format planned is identical as in the past 5 years.</p> <p>Darcy attended the National Water Resources Institute's Branding Workshop held at Orange County Sanitation District.</p> <p>Darcy is working with Lisa Ohlund from East Orange County Water District and current Chairman of the Urban Water Institute in regards to planning an event to recognize retiring Director Wayne Clark and his 35 years of service to the District and the water profession.</p>

	<p>Jessica, Joe, and Darcy met with a company that developed a water waster app. The app is being used by more than a hundred water agencies in the U.S. to facilitate citizen reports of water waste. Per the request of our member agencies, MWDOC is exploring the feasibility enhancing the app with rebate info and water saving tips, then implementing it on a countywide basis.</p> <p>Jessica participated in a WEROC training on 'WEROC's role as a liaison.'</p>
<b>Water-Use Efficiency Marketing</b>	<p>Per request of the member agencies, Jessica developed several designs for lawn signs that can be installed at residential and commercial properties during the landscape renovation phase of the Turf Removal Program. The idea is to turn an ugly, dying lawn into a positive, water-saving activity while promoting the Turf Removal Program to folks passing by. Jessica distributed the 3 designs and an order form to the MWDOC member agencies, and thus far 26 agencies have ordered the signs. MWDOC will pay for printing of the signs using budgeted WUE marketing funds.</p> <p>Jessica participated in the September 8 OC Garden Friendly steering committee meeting. Two events are currently scheduled for fall 2014: UC Cooperative Extension on September 27 and Tree of Life Nursery on October 18. Four additional events will be scheduled between fall of 2014 and Spring 2015.</p> <p>Jessica is working with Immersiv Media to develop a water use efficiency microsite. The beta site is up and running, and content is being loaded. The site is expected to launch in October.</p> <p>Jessica created a custom lawn sign for East Orange County Water District. The sign can be installed at residential and commercial properties that have made significant changes to save water.</p> <p>Jessica created large landscape signs to be placed at public properties participating in the Public Spaces Water Smart Landscape Program. Twelve signs were printed and will be displayed at South OC sites.</p>
<b>Legislative Affairs</b>	<p>Darcy and Heather participated in the WACO planning meeting as well as logistics and staff support for the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Heather provided a brief presentation on the Water Bond.</p> <p>Darcy secured the WACO speaker for October 3, 2014: Kathy Cole.</p> <p>Heather attended the ACWA State Legislative Affairs Committee meeting in Sacramento on August 8. While in Sacramento, she met with Steve McCarthy, Assembly Republican Caucus Consultant for the Water, Parks &amp; Wildlife Committee; Jennifer West, Director for</p>

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	<p>Water at California Municipal Utilities Association; Todd Moffitt, Senate Republican Caucus Consultant for the Natural Resources &amp; Water Committee; Jennifer Franklin, Special Assistant at East Bay Municipal Utility District; and Rosalie Thompson at MWD.</p> <p>Heather drafted a response to the Senate Environmental Quality and Judiciary Committees in response to their request ways to improve the California Environmental Quality Act.</p> <p>In response to the Legislature passing a new water bond, Heather drafted thank you notes to the Orange County delegation for their support and a PowerPoint presentation for future use.</p> <p>Heather and Karl, along with Director Barbre, gave a tour of the Doheny Desalination site to Jacquelyn Gonzalez and Eduardo Lerma from Congresswoman Sanchez's office who were in the district visiting from Washington D.C.</p> <p>Heather participated in ACWA's planning session in preparation for response to the EPA's Clean Water Act definition, "Waters of the US."</p> <p>Heather participated in the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting and prepared/mailed ballots for the annual election of officers.</p>
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