

MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Jointly with the
PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
October 20, 2014, 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 101

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

ACTION ITEMS

2. CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR CHOICE PORTION OF THE VALUE OF WATER COMMUNICATIONS PLAN WITH FRASER COMMUNICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

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.)

3. DROUGHT OUTREACH
4. RECAP OF OCTOBER 2nd WATER POLICY FORUM & DINNER
5. 8TH ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY WATER SUMMIT
6. NOVEMBER ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING
7. SCHOOL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION REPORT
8. PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES REPORT

OTHER ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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Municipal Water District of Orange County, California
Washington Update
October 14, 2014

As anticipated, the House and the Senate recessed at the end of September in order to campaign for the November elections.

Before the Congress adjourned, they were able to pass a Continuing Funding Resolution (known as a “CR”) to provide funds for the running of the federal government until the December 11th.

Congress is expected to come back into session shortly after the November 4th election. Much of this report will deal with an analysis of the November elections.

Both parties purposefully chose not to deal with any controversial issues during the summer months or during September and much of this time was focused on who will control both Houses in Congress after the fall elections. Neither party was content not to wage a bitter fight over (and have to defend tough votes) matters such as immigration or gun control or the ISIS crisis just before the November election.

It is well settled that the House will continue to be controlled by the GOP where they currently hold a 234-201 margin. Most experts are predicting that the Republicans will pick up a few more seats in the House of Representatives.

In the Senate, as discussed previously, the Democrats hold a 55 to 45 working majority. A switch of six seats will mean GOP control. Most observers believe the Democrats have already acknowledged defeats in Montana and South Dakota. That leaves the following states in play (in no particular order): Colorado, Alaska, Arkansas, Iowa, West Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, and Louisiana. Four of these states, in addition to Montana and South Dakota, would need to flip without the GOP losing any states in order for the Senate to switch control to the GOP.

Senator Roberts (R-Kansas) has recently showed signs of potentially losing in his state—but his numbers have become more positive in the last few days. The Republican Senate Campaign Committee has sent a special elite team of campaign professionals to assist with his campaign in the Midwest. This appears to be the only Republican seat in play in the Senate.

Should the control of the Senate change to the Republicans, the GOP will still find it difficult to pass controversial bills. In order to run the Senate and assure ultimate success on legislative bills, due to the unique filibuster rules of this legislative body, 60 votes are routinely required to move pieces of legislation. Should the Republicans sweep the November elections in the Senate, this might mean they would have 54 seats or so under a best case scenario, still well short of the magic 60 vote margin.

The one legislative strategy which could be employed by the Republicans to move legislation is the Budget Reconciliation Bill, which requires only a simple majority of votes in both Houses of Congress—and significantly, *this was the legislative procedure used to pass the President Obama's Signature Health Care Insurance Bill, Obamacare, several years ago*. It passed both Houses of Congress by a simple majority of votes, when the Democrats controlled both Houses.

On the Water Front:

Regarding the Central Valley Drought related bill, key Congressional Staff advise MWDOC this week that negotiations between the House and Senate Bills remain ongoing and “positive”. There is an acknowledgement that the key decision makers will need to come to a resolution of the outstanding issues shortly after the election if they intend pass legislation during the lame duck session.

The EPA is conducting their WIFIA listening sessions—where the agency is gathering information regarding how they should be implementing the various provisions of this new federal loan program. The next EPA Public Meeting is October 17, 2014 in Los Angeles.

One of the key provisions which will be reevaluated in the future will be the tax exempt bond prohibition issue which is contained in the current WIFIA law.

Presently, water districts, such as MWDOC, can borrow between 49% and up to approximately 75% of the funds for a water project with WIFIA funds, however the balance of the loans must be through non-tax exempt bonds.

This provision promises to be one of the initiatives we will be working on during the coming session.

On the Appropriations front, we are still waiting to see how the Senate will deal with its Official Committee Report language regarding Environmental Infrastructure Projects in the FY2015 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill.

GENERAL NEWS, CONGRESSIONAL, AND POLITICAL UPDATES			

There are two issues that deserve some mention in this month's report. The first deals with the Ebola Outbreak in West Africa. There are mounting concerns about the spread of this virus to populations outside of the cluster of countries that are in crisis in Africa. Some countries have closed their borders to individuals who travel from these countries. To date, the USA has not done this.

Recriminations have already started about why there is no vaccine available for this virus. Over the weekend, the head of the federal National Institutes of Health (NIH) indicated that the agency might have been able to develop a vaccine if their agency had not gone through a "ten year slide in research (funding) support..." Currently, there is an approximate 70-90% death rate for those individuals who contract this virus and there are approximately 9,000 cases of Ebola that are documented at the present time. The numbers have continue to climb to date not decrease. There is a massive undertaking right now by the world health community to try and control the spread of this virus before it spreads to large urban populations around the globe.

On the Presidential Candidates Watch for 2016, Hillary Clinton continues to be the frontrunner for the Democratic Party.

For the Republicans, the analysis is much more difficult. No one candidate has emerged as a frontrunner. The names most mentioned include, Rand Paul, Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, Jeb Bush, and Chris Christy among others. Perhaps what's new is the prospect that Mitt Romney is now being quoted as saying "circumstances can change" (as opposed to saying there is no way he would run) and he is beginning to meet with key fundraisers and political operatives around the country.

His inner circle acknowledge that he is not a likely candidate unless Jeb Bush drops out of the race. Their view is if Jeb Bush decides not to run, there is a void that Mitt Romney *might be able to fill*. Romney insiders report that he will not run again unless he "*sees a path to victory*". Meanwhile, Mitt Romney is traveling the country helping House, Senate and Governorial candidates with their elections and is actively sought out for fundraising opportunities and joint candidate appearances.

On the other hand by comparison, many Democratic candidates, particularly the ones with tough elections, are not inviting President Obama to their states or districts to campaign with them.

JCB 10-14-2014

MEMO

To: Municipal Water District of Orange County

From: Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

Date: October 13, 2014

Subject: Monthly Political and Activity Report

STATE POLITICAL UPDATE

With the adjournment of the legislative session, and the Governor's deadline to sign or veto pending legislation passed, the upcoming midterm election has become a central focus throughout the state. While Governor Brown is projected to be reelected, whether or not the Democratic super-majority will return going into the next session is less certain.

Earlier this year the Democrats lost the Senate super-majority when they resigned 3 seats to scandals. To regain the super-majority in the Senate, Democrats will have to pick up at least 2 seats. One of the more contentious Senate races is here in Orange County between Jose Solario and Janet Nguyen, in which neither candidate is an incumbent. In the Assembly, Democrats currently hold 55 seats, one above the two-thirds majority margin. Republicans have targeted three highly competitive races in order to upset the super-majority: Sharon Quirk-Silva in Orange County, Rudy Salas in Bakersfield, and Steve Fox in Palmdale. The incumbents in each of these races are considered vulnerable based on the previous race and the Republican demographic the area they represent. Rudy Salas, for example, won his election with a plurality of the votes. The two Republicans he ran against split the field, but collectively took 57 percent of the votes.

The outcome of the November election will largely determine the ability of the new legislature to take up certain issues. If the Democrats return with the super-majority, then reform discussions may take place on subjects such as on Prop 13 (the state property tax limit), and Prop 218 (requiring voter approval on regional property tax increases). The viability of other potential issues will become clearer after the November election. Additionally, due to the major developments within the water industry this year, specifically the water bond and groundwater management legislation, TPA expects there to be continued discussion of these topics into the next legislative session. Should the water bond pass in November, there will be a number of policy bills proposed to

help ensure certain legislator's priority projects receive funding, through further outlining the programmatic specifics for bond funding eligibility. How these negotiations begin and their goals will be largely influenced by the outcome of the new legislature's political makeup.

Water Bond

The water bond will go before voters in November as Proposition 1. Funds from the bond are categorized in the following manner:

- \$2.7 billion for water storage projects
- \$1.495 billion for watershed protection
- \$900 million for groundwater
- \$810 million for regional water security, including stormwater and IRWM funding
- \$725 million for water recycling
- \$520 million for safe drinking water
- \$395 million for flood management

Voter analysis shows that the water bond is likely to pass in November. A recent Field Poll has determined that 58 percent of likely voters will vote yes on Proposition 1, with about 29 percent of voters voting no, and 14 percent of voters undecided. This shows an increase in support for the water bond, compared to an independent poll conducted prior to the passage of AB 1471. Earlier in the year when multiple bonds measures were under consideration in the legislature, there was already both a growing awareness of the state's drought conditions leading toward general support among voters for a water bond in some form. The continuance of that broad support for a water bond, however, was highly contingent on the Governor's backing of future legislation.

Today, with the Governor's support, the majority of voters continue to favor the bond. The highest levels of support come from the San Francisco Bay Area at 64 percent and the Inland Empire at 62 percent. The Central Valley has a 55 percent favorable rating and Orange/San Diego County has a 51 percent favorable rating. Support for the bond is largely split down party lines with Democrats overwhelmingly in support of the measure at 66 percent, and with Republicans only at 35 percent support.

Moving closer to the election, support for the bond is only likely to grow. Governor Brown announced late last month his statewide campaign to support the bond, as well as his other legislative priority, the rainy day fund. Governor Brown's pitch for the bond is concise, "Save water, save money, save California: 1 and 2 for you." The Governor is also continuing to garner bi-partisan support for the water bond, which helped ensure its passage through the legislature. For example, Governor Brown participated in a conference call with the head of the California Chamber of Commerce, a conservative group, to campaign for the bond.

Historical analysis of water bonds in California shows they have an incredibly high rate of success with voters. Of the 13 bonds that have gone to voters since 1960, only the water bond of 1982 failed to be passed. Since 2000, 5 water related bonds have passed with voter approval in from the mid 50th to the mid 60th percentile.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

- TPA monitored the SWRCB Meeting on October 7, and provided update to staff
- TPA drafted a one page briefing on the water bond and provided to staff
- TPA updated and finalized the WACO and MWDOC legislative matrix for the 2013-2014 legislative session.
- TPA meet with MWDOC staff to discuss drafting/updating Water Policy Principles
- TPA called Orange County delegation district offices to secure final RSVPs for the MWDOC Water Policy Dinner
- TPA continues to hold bi-monthly phone calls with the Government Affairs manager to coordinate activities
- TPA arranged and attended meeting with OC delegation staff:
 - October 8, Javiera Cartagena, District Director for Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva
 - October 9, Matt Hicks, District Director for Assemblyman Daly

The County of Orange Report

Presented October 20, 2014
By Lewis Consulting Group

Polling Indicates State Water Bond Winning

Proposition 1, has solidified support over time and is heavily favored to pass in the upcoming November election.

The most recent poll conducted by the highly respected Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) was fielded from September 8 through September 14. Included in the survey were 1321 registered voters yielding a margin of error of +/- 4.1%

Among likely voters in the PPIC poll the bond was passing 58-29%. Even though this poll is more than one month old there is nothing to suggest that this trend has altered.

The bond was passing 68-22 among Democrats; 59-29 among independents; and 44-36 among Republicans.

The affirmative vote broken down by five California regions was – 64% in San Francisco Bay Area; 62% Inland Empire; 55% in both the Central Valley and Los Angeles; and Orange County/San Diego at 51%.

California Proposition 1 (2014)					
Poll	Support	Oppose	Undecided	Margin of Error	Sample Size
Tulchin Research 1/20/2010 - 1/25/2010	34.0%	55.0%	11.0%	+/-4.0	600
Public Policy Institute of California 3/11/2014 - 3/18/2014	50.0%	32.0%	19.0%	+/-3.6	1,702
Public Policy Institute of California 7/8/2014 - 7/15/2014	61.0%	22.0%	17.0%	+/-3.7	1,705
The Field Poll 8/14/2014 - 8/28/2014	52.0%	27.0%	21.0%	+/-4.8	467
Lake Research Partners 8/26/2014 - 8/29/2014	42.0%	24.0%	34.0%	+/-4.0	600
Public Policy Institute of California 9/8/2014 - 9/15/2014	58.0%	29.0%	14.0%	+/-3.6	1,702
AVERAGES	49.5%	31.5%	19.33%	+/-3.95	1,129.33

Reasons for Water Bond Strength

Contained in the same PPIC statewide poll were several questions related to California views of the importance of water.

When asked how much of a problem is the California water supply the answer was – big problem 65%, somewhat of a problem 22%, not much of a problem 12%.

When asked if voters would support a local bond issue for infrastructure projects requested by your local water districts support was strong – 72% yes, 19% no, 9% undecided.

Even in the Orange County/San Diego region support registered 70% yes, 15% no, 15% undecided.

Lastly, when respondents were asked what is the most important issue facing California today - Jobs & Economy is 33%, water/drought is 22%. No other issue registered more than 5%.

Orange County's Measure E Heats Up

On October 13 the Orange County Register editorialized its opposition to Measure E. the editorial represents a slap-down of the County's Board of Supervisors who placed Measure E on the ballot.

For several years the Orange County Grand Jury bolstered by self-anointed Orange County political reformer Shirley Grindle, has called on the Orange County Board of Supervisors to create an independent commission to enforce the County's finance ordinance – TINCUP.

The Board of Supervisors, fearful of creating a runaway bureaucracy voted instead to place Measure E on the ballot which if adopted would turn over enforcement to the state FPPC. Grindle and Orange County Grand Jurors have opposed Measure E and hope by its defeat, the Board of Supervisors will be politically forced to finally support an independent commission.

Adding additional controversy to the election, Shirley Grindle was angered when she read the description of Measure E in her ballot pamphlet. In language crafted by the County Counsel the ballot reads, "authorize Ethics Commission to enforce Orange County's campaign finance rules." Grindle complains there is no such thing as a California ethics commission. Instead in her opinion, this language describes the FPPC as an ethics commission in a deliberate attempt to sway voters. Supervisors were quick to deny the charge saying County Counsel independently penned the legal description.

Polling Indicates Democrat Statewide Sweep

Polling from PPIC and other major polling firms suggests every partisan California Constitutional Office will be won by the Democrat nominee.

Leading the ticket of course is the race for Governor where incumbent Jerry Brown maintains a consistently large lead. The last four polls from August 8 to October 1 shows Jerry Brown leading Republican challenger Neal Kashkari by a margin of 16 points on the low end to 21 points on the high end. Averaging the polls brings a result of Brown 54% - Kashkari 35%. The only statewide race that is expected to be close is the race for Superintendent of Public Instruction between incumbent Tom Torlakson and challenger Marshall Tuck, neither of whom are Republican.

Locally, the most watched partisan races are the Senate race pitting Janet Nguyen vs. Jose Solorio and the Assembly race featuring Sharon Quirk-Silva and Young Kim. Both of these races are rock 'em, sock 'em affairs which will have a profound effect on whether or not the California 2105/2016 legislature will be comprise with a two-thirds super legislative majority.

**In case you missed this article in the
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ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

BY HANNAH MADANS / STAFF WRITER

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TYPES OF WATER

- **Greywater:** Waste water from showers, baths, laundry, dishwashers and more; this water is recycled and used for things like toilet flushing and landscape irrigation
- **Recycled or reclaimed water:** Sewage that has been treated to remove impurities; it is often used for irrigation
- **Groundwater:** Underground water often accessed through wells
- **Stormwater:** Water from rain or snow; can be stored and used for irrigation or to flush toilets
- **Brackish water:** Water with some salt in it, but not as much as seawater, in Santa Monica this can be found in the ground near the pier; this water is treated and then used
- **Seawater or saltwater:** water from the ocean that has a large amount of salt in it

California's drought has created mandated water conservation efforts, but some communities in Southern California, from Huntington Beach to Los Angeles, are doing something extra: trying to become water independent.

The Metropolitan Water District supplies half of all water used in urban Southern California, said Deven Upadhyay, the district's water resources manager. But some cities want to be free of the water district.

The process of becoming water independent is different for everyone, Upadhyay said. Some water districts are pushing desalination efforts. Others are investing in increasing the groundwater supply or recycled water and all agencies are pushing conservation.

“It really depends on what they have available in their area, which is why we don’t see the same cookie cutter approach in every area,” he said.

Orange County-wide desalination plant

Poseidon Water is in the late stages of developing a 50-million-gallon-per-day desalination plant in Huntington Beach that would serve most of the county. The desalination plant will be operational in 2018. Desalination is the process used to make seawater drinkable.

Scott Maloni, Poseidon’s vice president of project development, said the water will be twice as expensive as imported water. The price of imported water is rising, however, so the water from the plant will be cheaper within 30 years.

The plant could provide 8 percent of Orange County’s water supply, benefiting 150,000 households.

“It’s not going to eliminate the need for Orange County to import water, but it will greatly reduce it,” Maloni said.

Maloni said Poseidon Water spent \$40 million to develop the project. The Orange County Water District is now considering buying the plant’s water.

The desalination process takes a lot of energy, but Maloni said it is not harmful to the environment and is an answer to California’s drought.

“It is drought-proof, reliable water,” he said.

A poll conducted by Probolsky Research found that 70 percent of Orange County voters are in favor of the project.

Orange County Water District

The Orange County Water District manages the groundwater basin that serves 2.4 million people in Orange County. The water in the basin is a combination of water from the

Santa Ana River, rainfall, recycled water and imported water from the Metropolitan Water District.

How much water is imported varies every year, but because of the drought it took “a fairly large amount to fill the basin back up,” Orange County Water District General Manager Mike Markus said.

“What’s significant is our recycled water effort. It gives us a certain amount of reliability,” he said. “We have control of the recycled water and in February we will be producing over 100,000 acre feet of recycled water.”

The amount of recycled water will increase from 70 million to 100 million gallons of water per day once an expansion is finished in February 2015.

Irvine Ranch Water District

The Irvine Ranch Water District serves Irvine, some of Newport, some of Orange, most of Lake Forest and some parts of unincorporated Orange County.

In 2013, the water district used 25 percent recycled water, 31 percent clear groundwater, 19 percent treated groundwater and 22 percent imported water. The rest is from local surface water.

In 1990, 66 percent of the water was imported.

General Manager Paul Cook said the reduction was due to an increase of local water supplies and conservation efforts.

The Irvine Ranch Water District is looking to create a recycled water storage system in the foothills.

“We want a place to put all of our ‘extra’ water from the winter months for use in the summer,” Cook said.

People use less water for irrigation over the winter, so some recycled water is not used.

The property for the storage facility is already owned by the district. Cook plans to have it online by 2020, which will cost roughly \$70 million.

South Coast Water District

The South Coast Water District serves water to Dana Point, South Laguna and some sections of San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano. About 75 percent of the district's water is imported, 15 percent is local groundwater and 10 percent is recycled water.

The South Coast Water District is attempting to increase local groundwater from 15 percent to 18 percent of its total supply and recycled water from 10 percent to 15 percent.

The district is also in the early stages of a desalination plant that would get its water from Doheny State Beach in Dana Point. The plant would account for 58 percent of the district's water supply.

The South Coast Water District wants to complete a 5 million-gallon-per-day plant by 2020 costing \$50 million to \$70 million and expand the plant to 15 million gallons per day eight years later for an additional \$75 million to \$100 million.

"Our goal is to become 100 percent self-sufficient between the combination of desalination and our groundwater recovery facility and increased use of recycled water," general manager Andy Brunhart said. "We want to get to the point that we're self-sufficient and we aren't dependent on others."

Long Beach

Long Beach doesn't plan to become completely water independent, but does want to reduce its amount of dependence on outside water, officials there said.

The city imports 40 percent of its water and is trying to reduce to 30 percent.

"We have a plan to make the groundwater more efficient," said Long Beach Water Department General Manager Kevin Wattier.

The city plans to build a well to access the West Coast Groundwater Basin, which would produce 5 percent of the city's needs.

Wattier estimated that it will take two to three years to complete the well and roughly \$2 million.

Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, on the other hand, has seen imported water use rise because of the drought, said Systems Manager Marty Adams.

Thirty years ago, the agency imported only 10 to 15 percent of its water, but this year Adams estimates the agency will import 75 percent of its water.

“We’re really upside down this year. It goes to show how reliant we are on that imported supply that costs a lot of money,” Adams said.

The department is now trying to increase its conservation efforts, make better use of recycled water and increase stormwater capture programs.

The agency is aiming to have one groundwater treatment plant in service by 2021 and a recycled water advanced treatment plant ready by 2022.

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Legal and Regulatory

October 20, 2014

1. **CEQA Exemption-Governor:** In a follow up ruling to last months court ruling that “initiatives” are not subject to CEQA requirements, the Court of Appeal in Sacramento ruled that the Governor is not a “public agency” for purposes of CEQA. The issue arose in connection with a gaming compact executed by Governor Brown in Madera County which included the construction of a casino. The Governors approval of the project did not trigger CEQA review because the Governors office is not a public agency. The Supreme Court may yet decide this issue but until then, getting the Governor’s office involved in projects may bring relief for CEQA compliance.
2. **Salmon Beat People for Water:** In another historic ruling, the State Supreme Court settled a dispute between farmers and fish relative to use of water from the Russian River. The farmers, who have an historic right to use of the river water, were challenged by the State Water Resources Board as a result of injury to the salmon population. The trial court ruled in favor of the farmers but the Court of Appeal ruled for the fish. The State Supreme Court refused to grant review thereby upholding the Court of Appeal decision. The basis for the decision was the farmers “using water in an unreasonable manner” and the protection of fish was a higher priority than needs of the farmers.
3. **Earthquake Increases Water Supply:** The recent large earthquake in Napa has had an unusual side effect...more water to the area. Due to the shake up of underground networks, Napa has seen an increase in groundwater in streams and formerly dry beds. The increase is substantial and has been particularly helpful to Vallejo who is suffering greatly due to the drought. Geologists say this is not uncommon after earthquakes but that over time, water flow generally returns to normal. That is unless there was really dramatic shake up down there.
4. **Drought Helps Wine Year:** Another side effect of the drought in Napa is the real possibility of it producing a very good wine year. The lack of water makes the grape vines work harder to get their nourishment. The result is usually less product and a much higher quality grape. Thus far this has been the case in Napa. The drought has also produced an earlier harvest season than usual. While we may have less water this year than normal, we will have better wine.

5. **Drones for Rain??**: Cloud seeding is still being used to try to enhance snow and rain fall. Most seeding is done from land based operations as airplane use is often too dangerous. The Desert Research Institute is currently testing the use of drones for cloud seeding. The jury is still out on the effectiveness of the program but everyone agrees that the science is sound. The implementation of the science is what is being tested.
6. **Drought vs. the Redwoods**: UC Berkeley scientists are conducting experiments with some of the oldest redwood trees in California in Santa Cruz County. They climb near the top of the giant trees and get leaf samples. These are then tested for water content and other nutrients. While the tests are not completed, initial results show the redwoods to be very strong and able to withstand long periods of almost any kind of weather, including droughts. Even with all the current weather challenges, it appears that the trees have grown more over the last century than in their earlier life.
7. **Drought vs. Food Production**: The current drought is costing farmers and the California economy millions of dollars. It is estimated that the fruit and nut tree production has dropped by 8% and vegetables by almost the same during the last year. Safeway and the other large outlets are looking elsewhere for products which they ordinarily would be buying from our state. This situation will increase the debate on balancing water supply between people, farmers, the environment and other factors.
8. **Smartphone Apps and Water Use**: While everyone is concentrating on conserving water and using it wisely, many public agencies are actively asking the public for help in identifying water users and abusers. Long Beach, Placer County, Santa Clara, Palm Springs and many others have or are considering providing apps to their customers to report water usage including leaks, broken pipes and improper uses. While some of these programs may approach a "Big Brother" is watching you aspect, many are having a positive outcome reporting to agencies matters that can be corrected or fixed promptly. The apps generally provide for sending a picture or a text of the event to the water agency. The agency then contacts the owner or entity to look at corrective action where warranted.
9. **State Fires and Water**: Fire agencies have reported that even where fires are occurring of severe drought and low reservoirs, such as the King Fire near Sacramento, supply is not a problem. Agencies have provided alternate routes for water delivery and in some cases have modified their equipment to meet fire fighting demands. Water authorities have also indicated the amount of water used in fire fighting is very small when looking at the big picture. Cal Fire crews are now documenting all water they collect from private or public sources with the intent of paying or replacing later.



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	Climate Change Response for Clean and Safe Drinking Water 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) Chapered by Secretary of State. Chapter Number 188		
Dead Water Bond Legislation						
AB 2043	Bigelow [R]	Yes	Safe Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act Enacts the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2014, which, if adopted by votes, would authorize the issuance of bonds to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program.	(08/06/2014) In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Not heard		
AB 2554	Rendon [D]	Yes	Clean, Safe, and Reliable Drinking Water Act of 2014 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 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	Safe Drinking Water:Water Quality:Flood Protection Act Enacts the Safe Drinking Water, Water quality, and Flood protection Act of 2014 which would authorize the issuance of bonds pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water, water quality, and flood protection program.	(08/18/2014) In SENATE. From third reading. To Inactive File		



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SB 927	Cannella [R]	Yes	Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Renames the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 as the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014 and makes conforming changes. Authorizes the issuance of bonds in a specified amount by reducing the amount available for projects	(04/22/2014) In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Failed passage.	
SB 1250	Hueso [D]	Yes	Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act Amends the Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 that would authorize the issuance of bonds to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would amend the act.	(05/13/2014) In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Not heard.	
HIGH PRIORITY					
Enrolled or to Governor					
AB 543	Campos [D]	Yes	California Environmental Quality Act Requires a lead agency to translate any notice, document, or executive summary required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when the impacted community has a substantial number of non English speaking people.	(09/25/2014) Vetoes by GOVERNOR	ACWA: Oppose CSDA: Oppose
SB 633	Pavley [D]	Yes	CEQA Amends the California Environmental Quality Act that requires the submission of a subsequent or supplemental environmental impact report when new information which was not known and could not have been known at the time of the original report was certified as complete, becomes available. Requires the new information that becomes available was not known and could not have been known by the lead agency or any responsible agency at the time the report was certified as complete. Relates to exemptions.	(09/26/2014) Vetoes by GOVERNOR	ACWA: Watch CSDA: Watch
Not Passed by Legislature					
AB 145	Perea [D]	Yes	State Water Resources Control Board Drinking Water Transfers to the State Water Resources Control Board the various duties and responsibilities imposed on the State Department of Public Health by the State Safe Drinking Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law of 1997.	(08/30/2013) In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.	MWD: Oppose unless Amended ACWA: Oppose unless Amended CSDA: Watch
AB 1073	Torres [D]	Yes	Emergency Services: Utility Access Requires the Office of Emergency Services to develop, in collaboration with the Public Utilities Commission, a universal insignia that may be displayed on badges worn by a properly qualified and certified utility worker or technician that would enable the person to gain access to a location subject to a disaster or other emergency to provide vital utility services.	(09/12/2013) Withdrawn from SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (09/12/2013) In SENATE: Ordered to third reading.	CSDA: Watch



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ACA 8	Blumenfield [D]	Yes	<p>Local Government Financing: Voter Approval Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to create an additional exception to the 1% limit for an ad valorem tax rate imposed by a city, county, city and county, or special district, to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund specified public improvements and facilities, or buildings used primarily to provide sheriff, police, or fire protection services, that is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, city and county, or special district.</p>	<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	<p>Environment: California Environmental Quality Act State the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation revising the California Environmental Quality Act to, among other things, provide greater certainty for smart infill development. States the intent of the Legislature to provide funds annually to the Strategic Growth Council for the purposes of providing planning incentive grants to local and regional agencies to update and implement general plans</p>	<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	<p>Sacramento San Joaquin Delta Reform Act Amends the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 to exclude from the definition of covered action the approval or implementation of a project as part of a larger conservation plan submitted pursuant to the Federal Endangered Species Act, a natural community conservation plan submitted pursuant to the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act, or certain permits related to the taking, importation, exportation, or sale of endangered species.</p>	<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	<p>Local Government: Economic Development: Special Taxes Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to provide that the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for community and economic development projects requires the approval of a specified percentage of its voters voting on the proposition.</p>	<u>(06/27/2013)</u> Re-referred to SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS		CSDA: Support
SCA 11	Hancock [D]	Yes	<p>Local Government: Special Taxes: Voter Approval Makes conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions relative to special taxation. Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 55% of the voters voting on the proposition.</p>	<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	Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Transfers the administration of the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the related grant and loan program for construction of public water systems to the State Water Resources Council.	(07/21/2014) Signed by GOVERNOR. (07/21/2014) Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 152	ACWA: Support
AB 2403	Rendon [D]	No	Local Government: Assessments, fees, and charges Provides that provisions of the California Constitution generally require that assessments, fees, and charges be submitted to property owners for approval or rejection after the provisions of written notice and the holding of a public hearing. Modifies the definition of water to specifically include recycled water and stormwater intended for water service.	(06/28/2014) Signed by GOVERNOR. (06/28/2014) Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 78 [Effective Rule]	
NEWLY INTRODUCED/AMENDED IN 2014					
Enrolled or to Governor					
AB 194	Campos [D]	No	Open Meetings: Actions For Violations Amends the Ralph M. Brown Act. Requires every agenda for a regular meeting or notice for a special meeting to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body on items being considered by the legislative body. Expands the authorization for a district attorney or interested party to seek a judicial determination that an action taken by a legislative body is null and void if the legislative body violates this requirement.	(09/27/2014) Vetoes by GOVERNOR	
AB 1249	Salas [D]	No	Senate Environmental Quality Committee Requires an integrated regional water management plan to include an explanation of how the plan addressed nitrate contamination, or an explanation of why the plan does not address such concentration, if an area within the boundaries of the plan has been identified as a nitrate high-risk area by the State Water Resources Control Board; requires the Board when selecting projects for funding to establish a preference for project that implement plans that address nitrate impacts.	(09/28/2014) Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 717	
AB 1527	Perea [D]	No	Public Water Systems: Drinking Water Requires the State Department of Public Health in administering programs to fund improvements and expansions of small community water systems, and other water systems, to promote service delivery alternatives that improve efficiency and affordability of infrastructure and service delivery.	(09/28/2014) Vetoes by GOVERNOR	



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AB 1728	Garcia [D]	No	Political Reform Act of 1974 Relates to the Political Reform Act of 1974. Revises the definition of agency to include a local government agency formed pursuant to provision of the Water Code. Revises the definition of license, permit, or other entitlement for use with respect to proceedings before a local government agency formed pursuant to the Water Code to apply to all contracts that are not competitively bid. Relates to the financial interests of a person who compensates a person to support or oppose a particular decision.	<u>(09/30/2014)</u> Vetoes by GOVERNOR		
AB 2040	Garcia [D]	No	Public Official Compensation Requires a local agency to report to the controller the annual compensation of its public officials, including, but not limited to, separately listing the name of each public official and his or her monthly salary.	<u>(09/30/2014)</u> Signed by GOVERNOR. <u>(09/30/2014)</u> Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 894		
AB 2067	Weber [D]	No	Urban Water Management Plans Requires an urban retail water supplier and an urban wholesale water supplier to provide narratives describing the supplier's water demand management measures. Requires the narrative to address the nature and extent of each water demand management measure implemented to describe the water demand management measures that the supplier plans to implement.	<u>(09/19/2014)</u> Signed by GOVERNOR. <u>(09/19/2014)</u> Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 463		
AB 2442	Gordon [D]	No	Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act Prohibits the State Water Resources Control Board, a regional board, and any authorized person, from being civilly or criminally liable for any act or omission of the state board, regional board, or any authorized person in connection with any investigation, cleanup, abatement, or other remedial work, unless the act or omission was performed in a grossly negligent manner.	<u>(09/28/2014)</u> Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 739		
AB 2636	Gatto [D]	No	CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund Establishes the CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund administered by the Department of Water Resources for the purpose of water use efficiency projects	<u>(09/29/2014)</u> Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 825		
SB 985	Pavley [D]	No	Stormwater Resource Planning Amends the Stormwater Resource Planning Act that authorizes a city, county, or special district, to develop a stormwater resource plan that meets certain standards. Requires a stormwater resource plan to identify opportunities to use existing publicly owned lands to capture and reuse stormwater	<u>(09/02/2014)</u> Enrolled		



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SB 1036	Pavley [D]	No	Urban Water Management Plans Authorizes an urban water supplier to include within an urban water management plan certain energy-related information, including, but not limited to, estimates of the amount of energy used to extract or divert water supplies.	<u>(09/25/2014)</u> Signed by GOVERNOR. <u>(09/25/2014)</u> Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 555	
SB 1120	Galgiani [D]	No	Local Water Supply Programs or Projects: Funding Requires the Department of Water Resources to conduct a statewide inventory of local regional water supply projects and post specified results of the inventory on the department's Internet Web site	<u>(09/29/2014)</u> Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 838	
SB 1390	Correa [D]	No	General Subject: Santa Ana River Conservancy Establishes the Santa Ana River Conservancy to acquire specified lands on either side of the riverbed of the Santa Ana River and would prescribe the management, powers, and duties of conservancy.	<u>(09/25/2014)</u> Signed by GOVERNOR. <u>(09/25/2014)</u> Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 562	
SB 1281	Pavley [D]	No	Oil and Gas Production: Water Use Reporting Declares that the use of freshwater in all elements of the development and production of oil and gas shall be reduced to an unspecified percentage of baseline freshwater use. Requires well and facility owners or operators to report to the division the volume, source, and use of all freshwater, recycled water, and treated water.	<u>(09/25/2014)</u> Signed by GOVERNOR. <u>(09/25/2014)</u> Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 561	
Not Passed by Legislature					
AB 69	Perea [D]	No	Groundwater: Drinking Water: Nitrate at Risk Fund Establishes the Nitrate at Risk Fund to be administered by the State Department of Public Health for loans, principal forgiveness loans, or grants to certain water systems operating in a high-nitrate at-risk area for specified purposes. Requires fertilizer sellers to pay a materials charge for deposit in the Fund.	<u>(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	State Environmental Quality Act: Writ of Mandate Amends the State Environmental Quality Act that requires a court, if the court finds that a public agency has violated the requirements of the Act, to issue an order, in the form of a peremptory writ of mandate, specifying what actions by the public agency are necessary to comply with the requirements of the Act. Requires the writ to specify the time by which the public agency is to make an initial return of the writ containing specified information.	<u>(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	Drinking Water, Quality, Flood, River Protection Amends the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. Eliminates the requirement to develop and adopt regulations and requires a grantee of certain initiative bond act funds to take specific actions to recover the costs of cleanup and to utilize those funds for certain groundwater contamination cleanup projects.	<u>(08/28/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. ASSEMBLY concurred in SENATE amendments. To enrollment		
AB 1445	Logue [R]	Yes	Water Infrastructure Act of 2014 Enacts the California Water Infrastructure Act of 2014. Authorizes the issuance of bonds in a specified amount to finance a public benefit associated with water storage projects programs.	<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	Water Conservation Prohibits a city or county, during a drought emergency declared by the Governor, from enforcing a law or ordinance requiring a resident to water his or her lawn.	<u>(04/24/2014)</u> Re-referred to ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.		



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AB 1671	Frazier [D]	No	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Water Conveyance System Prohibits the Department of Water Resources from constructing water facilities as part of a specified water conveyance system unless specifically authorized by the Legislature.	(04/08/2014) In ASSEMBLY Committee on WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE: Not heard.	Opposed	
AB 1674	Bigelow [R]	Yes	Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would amend the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.	(03/28/2014) To ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS. (03/28/2014) From ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS with author's amendments. (03/28/2014) In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY		
AB 1731	Perea [D]	No	Integrated Regional Water Management Plans: Funding Requires, in each integrated regional water management region, that not less than a specified percentage of any funding for integrated regional water management planning purposes be used to facilitate and support the participation of disadvantaged communities in integrated regional water management planning and for projects that address critical water supply or water quality needs for disadvantaged communities.	(06/10/2014) In SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER: Not heard.		
AB 1739	Dickinson [D]	No	Groundwater Basin Management: Sustainability Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with the Department of Water Resources, to develop thresholds for the sustainable management of the priority groundwater basins	(08/29/2014) In ASSEMBLY. ASSEMBLY concurred in SENATE amendments. To enrollment		
AB 1807	Dahle [R]	No	Water Quality: Organization of Regional Boards Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law regarding regional water quality control board membership	(02/18/2014) INTRODUCED		
AB 1808	Dahle [R]	No	Drinking Water Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to the California Safe Drinking Water Act	(02/18/2014) INTRODUCED		



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AB 1874	Gonzales [D]	No	Integrated Regional Water Management Plans: Funding Requires the Department of Water Resources to develop a streamlined application process for the funding of regional projects and programs. Requires the Department to promptly review and pay invoices associated with grants for regional projects and programs.	(05/23/2014) In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.	
AB 1970	Gordon [D]	No	Global Warming Solutions Act: Community Investment Creates the Community Investment and Innovation Program and requires moneys to be available from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for purposes of awarding local assistance grants and other financial assistance to eligible grant applicants who submit plans to develop and implement integrated community-level greenhouse gas emissions reductions in their region.	(05/23/2014) In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.	
AB 1983	Gray [D]	No	Water Meters: Multiunit Structures Authorizes the owner or operator of a building containing residential units to install equipment to determine or use an economic allocation methodology to approximate the quantity of water that is provided to the tenants and used in the common areas of that building and to charge tenants separately for water and wastewater service based on usage as determined through the use of that equipment or allocation methodology if certain requirements are met.	(03/03/2014) To ASSEMBLY Committees on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE.	
AB 2046	Gomez [D]	No	Joint Exercise of Powers for Financing Authorizes a joint powers authority to execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered, certificates of participation in a lease or installment sale agreement for the financing or refinancing of a project that is situated in another state, including working capital related to that project, if the project and its financing meets certain conditions.	(08/14/2014) In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee	
AB 2049	Dahle [R]	No	Drinking Water: Point-of-Entry: Point-of-Use Treatment Limits the use of point-of-entry and point-of-use treatment to water systems with less than 500 service connections.	(05/08/2014) To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.	
AB 2189	Garcia [D]	No	Water Replenishment Assessment Requires the board of each water replenishment district to make the specified findings and determinations before holding the public hearing, and to give written notice by mail to operators of water-producing facilities within the district that would be subject to the proposed replenishment assessment. Provides the basis for the assessment. Authorizes a water-producing facility operator to submit a protest	(05/23/2014) In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.	
AB 2194	Mullin [D]	No	Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 Amends the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 that authorizes a community facilities district to finance various services, including, but not limited to, flood and storm protection services. Authorizes the financing of storm water management.	(08/21/2014) In SENATE. Joint Rule 61 suspended	



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



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SB 1080	Fuller [R]	Yes	Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act Relates to the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in a specified amount. Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to reduce the bond amount.	<u>(02/27/2014)</u> To SENATE Committee on RULES.		
SB 1132	Mitchell [D]	No	Oil and Gas Well Stimulation Treatments Requires a specified scientific study to consider additional elements and evaluate various potential direct, indirect and cumulative health and environmental effects of onshore and offshore well stimulation and well stimulation treatment-related activities. Prohibits all well stimulation treatments until the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency convenes a committee to review the scientific study.	<u>(05/29/2014)</u> In SENATE. Read third time. Failed to pass SENATE. (16-16)		
SB 1168	Pavley [D]	No	Groundwater Management Plans Requires a local agency to determine sustainable yield for a groundwater basin in coordination with other applicable local agencies whose service areas overlap the groundwater basin	<u>(08/29/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. To second reading. <u>(08/29/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading. <u>(08/29/2014)</u> In ASSEMBLY. Read third time. Passed ASSEMBLY. *****To SENATE for concurrence. (47-27) <u>(08/29/2014)</u> In SENATE. SENATE concurred in ASSEMBLY amendments. To enrollment. (25-10)		
SB 1362	Correa [D]	No	Public Contracts: Orange County Water District Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law that governs the contracts of Orange County Water District as provided in a specified statute and further provides that the district is not bound by any contract unless the same is made in writing approved by a resolution of the board	<u>(04/21/2014)</u> From SENATE Committee on RULES with author's amendments. <u>(04/21/2014)</u> In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on RULES.		
SB 1451	Hill [D]	No	Environmental Quality: Mitigation Measures Relates to the California Environmental Quality Act. Requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to submit to the Legislature a report on the types and effectiveness of a representative sample of mitigation measures adopted by state and local agencies.	<u>(05/06/2014)</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	Water Advanced Technologies for Efficient Resource Use Act of 2013 – This bill encourages water efficiency.	SUPPORT 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	Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013 - 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.	SUPPORT 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	To reauthorize the Water Desalination Act of 1996 - The bill would reauthorize funding provisions in the 1996 Water Desalination Act for desalination research.	SUPPORT based on board-adopted 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	Hydrologic Changes and Water Systems Grants - Authorizes the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program of awarding grants to owners or operators of water systems to increase resiliency or adaptability of the systems to any ongoing or forecasted changes to the hydrologic conditions of a region of the United States	SUPPORT based on support for HR 2738 in the previous Congress	This is a reintroduction of H.R. 2738 of the 112th Congress. This EPA-administered grant program could have significant benefit to Metropolitan and its member agencies as they face the challenges of climate change on water supply sources. Grant funding could go towards many projects and programs that Metropolitan and the member agencies are currently operating or are studying for future operations, including groundwater recharge, water banking, recycling, desalination, stormwater capture, water use efficiency, etc.
H.R. 836 Miller, Ga. (R-CA)	2/27/2013; Introduced and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment	Sunshine Conflicts Act of 2013 - This legislation amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue a rule within 60 days to prohibit any member of a board or body that approves permit applications for the discharge of pollutants from seeking to influence the approval of any permit in which that member has a financial interest.	SUPPORT based on support for H.R. 2765 in the previous Congress	This bill would help ensure that a wide pool of experienced and technically qualified persons could serve on water boards, such as SWRCB and the regional boards. The legislation directs EPA to revise its rules to rely on a conflict of interest test, rather than an arbitrary income standard test. In California, it has become increasingly difficult for the Governor to find qualified individuals to fill SWRCB and Regional Board vacancies, so oftentimes, vacancies remain open for lengthy periods, which could result in delays in Board actions/decisions. Metropolitan and its member agencies are covered under various general and individual NPDES permits which are issued, renewed, and acted upon by SWRCB and the regional boards in Southern California.

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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	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: This legislation establishes the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area.	SUPPORT 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	Lower Colorado River Protection Act - Provides for the protection of the quality of water in the Lower Colorado River and the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan for the prevention and elimination of pollution in the Lower Colorado River and the maintenance of a healthy Lower Colorado River ecosystem.	SUPPORT, if amended to limit the funding to projects impacting the Colorado River, based on MWD position on HR 3481 introduced in 2010	This legislation is identical to HR 3481 and authorizes a new program within EPA to develop and implement a pollution plan for the Lower Basin of the Colorado River and provides federal funding for municipal wastewater treatment facilities along the river. The bill should be amended to limit the pollution control plan to projects related to reducing the effects of municipal wastewater or septic systems being released into the river. Projects related to this specific issue should be federally funded through the existing Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act referenced in section 203.

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H.R. 1823 Heck (R-NV)	6/14/2013: House Committee on Judiciary: Referred to Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations	Importation and Exportation of Mussels the Protecting Lakes Against Quaggas (PLAQ) Act- Existing federal law (16 USC 42) makes it a crime to import into the U.S. or to ship between States, certain animals, including zebra mussels. Prohibited animals (including mollusks like the zebra mussel) "shall be promptly exported or destroyed at the expense of the importer or consignee. Related federal law prohibits the transport in interstate commerce of any wildlife possessed or transported in violation of state law (16 USC 3372(a)(2)). HR 1823 would expand the zebra mussel restriction in Section 42 to include all mussels in the genus Dreissena--which includes the quagga mussels that are now in the lower Colorado River.	OPPOSE, unless amended, 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	Mexico Water Sharing Report - This bill directs the Secretary of State to report within 120 days after enactment and thereafter annually to Congress regarding: (1) efforts by Mexico to meet its deliveries of water to the Rio Grande in accordance with the Treaty between the United States and Mexico Respecting Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande ("Mexican Treaty"), and (2) benefits to the United States of the Interim International Cooperative Measures in the Colorado River Basin through 2017 and Extension of Minute 318 Cooperative Measures to Address the Continued Effects of the April 2010 Earthquake in the Mexicali Valley, Baja, California ("Minute 319").	WATCH	Metropolitan is affected by the agreements in the Mexican Treaty and Minute 319. Stakeholders on the Rio Grande are concerned that Congress may amend the bill to tie funding for Minute 319 implementation to Mexico's agreements on the Rio Grande. Metropolitan will watch the bill to ensure it is not amended in a manner that adversely affects Metropolitan's interests.

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

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H.R. 2705 Denham (R-CA)	7/25/2013; Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power and the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs	Stanislaus River Native Anadromous Fish Improvement Act - Develops a pilot program to remove non-native predator Fishes from the Stanislaus River to protect the native anadromous fishery resources affected by the operation of the New Melones Unit of the East Side Division of the Central Valley Project.	SUPPORT based on board-adopted 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.
H.R. 3964 Valadao (R-CA)	2/10/2014; Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar	Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act - seeks to address the drought conditions in California by relaxing regulatory restrictions on the operation of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP) by doing the following: facilitating water transfers; modifying water delivery contract obligations; mandating delivery of certain quantities of water to CVP contractors; preempting certain state laws; and implementing other measures, which are intended to increase the supply of water from the water projects to water contractors.	OPPOSE 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.

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H.R. 3980 McClintock (R-CA) Companion Measure: S.2427 Barrasso (R-WY)	9/18/2014; Reported out of the Natural Resources favorably, awaiting full Floor Action.	Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act - 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.	SUPPORT, if amended , 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.
H.R.3994 Bishop (R-UT)	7/9/2014; Hearing held before the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.	Federal Lands Invasive Species Control, Prevention, and Management Act - 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.	SUPPORT , 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.

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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	California Emergency Drought Relief Act - directs the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to take actions to provide additional water supplies and disaster assistance to the State of California due to drought.	SUPPORT, if amended, 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.
HR 4114 McNerney (D-CA) Companion Measure: S.2227 Udall, T. (D-NM)	2/27/2014; Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means	Watersense Program Property Credit - Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for property certified by the Environmental Protection Agency under the WaterSense program.	SUPPORT, and amend, 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	Shasta Dam Expansion Act of 2014 – 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.	SUPPORT 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

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H.R.4126 Costa (D-CA)	3/7/2014; Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power	San Luis Reservoir Expansion Act of 2014 – Amends the Calfed Bay-Delta Authorization Act to authorize the construction of the expansion of San Luis Reservoir.	SUPPORT, if amended , 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.
H.R. 4127 Costa (D-CA)	3/6/2014; Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power	Upper San Joaquin River Storage Act - Amends the Calfed Bay-Delta Authorization Act to authorize construction for Upper San Joaquin River storage in Fresno and Madera Counties if the Secretary of the Interior finds that the project is feasible.	SUPPORT 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	SECURE Water Amendments Act – 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.	SUPPORT, in concept , 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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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.	SUPPORT, if amended , 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.
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.	Water in the 21st Century Act or W21 - Creates the Water in the 21st Century Act; establishes a WaterSense program; relates to water conservation and efficiency and adaptation, recycling and storage and integrated water management, innovation through research and data and technology include desalination, and drought preparedness and resilience.	SUPPORT, and amend , 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 P. Lautenberg (D-NJ) Page 39 of 95	1/23/2013; Introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works	Public Water Systems and Hazardous Chemical Releases - Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to reduce or eliminate the risk of releases of hazardous chemicals from public water systems and wastewater treatment works.	OPPOSE 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	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area: This legislation establishes the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area.	SUPPORT 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	Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) of 2013 – This legislation would authorize low interest loans and payment guarantees from EPA for water treatment and distribution, water efficiency projects, energy efficiency of water systems, storm water management, water reuse, source protection and other projects under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and Clean Water Act.	SUPPORT based on board- adopted 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.
S.1125 Cornyn (R-TX) Companion Measure: H.R.2307 Graham (D-TX)	6/10/2013; Referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations	Working to Address Treaty Enforcement Rapidly for Texas Act - This legislation links Texas negotiating efforts on the Rio Grande to international treaties between the United States and Mexico on the Colorado River.	OPPOSE based on board action on the domestic agreements supporting Minute 319 and protecting Metropolitan's interests in the deal, November 2012	Metropolitan has spent significant resources over the past decade working with Lower Colorado River stakeholders to establish a cooperative relationship with its counterparts in Mexico resulting in the agreements of Minute 319. Metropolitan opposes conceptually tying funding for Minute 319 implementation to Mexico's agreements on the Rio Grande because that could impact the cooperative relationship Colorado River stakeholders have spent a decade cultivating with Mexico and would have an adverse impact on Metropolitan's interests.

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S.1175 Feinstein (D-CA) Companion Measure: H.R.2280 Calvert (R-CA)	7/16/2014; Hearing held before the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife.	Infrastructure Facilitation and Habitat Conservation Act of 2011 - creates a source of federal funding to acquire land for conservation plans adopted by local government agencies for purposes of implementing infrastructure development.	SUPPORT , based on board action, October 2011	Often mitigation for project impacts requires advanced investment in habitat acquisition. This program would provide Metropolitan and its member agencies with access to federal loans to assist with those up-front costs.
S. 1219 Boxer (D-CA) Companion Measure: H.R. 2508 Calvert (R-CA)	7/22/2014; Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar, awaiting further action.	Pechanga Indians Water Rights Settlement - Authorizes the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement	WATCH	The Act seeks to achieve a final settlement of the Pechanga's claims to water rights in the Santa Margarita River Watershed that includes the Pechanga, Rancho California Water District, Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), and the United States. Metropolitan staff are currently analyzing the renewed proposal and Act, and working on terms that will be brought to this Board for consideration.
S. 2016 Feinstein (D-CA) Companion Measure: H.R. 4039 Costa (D-CA)	2/11/2014; Referred to Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee	California Emergency Drought Relief Act - directs the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to take actions to provide additional water supplies and disaster assistance to the State of California due to drought.	SUPPORT, if amended , based on board action, March, 2014	H.R. 4039 and S.2016 could provide some water supply benefits to Metropolitan, assuming that federal regulatory officials will exercise their discretion under existing law to reduce water supply impacts. Metropolitan proposed amendments to broaden funding eligibility and enforce streamlining provisions.

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S.2019 Schatz (D-HI) Companion Measure: H.R.4258 Napolitano (D-CA)	7/31/2014; Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar.	SECURE Water Amendments Act – 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.	SUPPORT, in concept , based on board-adopted water conservation principles (Feb. 2003)	This bill would benefit Metropolitan and member agencies by expanding project eligibility to include planning, designing, or constructing any improvement including to plan for or address the impacts of droughts. In addition, new water conservation and efficiency technologies developed through programs would indirectly benefit Metropolitan.
S.2198 Feinstein (D-CA)	5/22/2014; Passed/agreed to in the Senate.	Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014 - 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.	SUPPORT, if amended , 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) Page 42 of 95	7/14/2014; Hearing held before the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife.	Smart Water Resource Management Conservation and Efficiency Act of 2014 - Provides for a smart water resource management pilot program.	SUPPORT, and amend , 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	WaterSense Efficiency, Conservation, and Adaptation Act of 2014 - Establishes a WaterSense program within the Environmental Protection Agency.	SUPPORT 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	Water Efficiency Improvement Act of 2014 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for property certified by the Environmental Protection Agency under the WaterSense program.	SUPPORT, if amended , 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 Barraso (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.	Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act - 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.	SUPPORT, if amended , 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.	Water in the 21st Century Act or W21 - Creates the Water in the 21st Century Act; establishes a WaterSense program; relates to water conservation and efficiency and adaptation, recycling and storage and integrated water management, innovation through research and data and technology include desalination, and drought preparedness and resilience.	SUPPORT and amend , 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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<p>AB 52 Gatto (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: California Tribal Business Alliance and various tribes</p>	<p>Amended 08/22/2014; signed by Governor, Ch. 532, Statutes of 2014</p>	<p>Native Americans: CEQA. Expands CEQA protections for tribal cultural resources to ensure participation by tribes during all phases of project planning, clearance and implementation.</p>	<p>WATCH</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>AB 145 Perea (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Clean Water Action and Community Water Center</p>	<p>Amended 06/18/2013; Senate Appropriations Committee – dead bill.</p>	<p>State Water Resources Control Board: Office of Drinking Water. Would have transferred entire state drinking water program from Department of Public Health to State Water Resources Control Board.</p>	<p>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED pursuant to board action in May 2013</p>	<p>Moving Drinking Water Program to SWRCB, without further study, could place program efficiency at risk and diffuse emphasis on public health. Brown Administration moved forward with program transfer through 2014/15 state budget and related implementing legislation.</p>
<p>AB 1331 Rendon (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 06/17/2014; Senate Rules Committee – dead bill</p>	<p>Water Bond. 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.</p>	<p>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013</p>	<p>Funding priorities in AB 1331 were inconsistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.</p>

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AB 1445 Logue (R) Sponsor: Author	Amended 02/14/2014; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee -- dead bill	California Water Infrastructure Act of 2014. 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.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED 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	Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. 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 watershed sustainability; \$1.495 billion for watershed protection, ecosystem restoration and state settlements; \$2.75 billion for storage; and \$395 million for statewide flood management.	SUPPORT 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	Water Conservation. 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.	SUPPORT IF AMENDED 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	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Water Conveyance System. Sought to require legislative authorization for construction of new Delta conveyance that utilizes tunnel system.	OPPOSE pursuant to board- adopted Delta Action Plan	Delta Reform Act of 2009 wisely chose to set achievable and balanced set of state policies to restore Delta ecosystem and improve water supply reliability. AB 1671 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>Mitigation Lands. 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>WATCH 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>Sustainable Farmland Strategy. 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>OPPOSE 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>Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014. 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>SUPPORT IF AMENDED 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; signed by Governor, Ch. 463, Statutes of 2014</p>	<p>Urban Water Management Plans. 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>SUPPORT 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 CUDCC 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>Common Interest Developments. 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>SUPPORT AND AMEND 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; signed by Governor, Ch. 421, Statutes of 2014</p>	<p>Common Interest Developments. 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>SUPPORT 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; signed by Governor, Ch. 606, Statutes of 2014</p>	<p>Building Standards: Recycled Water Infrastructure. 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>SUPPORT 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; signed by Governor, Ch. 608, Statutes of 2014	Metal Theft. Requires junk dealer or recycler to request theft alert notifications associated with theft of commodity metals.	SUPPORT 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	Metal Theft. 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.	SUPPORT 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	Recycled Water. 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.	WATCH 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; signed by Governor, Ch. 738, Statutes of 2014	Income Taxes: Exclusion. 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.	SUPPORT 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	Water: Plans. 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.	WATCH (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	Water Bond. 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.	SUPPORT IF AMENDED 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; signed by Governor, Ch. 825, Statutes of 2014	CalConserve. 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.	SUPPORT 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	Clean, Safe, and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2014. 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.	SUPPORT IF AMENDED 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	Drought Relief. 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.	SUPPORT IN CONCEPT (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	Drought Relief. 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.	SUPPORT IN CONCEPT (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	CEQA. Would have enacted California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Modernization Act of 2013 and proposed numerous changes to CEQA law.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED 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	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009: Covered Actions. 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.	OPPOSE 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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<p>SB 750 Wolk (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 08/08/2013; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee -- dead bill</p>	<p>Building Standards: Submeters. 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.</p>	<p>SUPPORT IF AMENDED pursuant to board-adopted water conservation policy principles</p>	<p>Measure would have promoted construction of water efficient buildings and provide communities with another tool to better manage available supplies.</p>
<p>SB 848 Wolk (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 07/03/2014; Senate floor-- dead bill</p>	<p>Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality & Flood Protection Act of 2014. 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.</p>	<p>OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013</p>	<p>Funding priorities in SB 848 were inconsistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.</p>

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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	Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. 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.	SUPPORT 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	Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014. 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.	SUPPORT IF AMENDED 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; signed by Governor, Ch. 434, Statutes of 2014	Common Interest Developments. 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..	SUPPORT pursuant to board action in April 2014	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	Pharmaceutical Waste. 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.	SUPPORT 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; signed by Governor, Ch. 485, Statutes of 2014	Urban Water Management Plans. 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.	SUPPORT 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	Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012. Sought to amend November 2014 water bond.	WATCH 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	California Climate Technology and Infrastructure – Would have 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.	SUPPORT pursuant to board action in July 2014	Could have provided financial assistance for water-related energy efficiency projects that could benefit Metropolitan.

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SB 1130 Roth (D) Sponsor: Eastern MWD and Elsinore Valley MWD	Amended 04/21/2014; signed by Governor, Ch. 173, Statutes of 2014	County Water Company of Riverside Water System. 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.	SUPPORT 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	Common Interest Developments. 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.	SUPPORT 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	Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012. 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.	SUPPORT IF AMENDED 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	Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2014. 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.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED pursuant to water bond priorities adopted in March 2013	Funding priorities in SB 1370 were inconsistent with Metropolitan's 2014 water bond priorities.

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SB 1420 Wolk (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 08/14/2014; signed by Governor, Ch. 490, Statutes of 2014	Urban Water Management Plans. Amends 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.	SUPPORT pursuant to board action in April 2014	Modernizes 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	Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP): Judicial Review. Stated legislative intent to enact legislation establishing judicial review procedures for BDCP.	WATCH pursuant to board- adopted Delta Action Plan	Spot bill.



ACTION ITEM
November 19, 2014

TO: Board of Directors

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

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Darcy M. Burke

SUBJECT: **Contract Extension for CHOICE Portion of the Value of Water Communications Plan with Fraser Communications for Professional Communications Services**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors review and approve the attached agreement with Fraser Communications for Professional Communications Services for the Value of Water Communications Plan, implementation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends the Board of Directors approve the attached agreement with Fraser Communications for Professional Communications Services for the Value of Water Communications Plan, implementation.

DETAILED REPORT

The Value of Water Communication Plan has moved into the CHOICE Budget for implementation. All agencies with the exception of Irvine Ranch Water District, City of Brea, City of Westminster, Laguna Beach County Water District, Orange County Water District, Golden State Water District, City of La Palma and the City of San Juan Capistrano have elected to participate. The three cities are currently not participating, although the City of Anaheim has expressed an interest to participate next year. The total budget for the program for FY 2014-2015 is \$178,000 which includes a part time temporary position within public affairs.

Budgeted (Y/N): Y	Budgeted amount: \$178,000	Core __	Choice X
Action item amount: \$159,777.00	Line item: 32-7040		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

Fraser Communications as part of the Core Budget portion of the plan has developed a number of creative elements including the messaging and the tagline, "Let's get smart about water."

The action for the Board's consideration is to extend the current agreement with Fraser Communications for the implementation, the Choice portion of the plan. The draft contract follows:

STANDARD AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES

This **AGREEMENT** for consulting services dated April 16, 2014, which includes all exhibits and attachments hereto, "**AGREEMENT**" is made on the last day executed below by and between **MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY**, hereinafter referred to as "**DISTRICT**," and, Fraser Communications hereinafter referred to as "**CONSULTANT**" for Professional Communications Services hereinafter referred to as "**SERVICES**."¹ **DISTRICT** and **CONSULTANT** are also referred to collectively herein as the "**PARTIES**" and individually as "**PARTY**". The **PARTIES** agree as follows:

I PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF WORK

A. Consulting Work.

DISTRICT hereby contracts with **CONSULTANT** to provide general or special **SERVICES** as more specifically set forth in **Exhibit "B"** attached hereto and incorporated herein. Tasks other than those specifically described therein shall not be performed without prior written approval of **DISTRICT's** General Manager.

B. Independent Contractor.

CONSULTANT is retained as an independent contractor for the sole purpose of rendering professional and/or special **SERVICES** described herein and is not an agent or employee of **DISTRICT**. **CONSULTANT** shall be solely responsible for the payment of all federal, state and local income tax, social security tax, Workers' Compensation insurance, state disability insurance, and any other taxes or insurance **CONSULTANT**, as an independent contractor, is responsible for paying under federal, state or local law. **CONSULTANT** is thus not eligible to receive workers' compensation, medical, indemnity or retirement benefits, including but not limited to enrollment in CalPERS. Unless, expressly provided herein, **CONSULTANT** is not eligible to receive overtime, vacation or sick pay. **CONSULTANT** shall not represent or otherwise hold out itself or any of its directors, officers, partners, employees, or agents to be an agent or employee of **DISTRICT**. **CONSULTANT** shall have the sole and absolute discretion in determining the methods, details and means of performing the **SERVICES** required by **DISTRICT**. **CONSULTANT** shall furnish, at his/her own expense, all labor, materials,

¹ Pursuant to Section 8002 of the District's Administrative Code, the District's "Ethics Policy" set forth at sections 7100-7111 of the Administrative Code is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference.

equipment and transportation necessary for the successful completion of the **SERVICES** to be performed under this **AGREEMENT**. **DISTRICT** shall not have any right to direct the methods, details and means of the **SERVICES**; however, **CONSULTANT** must receive prior written approval from **DISTRICT** before using any sub-consultants for **SERVICES** under this **AGREEMENT**.

C. **Changes in Scope of Work**

If **DISTRICT** requires changes in the tasks or scope of work shown in **Exhibit "B"** or additional work not specified therein, **DISTRICT** shall prepare a written change order. If **CONSULTANT** believes work or materials are required outside the tasks or scope of work described in **Exhibit "B,"** it shall submit a written request for a change order to the **DISTRICT**. A change order must be approved and signed by the **PARTIES** before **CONSULTANT** performs any work outside the scope of work shown in **Exhibit "B."** **DISTRICT** shall have no responsibility to compensate **CONSULTANT** for such work without an approved and signed change order. Change orders shall specify the change in the budgeted amount for **SERVICES**.

II **TERM**

This **AGREEMENT** shall commence upon the date of its execution and shall extend thereafter for the period specified in **Exhibit "B"** or, if no time is specified, until terminated on thirty (30) days notice as provided herein.

III **BUDGET, FEES, COSTS, BILLING, PAYMENT AND RECORDS**

A. **Budgeted Amount for SERVICES**

CONSULTANT is expected to complete all **SERVICES** within the Budgeted Amount set forth on **Exhibit "B."** The total compensation for the **SERVICES** to be performed under this **AGREEMENT** shall not exceed the Budgeted Amount unless modified as provided herein. Upon expending the **DISTRICT** 80% of the Budgeted Amount, **CONSULTANT** shall prepare and provide to **DISTRICT** a "cost to complete" estimate for the remaining **SERVICES**. The **PARTIES** shall work together to complete the project within the agreed-upon Budgeted Amount, but the obligation to complete the **SERVICES** within the Budgeted Amount lies with the **CONSULTANT**.

B. **Fees**

Fees shall be billed per the terms and conditions and at the rates set forth on **Exhibit "B"** for the term of the **AGREEMENT**. Should the term of the **AGREEMENT** extend beyond the period for which the rates are effective, the rates specified in **Exhibit "B"** shall continue to apply unless and until modified by consent of the **PARTIES**.

C. **Notification Clause**

Formal notices, demands and communications to be given hereunder by either **PARTY** shall be made in writing and may be effected by personal delivery or by

registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested and shall be deemed communicated as of the date of mailing. If the name or address of the person to whom notices, demands or communication shall be given changes, written notice of such change shall be given, in accordance with this section, within five(5) working days.

Notices shall be made as follows:

Municipal Water District of Orange County
Name: Darcy M. Burke
Title: Director of Public Affairs
18700 Ward Street, P.O.Box 20895
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Company: Fraser Communications
Contact Name: Renee Fraser
Title: President & CEO
Address:
City, State, Zip: Santa Monica, CA

D. Billing and Payment

CONSULTANT's fees shall be billed by the 25th day of the month and paid by **DISTRICT** on or before the 15th of the following month. Invoices shall reference the Purchase Order number from the **DISTRICT**.

DISTRICT shall review and approve all invoices prior to payment. **CONSULTANT** agrees to submit additional supporting documentation to support the invoice if requested by **DISTRICT**. If **DISTRICT** does not approve an invoice, **DISTRICT** shall send a notice to **CONSULTANT** setting forth the reason(s) the invoice was not approved. **CONSULTANT** may re-invoice **DISTRICT** to cure the defects identified in the **DISTRICT** notice. The revised invoice will be treated as a new submittal. If **DISTRICT** contests all or any portion of an invoice, **DISTRICT** and **CONSULTANT** shall use their best efforts to resolve the contested portion of the invoice.

E. Billing Records

CONSULTANT shall keep records of all **SERVICES** and costs billed pursuant to this **AGREEMENT** for at least a period of seven (7) years and shall make them available for review and audit if requested by **DISTRICT**.

IV DOCUMENTS

All **MATERIALS** as defined in Paragraph XI below, related to **SERVICES** performed under this **AGREEMENT** shall be furnished to **DISTRICT** upon completion or termination of this **AGREEMENT**, or upon request by **DISTRICT**, and are the property of **DISTRICT**.

V TERMINATION

Each **PARTY** may terminate this **AGREEMENT** at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other **PARTY**, except as provided otherwise in **Exhibit "B."** In the event of termination: (1) all work product prepared by or in custody of **CONSULTANT** shall be promptly delivered to **DISTRICT**; (2) **DISTRICT** shall pay **CONSULTANT** all

payments due under this **AGREEMENT** at the effective date of termination; (3) **CONSULTANT** shall promptly submit a final invoice to the **DISTRICT**, which shall include any and all non-cancelable obligations owed by **CONSULTANT** at the time of termination, (4) neither **PARTY** waives any claim of any nature whatsoever against the other for any breach of this **AGREEMENT**; (5) **DISTRICT** may withhold 125 percent of the estimated value of any disputed amount pending resolution of the dispute, consistent with the provisions of section III D above, and; (6) **DISTRICT** and **CONSULTANT** agree to exert their best efforts to expeditiously resolve any dispute between the **PARTIES**.

VI INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

CONSULTANT shall obtain prior to commencing work and maintain in force and effect throughout the term of this **AGREEMENT**, all insurance set forth below.

A. Workers' Compensation Insurance

By his/her signature hereunder, **CONSULTANT** certifies that he/she is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code, which requires every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and that **CONSULTANT** will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the **SERVICES** under this **AGREEMENT**.

CONSULTANT and sub-consultant will keep workers' compensation insurance for their employees in effect during all work covered by this **AGREEMENT**. An ACORD certificate of insurance or other certificate of insurance satisfactory to **DISTRICT**, evidencing such coverage must be provided (1) by **CONSULTANT** and (2) by sub-consultant's upon request by **DISTRICT**.

B. Professional Liability Insurance

CONSULTANT shall file with **DISTRICT**, before beginning professional **SERVICES**, an ACORD certificate of insurance, or any other certificate of insurance satisfactory to **DISTRICT**, evidencing professional liability coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 aggregate, requiring 30 days notice of cancellation (10 days for non-payment of premium) to **DISTRICT**.

Such coverage shall be placed with a carrier with an A.M. Best rating of no less than A: VII, or equivalent. The retroactive date (if any) of such insurance coverage shall be no later than the effective date of this **AGREEMENT**. In the event that the **CONSULTANT** employs sub-consultants as part of the **SERVICES** covered by this **AGREEMENT**, **CONSULTANT** shall be responsible for requiring and confirming that each sub-consultant meets the minimum insurance requirements specified herein.

C. Other Insurance

CONSULTANT will file with **DISTRICT**, before beginning professional **SERVICES**, ACORD certificates of insurance, or other certificates of insurance satisfactory to **DISTRICT**, evidencing general liability coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage; automobile liability (owned, scheduled, non-owned or hired) of at least \$1,000,000 for bodily injury and property damage each accident limit; workers' compensation (statutory limits) and employer's liability (\$1,000,000) (if applicable); requiring 30 days (10 days for non-payment of premium) notice of cancellation to **DISTRICT**. For the coverage required under this paragraph, the insurer(s) shall waive all rights of subrogation against **DISTRICT**, and its directors, officers, agents, employees, attorneys, consultants or volunteers. **CONSULTANT's** insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects **DISTRICT**, its directors, officers, agents, employees, attorneys, consultants and volunteers for all liability arising out of the activities performed by or on behalf of the **CONSULTANT**. Any insurance pool coverage, or self-insurance maintained by **DISTRICT**, and its directors, officers, agents, employees, attorneys, consultants or volunteers shall be excess of the **CONSULTANT's** insurance and shall not contribute to it.

The general liability coverage shall give **DISTRICT**, its directors, officers, agents, employees, attorneys, consultants and authorized volunteers additional insured status using ISO endorsement CG2010, CG2033, or equivalent. Coverage shall be placed with a carrier with an A.M. Best rating of no less than A: VII, or equivalents. In the event that the **CONSULTANT** employs sub-consultant as part of the work covered by the **AGREEMENT**, it shall be the **CONSULTANT's** responsibility to require and confirm that each sub-consultant meets the minimum insurance requirements specified herein.

D. Expiration of Coverage

If any of the required coverages expire during the term of the **AGREEMENT**, **CONSULTANT** shall deliver the renewal certificate(s) including the general liability

additional insured endorsement to **DISTRICT** at least ten (10) days prior to the expiration date.

INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, **CONSULTANT** shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless **DISTRICT**, its officers, Directors and employees and authorized volunteers, and each of them from and against:

- a. When the law establishes a professional standard of care for the **CONSULTANT's** services, all claims and demands of all persons that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the **CONSULTANT's** negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct in the performance (or actual or alleged non-performance) of the work under this agreement. **CONSULTANT** shall defend itself against any and all liabilities, claims, losses, damages, and costs arising out of or alleged to arise out of **CONSULTANT's** performance or non-performance of the work hereunder, and shall not tender such claims to **DISTRICT** nor its directors, officers, employees, or authorized volunteers, for defense or indemnity.
- b. Any and all actions, proceedings, damages, costs, expenses, penalties or liabilities, in law or equity, of every kind or nature whatsoever, arising out of, resulting from, or on account of the violation of any governmental law or regulation, compliance with which is the responsibility of **CONSULTANT**.
- c. Any and all losses, expenses, damages (including damages to the work itself), attorney's fees and other costs, including all costs of defense, which any of them may incur with respect to the failure, neglect, or refusal of **CONSULTANT** to faithfully perform the work and all of the **CONSULTANT'S** obligations under the agreement. Such costs, expenses, and damages shall include all costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the indemnified parties in any lawsuit to which they are a party.
- d. **DISTRICT** agrees to be responsible for the accuracy, completeness, and propriety of information concerning **DISTRICT 'S** organization, industry and products which **DISTRICT** furnishes to **CONSULTANT** in connection with the performance of this Agreement. **DISTRICT** agrees that with regard to any and all claims or representations regarding **DISTRICT 'S** business, product(s), service(s) or message(s) as contained in any and all material which **CONSULTANT** creates or produces for **DISTRICT** or in which **CONSULTANT** is involved on **DISTRICT'S** behalf, and which has been approved by **DISTRICT**, **DISTRICT** shall indemnify, defend (through counsel reasonably acceptable to **CONSULTANT**) and hold **CONSULTANT** free and harmless from and against all claims, actions, causes of action, disputes, debts, obligations, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees arising from or pertaining in any manner whatsoever to said material provided, however, in no event shall **DISTRICT** be liable for any consequential, incidental, punitive, special or exemplary damages to **CONSULTANT** hereunder.

CONSULTANT shall defend, at **CONSULTANT's** own cost, expense and risk, any and all such aforesaid suits, actions, or other legal proceedings of every kind that may be brought or instituted against **DISTRICT** or its directors, officers, employees, or authorized volunteers with legal counsel reasonably acceptable to **DISTRICT**.

CONSULTANT shall pay and satisfy any judgment, award or decree that may be rendered against **DISTRICT** or its directors, officers, employees, or authorized volunteers, in any and all such suits, actions, or other legal proceedings.

CONSULTANT shall reimburse **DISTRICT** or its directors, officers, employees, or authorized volunteers, for any and all legal expenses and costs incurred by each of them in connection therewith or in enforcing indemnity herein provided.

CONSULTANT's obligation to indemnify shall not be restricted to insurance proceeds, if any, received by **DISTRICT**, or its directors, officers, employees, or authorized volunteers.

VII FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Although **CONSULTANT** is retained as an independent contractor, **CONSULTANT** may still be required, under the California Political Reform Act and **DISTRICT's** Administrative Code, to file annual disclosure reports. **CONSULTANT** agrees to file such financial disclosure reports upon request by **DISTRICT**. Further, **CONSULTANT** shall file the annual summary of gifts required by Section 7105 of the **DISTRICT's** Ethics Policy, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A."**

Failure to file financial disclosure reports upon request and failure to file the required gift summary are grounds for termination of this **AGREEMENT**. Any action by **CONSULTANT** that is inconsistent with **DISTRICT's** Ethics Policy current at the time of the action is grounds for termination of this **AGREEMENT**. The Ethics Policy as of the date of this **AGREEMENT** is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A."**

VIII PERMITS AND LICENSES

CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain all permits, licenses and other government-required certification necessary for the performance of its **SERVICES**, all at the sole cost of **CONSULTANT**. None of the items referenced in this section shall be reimbursable to **CONSULTANT** under the **AGREEMENT**. **CONSULTANT** shall comply with any and all applicable local, state, and federal regulations and statutes including Cal/OSHA requirements.

IX LABOR AND MATERIALS

CONSULTANT shall furnish, at its own expense, all labor, materials, equipment, tools, transportation and other items or services necessary for the successful completion of the **SERVICES** to be performed under this **AGREEMENT**. **CONSULTANT** shall give its full attention and supervision to the fulfillment of the provisions of this **AGREEMENT** by its employees and sub-consultant and shall be responsible for the timely performance of the **SERVICES** required by this **AGREEMENT**. All compensation for **CONSULTANT's** **SERVICES** under this **AGREEMENT** shall be pursuant to **Exhibit "B"** to the **AGREEMENT**.

Only those **SERVICES**, materials, administrative, overhead and travel expenses specifically listed in **Exhibit "B"** will be charged and paid. No other costs will be paid. **CONSULTANT** agrees not to invoice **DISTRICT** for any administrative expenses, overhead or travel time in connection with the **SERVICES**, unless agreed upon and listed in **Exhibit "B"**.

X CONFIDENTIALITY AND RESTRICTIONS ON DISCLOSURE

A. Confidential Nature of Materials

CONSULTANT understands that all documents, records, reports, data, or other materials (collectively "**MATERIALS**") provided by **DISTRICT** to **CONSULTANT** pursuant to the **AGREEMENT**, including but not limited to draft reports, final report(s) and all data, information, documents, graphic displays and other items that are not proprietary to **CONSULTANT** and that

are utilized or produced by **CONSULTANT** pursuant to the **AGREEMENT** are to be considered confidential for all purposes.

B. No Disclosure of Confidential Materials

CONSULTANT shall be responsible for protecting the confidentiality and maintaining the security of **DISTRICT MATERIALS** and records in its possession. All **MATERIALS** shall be deemed confidential and shall remain the property of **DISTRICT**. **CONSULTANT** understands the sensitive nature of the above and agrees that neither its officers, partners, employees, agents or sub-consultants will release, disseminate, or otherwise publish said reports or other such data, information, documents, graphic displays, or other materials except as provided herein or as authorized, in writing, by **DISTRICT's** representative. **CONSULTANT** agrees not to make use of such **MATERIALS** for any purpose not related to the performance of the **SERVICES** under the **AGREEMENT**. **CONSULTANT** shall not make written or oral disclosures thereof, other than as necessary for its performance of the **SERVICES** hereunder, without the prior written approval of **DISTRICT**. Disclosure of confidential **MATERIALS** shall not be made to any individual, agency, or organization except as provided for in the **AGREEMENT** or as provided for by law.

C. Protections to Ensure Control Over Materials

All confidential **MATERIALS** saved or stored by **CONSULTANT** in an electronic form shall be protected by adequate security measures to ensure that such confidential **MATERIALS** are safe from theft, loss, destruction, erasure, alteration, and any unauthorized viewing, duplication, or use. Such security measures shall include, but not be limited to, the use of current virus protection software, firewalls, data backup, passwords, and internet controls.

The provisions of this section survive the termination or completion of the **AGREEMENT**.

XI OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS AND DISPLAYS

All original written or recorded data, documents, graphic displays, reports or other **MATERIALS** which contain information relating to **CONSULTANT's** performance hereunder and which are originated and prepared for **DISTRICT** pursuant to the **AGREEMENT** are instruments of service and shall become the property of **DISTRICT** upon completion or termination of the Project. **CONSULTANT** hereby assigns all of its right, title and interest therein to **DISTRICT**, including but not limited to any copyright interest. In addition, **DISTRICT** reserves the right to use, duplicate and disclose in whole, or in part, in any manner and for any purpose whatsoever all such data, documents, graphic displays, reports or other **MATERIALS** delivered to **DISTRICT** pursuant to this **AGREEMENT** and to authorize others to do so.

To the extent that **CONSULTANT** utilizes any of its property (including, without limitation, any hardware or software of **CONSULTANT** or any proprietary or confidential information of **CONSULTANT** or any trade secrets of **CONSULTANT**) in performing **SERVICES** hereunder, such property shall remain the property of **CONSULTANT**, and **DISTRICT** shall acquire no right or interest in such property.

XII EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

DISTRICT is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all and to providing a work environment that is free of unlawful discrimination and harassment. In keeping

with this commitment, **DISTRICT** maintains a policy prohibiting unlawful discrimination and harassment in any form based on race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, pregnancy or childbirth, marital status, gender, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status or age by officials, employees and non-employees (vendors, contractors, etc.).

This policy applies to all employees, consultants and contractors of the **DISTRICT** whom the **DISTRICT** knows or has reason to know are violating this policy. Appropriate corrective action will be taken against all offenders, up to and including immediate discharge or termination of this **AGREEMENT**. During, and in conjunction with, the performance of this **AGREEMENT**, **CONSULTANT** shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, marital status or national origin.

XIII INTEGRATION OF ALL OTHER AGREEMENTS

This **AGREEMENT**, including any Exhibits and Addenda, contains the entire understanding of the **PARTIES**, and there are no further or other agreements or understandings, written or oral, in effect between the **PARTIES** hereto relating to the subject matter hereof. Any prior understanding or agreement of the **PARTIES** shall not be binding unless expressly set forth herein and, except to the extent expressly provided for herein, no changes of this **AGREEMENT** may be made without the written consent of both **PARTIES**.

XIV ATTORNEYS' FEES

In any action at law or in equity to enforce any of the provisions or rights under this **AGREEMENT**, the prevailing **PARTY** shall be entitled to recover from the unsuccessful **PARTY** all costs, expenses and reasonable attorney's fees incurred therein by the prevailing **PARTY** (including, without limitations, such costs, expense and fees on any appeals), and if such prevailing **PARTY** shall recover judgment in any such action or proceeding, such costs, expenses, including those of expert witnesses and attorneys' fees, shall be included as part of this judgment.

XV JURISDICTION AND VENUE SELECTION

In all matters concerning the validity, interpretation, performance, or effect of this **AGREEMENT**, the laws of the State of California shall govern and be applicable. The **PARTIES** hereby agree and consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California and that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be in Orange County, California.

This Agreement may be subject to suspension of payments or termination, or both, and the CONSULTANT may be subject to debarment if the DISTRICT determines that: CONSULTANT has made a false certification, or;

- ii. CONSULTANT violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements noted above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **PARTIES** have hereunto affixed their names as of the day and year thereafter, which shall be and is the effective date of this **AGREEMENT**.

Internal Use Only:
Program No. _____
Line Item: _____
Funding Year: _____
Contract Amt.: _____
Purchase Order # _____

APPROVED BY:

Date _____

CONSULTANT ACCEPTANCE:

Date _____

Robert J. Hunter,
General Manager
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Tax I.D. # 95-4683679

EXHIBIT “A”

ETHICS POLICY	§7100-§7111
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§7100 PURPOSE

The policy of MWDOC is to maintain the highest standards of ethics from its Board members, officers and employees (all shall be referred to as employees for the purposes of this section). The proper operation of MWDOC requires decisions and policy to be made in the proper manner, that public office not be used for personal gain, and that all individuals associated with MWDOC remain impartial and responsible toward the public. Accordingly, all employees are expected to abide by the highest ethical standards and integrity when dealing on behalf of MWDOC with fellow Board members or employees, vendors, contractors, customers, and other members of the public.

§7101 RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

Board members are obliged to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California and shall comply with all applicable laws regulating Board member conduct, including conflicts of interest and financial disclosure laws. No Board member or officer shall grant any special consideration, treatment, or advantage to any person or group beyond that which is available to every other person or group in the same circumstances.

§7102 PROPER USE OF MWDOC PROPERTY AND RESOURCES

Except as specifically authorized, no employee shall use or remove or permit the use or removal of MWDOC property, including MWDOC vehicles, equipment, telephones, office supplies, and materials for personal convenience or profit. No employee shall require another MWDOC employee to perform services for the personal convenience or profit of another employee. Each employee must protect and properly use any MWDOC asset within his/her control, including information recorded on paper or in electronic form. Employees shall safeguard MWDOC property, equipment, monies, and assets against unauthorized use or removal, as well as from loss due to criminal act or breach of trust.

Employees are responsible for maintaining written records, including expense reports, in sufficient detail to reflect accurately and completely all transactions and expenditures made on MWDOC's behalf. Creating a document with misleading or false information is prohibited.

Motion - 1/17/96;

§7103 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All MWDOC Directors, officers, and employees at every level shall comply with the requirements of Section 1090 of the California Government Code which prohibits such persons from being financially interested in any contract made by them in their official capacity, or by any body or board of which they are members, or from being a purchaser at any sale or a vendor at any purchase made by them in their official capacity.

All Directors and employees designated under MWDOC's Conflict of Interest Code ("designated employees") and employees required to report under Chapter 7, Article 2 of the Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 7300 et seq.) shall promptly and fully comply with all requirements thereof.

MWDOC employees who are not designated employees under MWDOC's Conflict of Interest Code shall refrain from participating in, making a recommendation, or otherwise attempting to influence MWDOC's selection of a contractor, consultant, product, or source of supply if the non-designated employee, or an immediate family member, has a direct or indirect financial interest in the outcome of the selection process. No employee shall use his/her position with MWDOC in any manner for the purpose of obtaining personal favors, advantages or benefits for him/herself or an immediate family member from a person or entity doing business or seeking to do business with MWDOC. Such favors, advantages, or benefits would include, but are not limited to: 1) offers of employment; 2) free or discounted goods or services; or 3) gifts.

§7104 GIFTS

No employee shall accept, directly or indirectly, any compensation, reward or gift from any source except from MWDOC, for any action related to the conduct of MWDOC business, except as set forth below:

1. Acceptance of food and refreshments of nominal value on infrequent occasions in the ordinary course of a breakfast, luncheon or dinner meeting or other meeting or on an inspection tour where the arrangements are consistent with the transaction of official business.*
2. Acceptance of transportation, lodging, meals or refreshments, in connection with attendance at widely attended gatherings sponsored by industrial, technical or professional organizations; or in connection with attendance at public ceremonies or similar activities financed by nongovernmental sources where the employee's participation on behalf of MWDOC is the result of an invitation addressed to him or her in his/her official capacity, and the transportation, lodging, meals or refreshment accepted is related to, and is in keeping with, his/her official participation.*
3. Acceptance of unsolicited advertising or promotional materials such as pens, pencils, note pads, calendars, or other items of nominal value.*
4. Acceptance of plaques and commemorative mementoes, of nominal value, or of value only to the recipient, such as service pins, recognition awards, retirement mementoes.

5. Acceptance of incidental transportation from a private organization provided it is furnished in connection with an employee's official duties and is of the type customarily provided by the private organization.

* Nothing herein shall be deemed to relieve any Director or designated employee from reporting the value of such meals, transportation, lodging or gifts and abstaining from participation in any decision of MWDOC which could foreseeably have a material financial effect on the donor when the value of such gifts reaches the limits set forth in MWDOC's Conflict of Interest Code and the Political Reform Act.

In no event shall any employee accept gifts from any single source, the cumulative value of which exceeds the applicable gift limit under California law.

A gift or gratuity, the receipt of which is prohibited under this section, shall be returned to the donor. If return is not possible, the gift or gratuity shall be turned over to a public or charitable institution without being claimed as a charitable deduction and a report of such action and the reasons why return was not feasible shall be made on MWDOC records. When possible, the donor also shall be informed of this action.

Motion - 1/17/96;

§7105 PERSONS OR COMPANIES REPORTING GIFTS

All persons and companies doing business with MWDOC, with the exception of public agencies, shall submit a summary, by January 31 of each calendar year, of all gifts claimed for internal vendor audits (including meals) made to, or on behalf of, employees or Directors of MWDOC, or their immediate family members, that have occurred in the normal course of business during the previous calendar year. Failure to provide this information to MWDOC may result in the termination of MWDOC business with that person or company.

Motion - 7/21/93; Motion - 8/18/93;

§7106 USE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Confidential information (i.e., information which is exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act) shall not be released to unauthorized persons unless the disclosure is approved by the Board, President of the Board, or General Manager. Employees are prohibited from using any confidential information for personal advantage or profit.

§7107 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Employees are free to endorse, advocate, contribute to, or otherwise support any political party, candidate, or cause they may choose; however, employees are prohibited from soliciting political funds or contributions at MWDOC facilities. In any

personal political activity an employee may be involved in, it shall be made clear that the employee is acting personally and not for MWDOC.

§7108 IMPROPER ACTIVITIES

Employees shall not interfere with the proper performance of the official duties of others, but are strongly encouraged to fulfill their own moral obligations to the public, MWDOC, and its member agencies by disclosing, to the extent not expressly prohibited by law, improper activities within their knowledge. No employee shall directly or indirectly use or attempt to use the authority or influence of his/her position for the purpose of intimidating, threatening, coercing, commanding, or influencing any person with the intent of interfering with that person's duty to disclose improper activity.

§7109 VIOLATION OF POLICY – STAFF AND STAFF OFFICERS

If an employee is reported to have violated MWDOC's Ethics Policy, the matter shall be referred to the General Manager for investigation and consideration of any appropriate action warranted which may include employment action such as demotion, reduction in salary, or termination. If a Board appointed officer (Secretary, Treasurer or General Manager) is reported to have violated MWDOC's Ethics Policy, the matter shall be referred to the Executive Committee for investigation and consideration of any appropriate action.

Motion - 1/17/96;

§7110 VIOLATION OF POLICY -- DIRECTORS

A perceived violation of this policy by a Director should be referred to the President of the Board or the full Board of Directors for investigation, and consideration of any appropriate action warranted. A violation of this policy may be addressed by the use of such remedies as are available by law to MWDOC, including, but not limited to: (a) adoption of a resolution expressing disapproval of the conduct of the Director who has violated this policy, (b) injunctive relief, or (c) referral of the violation to MWDOC Legal Counsel and/or the Grand Jury.

§7111 PERIODIC REVIEW OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

During the first quarter of the year immediately following an election (every two years), the Board shall meet to review and/or receive a presentation that addresses principles relating to reporting guidelines on compensation, conflict of interest issues, and standards for rules of conduct.

Please note If using Consultant's proposal as Exhibit "B" please attach the proposal or or complete the standard Exhibit "B" Form below, BOTH Parties must verify that all sections of this form are FULLY ADDRESSED and the appropriate Exhibit is attached and labeled accordingly

EXHIBIT "B"

SCOPE OF WORK, TERMS OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BILLING

Company: Fraser Communications Name: Renee Fraser Address: 1631 Pontius Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90025 Phone: 310-3199101 Tax I.D. #95-4683679

1. Term – Commencement November 20, 2014 Termination June 30, 2015
2. Fees and charges;

Municipal Water District of Orange County Phase 2 Budget

Task 1. Project Administration and Management

Staff Member and Title	No. of Hours	Hourly Rate	Cost per Staff Member
Renee Fraser - Account Management Partner	28	\$240	\$6,720
Ilene Prince - Account Management Senior	26	\$180	\$4,680
Jane Galluzi - Assistant	6	\$75	\$450
Neelam Tolani - Controller	3	\$125	\$375
Amitesh Krishna - Sr. Billing Specialist	2	\$95	\$190
Total			\$12,415

Task 2. Creative Development

Staff Member and Title	No. of Hours	Hourly Rate	Cost per Staff Member
Bruce Dundore - Creative Director	38	\$200	\$7,600
Sergio Belletini - Creative Director	14	\$200	\$2,800
Lisa Ansis - Senior Copywriter	6	\$175	\$1,050
Amber Gusa - Art Director	18	\$175	\$3,150
Total			\$14,600

Task 3. Media Planning, Buying and Reconciliation

Staff Member and Title	No. of Hours	Hourly Rate	Cost per Staff Member
Lisa Schellenbach - Media Director Planning / Buying	36	\$175	\$6,300
Clarissa Jones - Media Planning / Buying	18	\$150	\$2,700
Lindsay Maher - Media Coordinator	4	\$75	\$300
Total			\$9,300

Media (TBD / A mix of the following)		\$84,785
Pump Toppers		
Movie Theaters		
Bus Shelters		
Social Media		

Task 4. Production Fees

Staff Member and Title	No. of Hours	Hourly Rate	Cost per Staff Member
Paul Davis - Studio Artist	15	\$125	\$1,875
Laura Bearer - Production Manager	12	\$150	\$1,800
Total			\$3,675

Out of Pocket / Hard Costs (TBD)		\$35,000
Documentary/Video Shooting/Editing and Deliverables		
Celebrity (Gwen Stefani) Talent Payment		
Stock photography		
Retouching		
Trafficking		
Shipping/Mileage		

Total Cost**\$159,775**

3. Budgeted Amount – Compensation is to be on a “time and material” basis, not to exceed \$159,777. **CONSULTANT's** fees shall be billed by the 25th day of the month and paid by **DISTRICT** on or before the 15th of the following month. Invoices shall reference the Purchase Order number from the **DISTRICT**

Upon invoicing **DISTRICT** 80% of the contract amount, **CONSULTANT** shall prepare and provide to **DISTRICT** a “cost to complete” estimate for the remaining work.

4. Scope of Work/Services are as follows:

Background and goals

With help from Fraser Communications, the Municipal Water District of Orange County has developed a messaging and communications strategy for the District.

The goal of this project is to develop and produce a range of creative elements and to secure media as a means of deploying the messaging to the general public.

Approach and timing

Fraser will work with the Municipal Water District of Orange County in the development of an array of creative elements to include the development of a long form documentary and a :30 video. Other creative may include: bus shelter posters, bill stuffers, give away-promotional items, flyers, posters, etc.

Fraser will also work with the Municipal Water District of Orange County to determine the strongest creative and media elements that will support the cities/agencies that have contributed to this effort.

Creative development and media planning will occur simultaneously. Individual schedules for creative development and delivery will be provided once the final creative elements are determined and the media outlets are agreed upon.

5. Consultant Representative: Renee Fraser



INFORMATION ITEM

October 20, 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

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

DETAILED REPORT

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

So Co Property Management Workshop	Presentation	9/29/2014	Joe Berg	
City of Tustin Water Forum	Presentation/Table	9/30/2014	Darcy/Sarah	
Azusa Pacific University	Presentation/Guest lecturer	10/7/2014	Darcy	Lecture included drought
OC Register	Article	10/7/2014	Darcy	Reporters: Aaron Orlowski and Kellie Mejdrich

There are a number of events coming up the last few weeks of October.

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



INFORMATION ITEM

October 20, 2014

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

FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Jessica H. Ouwerkerk

SUBJECT: RECAP OF OCTOBER 2 WATER POLICY FORUM & DINNER

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

On Thursday, October 2, MWDOC held a quarterly Water Policy Forum & Dinner at the Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel in Costa Mesa. The guest speaker for the evening was President John Coleman of the Association of California Water Agencies. Retiring Directors Wayne Clark and Kay Barr were recognized. A total of 183 guests participated in the event.

The event began at 5:30 p.m. with a pre-dinner reception honoring Directors Clark and Barr. At 6:30 p.m., President Dick delivered opening remarks and the honorees were recognized. Dinner was served at 7:00 p.m., and President Coleman delivered his keynote address at 7:30 p.m. The event concluded at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Event photos and a video are posted to the MWDOC website.

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):			

Preliminary Financial Report

Public Affairs staff worked with the Accounting department to compile a preliminary financial report (see attachment) for the October 2 event. Several guest payments are still pending, but a net cost to the district of \$1,065.60 is projected. ***Please see preliminary financial report, attached.***

Participant Satisfaction Survey: Preliminary Results

The Participant Satisfaction Survey was distributed shortly after the event. At the time of this report, a total of 12 participants completed the survey. The survey will remain open until October 24, 2014 in order to capture additional responses. ***Please see preliminary survey results, attached.***

The preliminary survey results indicate that participants were very satisfied with the event location, date, time, food/beverage. Participants rated each of these items an average of 4.6 (or higher) out of 5. Survey results show participants were satisfied with the pre-dinner reception, keynote address, and price (given overall value). Participants rated each of these items an average of 4.1 (or higher) out of 5. The ratings of these three items are slightly lower than the ratings of previous events, and they indicate some room for improvement.

Overall, guests rated their satisfaction with the event as an average of 4.3 out of 5, which is slightly lower than the average rating for previous events (approximately 4.6 out of 5). Participants rated their likeliness of attending a future Water Policy Forum & Dinner event a 4.9 out of 5.

Municipal Water District of Orange County
Recap of Revenues and Expenses for Water Policy Forum & Dinner
Event Date: October 2, 2014

Preliminary Reconciliation as of: 10/9/14

Registrants

175 Registered guests @ \$75.00 each	\$	13,125.00
8 Registered guests @ \$85.00 each		680.00
Less: 6 Complimentary dinner guests @ \$75.00 each		(450.00)
Less: 13 Dinners for MWDOC Directors and staff @ \$75.00 each		(975.00)
Total Registration Fees	\$	12,380.00

Revenues

Payments

43 Paid via check & cash @ \$75.00 each	\$	3,225.00
0 Paid via check & cash @ \$85.00 each		-
98 Paid via PayPal @ \$75.00 each		7,350.00
8 Paid via PayPal @ \$85.00 each		680.00
6 Budgeted legislative guests @ \$75.00 each		450.00
9 Unpaid registered guests @ \$75.00 each		675.00
0 Unpaid registered guests @ \$85.00 each		-
Anticipated Revenues	\$	12,380.00

Expenses

Dinner costs for 170 guests @ \$45.50 per person	\$	7,735.00
Audio-visual equipment rental		1,208.17
Parking 113 @ \$6 each		678.00
Sales tax and service charges on dinner		2,456.64
Tip for hotel staff		250.00
Reception & speaker gifts		134.18
Speaker airfare		198.60
Production services		500.00
Supplies (decorations)		34.52
PayPal fees		250.49
Total Expenses	\$	13,445.60

Anticipated Cost (Revenue) to the District	\$	1,065.60
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Constant Contact Survey Results

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

Response Status: Partial & Completed

Filter: None

10/13/2014 6:00 PM PDT

What was your primary reason(s) for attending the Water Policy Forum & Dinner?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Interest in topic/keynote speaker: ACWA President John Coleman	<div><div></div></div>		7	58.3 %
Networking / Business development	<div><div></div></div>		5	41.6 %
General interest in learning more about water	<div><div></div></div>		5	41.6 %
To support the reception honorees (Retiring Directors Clark, Barr)	<div><div></div></div>		3	25.0 %
Other	<div><div></div></div>		0	0.0 %
Totals			12	100%

Overall, how satisfied were you with the Water Policy Forum & Dinner?








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

	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
						12	4.3

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

Please rate your satisfaction with the following.

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

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
Pre-dinner reception						12	4.3
Keynote address (President John Coleman)						12	4.1
Location (Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel)						12	4.8
Date (first Thursday of the month)						11	4.7
Time (5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)						11	4.8
Food and beverage						12	4.6
Price (given overall value)						12	4.2

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

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

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

	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
						12	4.9

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

What can we do to improve the event? Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?

5 Response(s)

Constant Contact Survey Results

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

Response Status: Partial & Completed

Filter: None

Oct 13, 2014 6:01:13 PM

1. What was your primary reason(s) for attending the Water Policy Forum & Dinner? - Other responses

Answer

[No Responses]

1. What was your primary reason(s) for attending the Water Policy Forum & Dinner? - Comments

Answer

It was good. Larry usually do a good job.

Nice talk, and interesting that the folks in the north have no idea what makes MWD operate, and guess they do not ever want to know. I truly enjoyed John's talk.

2. Overall, how satisfied were you with the Water Policy Forum & Dinner? - Comments

Answer

Great speaker. Too many in jokes. No acknowledgement of the diversity of the audience.

Nothing against the speaker but the use of PowerPoint as a presentation doesn't work in this environment

Would have rated this event as "very satisfied" were it not for the reception being not very conducive to networking (too narrow of an area made movement in the crowd very difficult).

MWDOC staff always puts on an excellent event.

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

Answer

The narrow reception area and location of the registration and bar tenders near the entry resulted in people crowding the entry. This made movement difficult and crowded, which restricted networking and overall comfort. Otherwise the rest of the event was excellent!

They could have a more appetizing VEGGIE plate.

Could not read slides in presentation. Need a larger screen display and/or more screens

Rubber chicken and salmon every time ?Time to change the menu

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

Answer

I am a water hobbyist, hoping to eventually serve on some committees or a board. The more I learn about the Byzantine water political situation, the more I can helpful if included in the process

5. What can we do to improve the event? Is there anything else you'd like to tell us? - Responses

Answer

we would like to hear the speaker. sometimes the PA system does not work very well

How about a "get active" board to sign up to be helpful. I am ready to volunteer in some capacity.

What about some speaker on controversial issues?

Hard to improve on a very effective event.

Event is good, but get more dynamic speakers.



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

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

Planning for the 8th 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 in discussion with Disney to develop and refine a theme that relates to the drought, 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.

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

To date, two sponsors have confirmed participation; Mesa Water District will return as the Luncheon Sponsor (\$7,500.00) and Anaheim will provide the parking shuttle service. Formal sponsorship outreach will begin after the New Year.

The working draft of the program follows:



The 2015 OC WATER SUMMIT

Final Theme Name in Process
Working Draft: Dire Straits

Friday, May 15, 2015

7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Grand Californian Hotel, Disneyland Resort
Anaheim, California

DRAFT PROGRAM*

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. – 8:05 a.m.

8:05 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.

Video

Registration & Continental Breakfast

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance

Emcee: Ben Edwards, Hurley (CONFIRMED)

THIRST

Session 1: Weather Panel

JPL Representative - TBD

Farmer's Almanac - TBD

Meteorologist - TBD

8:45 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

Session 2: Water Sources Panel and Direct Drought Impacts (Proposed)

Groundwater

TBD –

Import water

TBD

Other Sources – recycled, desal, stormwater WUE
TBD

9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

-Session 3: AGRICULTURE (Farm to Market?)

Moderator: TBD

Speakers:

1. John Chandler – Chandler Farms, Proposed
2. **Paul Parreira, RPAC, Confirmed**
3. Krueger's Markets or Whole Foods – Proposed

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

BREAK

11:15 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Session 3: Business – Drought impacts and expectations of water reliability

Moderator – TBD

Manufacturing

Building/Construction

Finance

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

BREAK

Video

12:20 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.

Lunch and Session 4

LESSONS LEARNED AROUND THE WORLD

ISRAEL, SPAIN, AUSTRALIA

Innovation, Private Enterprise, Public Private Partnerships,
Government

1:25 p.m.

Closing Remarks

**(Subject to Change)*



INFORMATION ITEM

October 20, 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

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

DETAILED REPORT

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 6th, 2014.

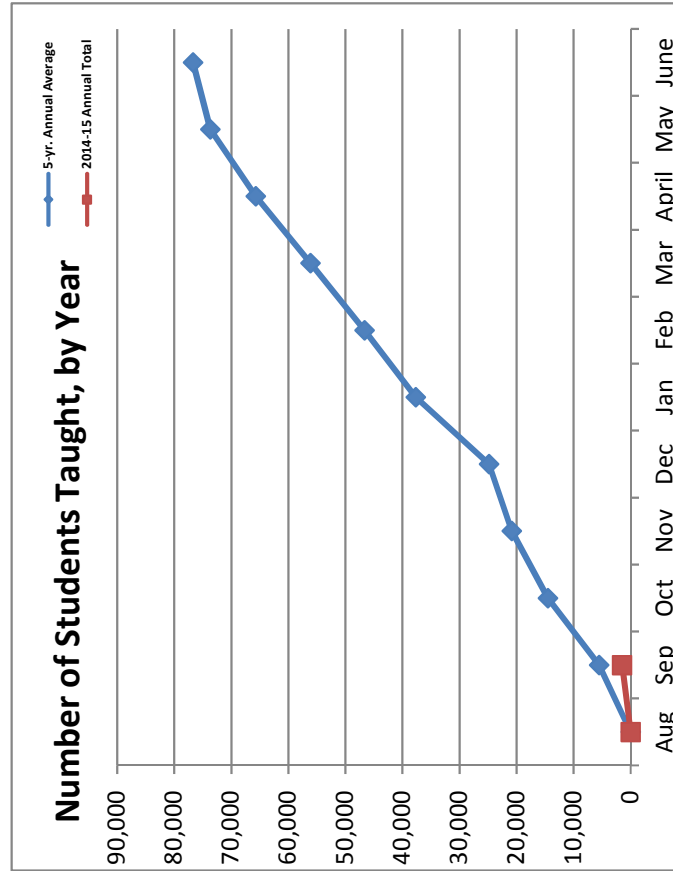
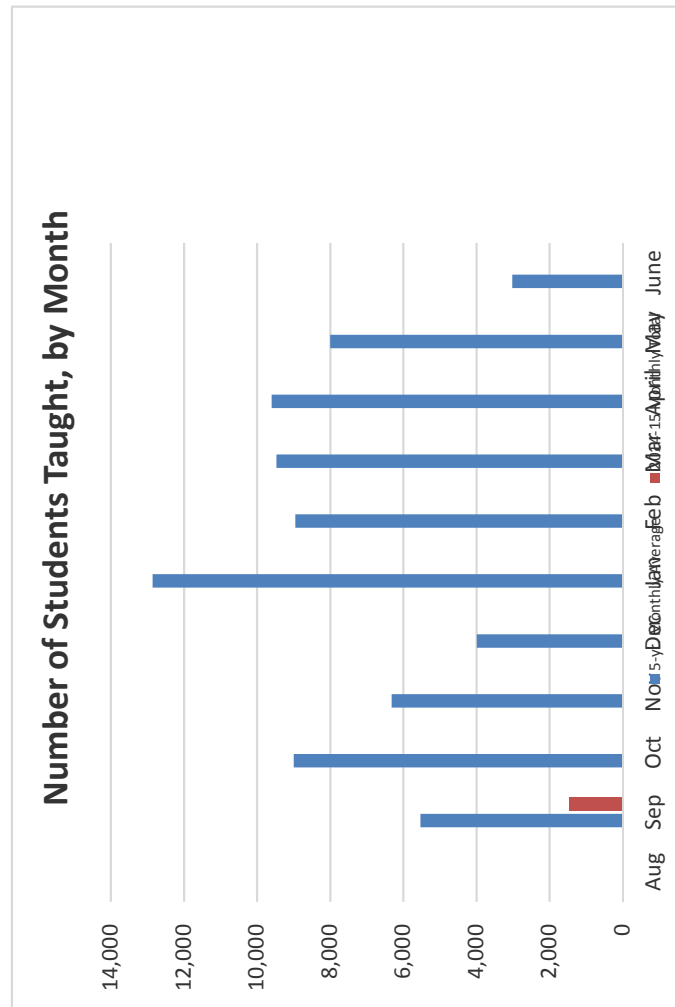
The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and is expected to conclude at 7:30 p.m. Light food and refreshments available will be provided. Two items are currently on the agenda; Value of Water Communications Plan update and results from the Water Bond, Proposition 1. Letters were sent out followed by an electronic invitation which included a survey to see if there are other items they would like covered. As of October 13th, nineteen individuals have reserved their attendance. No one has asked for any additional items to be added at this time.

A separate invitation was extended to candidates seeking election. These newly elected officials will get an overview of MWDOC, water supply and current water issues beginning at 4:00 p.m. and concluding at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Year	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total
5-yr. Monthly Average	0	5,526	8,996	6,316	3,984	12,854	8,949	9,469	9,599	7,999	3,014	76,625
5-yr. Annual Average	0	5,526	14,522	20,838	24,823	37,676	46,625	56,093	65,692	73,691	76,705	76,705
2014-15 Monthly Total	0	1,470										
2014-15 Annual Total	0	1,470										



Public Affairs Activities Report
September 15, 2014 – October 14, 2014

Member Agency Relations	<p>Darcy and Tiffany continue to work with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) on this year's inspection trip season. Tiffany accompanied Rob Hunter on a Colorado River Aqueduct trip on September 12 and 13th and Darcy accompanied Director Dick on a State Water Project - Agriculture Trip on September 26th and 27th. In addition, Director Dick is hosting a shared business coalition inspection trip on October 9th & 10th and Director Barbre is hosting a State Water Project trip for Golden State Water on October 28th and 29th. Director Ackerman will be co-sponsoring a State Water Project trip with Chairman Randy Record on October 17th and 18th and Director Larry McKenney is hosting a State Water Project trip on November 7th-8th. Director Barbre is hosting a Colorado River trip on December 5th through 7th, reservations are already being processed. Tiffany is handling contacts, invitation, confirmation, and post-trip requirements, MWD staff, guest and Director needs, trip materials and handouts for the trips listed above.</p> <p>Darcy met with Fred O'Callahan from Jet Propulsion Laboratories in regards to a potential tour of their facilities for WACO in December which will be part of Director Dick's Weymouth Tour.</p> <p>Darcy and Tiffany held a conference call with Fred O'Callaghan and Denis Elliott with JPL to discuss itinerary options for a JPL/Weymouth inspection trip hosted by Director Dick on December 19th.</p> <p>Jessica and Darcy hosted a Public Affairs Workgroup meeting on September 16. Meeting topics included drought outreach, the Value of Water Communications Program, and the Water Bond.</p> <p>Jessica is coordinating a Public Affairs Workshop on Business Communications and Presentations on October 21.</p> <p>Jessica participated in the September 18 Member Agency Managers meeting. At the meeting, Jessica provided verbal reports on the Value of Water Communications program implementation plan, drought outreach, and Water Policy Dinner.</p> <p>Jessica is coordinating the Solar Cup program with City of Huntington Beach and Golden State Water Company. Schools in both agencies' service areas have requested to participate in the program. Currently, Huntington Beach has confirmed they will sponsor their school's participation in the program; Golden State is still pending.</p>
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	<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 provided water use efficiency materials and customized infographics to Yorba Linda Water District.</p> <p>Tiffany has been working with the Admin staff to create contact lists, invitations, an e-survey link and an e-invitation for the November 6th Elected Officials Forum.</p> <p>Heather met with Jim Leach of Santa Margarita Water District to discuss south county issues and SMWD's legislative priorities.</p> <p>Heather and Kathy Cole of MET reviewed MWDOC's policy principles and discussed outreach efforts.</p> <p>Heather and Stacy Taylor of Mesa Water District met to review MWDOC and Mesa Water's policy principles and discuss legislative ideas and priorities for 2015.</p> <p>Heather participated in the Water Planning & Stewardship Committee and the Communications & Legislation Committee at MET on October 13.</p> <p>Heather provided an overview on Prop. 1 to the Serrano Water District Board of Directors on October 14.</p> <p>Heather met with Christine Compton of Irvine Ranch Water District to review policy principles and legislative priorities for 2015.</p>
Community Relations	<p>MWDOC hosted a Water Policy Forum & Dinner on Thursday, October 2, 2014. The guest speaker was ACWA President John Coleman. A detailed report will be provided as an Information Item to the Public Affairs and Legislation Committee. Jessica took the lead on event planning, marketing, event logistics, and the follow-up survey; Tiffany coordinated registration, guest needs, and reserved table details, and assisted marketing efforts by creating several print and e-invitations; Sarah created new print materials for the reception; Darcy developed custom wine labels and speaking points for Director Dick. Heather coordinated attendance for legislative staff who wished to attend on behalf of their elected officials.</p> <p>Jessica developed and distributed the September issue of eCurrents newsletter. This issue focused on the drought, the Water Bond, the Napa earthquake, and MWDOC's new Sprinkler Adjustment Notification System program.</p> <p>Jessica is working with the website developer to create an online speaker request form. The form will be available on MWDOC's website once it is complete.</p>

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	<p>Jessica is coordinating the October 30 ISDOC Luncheon. The guest speaker will be Carolyn Emery, Executive Officer of OC LAFCO. Two email invitations were distributed to market the event.</p> <p>Heather and Jessica met with ISDOC Secretary Leslie Keane to discuss ISDOC administration and staffing.</p> <p>Heather and Jessica participated in the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting on October 7.</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 finalized an MWD storage levels visual for South Coast Water District. SCWD has used this image on their website to highlight the drought, and will also use this image on the front page of their October bill insert.</p> <p>Darcy, Sarah, and Chris Lingad participated in the City of Tustin's Water Forum on September 30th. As part of the event, Darcy presented on the Drought.</p> <p>Darcy was a guest lecturer at a public affairs undergraduate course at Azusa Pacific University. The topic was public affairs in the government sector.</p> <p>Heather met with Matt Holder from the Lewis Consulting Group to discuss outreach efforts in the county.</p> <p>Heather attended the South Orange County Candidates Reception hosted by the Orange County Association of Realtors.</p>
Education	
Media Relations	<p>Darcy and Jessica spoke with OC Register Reporter Asher Klein regarding the drought, Orange County's efforts, and current rebate programs.</p> <p>Jessica spoke with, and provided written information to, Nuoi Viet Reporter Kalynh Loan Ngo regarding MWDOC's Turf Removal Program.</p> <p>Jessica spoke with, and sent information to, LA Times Reporter Javier Panzar regarding MWDOC's Turf Removal Program.</p> <p>Jessica spoke with LA Register Report Hannah Madans regarding Orange County's water supply and initiatives water providers are</p>

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	<p>taking to manage demand.</p> <p>Darcy wrote a press release regarding Director McKenney's appointment to the Metropolitan Board of Directors. Jessica distributed the release immediately following the formal appointment.</p>
Special Projects	<p>Darcy and Jessica are finalizing participation from the Member Agencies and the Three Cities for the Choice portion of the Value of Water Communications effort. A contract extension for Fraser Communications for the Choice portion of the program will be presented at the October 20th Public Affairs and Legislation Committee meeting.</p> <p>Darcy is working with California Nevada Section, American Water Works Association's Certification Board on the launch of a new certification program for Recycled Water Operators. Information on the new proposed program will be provided at their fall conference.</p> <p>Darcy is scheduled to participate on the State Water Resources Control Board Operator Certification Stakeholders meeting on October 14th 2014 in Sacramento. This will be the first meeting of the group since the Drinking Water Program was transferred.</p> <p>Darcy, Jessica and Tiffany are working with Lisa Ohlund from East Orange County Water District and current Chairman of the Urban Water Institute in regards to plan an event to recognize retiring Director Wayne Clark and his 35 years of service to the District and the water industry.</p> <p>Darcy, Jessica, Tiffany, and Heather participated in several WEROC trainings.</p> <p>Darcy will be receiving the California Nevada Section, American Water Works Association's Leadership Award for her work as Certification Director. The award will be presented at their fall conference in Reno on October 21st.</p>
Water-Use Efficiency Marketing	<p>Darcy is working with Joe and the Water Use Efficiency staff to develop a phone script in regards to the Turf Removal Program.</p> <p>Jessica is in the final stages of completing the new Water Use Efficiency microsite that will house information regarding all MWDOC Water Use Efficiency rebates and programs. The site is expected to launch mid-October.</p> <p>Jessica and Steve are creating an annual report to highlight MWDOC's progress on the WUE Master Plan. Steve is creating the content and Jessica is developing the layout and visuals. The draft report should be complete in November.</p>

	<p>Jessica created a new WUE marketing flyer that information on all residential rebates. Printed copies of the flyer were distributed at the October 2 WUE Coordinators meeting.</p> <p>Jessica created a customized version of the rebates flyer for Rainbird company to use when promoting the rebates to their customers.</p> <p>Jessica created a custom drip irrigation rebate program ad for Laguna Beach County Water District and South Coast Water District.</p> <p>Jessica is finalizing the bulk order of Turf Removal Program lawn signs for the member agencies. The signs will be placed in the front lawns at participating sites to promote the program and drive the public to ocwatersmart.com. Twenty-six member agencies ordered the signs.</p> <p>Jessica and Beth developed a letter for City Managers to ensure they are informed of the Turf Removal Program. The letter is pending approval from management staff.</p> <p>Jessica is working with an app developer on a potential water waste reporting widget. The widget would be available on MWDOC's new WUE microsite to enable members of the public to identify water waste in the community. Follow-up to the water waste reports would be handled by the member agencies.</p> <p>Jessica participated in OC Garden Friendly program steering committee meetings on September 22 and October 6. During the meetings, the committee finalized the 2014-15 event dates, as follows: October 12 (Home Depot- Garden Grove), October 18 (Tree of Life Nursery), March 7 (Home Depot- Cypress), April 11 (Home Depot- Mission Viejo), May 2 (Green Thumb Nursery), and TBD (Costa Mesa).</p> <p>Jessica participated in the September 23 OC Stormwater Program Public Education committee meeting at the County of Orange.</p> <p>Jessica participated in the October 2 WUE Coordinators meeting. At the meeting, Jessica previewed the new WUE microsite. The member agency staff were extremely pleased with the new site and are eager for its launch.</p>
Legislative Affairs	<p>Darcy and Heather participated in the WACO planning meeting. Darcy provided staff support for the October 3rd meeting.</p> <p>Heather met with Jim Barker to discuss various federal issues and potential visits to Washington D.C. on behalf of MWDOC. They also had phone calls related to the upcoming EPA Listening</p>

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	<p>Sessions for WIFIA and on S.2771.</p> <p>Heather attended a farewell reception for Senator Mark Wyland.</p> <p>Heather created a one-page Fact Sheet for Proposition 1.</p> <p>Heather participated in a weekly call with Heather Stratman and Ian Delzer of TPA. Heather and Heather also had a meeting to develop a framework for the remainder of 2014.</p> <p>Heather attended the Legislative Roundtable hosted by ACC-OC with Congressman Ed Royce.</p> <p>Heather had a meet & greet and provided a MWDOC update to both Javiera Cartagena, District Director for Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva and Matt Hicks, District Director for Assemblyman Tom Daly.</p>
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