

MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Jointly with the
PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
December 17, 2018, 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 101

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 - b. State Legislative Report (BBK)
 - c. County Legislative Report (Lewis)
 - d. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)
2. MWDOC LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY PRIORITIES FOR 2019
3. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER ISSUES CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BRIEFING LUNCHEON (DC)
4. GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

5. PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW**ACTION ITEMS**

6. MWDOC LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY POLICY PRINCIPLES ANNUAL UPDATE
7. EXTENSION OF LOCAL ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH LEWIS CONSULTING GROUP
8. EXTENSION OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH JAMES C. BARKER, PC
9. EXTENSION OF STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH BEST, BEST & KRIEGER

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.)

10. NEW LEGISLATOR INFORMATION PACKET
11. EDUCATION PROGRAMS UPDATE
12. GIRL SCOUTS OF ORANGE COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PATCH PROGRAM
13. PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES REPORT

OTHER ITEMS

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Municipal Water District of Orange County, California
Washington Update
December 11, 2018

At press time, there is a major effort in Washington to find a path to pass the seven remaining appropriations bills for this fiscal year. One of these bills has a direct bearing on MWDOC, the Interior and EPA Funding Bill—the bill that might possibly contain the Waterfix language.

At issue in this end of year funding dispute is the funding level for the Southern Border Wall. President Trump has been insisting on \$5 Billion for the “Wall” and the House and the Senate have prepared a bill with \$1.6 Billion for border wall funding for this coming fiscal year.

Earlier today in the White House, in a meeting with the two Democratic Congressional Leaders, President Donald Trump threatened to shut down large parts of the federal government over funding for his proposed border wall and openly disagreed with the Senate Minority Leader and the House Minority Leader in an open press availability before the media in the Oval Office.

President Trump criticized congressional Democrats for not agreeing to his request for \$5 billion for a border wall, and asserted that "one way or another it is going to be built" and that he would have "no other choice" but to shut down the government if he doesn't get enough funding for the wall.

This is the backdrop behind the negotiations to fund the seven appropriations bills that have yet to pass this year. The time is tight. The current funding authority, the Continuing Resolution will keep the federal government agencies running until Friday, December 21, the weekend before Christmas.

The current thinking laid out by top appropriations staffers that we visit with believe there are likely four scenarios: 1) a final Omnibus Bill passes with the remaining bills contained within the package intact and some accord is reached on Border Wall Funding; 2) Six bills pass as a

package and the Homeland Security Department funding bill is either passed as a yearlong funding bill or its funding is pushed into the new year—and note this is the bill that would specifically include border wall funding; or, 3) a new Continuing Resolution (Funding Bill or CR) is passed until sometime during the first quarter of 2019; or, 4) a long term CR is passed that funds all seven bills until September 30, 2019. We are hoping that the Interior Appropriations Bill can pass in some capacity before the end of this year. Key leadership offices are still not certain if the Waterfix Language will be included in the final Interior Bill. We are working on this and monitoring the situation closely. Other issues in play that affect the State of California are: Wildfire Funding, the Colorado River Drought Contingency legislative language, and WIIN Act extensions.

Wildfire Funding:

Another related issue for the end of the year funding process deals with wildfire related funding.

In a November 29th letter to Senate leadership, Senators Feinstein and Harris requested \$9.054 billion be included in the anticipated disaster supplemental funding package to address the historic and catastrophic California wildfires. Senators Feinstein and Harris based the amount they requested on a November 28th letter to congressional leadership from California Governor's Office that outlined a request for the same amount. The California Governor's Office \$9 billion request includes funding beyond the costs of fire suppression and immediate disaster relief: it also includes early estimated costs of recovery and rebuilding.

In a subsequent December 1st letter to House leadership, all fifty-three California members of the House of Representatives signed a letter requesting \$4.4 billion in disaster relief funding for California. The House request is roughly half the amount requested by the California Governor's Office, but importantly, reflects an amount negotiated between House Democrats and Republicans and is believed to be a more realistic amount to be included in an emergency supplemental to address this year's California wildfire disasters.

The timing of the emergency supplemental is unclear given the unrelated, yet all-consuming, FY19 spending negotiations between Congress and the White House that remain ongoing. We are monitoring this closely. See the attached letters on this Wildfire issue.

Election shake out:

The Senate will be 53R-47D and the House will be approximately 235D-200R in the new year. One out of every five Members in the House is "new" with some 90 new Members.

The practice of Congressionally Directed Spending or “Earmarks” continues to be discussed widely here in the halls of Congress but no official directives have been provided to Member Offices or Congressional Committees at this time. Decisions regarding “earmarks” are likely to be made by the first part of February, if not before, so that an orderly appropriations process can take place in the new year.

Infrastructure Bill in the New Congress:

Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.), who will become the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman, has made many positive comments about an infrastructure bill in the new year—with a section on water infrastructure. "Welcome to the day after the election," he told reporters after the election. "This is the day we begin planning to deliver a major infrastructure package."

He is in the process of meeting with White House Officials and he's hopeful he can work with the White House on a bipartisan infrastructure plan with "real investment" — not "pretend stuff". Meanwhile, his counterpart in the Senate was quoted this past week as saying perhaps the best way to move infrastructure projects is to pass traditional funding bills and use existing funding programs. The dust is still settling on all of this. Even if Congressman DeFazio wants to pass a major infrastructure bill with a water component in it—he needs to find a funding stream to pay for the infrastructure—something that has been very difficult to do. This is an issue we will be watching closely in the new year and will continually update you on.

See two Wildfire Attachments

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 1, 2017

The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
United States Capitol, Room H-305
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
United States Capitol, Room H-305
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Lowey:

Thank you for your efforts to secure emergency relief funds this year, including vital funds for hurricane relief and wildfire suppression.

As you work to develop supplemental disaster relief legislation, we strongly support the State of California's current request for \$4.4 billion in wildfire relief funds and respectfully request it be included in the bill. We also ask that targeted tax relief for wildfire survivors be included.

This October, California experienced the worst fires in our state's history. These fires, which started on October 8th, burned more than 240,000 acres and destroyed 8,800 structures. They forced 10,000 people to evacuate and left many families with nothing. Tragically, 44 people lost their lives. On October 10, 2017, the President approved a major disaster declaration for these fires.

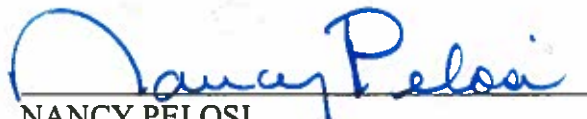
While Congress has approved much-needed support for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Disaster Relief Fund and wildfire suppression efforts this year, additional Federal resources are critical to putting our fire-impacted communities on the road to recovery.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request. A swift Federal response is vital, and we appreciate your dedication to helping our communities recover and rebuild.

Sincerely,



KEVIN MCCARTHY
House Majority Leader



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House Democratic Leader



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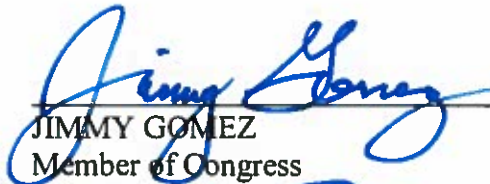
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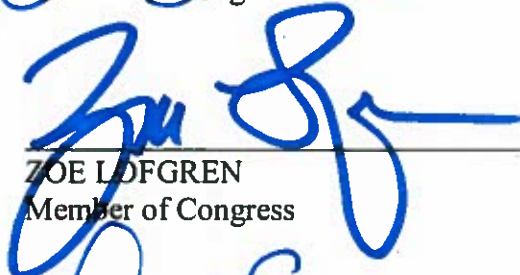
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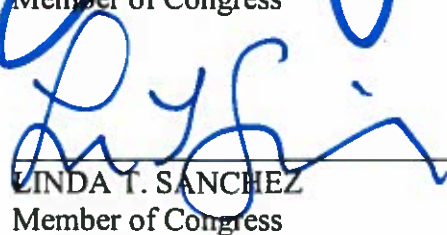
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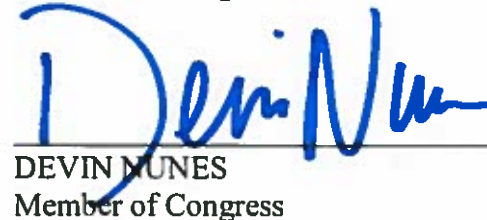
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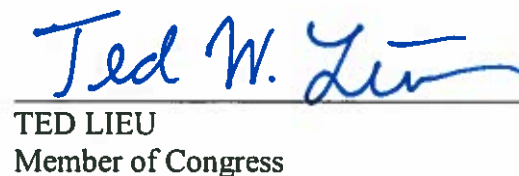
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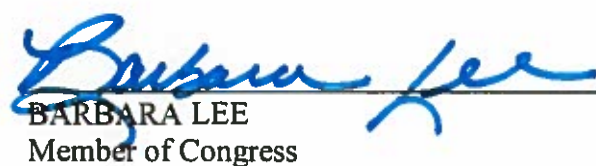
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 29, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Democratic Leader
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
Room S-128, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Vice Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
Room S-146, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators McConnell, Schumer, Shelby, and Leahy:

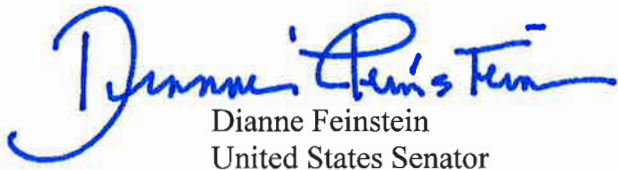
As you develop a disaster supplemental funding package, we ask that you include \$9.054 billion and disaster-related tax relief, as requested by the California Governor's Office, to help California recover from this year's devastating wildfires.

The scale of the destruction from this month's wildfires is unprecedented. Now the deadliest wildfire in California history, the Camp Fire in Butte County has killed at least 88 people, destroyed almost 14,000 homes, burned 153,000 acres and destroyed the entire Town of Paradise. At the same time resources were stretched thin fighting the Camp Fire in northern California, the Woolsey and Hill Fires raging in southern California killed three people, destroyed nearly 400 homes, and burned 100,000 acres.

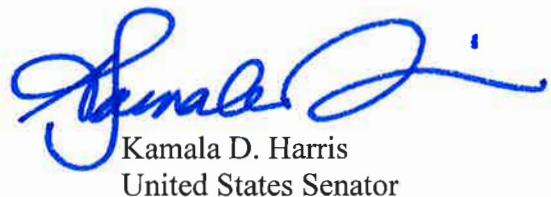
State and local governments in California are still in the early stages of recovery from this disaster and are still assessing damages and impacts. However, the Governor's Office has worked with the affected counties and communities to determine that \$9.054 billion in federal funding is needed as of November 28, 2018 to help California recover.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. As you work to determine disaster supplemental funding levels and the inclusion of tax relief for disaster-affected communities, we look forward to working with you to ensure that all Americans who have been severely impacted by recent natural disasters across the United States receive the federal support they need and deserve.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator



Kamala D. Harris
United States Senator

Enclosure: November 28, 2018 letter from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services



November 28, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Richard Shelby
Chairman

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Ranking Member
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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Speaker, Minority Leader Pelosi, Chairman Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Lowey,

The State of California respectfully requests a Supplemental Appropriation for disaster funding in order to support California's recovery from the 2018 Wildfires. In Butte County, the Camp Fire alone has once again broken records for the deadliest and most destructive fire in the state's history. This disaster has literally destroyed the entire Town of Paradise. Simultaneously, in Southern California, the Hill and Woolsey Fires have caused immense destruction in both Ventura and Los Angeles counties.

Together, the Camp, Hill, and Woolsey fires have burned more than 247,000 acres, and at their peak, required the deployment of over 9,000 firefighters, 1,246 fire engines, 500 law enforcement personnel and over 1000 National Guard troops. Between all fires, over 20,000 structures have been destroyed, with over 18,000 in the Town of Paradise alone, and more than 1,000 have been damaged. Thus far, the fires have claimed 91 lives, and have destroyed significant infrastructure systems. While it will take years for these communities to fully recover, the funding identified in this request is essential to support our immediate efforts to recover from these catastrophic events.

On November 16, California submitted a request to the White House requesting 100 percent cost share waiver for the first 90 days of these wildfires for Categories A (Debris Removal) and B (Emergency Protective Measures). The state has not yet received a determination regarding this request.

Thank you for your consideration of this supplemental appropriation request. These recent events have been both tragic and overwhelmingly impactful. I look forward to working with you and the members of our delegation to ensure that the communities affected by these devastating wildfires have all of the necessary and available resources to help them recover.

Sincerely,

MARK S. GHILARDUCCI
Director

Mark Ghilarducci
November 28, 2018
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Enclosure: Supplemental Funding Request by Federal Agency

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Kamala Harris

On November 8, a series of destructive wildfires erupted across California during a Red Flag wind event that spanned most of the state. The Camp Fire, now the most destructive fire in California history, the Woolsey Fire, and the Hill Fire destroyed over 20,000 structures and damaged over 1,000 structures. Subsequent evacuations displaced hundreds of thousands during the holiday season and, at its peak, 2,070 individuals and families found themselves in shelters while waiting to hear if their homes and businesses survived the still-raging infernos. There are still 893 survivors living in six different shelters, and there are 289 survivors living in hotels under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Transitional Sheltering Assistance Program. California is still in the response phase for these disasters, and is entering the initial stages of the recovery phase.

California state agencies have been working to calculate very preliminary estimates of damages and costs for this event. The following cost estimates are inclusive of the latest data available and could rise significantly depending on a number of variables that will impact the recovery of affected communities, including insurance coverage, complications and damage from expected future storms, and other factors.

Federal Emergency Management Agency: \$4 billion

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) partnered with the state and local governments starting November 8, the day the fires began, and has continuously disbursed Individual Assistance programs to the affected communities and provided Public Assistance Emergency Work (Categories A and B). FEMA will assist in hazardous household waste and debris removal in Butte, Ventura, and Los Angeles counties, which will allow these communities to begin rebuilding homes, businesses, and schools. California also received a federal declaration allowing for Permanent Work (Categories C through G), which provides funding for roads and bridges, water control facilities, public buildings and contents, public utilities, parks, and recreational and other facilities.

This supplemental request takes into account an initial estimate of \$3.5 billion for household hazardous waste and debris removal. This cost may increase based on weather delays, landfill availability and locations, and other programmatic increases. The initial request for Categories C through G specifically is \$80 million; however this is a very early, preliminary estimate. California and the local communities affected by these disasters are in the process of transitioning from response to recovery, and the affected communities are still evaluating costs that are eligible under insurance versus those that are eligible under the Stafford Act Program.

These funds are critical for the schools and students impacted by the fires. At their peak, the wildfires closed over 1,000 public and private schools, destroyed six schools, and damaged ten, and displaced over 1,000,000 students. Relief is needed for school districts to address school expenses, which include infrastructure needs, extended and/or emergency staffing, temporary school facilities, student counseling services, and lost supplies (textbooks, technology, and student materials). The majority of these costs can be funded through FEMA programs and insurance, so the full impact of necessary funding will take additional time to determine.

This appropriation is requested to robustly fund FEMA's Hazard Mitigation program, which provides essential assistance to the state and local communities in reducing the risk of damage to people, property, and infrastructure in future disasters. Additional funding for FEMA's Disaster

Relief and Community Development funds is imperative to ensure that FEMA can continue to meet its obligations from previous natural disasters without jeopardizing its ability to respond to future events.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: \$4.2 billion for 2018 Wildfires / \$2.4 billion in Unmet Needs from 2017

As a result of the November 2018 wildfires, over 20,000 structures were destroyed, including an estimated 15,000 homes. Six schools have been destroyed, and an additional ten schools have been damaged. Community Disaster Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds are only available through a Congressional appropriation and must be used for specific disaster recovery-related purposes. This funding is required to meet the projected need to recover and reconstruct destroyed homes, communities, and infrastructure due to the recent wildfires in Butte, Los Angeles, and Ventura counties.

This appropriation is requested to robustly fund the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Disaster Mitigation program for California statewide. Though the Federal Register notice is expected in December 2018, the program is purported to provide essential assistance to the state and local communities in reducing the risk of damage to people, property, and infrastructure in future disasters. This funding is imperative to ensure that impacted communities can continue to carry out and refine resilience and mitigation priorities to reduce the occurrence and impacts of future disasters.

Additionally, the state is requesting an additional appropriation to fund ongoing recovery following significant disasters in 2017. In April 2018, HUD announced that California would receive \$212 million in CDBG-DR funding to support long-term recovery efforts following the devastation of the 2017 Wildfires (DR-4344) and the 2017 Wildfires, Flooding, Mudflows, and Debris Flows (DR-4353). However, the recovery needs – particularly the economic recovery needs - in the affected areas far exceed the available resources. The state continues to coordinate with local and federal partners with respect to ongoing data collection efforts, identifying resources, and understanding how unmet needs evolve over time. The 2017 disasters have had a substantial impact on local businesses, employees, and key industries, including the agricultural and tourism industries. Therefore, the state is requesting this additional appropriation of CDBG-DR funding to allow the creation of programs to assist in continuing to address housing, infrastructure, and economic recovery of the impacted areas.

U.S. Department of Labor: \$50 million

The impact of the fires has resulted in the loss of jobs, and displaced workers. In order to respond to the immediate and short-term employment needs of displaced workers in the impacted areas, the California Employment Development Department is pursuing a National Dislocated Worker Grant to implement a temporary jobs program. National Dislocated Worker Grants are discretionary grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The National Dislocated Worker Grant funding is distributed by the California Employment Development Department to Local Workforce Development Areas and/or Project Operators in the impacted areas.

Workers fill temporary jobs that not only assist various cleanup and repair projects on public and tribal lands, but also enhance their employability and earnings. The grant funds will provide short-

term employment for individuals in Butte, Los Angeles, and Ventura counties. The Employment Development Department will be seeking flexibility in the funding authorization to allow for projects on both public and private lands.

U.S. Department of Agriculture: \$80 million

Funding of \$10 million is requested for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to address significant damage to farmland and dairies, rangeland, and watersheds. This number is a preliminary estimate, as the state is still in the response phase of these disasters. Because the state is so early in the process of recovery, this number is expected to change. These wildfires have necessitated not only the evacuation and sheltering of survivors, but also of pets and livestock. At the peak of the fires, over 2,500 animals were sheltered by local communities with support from the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Farm Service

Funding for the USDA Emergency Watershed Protection Program and Farm Service Agency Disaster Assistance Programs will provide post-fire restoration work on agricultural land in California, in addition to critical watershed restoration and repairs. The program is essential to rehabilitate farmland and reduce longer-term agricultural production declines associated with the catastrophic fires. Overall, a supplemental appropriation would allow the USDA to fund current requested crop loss funding for California agricultural communities. However, with the significant losses associated with agriculture, farm, and dairy businesses, future funding needs are anticipated.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

A significant appropriation is requested to restore the U.S. Forest Service funding. At the peak of this event, the counties included in the President's Major Disaster Declaration experienced three major fires burning simultaneously, which destroyed over 247,000 acres. At the peak, there were 8,900 firefighters working on extinguishing the Camp, Hill, and Woolsey fires, with 1,246 engines deployed.

California also requests additional funding for local watershed projects administered by the National Resources Conservation Service, such as the Emergency Watershed Protection Program, the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program, and Environmental Quality Incentives Program. These will assist in efforts to effect on-the-ground recovery through local resource conservation and district partners as future weather poses a significant threat to the watershed in the local communities.

U.S. Department of Transportation: \$64 million for 2018 Wildfires / \$1.1 billion in Unmet Needs from 2017 Wildfires

Additional funding towards the U.S. Department of Transportation's Emergency Relief Program, the Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program, and other programs that can provide immediate assistance and resources to repair and rebuild California's federal-aid highways and roads impacted by the wildfire events in Butte, Los Angeles, and Ventura counties are at \$64 million and are subject to increase.

California also requests additional funding of \$1.1 billion for current damage estimates under the above programs for damage that occurred to the state's highways and local roads prior to the November 2018 wildfires.

U.S. Department of Commerce: \$600 million

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration plays a crucial role in facilitating the delivery of economic assistance to local governments for long-term recovery planning, reconstruction, and resiliency in response to Presidential Major Disaster Declarations. The Economic Development Administration grants emphasize disaster resiliency to help mitigate the potential of economic hardship as a result of future wildfires. The 2018 wildfires had a devastating impact on California's local communities, at a time when the state is still recovering from the 2017 wildfires.

Funding an additional \$600 million in economic assistance will allow each of the impacted counties to complete projects to support the long-term recovery planning, reconstruction, and resiliency of California's businesses, nonprofit organizations, and agricultural, tourism, and other industries, as well as assist in rebuilding the entire community of Paradise, in Butte County.

U.S. Small Business Administration

This program provides low-interest loans to businesses, private non-profit organizations, homeowners, and renters. These Small Business Administration benefits will greatly assist businesses and the local economies affected by the November 2018 wildfires by allowing for repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed real estate, personal property, machinery, equipment, inventory, and business assets. The U.S. Small Business Administration was previously funded to cover loans associated with the 2017 wildfires without the need of a supplemental appropriation. At this time, no supplemental funding is being requested for this program.

U.S. Department of Education: \$70 million

California requests an appropriation to the U.S. Department of Education of \$20 million for the Immediate Aid to Restart School Operations Program (RESTART), and \$50 million for the Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students Program (Impact Aid). The purpose of these programs is to assist local educational agencies and non-public schools with expenses related to the restart of elementary and secondary schools, and to make impact aid payments for the cost of displaced students in areas where a major disaster has been declared. At the height of the fires, over 1,000 schools were closed, and over 1,000,000 students were displaced. As mentioned above, ten schools were damaged, and six schools were destroyed by the November 2018 wildfires. This funding will be essential in helping students return to school and restore and regain a critical part of their community.

Last year, California received RESTART funding in response to the 2017 wildfires. \$8 million of that funding is still available from the U.S. Department of Education for costs that were covered by FEMA. California requests that this funding be reallocated to address the 2018 wildfires.

Tax Relief

As was granted after the 2017 wildfires, targeted tax relief will directly aid Californians in rebuilding their homes and communities in Butte, Los Angeles, and Ventura counties. We support language that will help Californians receive tax relief for non-itemized deductions for casualty losses waiving the current-law requirement that losses exceed 10 percent of adjusted gross income; penalty-free access to retirement funds; disaster-related employment relief; earned income tax credit reporting-year flexibility; and enhancement of charitable giving incentives.

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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Democratic Leader
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
Room S-128, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Vice Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
Room S-146, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators McConnell, Schumer, Shelby, and Leahy:

As you develop a disaster supplemental funding package, we ask that you include \$9.054 billion and disaster-related tax relief, as requested by the California Governor's Office, to help California recover from this year's devastating wildfires.

The scale of the destruction from this month's wildfires is unprecedented. Now the deadliest wildfire in California history, the Camp Fire in Butte County has killed at least 88 people, destroyed almost 14,000 homes, burned 153,000 acres and destroyed the entire Town of Paradise. At the same time resources were stretched thin fighting the Camp Fire in northern California, the Woolsey and Hill Fires raging in southern California killed three people, destroyed nearly 400 homes, and burned 100,000 acres.

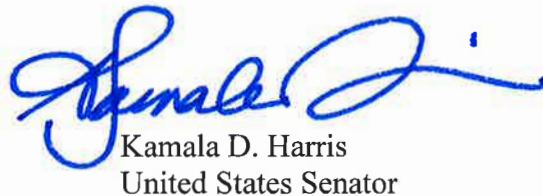
State and local governments in California are still in the early stages of recovery from this disaster and are still assessing damages and impacts. However, the Governor's Office has worked with the affected counties and communities to determine that \$9.054 billion in federal funding is needed as of November 28, 2018 to help California recover.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. As you work to determine disaster supplemental funding levels and the inclusion of tax relief for disaster-affected communities, we look forward to working with you to ensure that all Americans who have been severely impacted by recent natural disasters across the United States receive the federal support they need and deserve.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator



Kamala D. Harris
United States Senator

Enclosure: November 28, 2018 letter from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services



November 28, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Mr. Speaker, Minority Leader Pelosi, Chairman Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Lowey,

The State of California respectfully requests a Supplemental Appropriation for disaster funding in order to support California's recovery from the 2018 Wildfires. In Butte County, the Camp Fire alone has once again broken records for the deadliest and most destructive fire in the state's history. This disaster has literally destroyed the entire Town of Paradise. Simultaneously, in Southern California, the Hill and Woolsey Fires have caused immense destruction in both Ventura and Los Angeles counties.

Together, the Camp, Hill, and Woolsey fires have burned more than 247,000 acres, and at their peak, required the deployment of over 9,000 firefighters, 1,246 fire engines, 500 law enforcement personnel and over 1000 National Guard troops. Between all fires, over 20,000 structures have been destroyed, with over 18,000 in the Town of Paradise alone, and more than 1,000 have been damaged. Thus far, the fires have claimed 91 lives, and have destroyed significant infrastructure systems. While it will take years for these communities to fully recover, the funding identified in this request is essential to support our immediate efforts to recover from these catastrophic events.

On November 16, California submitted a request to the White House requesting 100 percent cost share waiver for the first 90 days of these wildfires for Categories A (Debris Removal) and B (Emergency Protective Measures). The state has not yet received a determination regarding this request.

Thank you for your consideration of this supplemental appropriation request. These recent events have been both tragic and overwhelmingly impactful. I look forward to working with you and the members of our delegation to ensure that the communities affected by these devastating wildfires have all of the necessary and available resources to help them recover.

Sincerely,

MARK S. GHILARDUCCI
Director

Mark Ghilarducci
November 28, 2018
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Enclosure: Supplemental Funding Request by Federal Agency

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Kamala Harris

On November 8, a series of destructive wildfires erupted across California during a Red Flag wind event that spanned most of the state. The Camp Fire, now the most destructive fire in California history, the Woolsey Fire, and the Hill Fire destroyed over 20,000 structures and damaged over 1,000 structures. Subsequent evacuations displaced hundreds of thousands during the holiday season and, at its peak, 2,070 individuals and families found themselves in shelters while waiting to hear if their homes and businesses survived the still-raging infernos. There are still 893 survivors living in six different shelters, and there are 289 survivors living in hotels under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Transitional Sheltering Assistance Program. California is still in the response phase for these disasters, and is entering the initial stages of the recovery phase.

California state agencies have been working to calculate very preliminary estimates of damages and costs for this event. The following cost estimates are inclusive of the latest data available and could rise significantly depending on a number of variables that will impact the recovery of affected communities, including insurance coverage, complications and damage from expected future storms, and other factors.

Federal Emergency Management Agency: \$4 billion

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) partnered with the state and local governments starting November 8, the day the fires began, and has continuously disbursed Individual Assistance programs to the affected communities and provided Public Assistance Emergency Work (Categories A and B). FEMA will assist in hazardous household waste and debris removal in Butte, Ventura, and Los Angeles counties, which will allow these communities to begin rebuilding homes, businesses, and schools. California also received a federal declaration allowing for Permanent Work (Categories C through G), which provides funding for roads and bridges, water control facilities, public buildings and contents, public utilities, parks, and recreational and other facilities.

This supplemental request takes into account an initial estimate of \$3.5 billion for household hazardous waste and debris removal. This cost may increase based on weather delays, landfill availability and locations, and other programmatic increases. The initial request for Categories C through G specifically is \$80 million; however this is a very early, preliminary estimate. California and the local communities affected by these disasters are in the process of transitioning from response to recovery, and the effected communities are still evaluating costs that are eligible under insurance versus those that are eligible under the Stafford Act Program.

These funds are critical for the schools and students impacted by the fires. At their peak, the wildfires closed over 1,000 public and private schools, destroyed six schools, and damaged ten, and displaced over 1,000,000 students. Relief is needed for school districts to address school expenses, which include infrastructure needs, extended and/or emergency staffing, temporary school facilities, student counseling services, and lost supplies (textbooks, technology, and student materials). The majority of these costs can be funded through FEMA programs and insurance, so the full impact of necessary funding will take additional time to determine.

This appropriation is requested to robustly fund FEMA's Hazard Mitigation program, which provides essential assistance to the state and local communities in reducing the risk of damage to people, property, and infrastructure in future disasters. Additional funding for FEMA's Disaster

Relief and Community Development funds is imperative to ensure that FEMA can continue to meet its obligations from previous natural disasters without jeopardizing its ability to respond to future events.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: \$4.2 billion for 2018 Wildfires / \$2.4 billion in Unmet Needs from 2017

As a result of the November 2018 wildfires, over 20,000 structures were destroyed, including an estimated 15,000 homes. Six schools have been destroyed, and an additional ten schools have been damaged. Community Disaster Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds are only available through a Congressional appropriation and must be used for specific disaster recovery-related purposes. This funding is required to meet the projected need to recover and reconstruct destroyed homes, communities, and infrastructure due to the recent wildfires in Butte, Los Angeles, and Ventura counties.

This appropriation is requested to robustly fund the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Disaster Mitigation program for California statewide. Though the Federal Register notice is expected in December 2018, the program is purported to provide essential assistance to the state and local communities in reducing the risk of damage to people, property, and infrastructure in future disasters. This funding is imperative to ensure that impacted communities can continue to carry out and refine resilience and mitigation priorities to reduce the occurrence and impacts of future disasters.

Additionally, the state is requesting an additional appropriation to fund ongoing recovery following significant disasters in 2017. In April 2018, HUD announced that California would receive \$212 million in CDBG-DR funding to support long-term recovery efforts following the devastation of the 2017 Wildfires (DR-4344) and the 2017 Wildfires, Flooding, Mudflows, and Debris Flows (DR-4353). However, the recovery needs – particularly the economic recovery needs - in the affected areas far exceed the available resources. The state continues to coordinate with local and federal partners with respect to ongoing data collection efforts, identifying resources, and understanding how unmet needs evolve over time. The 2017 disasters have had a substantial impact on local businesses, employees, and key industries, including the agricultural and tourism industries. Therefore, the state is requesting this additional appropriation of CDBG-DR funding to allow the creation of programs to assist in continuing to address housing, infrastructure, and economic recovery of the impacted areas.

U.S. Department of Labor: \$50 million

The impact of the fires has resulted in the loss of jobs, and displaced workers. In order to respond to the immediate and short-term employment needs of displaced workers in the impacted areas, the California Employment Development Department is pursuing a National Dislocated Worker Grant to implement a temporary jobs program. National Dislocated Worker Grants are discretionary grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The National Dislocated Worker Grant funding is distributed by the California Employment Development Department to Local Workforce Development Areas and/or Project Operators in the impacted areas.

Workers fill temporary jobs that not only assist various cleanup and repair projects on public and tribal lands, but also enhance their employability and earnings. The grant funds will provide short-

term employment for individuals in Butte, Los Angeles, and Ventura counties. The Employment Development Department will be seeking flexibility in the funding authorization to allow for projects on both public and private lands.

U.S. Department of Agriculture: \$80 million

Funding of \$10 million is requested for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to address significant damage to farmland and dairies, rangeland, and watersheds. This number is a preliminary estimate, as the state is still in the response phase of these disasters. Because the state is so early in the process of recovery, this number is expected to change. These wildfires have necessitated not only the evacuation and sheltering of survivors, but also of pets and livestock. At the peak of the fires, over 2,500 animals were sheltered by local communities with support from the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Farm Service

Funding for the USDA Emergency Watershed Protection Program and Farm Service Agency Disaster Assistance Programs will provide post-fire restoration work on agricultural land in California, in addition to critical watershed restoration and repairs. The program is essential to rehabilitate farmland and reduce longer-term agricultural production declines associated with the catastrophic fires. Overall, a supplemental appropriation would allow the USDA to fund current requested crop loss funding for California agricultural communities. However, with the significant losses associated with agriculture, farm, and dairy businesses, future funding needs are anticipated.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

A significant appropriation is requested to restore the U.S. Forest Service funding. At the peak of this event, the counties included in the President's Major Disaster Declaration experienced three major fires burning simultaneously, which destroyed over 247,000 acres. At the peak, there were 8,900 firefighters working on extinguishing the Camp, Hill, and Woolsey fires, with 1,246 engines deployed.

California also requests additional funding for local watershed projects administered by the National Resources Conservation Service, such as the Emergency Watershed Protection Program, the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program, and Environmental Quality Incentives Program. These will assist in efforts to effect on-the-ground recovery through local resource conservation and district partners as future weather poses a significant threat to the watershed in the local communities.

U.S. Department of Transportation: \$64 million for 2018 Wildfires / \$1.1 billion in Unmet Needs from 2017 Wildfires

Additional funding towards the U.S. Department of Transportation's Emergency Relief Program, the Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program, and other programs that can provide immediate assistance and resources to repair and rebuild California's federal-aid highways and roads impacted by the wildfire events in Butte, Los Angeles, and Ventura counties are at \$64 million and are subject to increase.

California also requests additional funding of \$1.1 billion for current damage estimates under the above programs for damage that occurred to the state's highways and local roads prior to the November 2018 wildfires.

U.S. Department of Commerce: \$600 million

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration plays a crucial role in facilitating the delivery of economic assistance to local governments for long-term recovery planning, reconstruction, and resiliency in response to Presidential Major Disaster Declarations. The Economic Development Administration grants emphasize disaster resiliency to help mitigate the potential of economic hardship as a result of future wildfires. The 2018 wildfires had a devastating impact on California's local communities, at a time when the state is still recovering from the 2017 wildfires.

Funding an additional \$600 million in economic assistance will allow each of the impacted counties to complete projects to support the long-term recovery planning, reconstruction, and resiliency of California's businesses, nonprofit organizations, and agricultural, tourism, and other industries, as well as assist in rebuilding the entire community of Paradise, in Butte County.

U.S. Small Business Administration

This program provides low-interest loans to businesses, private non-profit organizations, homeowners, and renters. These Small Business Administration benefits will greatly assist businesses and the local economies affected by the November 2018 wildfires by allowing for repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed real estate, personal property, machinery, equipment, inventory, and business assets. The U.S. Small Business Administration was previously funded to cover loans associated with the 2017 wildfires without the need of a supplemental appropriation. At this time, no supplemental funding is being requested for this program.

U.S. Department of Education: \$70 million

California requests an appropriation to the U.S. Department of Education of \$20 million for the Immediate Aid to Restart School Operations Program (RESTART), and \$50 million for the Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students Program (Impact Aid). The purpose of these programs is to assist local educational agencies and non-public schools with expenses related to the restart of elementary and secondary schools, and to make impact aid payments for the cost of displaced students in areas where a major disaster has been declared. At the height of the fires, over 1,000 schools were closed, and over 1,000,000 students were displaced. As mentioned above, ten schools were damaged, and six schools were destroyed by the November 2018 wildfires. This funding will be essential in helping students return to school and restore and regain a critical part of their community.

Last year, California received RESTART funding in response to the 2017 wildfires. \$8 million of that funding is still available from the U.S. Department of Education for costs that were covered by FEMA. California requests that this funding be reallocated to address the 2018 wildfires.

Tax Relief

As was granted after the 2017 wildfires, targeted tax relief will directly aid Californians in rebuilding their homes and communities in Butte, Los Angeles, and Ventura counties. We support language that will help Californians receive tax relief for non-itemized deductions for casualty losses waiving the current-law requirement that losses exceed 10 percent of adjusted gross income; penalty-free access to retirement funds; disaster-related employment relief; earned income tax credit reporting-year flexibility; and enhancement of charitable giving incentives.



Memorandum

To: Municipal Water District of Orange County
From: Syrus Devers, Best Best & Krieger
Date: December 17, 2018
Re: Monthly State Political Report

Legislative Report

Both houses of the Legislature met on December 3rd to swear in the 2019/2020 class and introduce new legislation. Over two hundred bills were put across the respective desks including AB 134 (Bloom), a spot bill on safe drinking water. Remember that Assembly Member Bloom chairs the budget subcommittee on Natural Resources. The first bill out of the Senate was authored by the Pro Tem Toni Atkins. It reintroduces a bill from last year to prevent changes in federal environmental laws from having any impact in California. That bill, along with several others, make it clear that California's opposition to Pres. Trump won't be ending anytime soon. It's hard to generalize about the Democrats legislative agenda by looking at the bills introduced on the first day, but liability for wildfires and housing were two of the predominant themes. Governor-Elect Newsom appears to be staking out education as his main issue. And then everyone went home.

The Third House in Sacramento is watching to see how the Assembly policy committees might be reorganized. Rumors abound that finding suitable postings for so many Democrats may cause some committees to be split up. New Senate committee assignments are due out anytime but were unavailable at the time of this report. BB&K will provide an update the PAL Committee meeting.

Administrative Report

WaterFix: The Department of Water Resources withdrew its Consistency Determination for the WaterFix from the Delate Stewardship Council (DSC), thereby avoiding a confrontation. The DSC staff report included criticisms of the environmental data and DWR decided to address the problems instead of picking a fight where it was unclear what they had to gain. Media statements of questionable accuracy leading up to the DSC hearing set the stage for what may have been one of the most contentious hearings ever. The Sacramento Bee, for example, all but said the DSC could possibly stop WaterFix with a single vote. That would likely have attracted the...more strident...opponents of the WaterFix.

The County of Orange Report

December 11, 2018
by Lewis Consulting Group

Orange County's **Changed** Political **Landscape**

4th Supervisor **Nelson/OPEN → **Doug Chaffee****

Anticipate that Chaffee's four GOP colleagues will attempt to marginalize him as they will not enjoy the prospect of future challenges from Democrats.

Assemblyman **Matt Harper → **Cottie Petrie-Norris****

State Senator **Janet Nguyen → **Tom Umberg****

These two legislative losses in Orange County enhance the Democrats stronghold on the State Capitol. With the 2018 election results in, Democrats now outnumber Republicans 29-11 in the upper chamber; two more than the magic 2/3 Super Majority. In the Assembly, Republicans border on irrelevancy, holding 20 of 80 seats. The 20 Republicans represent a historic low in California.

Congressman **Dana Rohrbacher → **Harley Rouda****

Congressman **Ed Royce/OPEN → **Gil Cisneros****

Congresswoman **Mimi Walters → **Katie Porter****

Congressman **Darrell Issa/OPEN → **Mike Levin****

California Republicans entered the 2018 elections holding 14 of the state's 53 Congressional districts. Once the last of the late "blue wave" ballots were counted, Democrats secured 46 Congressional seats in California and Republicans clung to a mere 7. The Democrat seven seat gain in California helped pad the Democrat partisan advantage in the House 235-199 with one election under legal challenge. Only in the U.S. Senate did Republicans show signs of life increasing their majority to 53-47.

No Rest For the Weary

Special Election for 3rd District Supervisor Looms

Just when Orange Countians were again enjoying the ease of retrieving their daily mail, voters in Irvine, Orange, Yorba Linda and other parts of Eastern Orange County will soon be subjected to another round of political madness.

With the departure of Supervisor Todd Spitzer, a special election will be called [probably in March 2019] to fill that seat. At this time, there is no shortage of potential candidates. Among those considering a run are Democrats Loretta Sanchez and Andy Thorburn. On the GOP side, potential candidates include Mark Murphy, Steven Choi, Don Wagner, Kris Murray, Peggy Huang with others possibly waiting in the wings.

Look for the Democrats to employ the same successful ballot harvesting technique they rolled out for the November election. As for Republicans, to have a chance to win, they will need to whittle down the field of GOP candidates. The election will be “winner-take-all”, with no run off.



The December 12th LAFCO meeting has been cancelled and those who are waiting the fate of the San Juan Capistrano Water and Wastewater Utility will now wait until the January 9, 2019 meeting for possible resolution.

Tumult at Supervisors Meeting - ICE Provides Tension



The Tuesday, December 4th meeting of the Board of Supervisors had no shortage of excitement.

The Board was mandated under a new California law, California’s Truth Act, to hold a public hearing regarding the County’s and the County Sheriff’s level of interaction and cooperation with the Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE].

Dozens of immigration activists attended the regularly scheduled meeting and many chose to publicly testify their opposition to ICE tactics and the County’s willingness to cooperate. As the meeting progressed, the activists became increasingly agitated that their testimony wasn’t drawing rapt attention from the Board or hints of appreciation.

At the conclusion of public testimony, Board Chairman Andrew Do confirmed with Legal Counsel that the Board had complied with the “letter of the law”. Legal Counsel confirmed by holding a public meeting and accepting public testimony that they had and no further action was required. The Supervisors issued no public comments and decided not to ask Sheriff Barnes to testify, which he was prepared to do. The Board closed the public meeting and went immediately into closed session. The activists hurled insults and left the hearing room chanting “we’ll be back!”

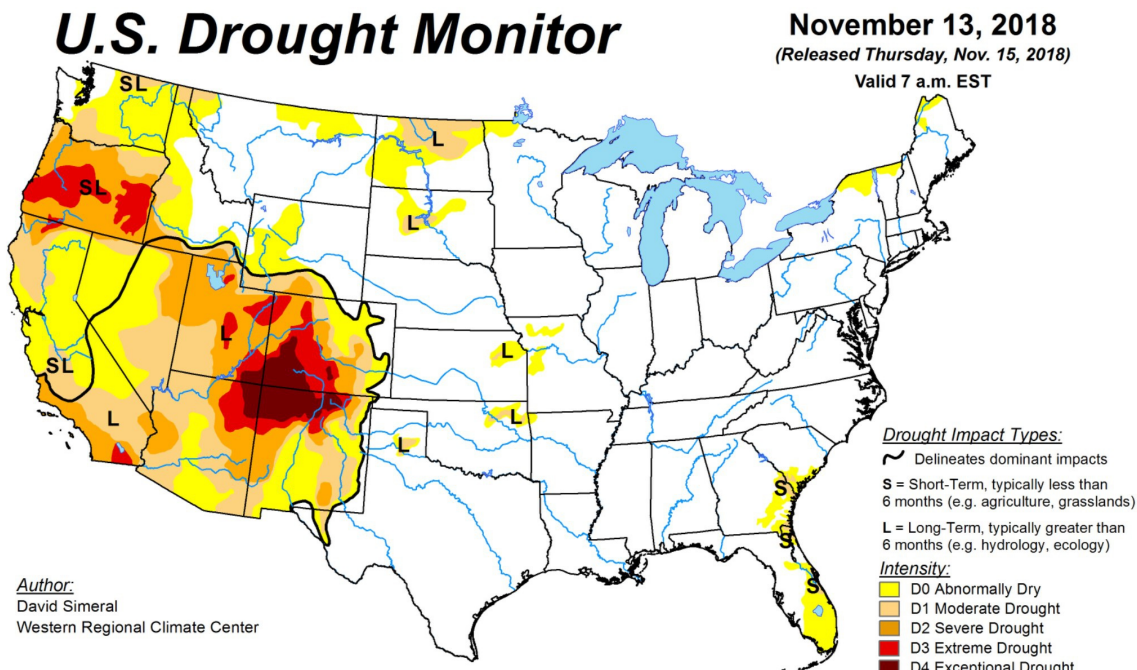
Veterans Will Have a New Cemetery

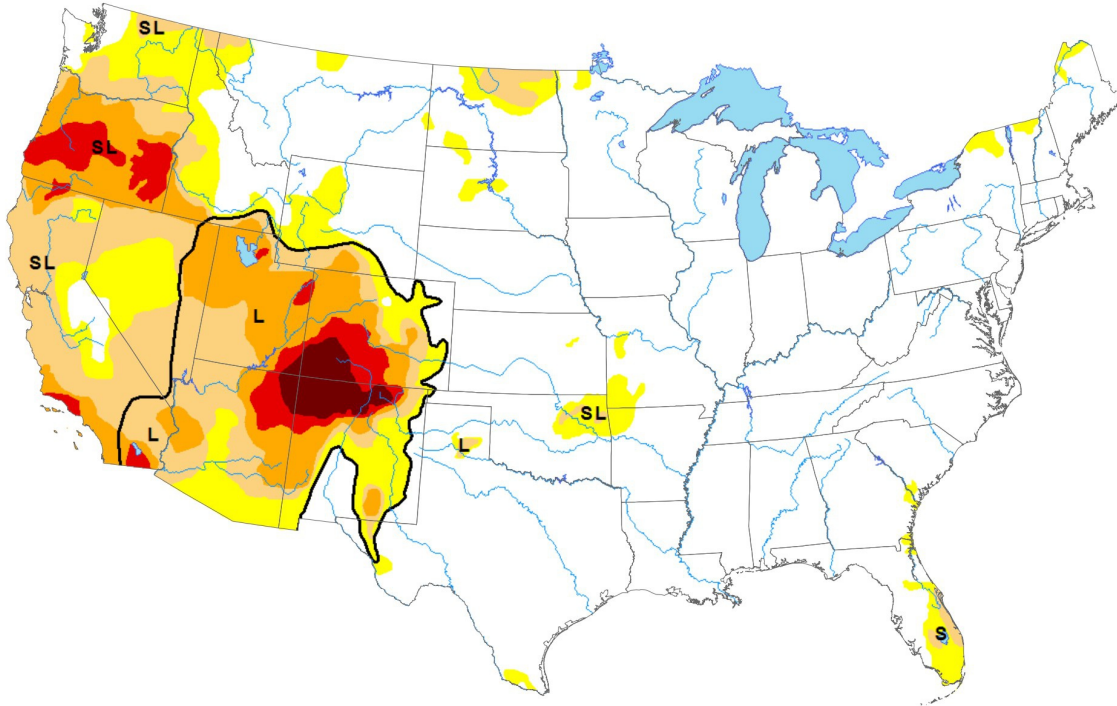
Also at the December 4th Board meeting, the Board ultimately voted 5-0 to transfer 283 acres of East Anaheim Hills property known as the Mountainview Park area to the Orange County Cemetery District. There is a shortage of public burial sites in Orange County. The property, which was part of a large gift of property to the County by businessman/philanthropist Donald Bren, will be built out slowly as it's planned to allocate 50% of burial sites for Orange County veterans. The project will require extensive grading and will be expensive. Two other alternative sites for an Orange County Veterans Cemetery are in the Irvine Great Park. So far political disagreement in Irvine has prevented a resolution for a site selection.

At the Board meeting, Supervisor Bartlett argued for a delay to give the City of Irvine more time to choose an appropriate location. An Irvine site would be less expensive to develop. Her plan for a delay fell on deaf ears and in spite of her impassioned opposition to an immediate vote, Bartlett voted with her colleagues to make it an unanimous vote.

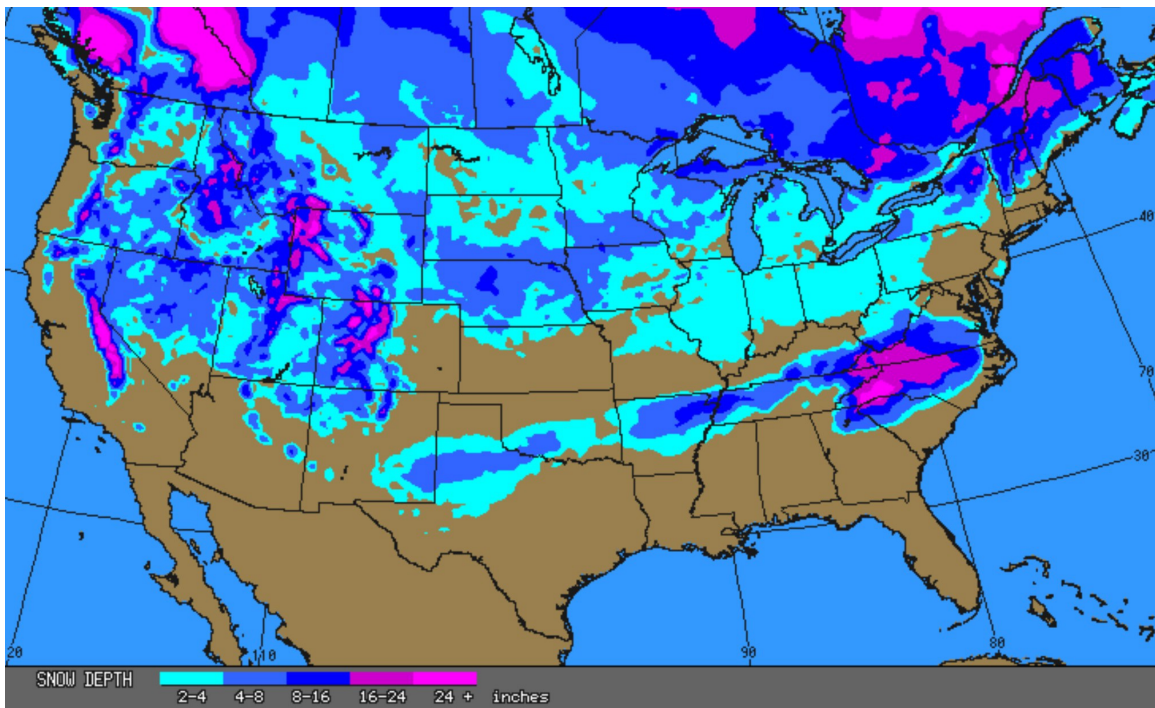


Mother Nature Loosens Grip on Western Drought

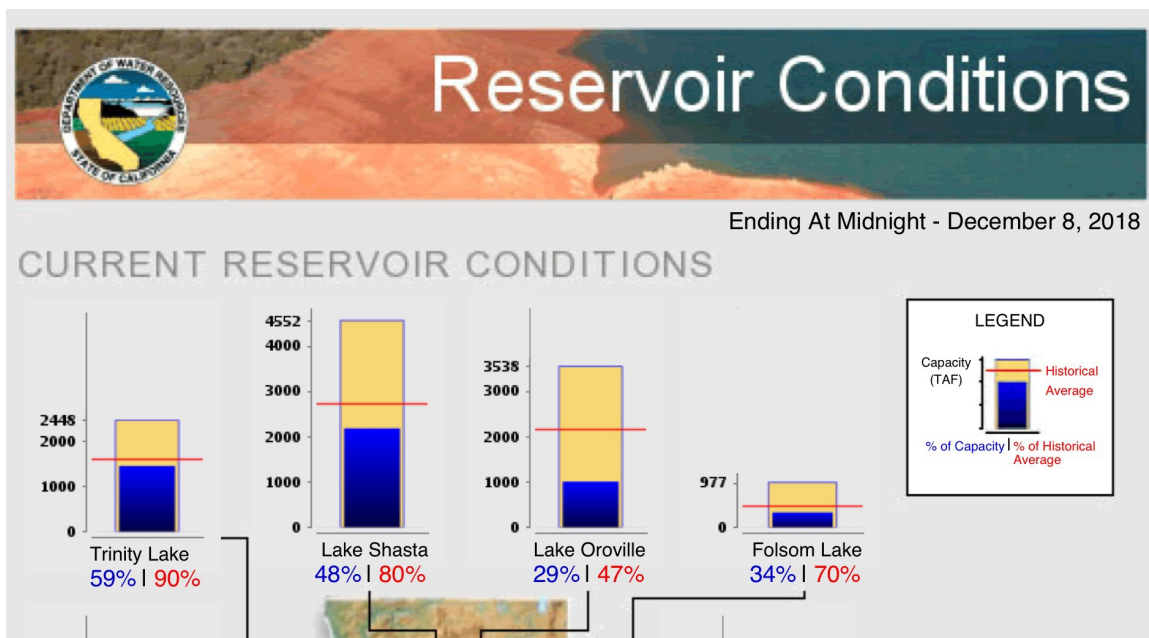




U.S. Drought Monitor December 6, 2018 - does not include December 6 rainfall



U.S. Snow Cover - December 9, 2018



The large Northern California reservoirs are below normal in storage. The Sierra's recent snow brings the snowpack at above normal. We will need every drop of spring run-off to help restore reservoirs.

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Legal and Regulatory

December 17, 2018

1. **Otters Beat Fish:** The US Supreme Court declined a petition to review a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal decision favoring the sea otter population over the fishing industry. Once fearing extinction, the sea otters have bounced back in the last 80 years to a respectable number. Part of this comeback resulted from designating areas for them to be protected. This protection came at a price to fisherman as those cute critters love to eat abalone and sea urchins, both important to the fish industry. A No Otter Zone was created mainly in the Southern California waters which allowed for their capture and return to more northerly waters. An agreement with the Obama administration ended this practice and fisherman brought suit. This recent decision sided with the sea otters and now the fisherman will seek legislative help. May be tougher after next January.
2. **Bay Area Groundwater Issues:** A recent study done by UC Berkeley points out problems arising in the Bay Area with its groundwater aquifers. Most of the aquifers in this area are shallow and very close to salt water sources in the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay. The modeling shows sea level rise will adversely impact these shallow aquifers. This interaction pushes the fresh water up causing inundation in areas that were previously dry. It can also produce contamination and other side effects impacting existing and future development in the area. Again this report is based on extensive modeling and will be compared to actual measurements as they occur.
3. **Sand Wars:** Another Bay Area battle is emerging in addition to sea level rise and climate change. Sand is being mined from the floor of the San Francisco Bay which environmentalists claim is shrinking the beaches and impacting the normal flow of sediment and sand from the upper rivers to the Bay and ultimately to the ocean. It turns out the Bay Area sand is excellent for making cement. This sand is much better than the common sand found in our deserts which is generally too fine to make good cement. A private company has been mining this sand for years under a permit from the State Lands Commission. Suits have been filed, but so far the sand miners are winning. Another suit was successful in Monterey against the miners as massive erosion was being caused to the coastal beaches. The Commission received about \$1.3 million in royalties last years from the mining operation.
4. **Water Rate War:** The town of Dunsmuir (population 1500) near the foot of Mount Shasta is challenging a current water rate increase. The City Council passed the rate increase which is now being challenged by a vote of the people. The City has won awards for the Best Water on Earth from the Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting competition in 2014. However, parts of the system, including the main storage tank, are over 100 years old, as well as miles of sewer pipes that are in disrepair. The proposal was a \$15 million infrastructure project to fix all these problems. The City has reduced water allotments to residents by 50% due to water quality concerns. They are also in a high fire risk area and many homeowners have cut back watering landscaping enhancing fire risk.
5. **Water Rate Reduction:** The City of Thousand Oaks has reduced water rates for about a third of the City's customers. Two other water companies supply water to the rest of the City. The City's wholesaler, Calleguas Municipal Water District, announced a reduction in operational costs and the City decided to pass it on to its residents. The average

reduction is \$1.62 per single family residence while total saving to the City was \$200,000. Other cities have decided to apply the savings to their reserve fund, but Thousand Oaks decided to return it.

6. **Salmon Comeback:** Fish experts in the State are celebrating large gains in the salmon population in two different areas. The San Joaquin River below the Friant Dam east of Fresno and the fish hatchery area on the Mokelumne River near the Sierra Foothills are both seeing positive signs of increases in salmon. Both efforts result from cooperation with local water districts and State and Federal agencies in controlling water flow and building habitat improvements to aid the salmon runs. These programs are quite expensive and often time conflict with agricultural needs.
7. **Mudslide Maps:** Mapping done by the US Geological Survey, which is used in showing water concentration both above and below ground, is now being used to predict mudslides and debris flow after major fires. This information was used in both the Hill and Woolsey fires in LA and Ventura Counties. It was a definite aid in preventative measures taken and controlling flows when they came.
8. **Ocean Ranches:** Ocean farming has been discussed for many years but has been hampered by over regulation from both State and Federal governments. But now the Federal government is promoting it and California is making some steps forward. The Federal government is concerned about navigation and general ocean health, while California is doing an environmental review which should be completed in the next year. In spite of all this, we have an ocean ranch six miles off the coast of Huntington Beach. Catalina Sea Ranch is producing mussels and hopes to expand other species in the future. The potential both here and elsewhere is great. Scallops, shellfish, finfish (tuna et al) and seaweed are on the menu in years to come. The existing number of permits required is burdensome but streamlining is on the way. The possibility of this becoming a large factor in the worldwide market place for food is enormous. Our local rancher is also considering expanding to abalone and oysters.
9. **Snowpack Good:** Sierra snowpack is at 106% above average. The Southern Sierra is a 125% above average. Last year our average number was 47%. And it is not even winter yet. Meteorologists admit that our weather patterns are still unsettled but it is certainly a good start. Mammoth Mountain has recorded 70 inches since October 1. El Nino is teasing the Southwest but it is looking more promising with each passing day.
10. **Poison City:** The New River which flows from Mexicali into the US is not bringing us good news. The uncontrolled growth of industry in Mexicali with little or no control over pollution is causing enormous problems for both Mexicali and California across the border. The pollution and emissions are creating serious health problems on both sides of the border. Raw sewage continues to be a concern. California and surrounding cities and groups are trying to put pressure on Mexico to really clean up their act. Stay tuned



DISCUSSION ITEM

December 17, 2018

TO: Public Affairs and Legislation Committee
(Directors Dick, Tamaribuchi and Thomas)

FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: MWDOC LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY PRIORITIES FOR 2019

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Public Affairs and Legislation Committee provide feedback and direction to staff on the Legislative and Regulatory Priorities for 2019.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

BACKGROUND

At the November Public Affairs and Legislation (PAL) Committee, the committee members discussed a number of Legislative and Regulatory priorities for 2019 at the federal and state level. The feedback received from the committee has been incorporated into this report for further review and consideration. This, by no means, captures all of the activities that will be covered in 2019. It simply focuses on the approach we plan to suggest for the coming year. There are a number of other important issues that MWDOC and its advocates will monitor and engage. However, the Board will have an additional opportunity to discuss these, and other priorities at the special board meeting scheduled for January 5, 2019.

Budgeted (Y/N): n/a	Budgeted amount: n/a	Core X	Choice __
Action item amount: None	Line item:		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

REPORT

The key word for 2019 is “change”. On the federal side, the United States House of Representatives has flipped from a Republican majority to a Democrat majority resulting in a shift of power. The majority party will control the House Committees and Chair positions. With the House and the Senate splitting control, (Republicans maintained their majority in the US Senate), we hope to see a renewed emphasis on bi-partisanship.

In California we have a new governor, which means eventual turnover in the administration and a likely change in priorities. Democrats have reestablished a supermajority in both houses; although it is unclear how much of a difference there will be since over the last two years we saw a new tax and three bonds passed.

Orange County has one, soon to be two, new faces on the Board of Supervisors after the November 2018 election, which will require outreach and education to the new Supervisors and staff.

Lastly, MWDOC will have to adjust to a few high-level personnel changes within MWD and ACWA as it relates to legislative affairs.

In consideration of these changes, staff is proposing the following legislative and regulatory priorities for 2019 that places an emphasis on preparing for change.

Priorities for 2019

- Outreach and education on MWDOC issues to the newly elected members of the Orange County state and federal delegations, key committee staff, and new administration.
- Actively engage on issues, legislative and regulatory, that will affect the California WaterFix and EcoRestore project.
- Actively engage on the safe and affordable drinking water program(s) proposals (i.e., the “water tax”, non-compliant water systems, and the Low Income Rate Assistance program).
- Advocate for cost effective reliability and local resources projects that benefit Orange County.
- Continue our outreach efforts with Orange County’s delegation on the federal, state and local level.

Action Items to Help Achieve These Priorities

- Outreach and education to newly elected legislators, returning legislators, staff and new/returning members of key policy committees.
 - In Washington D.C., this will include outreach and education on MWDOC issues to the four newly elected members and staff of Orange County’s congressional delegation. Meetings will begin in January and continue throughout 2019. District meetings with members of the MWDOC Board and local congressional offices will be scheduled for April, May and August.
 - In Sacramento, MWDOC has new representation in the 74th Assembly District and 34th Senate District. This means getting to know new legislators

and staff in both Sacramento and the local district offices. MWDOC staff along with our federal and state advocates, will work with members of the Board to schedule meetings that will take place throughout 2019.

- Getting to know the new administration may take many forms, including: utilizing the existing relationships of our lobbyists and developing new ones, participating in administration briefings in Sacramento, and scheduling meet and greet meetings with new administrative appointees. It is important to note that since the governorship will remain Democrat, staff turnover is unlikely to happen immediately with the exception of cabinet positions.
 - At the county level, the same efforts listed above will be coordinated with members of the MWDOC Board and the newly elected Supervisors.
 - In addition to new members in Orange County, there will also be changes in committee membership at both the federal and state level that will require attention. Every time a new member or new leadership is added to a key policy committee, the water policy committees being the most significant, it involves the same amount of time and resources as getting to know a newly elected legislator and staff. The only real difference is that there are fewer district meetings as with the Orange County delegation. This will require numerous meetings starting with a simple “meet and greet,” and schedule follow-up meetings to ensure that members and staff alike are not just familiar with MWDOC, but our key priorities as well. This will begin in January and continue throughout the year in both the Capitol and district offices.
- Actively engage on all issues, legislative and regulatory, that will affect the California WaterFix and EcoRestore project.
 - Over the past three years, significant outreach and education has been done by the MWDOC Board, staff and MWDOC’s federal advocate, Jim Barker, to Orange County’s congressional delegation on the importance of the WaterFix project to our region. These efforts will continue with the newly elected members of the Orange County delegation, key committee staff, and others.
 - On the state side, BB&K and MWDOC staff have worked successfully to elevate MWDOC’s overall reputation as an opinion leader on water policy. It appears the new administration will not begin with a clear set of water policy goals as the Brown administration did, which makes advocacy on Bay/Delta issues even more critical. MWDOC has been heavily involved with helping to advance the WaterFix project and the need will be even greater moving forward.
 - Action items include expanding MWDOC’s WaterFix focus to include more engagement with state agencies including, but not limited to, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the Delta Stewardship Council. Additionally, we plan to be included in a broader range of issues such as State Water Project governance and the San Joaquin River regulatory process.
 - Actively engage in the safe and affordable drinking water program(s) working proposals (i.e., the “water tax”, non-compliant water systems, and the Low Income Rate Assistance program).

- The “Tax on Water” will be back, but we do not know the exact form. Most likely it will be in the form of new legislation, but as we have seen over the last two years there are many options. The biggest unknown is what priority Governor-Elect Newsom will assign to the issue. Governor Brown came into office with a long history of involvement in water policy and politics, and made water one of the top priorities of his administration. Governor Newsom’s views on water, by contrast, are largely unknown. Regardless, MWDOC is well positioned to handle this upcoming change. The agency has been preparing by being a key figure in the lobbying efforts, as well as playing a part in the ongoing post-session activities. Action items include district and Sacramento office meetings with members of the Assembly working group, following up with agency staff that remain as “holdovers” from the Brown administration, and continuing to work with other stakeholders.
 - Further action items center on non-compliant water systems and the Board’s direction to develop new information on the scope of the issue. Staff will continue to pursue an alliance with the California Urban Water Agencies and the California Municipal Utilities Association, to assist in the generation of supportive materials for a viable and long-term solution to improve drinking water quality in areas of the state with chronically non-compliant water systems that lack safe water supplies.
 - The Low Income Rate Assistance Program (LIRA) for low-income residents statewide was largely shelved in 2018 by the administration in an attempt to keep attention on the tax on water, in all of its various incarnations. Having now missed statutory deadlines for the SWRCB to issue a written report to the Legislature on what LIRA program for water should entail, efforts could be renewed. Fortunately the MWDOC staff is already an ongoing participant in the regulatory process. Action items for 2019 may include briefing and rallying legislators should SWRCB pursue ineffective policies for advancing a LIRA program and building coalitions to oppose or support specific proposal by agency staff.
- Advocate for Cost Effective Local Resource Projects.
 - For the past few months in Washington D.C., there has been serious discussions about the return of congressional “earmarks” – a line-item appropriation for specific projects. This is something we will be monitoring closely as it could be beneficial to the development of local projects, such as storage and desalination projects in Orange County.
 - In 2018 we saw the first funds allocated from the 2014 water bond (Prop 1) by the Water Commission for the Temperance Flat and Sites reservoirs, and for desalination; but since then little actual progress has been made on either front. However, with funds finally starting to move, 2019 may be seen as a year of opportunity where we can advocate for funding for key OC projects.

NEXT STEPS

Staff recommends the MWDOC Board discuss the priorities above, in addition to other priorities they may have, and return this item to the PAL Committee in January for action.



DISCUSSION ITEM

December 17, 2018

TO: Public Affairs and Legislation Committee
(Directors Dick, Tamaribuchi and Thomas)

FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER ISSUES CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION BRIEFING LUNCHEON (D.C.)**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

As customary, MWDOC co-hosts a luncheon during the ACWA conference in Washington D.C. and has once again partnered with regional neighbors, Eastern Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, and Western Municipal Water District. The luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27th.

The ACWA Washington D.C. conference is scheduled for Tuesday, 02/26/2019 - Thursday, 02/28/2019 at the St. Regis Hotel. ACWA has not yet opened registration for the conference but is expected to begin soon. The deadline to register is February 4, 2019.

MWDOC's PARTICIPATION

Budgeted (Y/N): Y	Budgeted amount: \$900, food & materials	Core __	Choice __
Action item amount: None		Line item: 31-7670	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

As we did last year, MWDOC is co-hosting a Southern California Water Issues Congressional Delegation Briefing with Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), and Western Municipal Water District (WMWD). The Gold Room in the Rayburn Building (same location as 2018) has been secured for the luncheon through Congressman Ken Calvert's office.

"Save the Date" cards were hand delivered in November to all congressional offices within the hosting agencies service area. Invitations will be hand delivered in January and will be followed up with email invites and personal phone calls.

Staff from MWDOC, EMWD, IEUA, and WMWD have begun updating the briefing book and program for the event. The briefing book – which includes a brief background on the four presenting agencies – will highlight the investments and importance of reliability – with special emphasis placed on the CA WaterFix. MWDOC staff has reached out to all of our member agencies inviting them to submit pages for the briefing book. The deadline is mid-December.

Last year MWDOC member agencies, Irvine Ranch Water District, Mesa Water District, and Santa Margarita Water District were all included. The briefing book will be provided to luncheon attendees on a USB drive (printed with all four hosting agency logos) for members and staff to keep at their offices and use for future reference.

Staff from MWDOC and the partnering agencies are meeting weekly to touch base, stay on schedule, and work on outstanding issues to ensure all deadlines are met and details are being worked out.



Item No. 4

DISCUSSION ITEM

December 17, 2018

TO: Public Affairs and Legislation Committee
(Directors Dick, Tamaribuchi and Thomas)

FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Public Affairs and Legislation Committee receive and discuss the department overview presentation for the Governmental Affairs Department.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

BACKGROUND

In preparation for the FY 2019-20 budget process, the Governmental Affairs Department staff will provide an overview presentation summarizing the department functions as well as near-term objectives and long-term goals.

Attachment: Department Presentation – Governmental Affairs Department

Budgeted (Y/N): n/a	Budgeted amount: n/a	Core X	Choice __
Action item amount: None		Line item:	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			



Department Presentation: Governmental Affairs



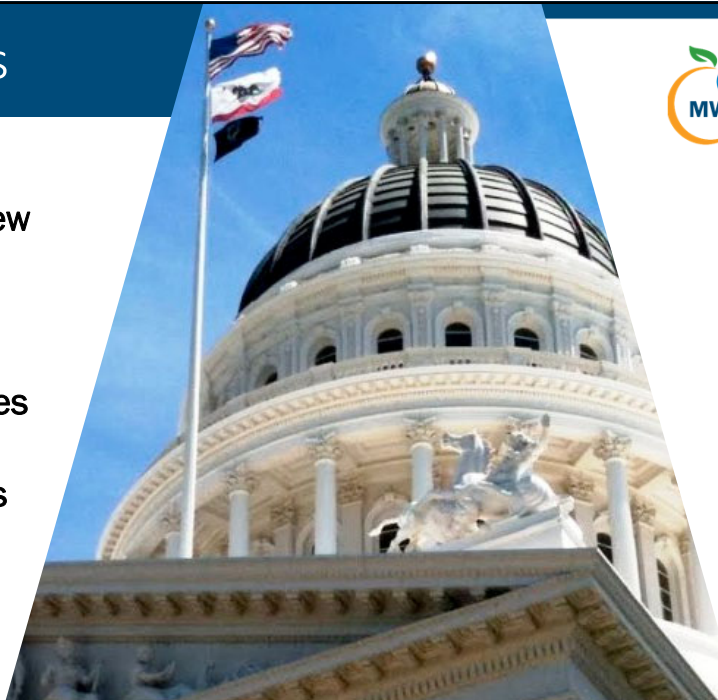
Heather Baez, Governmental Affairs Manager
Municipal Water District of Orange County

Public Affairs & Legislation Committee



December 17, 2018

Presentation Topics

- 01 Department Overview
- 02 Department Staff
- 03 Department Activities
- 04 Legislative Priorities
- 05 Long-Term Goals







Department Overview: Governmental Affairs

-  Federal Advocacy
-  State Advocacy
-  Local Advocacy
-  Grants Tracking and Reporting
-  Special Projects



Department Staff

-  One full time employee
-  Collaboration with other departments
-  Core funded
 -  FY 2018/19 Budget = \$480,284



Heather Baez
Governmental Affairs
Manager



Department Activities

Advocacy and Outreach

- 💧 Federal
- 💧 State
- 💧 Regulatory
- 💧 Local
 - 💧 County
 - 💧 OC LAFCO
 - 💧 Regional Coalitions
 - 💧 Metropolitan
 - 💧 Member Agencies



Jim Barker
Federal Advocacy



Syrus Devers
State Advocacy



John Lewis
Local Advocacy



Dick Ackerman
Regulatory Advocacy

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Department Activities (Continued)

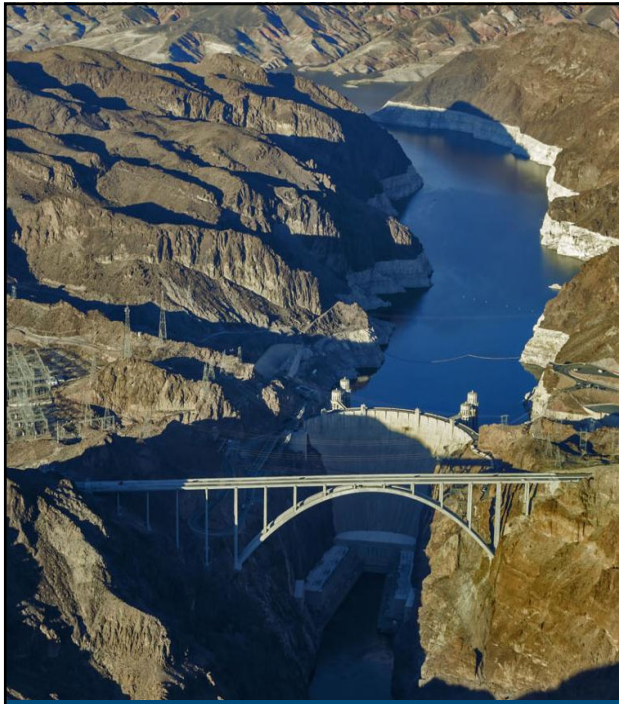
Special Projects:



California Special
Districts Association
Districts Stronger Together



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Legislative Priorities

Federal Priorities

- 💧 California WaterFix and EcoRestore
 - 🔥 Support administrative and/or legislative proposals; including funding to keep the project moving forward on schedule
- 💧 Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan (DCP)
 - 🔥 Support legislation that would authorize the implementation of the DCP for the Colorado River that is consistent with the seven basin states related agreements
 - 🔥 Maintain funding for various issues on the River
- 💧 Secure funding and/or financing for infrastructure and other projects that enhance water reliability in Orange County

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Legislative Priorities (Continued)

State Priorities

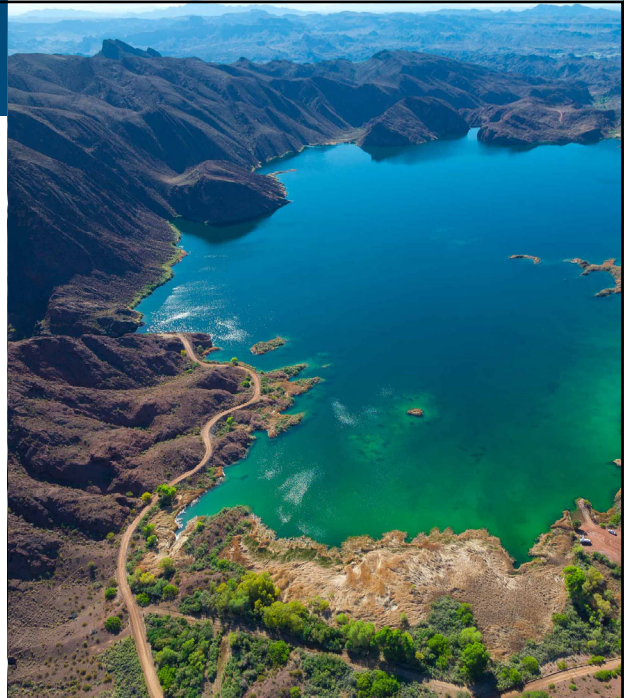
- 💧 California WaterFix and EcoRestore
 - 🔥 Actively engage on all issues – legislative and regulatory – to ensure the project stays on schedule
 - 🔥 Defeat hostile legislation
- 💧 Safe and Affordable Drinking Water
 - 🔥 Engage in working group/s on an alternative proposal
 - 🔥 Support effort/s for a tax alternative solution
 - 🔥 Oppose proposal/s that include a tax or fee on ratepayers
 - 🔥 Continue working with stakeholders and industry groups on scoping study to estimate cost of bringing non-compliant water systems into compliance
 - 🔥 Engage in the drinking water affordability working group



Legislative Priorities (Continued)

State Priorities (Continued)

- 💧 Conservation Legislation Implementation
 - 🔥 Work with our Water Use Efficiency Department to actively engage with stakeholders, industry groups and state agencies on long-term conservation legislation implementation
- 💧 Support administrative/legislative action and funding that encourages:
 - 🔥 Above ground and groundwater storage
 - 🔥 Projects that benefit areas that are only able to receive SWP or CRA supplies
 - 🔥 Local resources projects



Ongoing Advocacy Efforts

Outreach and Education

- 💧 All levels of government – federal, state, and local
 - 🔥 Newly elected officials
 - 🔥 Existing elected officials
 - 🔥 Members and staff of key policy committees
 - 🔥 Board of Supervisors
- 💧 Capitol and District meetings
- 💧 MWDOK Member Agencies
 - 🔥 Legislative Staff Meetings
 - 🔥 Communication/Updates
 - 🔥 PAW/Legislative Group Meetings
 - 🔥 MWDOK Member Agency Managers Meetings





Long-Term Goals

- 💧 Continue to improve outreach and communication to the Orange County delegation, MWDOC member agencies and the three cities
- 💧 Secure funding and/or financing for infrastructure and other local projects that enhance water reliability in Orange County
- 💧 Position MWDOC as the “go-to” agency on water issues in Orange County

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Questions



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Item No. 5

DISCUSSION ITEM

December 17, 2018

TO: Public Affairs and Legislation Committee
(Directors Dick, Tamaribuchi and Thomas)

FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Damon Micalizzi

SUBJECT: PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Public Affairs and Legislation Committee receive and discuss the presentation of the Public Affairs Department Overview.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

In preparation for the FY 2019-20 budget process, the Public Affairs Department staff will provide an overview presentation summarizing department functions as well as short-term objectives and long-term goals.

Budgeted (Y/N): n/a	Budgeted amount: n/a	Core X	Choice __
Action item amount: None		Line item:	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			






MWDOC Public Affairs: Focus, Value, Momentum

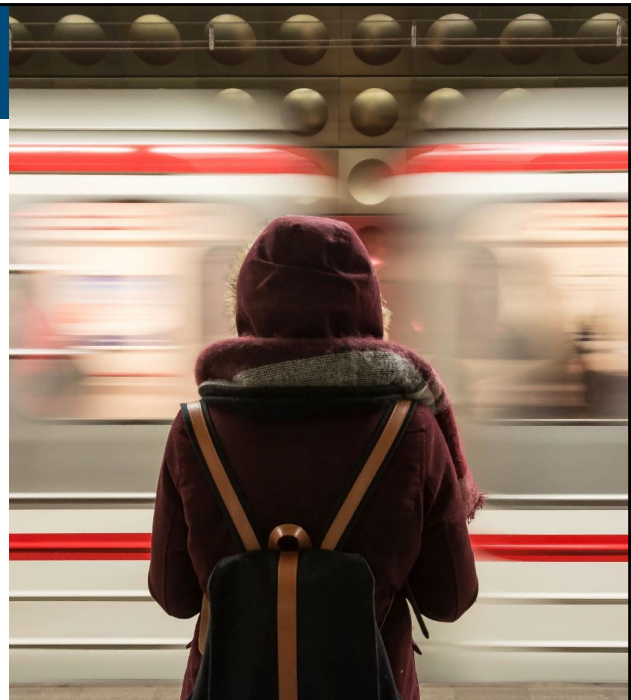
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Tiffany Baca, Public Affairs Manager

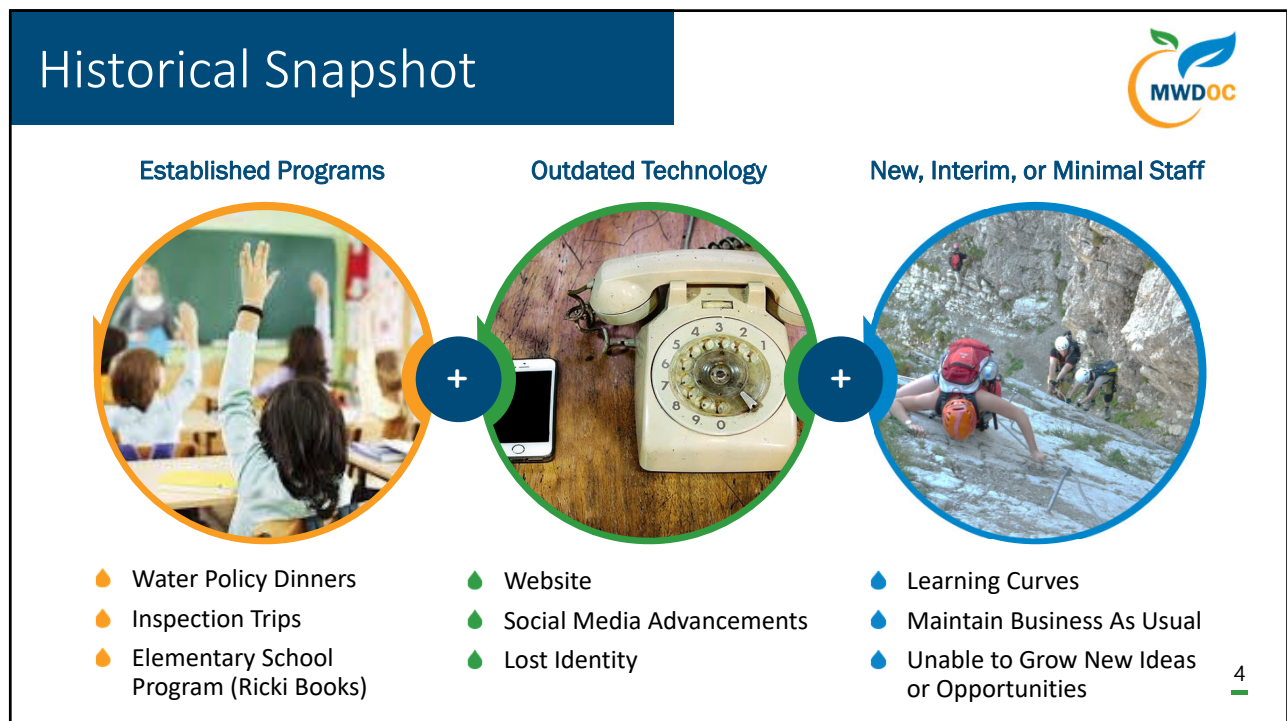




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Discussion Items

- 01** **Where We've Been**
Historical Snapshot
- 02** **Where We Are**
 -  MWDOC Public Affairs Staff
 -  Building a Brand
 -  Partners in Education
- 03** **Where We're Going**
Looking Ahead...








Bottom Line: Working with a solid foundation of **Established Programs**, we've identified and resolved key **Technology** and **Staffing** issues.

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"Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other."
~ Walter Elliot, Scottish Politician



Arrivals

Where We Are...

2017-2018 Advancements

01 MWDOC Public Affairs Staff (FOCUS)

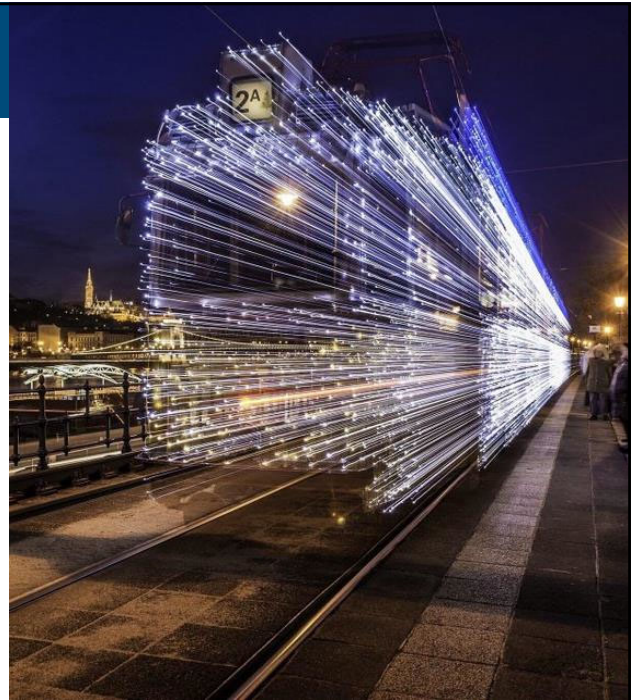
- Programs and Responsibilities
- Growing Skills
- Professional Organizations

02 Building a Brand (VALUE)

- New, modernized logo
- Online Presence
- Communications Plan

03 Partners in Education (MOMENTUM)

- School Programs
- Scouts Programs
- Wyland Pocket Park Project



MWDOC Public Affairs Team Programs/Responsibilities



Digital Strategic
Communications Consultant
& Video Production



Damon Micalizzi
PA Director

Board Liaison and Support
Executive Management Team
Member Agency Support
Strategic Communications
Forecasting and Planning
Strategic Message Development
Media Relations
Program Evaluation
Key Influencer Partnerships
ACC-OC, OCBC, OCAR
Relationship Development
Editorial Content Development
News Releases
Public Affairs Workgroups (PAW)
OC Water Summit



Tiffany Baca
PA Manager

Daily Program, Staff,
and Project Oversight
Member Agency
and Board Support
Interdepartmental Liaison
Strategic Partnerships
New Program Development
Strategic Message Development
Editorial Content Development
Social Media Oversight
Public Outreach
News Releases
and Media Support
Website Management
(+ on Met's subgroup)
eCurrents Newsletter
Water Policy Dinner Oversight



Sarah Wilson
PA Specialist

Member Agency
and Board Support
Education Programs
Scouts Programs Oversight
Public Outreach
Press Kit Development
Marketing Material
Development
Graphic Support
Water Policy Dinners &
Special Event Coordination
Wyland Mayor's Challenge
Annual Competition
Editorial Content Development
News Releases
Community Event Oversight



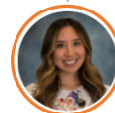
Bryce Roberto
PA Coordinator

Member Agency
and Board Support
Inspection Trips
Program Coordination
Public Outreach
Boy Scouts
Program Coordination
Social Media
Content Development
Marketing Material
Development
Graphic Support
Briefing Papers/
Fact Sheets Maintenance
Consumer Confidence Reports
Poster Contest
Oversight



Traci Muldoon
PA Assistant

Member Agency Support
PA Department Support
Registration Special Events
Social Media
Content Development
Marketing Material
Development
Graphic Support
Poster Contest
Coordination
Research Projects
Editorial Calendar
CSANS Notifications
Fresh Content to WUE
Press Clips



Jeannie Bui
PA Intern

Member Agency Support
PA Department Support
Research Projects
Social Media
Content Development
Marketing Material
Development
Graphic Support
Community Event
Coordination & Participation
Promotional Items
Children's Water Festival
Coordination & Participation
Other Duties as Assigned

Growing Skills and Professional Organizations



1 Event Marketing Certification



2 J. Lindsey Wolf
PIO Institute Certifications
Just over 100 graduates in the state



3 Social Media Certified Professionals

3 Members: CA Association of Public Information Officials



3 Members: Public Relations Society of America



1 UCI OC Alumni Chapter Marketing Chair

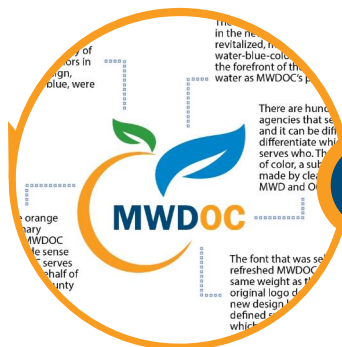


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Building a Brand



New, Modern Logo



- Immediately Recognizable
- Lasting First Impression
- Outdated Business Identity = Loss of Confidence

Digital Presence



- Website (2x Award Winner)
- Social Media (a Top Voice in CA Water)
- eCurrents

Communications Program and Plan



- Provides Focus
- Clarifies Direction
- Forces Evaluation

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Partners In Education



School Programs

- ◆ Elementary School
- ◆ High School



Scouts Programs

- ◆ Girl Scouts
- ◆ Boy Scouts



Wyland Pocket Park Project

- ◆ OC Water Wise Landscapes
- ◆ Irving Sarnoff Award, OCBC Sustainable and Green Development nomination

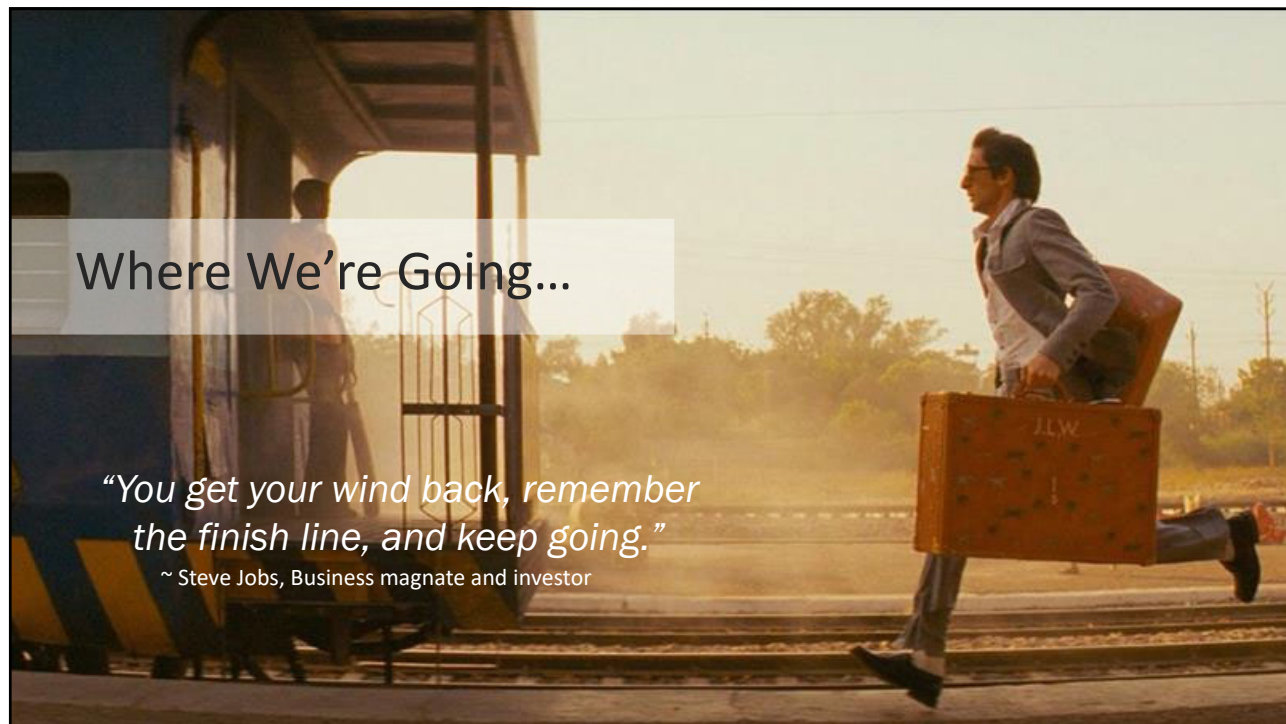





Bottom Line: We've established clear **Staff Responsibilities** and have further developed our **Skills, Industry Involvement, and Programs.**

We are building the **MWD OC Brand** to help meet the ongoing districtwide initiative to be the leading voice for water in Orange County.

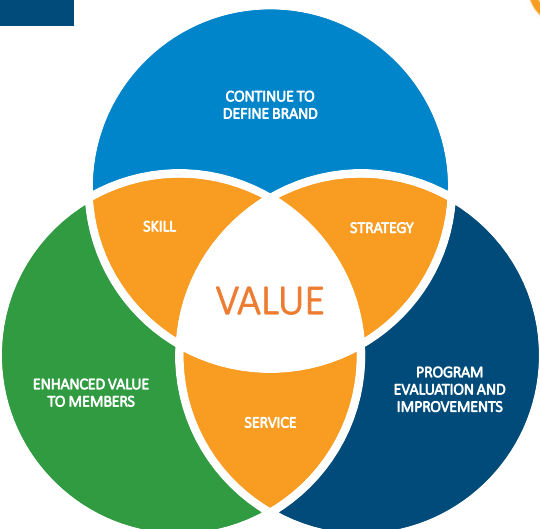
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Looking Ahead...



- Continue to Define Brand (FOCUS)**
 - Digital Communication Enhancements
 - Surveys
 - Adding to Collateral
- Enhanced Value to Member Agencies (VALUE)**
 - Workshop Speakers
 - Toolkits
 - Sharable Resources (videos)
- Program Evaluation and Improvements (MOMENTUM)**
 - Water Policy Speaker Series
 - School Program Curricula
 - SmartScape Event





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Bottom Line: We don't need to reinvent the wheel. To provide **Value** however, we do need to constantly **Evaluate** what tools and technology we have, and make **Improvements** that ensure we remain modern and relevant.

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Thank You

Questions?



ACTION ITEM
December 19, 2018

TO: Public Affairs and Legislation Committee
(Directors Dick, Tamaribuchi and Thomas)

FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: MWDOC LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY POLICY PRINCIPLES
ANNUAL UPDATE**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the committee review and adopt the updated legislative policy principles for 2019.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

BACKGROUND

At the September Public Affairs and Legislation (PAL) meeting, staff presented this item for discussion and requested feedback. Staff also began soliciting input from senior staff and the member agencies through the general managers and other participating city staff via the MWDOC Member Agencies Managers and Legislative Coordinators group meetings.

At the October PAL meeting, the committee reviewed the updated policy principles and voted to strike out three of the four recommended additions suggested by MWDOC member agencies. The Board of Directors took no action on the document at the October Board meeting, sending the item back to the PAL Committee for further discussion.

Budgeted (Y/N): N/A	Budgeted amount: N/A	Core X	Choice ____
Action item amount: None	Line item:		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

At the November PAL meeting, the Committee voted to adopt the policy principles and moved them to the Board Meeting for action. The Board of Directors took no action and moved it back to the PAL Committee in order to incorporate additional principles related to storage and desalination that were discussed in committee as part of the District's 2019 legislative priorities.

All feedback received to date has been incorporated in the attached document.

REPORT

MWDOC maintains a set of legislative policy principles that serve as guidelines for staff and our legislative advocates on issues that are of importance to the District. The policy principles attached are a culmination of current policies and initial changes recommended by staff and member agencies.

These principles assist District staff and its legislative advocates in the evaluation of legislation that may impact the District, its member agencies, the interests of Orange County, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and/ or its member agencies. Having such principles in place allow the District to respond to certain types of legislation in a timely manner; however in cases where issues are not clear or have complicated implications will be presented to the Board for further guidance.

The goal for this item today is to have the Committee accept or reject the recommended changes to MWDOC's Legislative and Regulatory Policy Principles and provide further changes if necessary for the Board's approval. This will allow and provide direction to staff to draft legislative priorities for 2019 for the Board's consideration.

Changes to the 2019 Policy Principles are as follows:

NEW FOR 2019

- Local Water Resources

Added additional text to two policy principles

Added five new policies to reflect the district's support for storage and desalination projects.

- Water Use Efficiency

Expanded the section on regionally appropriate statewide landscape water use efficiency standards and regulations

Added two policies (one support, one oppose) related to emergency drought declarations and regulations

- Water Infrastructure Financing

Reworded a section to include all types of projects including infrastructure

Expanded section on types of financing to also include Title XVI

- Energy

Added “cost effective” to one section

- Fiscal Policy

Expanded the section related to a “public goods charge” to also include user fees

- Emergency Response

Added four new policies (two support, two oppose)

- Member Agency Recommended Additions

New policies recommended by MWDOC’s member agencies are listed below.

*1) When legislation impacts member agencies, MWDOC will solicit input on bill positions from member agencies and will remain neutral on legislation if member agencies are in opposition to MWDOC’s position. (OCWD) – **Removed by the PAL Committee, October 2018***

*2) When working with elected officials, staff to elected officials, and with media and/or developing educational materials, MWDOC will not portray itself as representing all of Orange County. (OCWD) – **Removed by the PAL Committee, October 2018***

*3) Promotes the voluntary development of and recognize the importance of protecting extraordinary/emergency water supplies for use by local water agencies during times of drought or water shortages. (IRWD) - Staff note: This fits under the Local Water Resources section. – **Removed by the PAL Committee, October 2018***

4) Allows member agencies to offer localized Water Rate Assistance Programs that comply with Proposition 218 of California’s Constitution and/or are funded either voluntarily or via non-restricted/non-water-rates revenues. (Mesa Water) – Staff note: This fits under the Fiscal Policy section.

Attachment: Municipal Water District of Orange County Legislative and Regulatory Policy Principles

Additions are *italicized*

Deletions are ~~crossed through~~

Source of the recommended change is listed at the end of each policy principle

Municipal Water District of Orange County **Legislative and Regulatory Policy Principles**

IMPORTED WATER SUPPLY

It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation and regulation that:

- 1) Balances California's competing water needs and results in a reliable supply of high-quality water for Orange County.
- 2) Facilitates the implementation of the California WaterFix and EcoRestore, the co-equal goals of reliable water supply and ecosystem restoration, and related policies that provide long term, comprehensive solutions for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta that:
 - a) Provides reliable water supplies to meet California's short- and long- term needs;
 - b) Improves the ability to transport water through the Delta either for, or supplemental to, State Water Project deliveries;
 - c) Improves the quality of water delivered ~~from~~ *through* the Delta; (Staff)
 - d) Enhances the Bay-Delta's ecological health in a balanced manner;
 - e) Employs sound scientific research and evaluation to advance the co-equal goals of improved water supply and ecosystem sustainability.
 - f) Expedites the California WaterFix and EcoRestore.
- 3) Funds a comprehensive Bay-Delta solution in a manner that equitably apportions costs to all beneficiaries.
- 4) Provides conveyance and storage facilities that are cost-effective for MWDOC and its member agencies, while improving the reliability and quality of the water supply.
- 5) Authorizes and appropriates the federal share of funding for the California WaterFix and EcoRestore.
- 6) Authorizes and appropriates the ongoing state share of funding for the California WaterFix and EcoRestore.
- 7) Provides funding for Colorado River water quality and supply management efforts.

8) Promotes continued federal funding and coordination between states for the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program under the departments of Agriculture and Interior.

9) Protects and preserves Metropolitan's interest in binational water conservation programs.

It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation or regulation that:

1) Would make urban water supplies less reliable, or would substantially increase the cost of imported water without also improving the reliability and/or quality of such water.

2) Imposes water user fees to fund non-water supply improvements in the Delta region or user fees that are not proportional to the benefits received from a Delta region water supply improvement.

3) Delays or impedes implementation of the California WaterFix and EcoRestore.

LOCAL WATER RESOURCES

It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation and regulation that:

1) Supports the development of, provides funding for, and authorizes and/or facilitates the expanded use of, *cost effective*, water recycling, potable reuse, conservation, water use efficiency, groundwater recovery and recharge, storage, brackish and ocean water desalination and surface water development projects where *water supply is improved and* the beneficiaries of the project pay for the portions of the project not funded by state or federal funds. (IRWD)

2) Recognizes that recycled water for both potable and non-potable reuse is a valuable resource that should be promoted and encouraged, while considering total cost elements, and regulated and permitted in a manner which promotes greater reuse throughout the county and state.

3) Reduces and/or streamlines regulatory burdens on augmented or alternative water supply projects, and provides protections for the use of these supplies during water supply shortages, through exemptions or provisions of credit during state mandated reductions.

4) Supports ecosystem restoration, increased stormwater capture *where the capture avoids impact to others*, and sediment management activities that are cost-effective and enhance the quality or reliability of water supplies. (IRWD)

5) Authorizes, promotes, and/or provides incentives for indirect and direct potable reuse projects and provides protections for the use of local supply projects during water shortages by exempting them from state mandated reductions.

- 6) Recognizes that the reliability and high quality of supplies to the end user is the primary goal of water suppliers.
- 7) Keeps decision-making, with regard to stormwater management and recapture, at the local or regional level.
- 8) Recognizes stormwater management and recapture as important tools in a diversified water portfolio that can help to achieve improved water quality in local surface and groundwater supplies, and can augment surface and groundwater supplies.
- 9) Reduces or removes regulatory hurdles that hinder the use of augmented or alternative water supplies.
- 10) Provides incentives for local or regional use of augmented or alternative water supplies.
- 11) Support the evaluation of reservoirs to provide an enhancement in water supplies.
- 12) Support the inclusion of environmental infrastructure projects the Army Corps of Engineers must consider in its Report to Congress.
- 13) Allows Investor Owned Utilities to invest in redundancy and reliability projects.

It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation or regulation that:

- 1) Restricts a local governmental agency's ability to develop their local resources in a manner that is cost-effective, environmentally sensitive, and protective of public health.
- 2) Imposes barriers or increases costs to the safe application of recycled water and continues to define recycled water as a waste or resource of lesser value than traditionally defined potable water.
- 3) Would make urban water supplies less reliable, or would substantially increase the cost of imported water without also improving the reliability and/ or quality of such water.
- 4) Restricts or limits a local governmental agency's ability to establish local priorities for water resources planning decisions.
- 5) Reduces a local agency's ability to benefit from local investments in drought-proof or emergency water supplies during water shortages.
- 6) Would impose conservation mandates that do not account for the unique local water-supply circumstances of each water district.

WATER USE EFFICIENCY

It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation and regulation that:

- 1) Furthers the statewide goal of increasing water use efficiency, as opposed to water conservation throughout the state.
- 2) Would allow flexibility and options for compliance in achieving statewide water reduction goals.
- 3) Seeks to cost-effectively improve water efficiency standards and policies for water-using devices.
- 4) Provides loans and grants to fund incentives for water conserving devices or practices.
- 5) Legislatively set water efficiency standards provided the standards are reasonable, cost effective for Orange County agencies, and consider unintended consequences, such as impacts to wastewater systems, reductions in recycled water supplies, demand hardening, and impacts to regional reliability and drought preparedness.
- 6) Reasonably improves landscape water use efficiency and Commercial, Institutional and Industrial (CII) water use efficiency programs while preserving community choice and the local economy.
- 7) Encourages regionally appropriate statewide landscape water efficiency-standards and regulations that consider land use, *plant material*, *irrigation efficiency* and climate factors.
(Staff)
- 8) Provides financially appropriate incentives, funding, and other assistance where needed to facilitate market transformation and gain wider implementation of water-efficient indoor and outdoor technologies and practices.
- 9) Provides incentives, funding, and other assistance where needed to facilitate water use efficiency partnerships with the energy efficiency sector.
- 10) Recognizes past investments in water use efficiency measures, especially from the demand hardening perspective.
- 11) Recognizes community growth and development when developing comparative standards for water use efficiency year-over-year.
- 12) Provides tax exemptions for water conservation or efficiency incentives for measures including, but not limited to, turf removal, devices, and other measures to reduce consumption of water or enhance the absorption and infiltration capacity of the landscape.
- 13) *Creates a process for development and implementation of emergency drought declarations and regulations that recognizes variations among communities, regions, and counties with respect to their abilities to withstand the impacts and effects of drought.*
(Staff)

It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation or regulations that:

- 1) Fails to ensure balance in the implementation of water efficiency practices *throughout the state* and requirements for both urban and agricultural use. (Staff)
- 2) Would repeal cost-effective efficiency standards for water-using devices.
- 3) Diminishes local agency control or flexibility in implementing water efficiency practices or standards.
- 4) Places unreasonable conservation measures on commercial, industrial and institutional customers that would negatively impact or limit the potential for economic growth.
- 5) Fails to recognize the importance of both water use efficiency and water supply development.
- 6) Fails to recognize augmented or alternative water supplies as an efficient use of water, or that fails to provide an adequate incentive for investments in such water, for potable or non-potable reuse.
- 7) Fails to consider regional and local reliability when establishing any reduction targets during water shortages.
- 8) Requires water efficiency standards or performance measures that are infeasible, not practical or fail to have a positive cost-benefit ratio when comparing the cost of meeting the standard or implementing the performance measure with the value of the volume of water saved.
- 9) *Creates a “one-size-fits-all” approach to emergency drought declarations and regulations that ignores variations among communities, regions, and counties with respect to their ability to withstand the impacts and effects of drought.* (Staff)

WATER QUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

It is MWDOC's policy to support:

- 1) Legislation that protects the quality of surface water and groundwater including the reduction of salt loading to groundwater basins.
- 2) Funding that helps agencies meet state and federal water quality standards.
- 3) The establishment and/ or implementation of standards for water-borne contaminants based on sound science and with consideration for cost-effectiveness.
- 4) Administrative/legislative actions to improve clarity and workability of CEQA, and eliminate other duplicative state processes.
- 5) Streamlining or exempting water, recycled water, wastewater projects, and/or environmental restoration projects, from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Provides liability protections to public water districts, and related wholesale water providers, seeking to consolidate troubled water systems that cannot consistently demonstrate that they are able to provide safe, clean and reliable water supplies to their customers.

It is MWDOC's policy to oppose:

- 1) Legislation that could compromise the quality of surface water and groundwater supplies.
- 2) Legislation that establishes and/ or implements standards for water-borne contaminants without regard for sound science or consideration for cost effectiveness.
- 3) Projects that negatively impact the water quality of existing local supplies.

METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation that:

- 1) Compromises the existing governance structure and the representation of member agencies on the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors.
- 2) Would restrict MET's rate-making ability.

WATER TRANSFERS

It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation and regulation that:

- 1) Encourages and facilitates voluntary water transfers.
- 2) Provides appropriate protection or mitigation for impacts on the environment, aquifers, water-rights holders and third-parties to the transfer including those with interests in the facilities being used.
- 3) Legislation that encourages transfers which augment existing water supplies, especially in dry years.

It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation or regulation that:

- 1) Undermines the operations and maintenance of the conveyance system conveying the water.
- 2) Interferes with the financial integrity of a water utility or compromises water quality.
- 3) Increases regulatory or procedural barriers to water transfers at the local or state level.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AND PROJECT FUNDING

It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation and regulation that:

- 1) Employs a "beneficiary pays" principle that establishes a clear nexus between the costs paid to the direct benefit received. Likewise, those who do not benefit from a particular project or program should not be required to pay for them.
- 2) Establishes grants or other funding opportunities for local and regional water ~~infrastructure~~ projects, *including but not limited to infrastructure projects*. (Staff)
- 3) Considers local investments made in infrastructure, programs, mitigation and restoration in determining appropriate cost shares for water infrastructure, *and project* investments. (Staff)
- 4) Reduces the cost of financing water infrastructure planning and construction, such as tax-credit financing, tax-exempt municipal bonds, Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), Water Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act (WIFIA), the Environmental Infrastructure Accounts, *the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Project*, and other funding mechanisms. (IRWD)

It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation or regulation that:

- 1) Establishes a fee or tax that does not result in a clear and proportional benefit to the District, its member agencies, and their customers.
- 2) Would reduce the total available water infrastructure financing measures such as WIFIA, state-revolving funds, and others.

ENERGY

It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation or regulation that:

- 1) Facilitates the development and expansion of clean, *and cost effective* renewable energy in California, including hydropower. (IRWD)
- 2) Supports water supply reliability as the primary focus of water agencies and energy intensity of water supplies as a secondary factor.
- 3) Recognizes the role and value of the water industry investment in water use efficiency and therefore recognizes WUE efforts towards greenhouse gas reduction, including funding such activities.
- 4) Recognizes hydroelectric power as a clean, renewable energy source and that its generation and use meets the greenhouse gas emission reduction compliance requirements called for in the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32).
- 5) Facilitates voluntary and cost effective local investments in renewable energy, energy management and storage, and energy efficiency which improve the water-energy nexus and reduce local agency costs.

FISCAL POLICY

It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation or regulation that:

1) Requires the federal and state governments to provide a subvention to reimburse local governments for all mandated costs or regulatory actions.

It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation or regulation that:

- 1) Is inconsistent with the District's current investment policies and practices.
- 2) Pre-empt's the District's ability to impose or change water rates, fees, or assessments.
- 3) Impairs the District's ability to maintain levels of reserve funds that it deems necessary and appropriate.
- 4) Impairs the District's ability to provide services to its member agencies and ensure full cost recovery.
- 5) Makes any unilateral reallocation of District revenues, or those of its member agencies, by the state unless the state takes compensatory measures to restore those funds.
- 6) Would impose mandated costs or regulatory constraints on the District or its member agencies without reimbursement.
- 7) Mandates a specific rate structure for water agencies.
- 8) Imposes a "public goods charge" "*water user fee*", or "water tax" on public water agencies or their ratepayers. (Staff)

GOVERNANCE

It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation or regulation that:

1) Advances good government practices and public transparency measures in a manner that does not take a "one-size fits all" approach, respects local government control, and facilitates technological efficiencies to meet state reporting and disclosure requirements.

It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation or regulation that:

- 1) Imposes unnecessarily broad burdens upon all local governments.
- 2) Shifts state programs, responsibilities and costs to local governments without first considering funding to support the shift.
- 3) Seeks to limit or rescind local control.
- 4) Reduces or diminishes the authority of the District to govern its affairs.
- 5) Imposes new costs on the District and the ratepayers absent a clear and necessary benefit.

6) Resolves state budget shortfalls through shifts in the allocation of property tax revenue or through fees for which there is no direct nexus to benefits received.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSION REFORM

It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation that:

- 1) Seeks to contain or reform public employee pension and other post-employment benefit (OPEB) cost obligations that are borne by public agencies via taxpayers and ratepayers.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation that:

- 1) Increases coordination on Homeland Security and emergency response efforts among the federal, state, and local governments with clearly defined roles and responsibilities for each.
- 2) Provides continued funding to enhance and maintain local Homeland Security infrastructure, including physical and cyber protection of critical infrastructure.
- 3) Ensures adequate funding for expenditures related to disaster response and all phases of emergency management; including the earthquake early notification system and efforts to enhance water infrastructure resiliency.
- 4) Strengthens intergovernmental planning and preparation coordination for emergency response and drills.
- 5) *Enhances protection of information and cyber security for critical infrastructure through policy and funding for local efforts. (Staff)*
- 6) *Supports water utility capability to notify customers of emergency protective measures through reverse notification systems. (Staff)*

It is MWDOC's policy to oppose legislation or regulation that:

- 1) *Reduces a water utility's ability represent itself in any component of the disaster preparedness cycle, especially the response and recovery section staff. (Staff)*
- 1) *Negatively impacts water and wastewater utility's ability to prepare, mitigate or respond to emergencies in order to provide fire suppression, drinking water and wastewater services. (Staff)*

MEMBER AGENCY RECOMMENDED ADDITIONS

- 1) ~~*When legislation impacts member agencies, MWDOC will solicit input on bill positions from member agencies and will remain neutral on legislation if member agencies are in opposition to MWDOC's position. (OCWD)*~~

~~2) When working with elected officials, staff to elected officials, and with media and/or developing educational materials, MWDOC will not portray itself as representing all of Orange County. (OCWD)~~

~~3) Promotes the voluntary development of and recognize the importance of protecting extraordinary/emergency water supplies for use by local water agencies during times of drought or water shortages. (IRWD)~~ - Staff note: This fits under the Local Water Resources section.

4) Allows member agencies to offer localized Water Rate Assistance Programs that comply with Proposition 218 of California's Constitution and/or are funded either voluntarily or via non-restricted/non-water-rates revenues. (Mesa Water) – Staff note: This fits under the Fiscal Policy section.

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Item No. 7

ACTION ITEM December 19, 2018

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Public Affairs and Legislation Committee
(Directors Dick, Tamaribuchi, and Thomas)

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF LOCAL ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH LEWIS
CONSULTING GROUP**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors extend the local advocacy contract Lewis and Associates for 2019.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

Lewis Consulting Group has provided local advocacy services to the Municipal Water District of Orange County since 2003. This contract was sent out for competitive bid in 2016 for a one-year contract beginning in 2017, with the option to renew annually for four additional years. This is year three of the new contract. A highlight of 2018 and proposed scope of services, provided by Mr. Lewis, is included for your review, input and approval.

Budgeted (Y/N): Y	Budgeted amount: 42,000 Calendar year expenditure, time and materials.	Core X	Choice __
Action item amount: \$42,000. Hourly fee billed at \$250/hour with an annual cap not to exceed \$42,000. \$21,000 for FY 2018/2019 and \$21,000 for FY 2019/2020.		Line item: 31-7040	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

Please note, Legislative Advocacy contracts are on a calendar year basis, not fiscal year, so as not to interrupt services during a legislative session.

SCOPE OF WORK

The following has been provided by Mr. Lewis:

As we approach the end of 2018, I continue to be thankful for my past relationship with MWDOC and hopeful for a relationship that will last for a number of additional years.

2018 proved to be a far less eventful year than 2017 at the County Board of Supervisors. In 2017 of course we successfully lobbied support for the California Water Fix and beat back the most onerous attempt to significantly raise encroachment fees. This year I further cemented my positive relationship with Board Members and their staff. I have become somewhat a “fixture” at board meetings; even causing Supervisor Spitzer to jokingly say at the last Board Meeting “we can start now, John Lewis is in the house”.

My greater contribution this year was my regular attendance at and involvement with LAFCO. Being aware of previous voting irregularities at an ISDOC election for LAFCO members, I carefully scrutinized the election process this year I even attended the meetings a number of the Member Agencies Board meetings (not a MWDOC expense) and am confident that this year the election process was fair. The election of Doug Davert and Jim Fisler has helped enhance the voice of special districts. This new balance of the Board will pay dividends as we head into the MSR process. It also manifested itself with the successful compromise that was reached in updating LAFCO policy procedures and work plan.

I believe this year I have once again highlighted the most important issues in the County with relevant and timely articles in our monthly PAL reports. The on-going law enforcement and homeless issues have dominated this year’s “county news” and although not directly water related, I believe it has been valuable information to impart.

2019 will be a year of change at the Board of Supervisors as new Supervisor Doug Chaffee and the winner of the 3rd District Special Election will change the composition of the board. I do believe that Supervisors Do, Steel and Bartlett will prove to be a formidable team going forward. In early 2019, I plan to arrange introductory meetings with the two new Supervisors.

In the future, I propose to stay as active and vigilant at the Board of Supervisors and LAFCO. I do believe I have some additional bandwidth that should allow me to occasionally attend water or relevant committees at organizations like ACC-OC. Also if needed, I will work collaboratively with MWDOC’s Governmental Affairs Manager, Heather Baez, or others to help schedule introductory meetings with the many new office holders representing Orange County.



Item No. 8

ACTION ITEM
December 19, 2018

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Public Affairs and Legislation Committee**
(Directors Dick, Tamaribuchi and Thomas)

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH JAMES C. BARKER, PC

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors extend the federal advocacy contract with James C. Barker, PC for 2019.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

James C. Barker, PC has provided federal legislative advocacy services to the Municipal Water District of Orange County since 2003. This contract was sent out for competitive bid in 2015 for a one-year contract beginning in 2016, with the option to renew annually for four

Budgeted (Y/N): Y	Budgeted amount: \$96,000 Calendar year expenditure, plus expenses	Core X	Choice ____
Action item amount: \$96,000; \$48,000 for FY 2018/2019 + expenses and \$48,000 for FY 2019/2020 + expenses		Line item: 31-7040	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

additional years. This is year four of the new contract. A proposed scope of services, provided by Mr. Barker, is included for your review, input and approval.

Please note, Legislative Advocacy contracts are on a calendar year basis, not fiscal year, so as not to interrupt services during a legislative session.

SCOPE OF WORK

The following has been provided by Mr. Barker:

Throughout 2018, Mr. Barker monitored the Trump Administration's key positions as they related to California Water Issues; the Trump Budget and proposed Infrastructure Program; the implementation and activities of the federal funding program called WIFIA; the Wildfire Disaster Declarations in California and subsequent requests for federal funding for forestry management programs, flooding issues associated with heavy rains in California, and, obtaining Congressional support for the California "Waterfix" project—the only district to produce a bi-partisan letter in support of the project. Throughout the year, Mr. Barker also assisted MWDOC Directors and Staff organizing key meetings with Members of Congress and key staffers on a variety of California water related issues.

Barker PC has also monitored the ongoing implementation of the California Drought Relief Act, including many of its competitive grant programs. Mr. Barker also advanced Appropriations Report Language requests with various regional Congressional Offices supporting the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Budget requests for FY19. For these appropriations requests, we asked Representatives Calvert, Walters, Correa, Lowenthal, Royce, Issa, and Valadao and Senators Feinstein and Harris, to support the funding levels for pre-construction activities and feasibility studies for additional water storage projects in California. The requests were part of the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill and pertained to funding out of the WIIN Section 4007 Account within the Bureau of Reclamation. The funding had also been recommended by the President in his Budget submission to the Congress earlier this year.

Mr. Barker continued to provide briefings, materials and information to Congressional Members, Personal Committee staffers in both the House and the Senate on behalf of MWDOC.

Mr. Barker also participated extensively with California and other western water groups and associations in Washington, DC on a variety of key water issues affecting water districts. Barker, PC also monitors the activities of the committees of jurisdiction of water issues in the West: the House Natural Resources Committee, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the Senate Energy Committee and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

In 2019, Mr. Barker will continue to monitor the WIFIA Federal Loan program which MWDOC member agencies can use to borrow funds at a below "market" interest rate. MWDOC was instrumental in helping pass the WIFIA Loan Program and to make several features (desalination projects, reimbursement, and the use of municipal bond financing) permissible. Mr. Barker is also monitoring the reauthorization of the WIIN Act, which provides various types of water infrastructure competitive grant funding programs.

Additionally, with four new Orange County Members of Congress, Barker, PC will be working with these offices to provide them briefing materials and be a resource to the offices when future issues arise.



ACTION ITEM
December 19, 2018

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Public Affairs and Legislation Committee**
(Directors Dick, Tamaribuchi and Thomas)

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONTRACT WITH
BEST, BEST & KRIEGER**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors extend the state advocacy contract with Best, Best & Krieger for 2019, effective January 1, 2019 at the current rate of \$7500 per month for a period of one year, with a recommended increase to \$8,000 per month, effective July 1, 2019.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

Best, Best & Krieger has provided state legislative advocacy services to the Municipal Water District of Orange County since 2016. This contract was sent out for competitive bid

Budgeted (Y/N): Y	Budgeted amount: \$93,000 Calendar year expenditure, plus expenses	Core X	Choice __
Action item amount: \$93,000 + expenses; \$45,000 for FY 2018/2019 + expenses and \$48,000 for FY 2019/2020 + expenses		Line item: 31-7040	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted): Staff's recommendation is to increase the contract beginning in July 2019.			

in 2015 for a one-year contract beginning in 2016, with the option to renew annually for four additional years. This is year four of the new contract. A proposed scope of services, provided by Best, Best & Krieger (BB&K) on a separate memo, is included for your review, input and approval. Due to solid representation by BB&K over the past three years, and an anticipated increase in the expected workload moving forward, staff is recommending a modest increase from \$7,500/month to \$8,000/month beginning in fiscal year 2019/2020. The increase, if approved by the Board, will be part of the budget process and adopted at that time.

Please note, Legislative Advocacy contracts are on a calendar year basis, not fiscal year, so as not to interrupt services during a legislative session.

Attachment: BB&K Scope of Work for 2019 Memo

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MEMO

TO: Municipal Water District of Orange County

FROM: Best Best & Krieger LLP

DATE: November 30, 2018

RE: Request for contract extension and strategic planning for 2019

Introduction

BB&K has been honored to represent MWDOC over the past year and respectfully requests the opportunity to continue in this role for 2019. BB&K has represented MWDOC before the Legislature and the administration, and worked to improve MWDOC profile within the water industry. As explained below, 2018 was a highly successful year for MWDOC in terms of recognition and achieving results in Sacramento.

Highlights of 2018

Improved MWDOC's standing in Sacramento: Building on the success of 2017, MWDOC reaped some of the benefits of those previous efforts. MWDOC was viewed as an opinion leader and a voice of reason when it was asked to participate in the Assembly working group to look at options to address the ongoing issue of safe drinking water. MWDOC was a valued partner in the effort to pass AB 2050 (Caballero) on small district consolidations. In other words, when someone wants to get something done in Sacramento related to water policy, MWDOC's help is being sought out more than ever before.



Support of the WaterFix: MWDOC was the main partner with MWD in successfully opposing legislation to delay the WaterFix, and was called on multiple times to give public testimony in support outside of the Legislature. Although it may seem like a long time ago, there were no less than six bills aimed at stopping the tunnels introduced in 2018. The reason that it seems so long ago is because nearly all of them were killed in the first house.

Lead opponent of Public Goods Charge on Water: As the effort to impose a tax on water morphed between trailer bill language and amendments to SB 845 (Monning), MWDOC's opposition kept pace and was one of the main voices in the effort. MWDOC's final opposition letter was one of the principal resources relied on by the Assembly policy committees and was used by other large water districts outside of Orange County.

Planning for 2019

Public Goods Charge on Water: The issue of providing safe drinking water to disadvantaged communities is not going away—nor should it. It is highly popular in the press and the Legislature, and there's no denying the significance of the issue. For these reasons, it will not be enough to just oppose. As it did this year, BB&K will encourage MWDOC to take an active role in supporting an alternative to a public goods charge that works for the water industry as a whole.

Adjusting to change: Between changes in the Legislature following the November election results, a new administration, and major personnel changes at the highest levels of MWD and ACWA, much of 2019 will be devoted to forming new strategic relationships to help MWDOC pursue and achieve its goals. Part of the effort can begin right away with getting to know the new members, but there will be other equally significant changes to policy committees that will come later. Every new member who is put on a water policy committee requires that a significant amount of resources go toward acquainting them and their staff with MWDOC and its role in the water industry.

Keeping the WaterFix out of the Legislature: With Jerry Brown out of office, expect the effort to derail the WaterFix in the Legislature to increase significantly. Knowing that a bill hostile to the WaterFix would get vetoed by Brown has probably kept some members on the sidelines. We



should expect to see hostile legislation from a wider variety of legislators during Newsom's tenure.

Conclusion

As in 2018, BB&K will continue to regularly attend the PAL Committee meetings and respond to requests from Board members at any time. While we are proud of the service we offered, we are confident that our performance will improve in 2019 and we look forward to a continuing productive relationship with MWDOC.

Thank you.

Syrus Devers
Director of Governmental Affairs
Best Best & Krieger LLP



INFORMATION ITEM
December 17, 2019

TO: **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Dick, Tamaribuchi, Thomas)

FROM: **Robert Hunter, General Manager**

Staff Contact: Heather Baez, Damon Micalizzi

SUBJECT: NEW LEGISLATOR INFORMATION PACKET

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

At last month's Public Affairs and Legislation Committee meeting, the committee requested that staff begin preparing materials for the Board, MWDOC staff, and our federal and state advocates to use when meeting with new members of Orange County's delegation.

Staff is presently putting the finishing touches on an Introduction to Orange County Water ("Water 101") briefing book that will introduce newly elected officials to Orange County Water Issues.

Additionally digital materials are being assembled including:

- Maps (Assembly, Senate, Supervisor) with district and retail agency overlay
- Timely Briefing Papers (California WaterFix, OC Reliability Study)

Staff will begin reaching out to members of the Board for their availability and begin scheduling meetings with new legislators within MWDOC's divisions in early 2019.

Budgeted (Y/N): n/a	Budgeted amount: n/a	Core X	Choice __
Action item amount: none		Line item:	
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			



INFORMATION ITEM
December 17, 2018

TO: **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**
(Directors Dick, Tamaribuchi, Thomas)

FROM: **Robert Hunter, General Manager**

Staff Contact: Sarah Wilson

SUBJECT: **Education Programs Update**

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

Contractors for the Municipal Water District of Orange County's (MWDOC) water education programs continue to schedule visits for the 2018/19 school year. The following reports are included here: Elementary Education Student Counts and the "What About Water" High School Program report.

The primary goal for both the Elementary and High School programs is to provide comprehensive instruction on the science, geography, economics, and history of Orange County water. These goals are measured through pre- and post- test metrics.

Elementary School Program

- **Goal 1:** Students will understand the importance of water as it relates to the local climate and ecosystem.

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

- **Goal 2:** Students will be able to identify California water sources and understand the challenges in delivering a reliable source of drinking water to Orange County.
- **Goal 3:** Students will recognize and have the necessary resources to apply water efficient practices at home and in the community.

The following keypad response data demonstrates an average increase in student understanding after attending the November 2018 Elementary School Program assemblies:

- **First Grade:** Students are tested on the water cycle and how plants use water, carbon dioxide, and sunlight. Students demonstrated a **11.45%** average increase in understanding from the pre- to post- test.
- **Second Grade:** Students are tested on where water is found in nature and the ways in which nature cleans our water. Students demonstrated a **9.47%** average increase in understanding from the pre- to post- test.
- **Third Grade:** Students are tested on local climate and the ability of plants and organisms to survive in a particular climate. Students demonstrated a **6.98%** average increase in understanding from the pre- to post- test.
- **Fourth Grade:** Students are tested on the local ecosystem, water sources, and water use efficiency. Students demonstrated a **29.80%** average increase in understanding from the pre- to post- test.
- **Fifth Grade:** Students are tested on how the water cycle cleans and recycles freshwater supply and water use efficiency. Students demonstrated a **26.61%** average increase in understanding from the pre- to post- test.
- **Sixth Grade:** Students are tested on the forces that drive the water cycle and factors that influence the growth of organisms in our local area. Students demonstrated a **39.16%** average increase in understanding from the pre- to post- test.

This is the first year incorporating the Next Generation Science Standards into the curriculum. The 2018/19 school year is a baseline year in which to compare future school year's data. Several factors can affect the keypad response data including attendance numbers, attention span, retention rate, and language barriers. Discovery Cube will assess the entire year as a whole before adjusting the questions or teaching style.

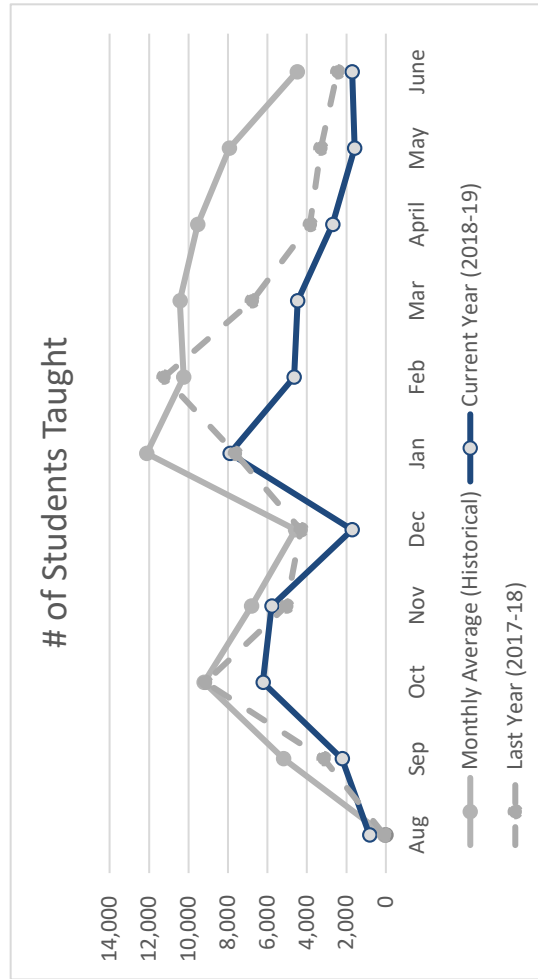
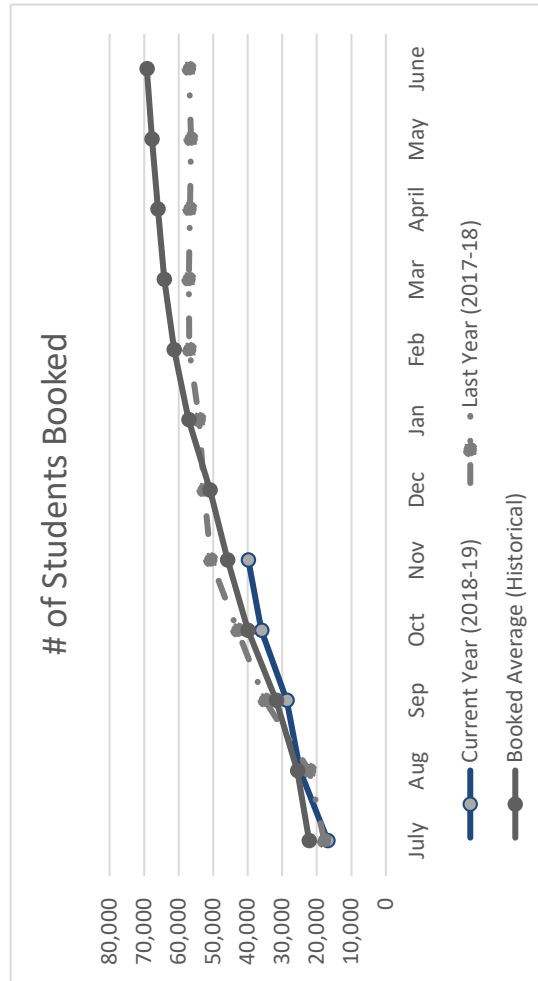
High School Program

- **Goal 1:** Students will be able to identify California water sources and understand the challenges in delivering a reliable source of drinking water to Orange County.
- **Goal 2:** Students will understand local water policy and reliability issues and be able to debate the merits of a current or proposed policy or project.
- **Goal 3:** Students will recognize and have the necessary resources to apply water efficient practices at home and in the community.

On November 28, 2018, Inside the Outdoors Traveling Scientists conducted the first high school visit for Anaheim High School's AP Biology classes. There was a glitch in the keypad system and students were unable to complete the pre- and post-test at this visit. Students will take the pre- and post-test at the follow-up visit on February 7, 2019, and the data will be reported accordingly.

2018-19 Water Education School Program

# of Students Booked		July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Target
Booked Average (Historical)		22,206	25,634	31,729	39,925	45,814	50,938	57,082	61,319	64,177	66,001	67,758	69,213	71,394
Last Year (2017-18)		17,823	22,162	34,981	42,926	50,696	52,682	54,111	56,887	57,056	56,720	56,445	56,994	62,035
Current Year (2018-19)		16,801	24,868	28,668	36,007	39,820								63,084
# of Students Taught		July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total
Monthly Average (Historical)		-	71	5,190	9,216	6,805	4,576	12,117	10,250	10,435	9,542	7,935	4,502	80,639
Last Year (2017-18)		0	77	3,144	9,149	5,033	4,305	7,634	11,242	6,771	3,840	3,296	2,453	56,944
Current Year (2018-19)		0	829	2,220	6,230	5,787	1,709	7,907	4,654	4,479	2,704	1,586	1,715	39,820



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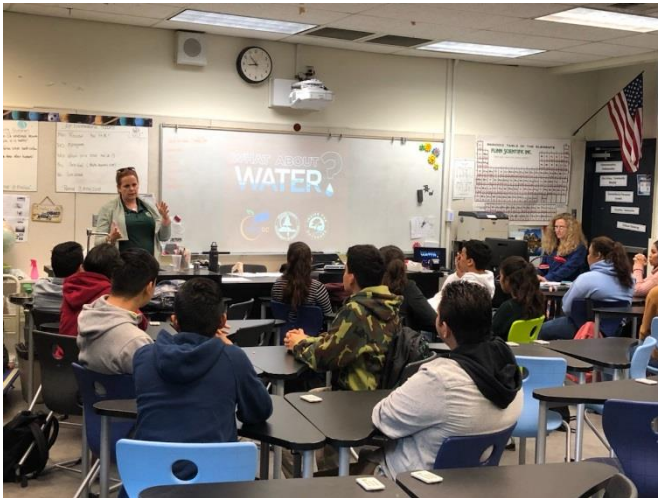


December 2018

What About Water? - Inside the Outdoors School Visits									
Year 4 - 2018/2019									
Agency	High School	1st Visit - student	1st Visit Enrollment	2nd Visit - student	2nd Visit Enrollment	School Expo	Expo School Enrollment	Total Students	Notes
Anaheim	Anaheim High School	11/28/18	73	2/7/19		3/20/19		73	3/20 - Lunchtime Expo
City of Brea	Brea Olinda High School	4/26/19		5/31/19		6/4/19		0	6/4 - Lunchtime Expo
City of Buena Park	Buena Park High School							0	
City of Fountain Valley	Fountain Valley High School or Los Amigos (alternate)							0	
City of Huntington Beach	Edison High School							0	
City of San Clemente	San Clemente High School	4/29/19		5/6/19		5/14/19		0	5/19 - Lunchtime Expo
City of San Juan Capistrano	Junipero Serra High School or San Juan Hills High School							0	
City of Tustin	Tustin High School or Columbus Middle School							0	
East Orange WD	Foothill High School							0	
El Toro	El Toro High School	12/12/18		12/14/18		tbd		0	TBD- Expo/Showcase
El Toro Water District	Los Alisos Jr. High							0	
Moulton Niguel	Aliso Niguel High School							0	
Moulton Niguel	Laguna Hills High School	1/31/19		2/14/19		2/28/19		0	2/28 - Lunchtime Expo
Moulton Niguel	Capistrano Valley High School							0	new teacher contact, waiting for date confirmation
Moulton Niguel /Santa Margarita WD	Mission Viejo High School	2/1/19		2/4/19		3/4/19		0	3/4 - Lunchtime Expo?
Santa Ana	Saddleback High School							0	
Santa Margarita WD	Tesoro High School	4/10/19		5/15/19		5/29/19		0	5/29 - Lunchtime Expo
South Coast WD	Dana Hills High School	12/3/18	62	4/15/19		5/21/19		0	5/21 - Lunchtime Expo
Westminster	La Quinta High School							0	
Westminster	Westminster High School							0	
Total			73		0		0	73	
Teacher Workshops									
Student Summits									
Where's My Water									
	Brea Olinda High School	9/21/18							
	Back Bay High School	12/18/18							
	Fountain Valley Education Center	1/9/19							
tbd = verbal confirmation, pending calendar dates									



Traveling Scientist – 1st Visit Photos



Inside the Outdoors works with high schools to develop a water conservation project and present a campus-wide fair/expo to educate students about current water issues. The goal is to sustain long-term water awareness, water conservation practices and behavior changes at school and in the community.

- Students design and implement a call to action public awareness water conservation campaign designed to engage their classmates
- Inside the Outdoors educates and mentors students on local water issues
- Inside the Outdoors, and the students, work together to design a campus-wide water fair/expo that includes interactive water education exhibits and gather water conservation pledges from their peers



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Patch Program Overview

The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWD OC) and Girl Scouts of Orange County (GSOC) have partnered to develop the Water Resources and Conservation Patch Program for all levels of Girl Scouts. The **Water Resources and Conservation Patch** Program educates Girl Scouts about where their water comes from, the importance of Orange County water resources, and how to be water efficient. Girl Scouts will complete the program equipped with a better understanding of their local water supply sources, and will discover the value of protecting our most treasured, natural resource. Girls will also be encouraged to take action in their communities to promote water use efficiency and help ensure a safe and reliable water supply for future generations.

Girl Scouts of any level can earn a Water Resources and Conservation Patch by completing a two-hour, STEM-based clinic hosted by MWD OC. Clinic lessons and activities align with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and meet GSOC patch program objectives to *Learn, Share, Do*.

- **Learn:** Visit an Orange County water source, water treatment facility, or ecological reserve to gain a better understanding of the local watershed. With guided instructions, learn about the water cycle, the local climate and ecosystem, types of soil, and ways to adapt resident gardens to survive with less water. An opportunity will also be presented to discover and learn more about careers in the water industry.
- **Share:** Use water more efficiently and help friends and family do the same by sharing the Water Resources and Conservation Patch Program learning objectives with others. Educate the community about conserving natural resources or start a conversation about an important water issue. Explore a local water district through printed materials and online resources, and tell others about opportunities to be mindful of the many ways water is used and needed within the community.
- **Do:** Complete a service project that helps to protect Orange County's native habitats and the organisms that depend upon it. For example, you might volunteer to pick up trash at the clinic site or identify other community service or Take Action projects and events to continue water efficient practices and inspire others to do the same.

Patch Program Requirements

The Water Resources and Conservation Patch can only be earned through participation in a MWD OC hosted clinic. The Patch Program Requirements are divided into Daisy/Brownie, Junior/Cadette, and Senior/Ambassador Girl Scout levels:

Daisies (K-1) and Brownies (2-3):

1. Complete a guided tour of an Orange County water source, water treatment facility, or ecological reserve.
2. Tell a partner how you used water today.
3. In small groups, name at least five (5) ways to save water at home or at school
4. Write, draw, act, or recite your pledge to save water and share it with the group.



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5. With help from your Troop, group, or partner, name the four main stages of the water cycle and complete the assigned water cycle activity.
6. In your group, discuss what you have learned and talk about what girls your age can do to protect our water supply for future generations. What can you learn at school that might lead to a future career in the water industry?

**Steps for completing the Water Resources and Conservation Patch may qualify for additional Girl Scout badges and awards, such as:*

- *Daisy - Eco Learner Badge: Step 2 - Learn about the importance of staying on a path and observe where plants, flowers, and insects are located.*
- *Daisy – Flower Garden Journey: Through this clinic, Girls will gain a better understanding of water as it relates to caring for their own gardens. This is a great addition to the leadership journey for earning a Watering Can Award.*
- *Brownie – WOW! Wonders of Water Journey: This clinic closely aligns with the WOW! Journey, specifically Session 2, where Girl Scout Brownies learn about the water cycle and how to appreciate and protect our water resources.*

Juniors (4-5) and Cadettes (6-8):

1. Complete a guided tour of an Orange County water source, water treatment facility, or ecological reserve.
2. Learn about Orange County's water supply. How does water get to Orange County?
3. Use a map of California to identify the location of the Sierra Nevada mountain range and the Colorado River. Note how far our water has to travel just so we can use it!
4. Name at least five (5) ways to save water at home or at school and how you can encourage others to save water.
5. In small groups, discuss water runoff and its connection to water pollution, then complete the assigned activity.
6. In your group, discuss what you have learned and identify a career in the water industry that you would like to learn more about. What subjects will you need to study in order to have this career?

**Steps for completing the Water Resources and Conservation Patch may qualify for additional Girl Scout badges and awards, such as:*

- *Junior – STEMsational ME! Badge: Step 4 – Complete by visiting a water treatment or water recycling center to find out how water is reused. What can you do to keep water from going to waste?*
- *Cadette – Eco Trekker Badge: Step 3 – Find out about water filtration so you can use that knowledge to compare to how you will purify your own water.*
- *Cadette – Eco Trekker Badge: Step 4 – Explore a water issue. Record what you see during your guided tour and think about solutions based on your research.*
- *Cadette – My STEM Life: Step 1 – Visit a STEM-based business in Orange County.*



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Seniors (9-10) and Ambassadors (11-12):

1. Complete a guided tour of an Orange County water source, water treatment facility, or ecological reserve.
2. Learn about Orange County's water supply. How does water get to Orange County?
3. Identify your local water provider. What agency serves water to your neighborhood and what programs do they offer to help you save water?
4. Name at least five (5) ways to save water at home or at school. How can you advocate for water conservation?
5. In small groups, investigate how water is purified to make it safe to drink, then complete the assigned water quality testing activity.
6. In your group, discuss what you have learned and identify a career in the water industry that you would like to learn more about. Would you need to pursue a specific major in college to support this career?

**Steps for completing the Water Resources and Conservation Patch may qualify for additional Girl Scout badges and awards, such as:*

- Senior – Eco Explorer: Step 3 – Explore an environmental issue related to water. Find out about global water issues and how these issues impact the world in large and small ways. Keep track of your thoughts for use in Step 5.
- Senior – Eco Explorer: Step 4 – Find out more about water pollution to help you prepare for an environmental water project.
- Senior – Eco Explorer: Step 5 – Use what you have learned about water resources and conservation to create awareness and encourage others to take action.
- Ambassador – Water Badge: Step 3 – Visit a water facility such as a water treatment plant or managed watershed.
- Ambassador – Water Badge: Step 4 – Interview a water scientist.
- Ambassador – Water Badge: Step 5 – Educate others about a water issue.

Water Resources and Conservation Patch



**Public Affairs Activities Report
November 13, 2018 – December 11, 2018**

Member Agency Relations	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a Public Affairs Activities update to the Water Use Efficiency Orange County Workgroup • Met multiple times with Water Use Efficiency staff to discuss program(s) marketing needs and goals • Participated in a Qualified Water Efficient Landscape (QWEL) conference call • Provided content to Water Use Efficiency for California Sprinkler Adjustment Notification System (CSANS) updates • Prepared the agenda, and lead the kickoff meeting with the City of Westminster, the Wyland Foundation, and Saddleback College for the Wyland/MWDOC Pocket Park award • Provided Yorba Linda Water District the Request For Proposals (RFP) prepared for the mwdoc.com website redesign project <p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended a meeting with MWDOC member agency government affairs staff to discuss and coordinate efforts for 2019
Community Relations	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ... and Ricki the Raindrop participated in Metropolitan's 2018 Student Art Recognition Event and Mascot Raid • Provided judges for Discovery Science Center's annual Gingerbread House Competition
Education	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared information with Inside the Outdoors on Metropolitan's Colorado River Aqueduct Inspection Trips for Educators • Continued administrative responsibilities for Girl Scouts Water Resources and Conservation Patch Program clinics • Hosted November 17 Water Resources and Conservation Patch Clinic with Laguna Beach County Water District and Nix Nature Center • Provided Metropolitan education team with Girl Scouts Patch Program write-up and clinic schedule

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided City of Westminster with update on High School program • Participated in several conference calls with Inside the Outdoors to discuss Voice4Planet video contest promotions • Provided City of Seal Beach with materials for promoting Elementary School program • Provided South Coast Water District with High School program visit schedule • Provided City of Fountain Valley student target numbers for Elementary School program • Provided City of San Clemente with information on Girl Scout Patch Clinic • Provided El Toro Water District with High School program visit schedule • Updated participating member agencies with Elementary School program attendance reports and visit schedules • Participated on conference call with Metropolitan education team to discuss Girl Scouts Patch Program activities, and areas of responsibility
Media Relations	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared and posted daily social media content across all platforms • Worked with Digital Communications contractor HashtagPinpoint several times throughout the month to discuss social media strategy, content, and opportunities
Staff Training and Development	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in an Advancing One Water Through Arts and Culture webinar • Completed several trainings and have received Hootsuite Social Media Platform, and Social Marketing Certification(s)
Special Projects	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed final version of MWDOC groundwater aquifer graphic • Met with Metropolitan inspection trip staff to review itineraries for upcoming trips • Are currently working on itineraries, trip logistics, guest and Director requirements for the following inspection trips: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 11-12, Director Ackerman CRA ○ February 8, Director McKenney Infrastructure ○ February 22-23, Director Dick SWP/Ag • Participated in Water Emergency Response organization of Orange County radio training

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in an Orange County Water Summit committee meeting • Attended Orange County Business Council's Turning Red Tape to Red Carpet Awards Ceremony – MWDOC was nominated in the Sustainable and Green Development category for the MWDOC-Wyland Pocket Park Project • Completed several District website updates • Prepared a draft letter of congratulations for re-elected and newly-elected officials • Participated on a conference call with West Basin Municipal Water District about our social media processes and strategy <p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated a meeting with MWDOC staff, MWDOC's state advocate Syrus Devers, MWDOC consultant Matt Thomas, and Katie Porter representing the California Urban Water Agencies to discuss efforts to assist chronically non-compliant water providers get back into compliance. • Attended the WACO Planning meeting and helped coordinate December guest speaker, Dave Eggerton, ACWA's new Executive Director. • Attended the ACWA Fall Conference in San Diego • Provided information on the ISDOC Secretary vacancy to the ISDOC Executive Committee and inquiring districts
Legislative Affairs	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanied Director Barbre to Washington D.C. to attend a slate of meetings including strategy meetings for both the lame duck and new Congress and meetings with Representatives and staff from six different California Congressional Districts • Assisted with the preparation of slides for the December 6th Elected Officials Forum, and attended the meeting <p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Lana Haddad of Long Beach Water Department • Attended ACWA's water tax alternative proposal/s working group meeting in Sacramento • Coordinated with MWDOC's federal, state, and local advocates on 2019 legislative priorities