

MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Jointly with the
PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
June 17, 2019, 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 101

Committee:

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

ACTION ITEMS

2. SB 200 (MONNING) – SAFE AND AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER FUND
3. AB 402 (QUIRK) – STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD: LOCAL PRIMARY AGENCIES, FUNDING STABILIZATION
4. H.R. 2313 (HUFFMAN) – WATER CONSERVATION REBATE TAX PARITY ACT
5. EXTENSION OF CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH ACKERMAN CONSULTING
6. ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) REGION 10 CALL FOR CANDIDATES
7. CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION – SOUTHERN NETWORK REGION, SEAT B
8. SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (SDRMA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 2010

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.)

9. SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION PROCUREMENT FOR MELTWATER
10. SB 204 (DODD) STATE WATER PROJECT: CONTRACTS
11. 2019 OC WATER SUMMIT RECAP (MAY 31, 2019)
12. WYLAND MAYORS CHALLENGE 2019 WINNER AND POCKET PARK UPDATE
13. EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE
14. PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES REPORT

OTHER ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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Municipal Water District of Orange County, California
Washington Update
June 11, 2019

Appropriations:

As this Report is being written, the House is in the process of passing the Energy and Water Bill through the House Floor.

Bottom line: There is a 4% increase over last year's passed levels. Key provisions of the bill include:

Army Corps of Engineers – The bill provides a total of \$7.36 billion, an increase of \$357 million above the fiscal year 2019 level and \$2.53 billion above the budget request.

- Funding for Investigations is \$135 million, an increase of \$10 million above the fiscal year 2019 level and \$58 million above the request.
- Funding for Construction is \$2.34 billion, an increase of \$154 million above the fiscal year 2019 level and \$1.17 billion above the request.
- Funding for Operation and Maintenance is \$3.92 billion, an increase of \$183.5 million above the fiscal year 2019 level and \$1.99 billion above the request.
- Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund projects receive \$1.697 billion, \$147 million above the fiscal year 2019 level, an increase of \$732 million above the request and \$100 million above target set by the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014.
- The bill makes full use of the estimated receipts for the Inland Waterways Trust Fund.
- The bill provides for six new study starts and six new construction projects.

Department of the Interior/Bureau of Reclamation – The bill provides a total of \$1.65 billion for the Department, an increase of \$82.8 million above the fiscal year 2019 level and \$528 million above the President’s budget request.

- The bill provides \$1.63 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation, an increase of \$82.8 million above the fiscal year 2019 level and \$523 million above the request. Within Reclamation:
 - The bill provides \$400 million in additional funding for water resources projects, including those authorized in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act.
 - Within additional funding, \$121 million is provided for rural water projects above the budget request.

The Senate Activity on Appropriations Bills:

The Senate has yet to mark up any of its appropriations bills for the current fiscal year. It has been meeting with the White House on a weekly basis to come to a longer term agreement on spending for the next two years. The Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee has purposely asked his subcommittee Chairmen to not mark up any of their individual bills until Senate Leadership can provide them with top line spending numbers that the President can support. Senator Shelby, the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, wants to avoid another shut down later this year—like the one we saw this past winter when the President and the Congress could not strike an agreement on key funding numbers. We expect an funding agreement to be reached very shortly.

Key Water Bills Being Circulated:

The Gardner (R-Co) / Feinstein (D-Ca) Senate Bill: This legislation will reauthorize the 2016 WIIN Act provisions, including the wildly popular competitive grant program for Desal Projects and it will provide a \$670 Million Authorization for the construction of surface and groundwater recycling projects. President Barbre signed a letter advancing the proposition that the \$670 Million should be divided between surface water projects and recycling projects. Senator Feinstein’s office was very appreciative of the letter. It should be noted that the successful WIFIA Loan Program is also reauthorized in this legislation, a program that MWDOC has championed and improved over the course of the last decade.

Here is a more detailed summary of the Gardner / Feinstein Bill:

Summary of Discussion Draft “Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act”

- Expands and updates Bureau of Reclamation funding authorizations in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act (Public Law 114-322).
- Authorizes the following funding (all at the fiscal year 2019 level extended over 5 years):
 - \$670 million for surface and groundwater storage projects, and supporting conveyance
 - \$100 million for water recycling projects
 - \$60 million for desalination projects
- **Creates a new loan program at 30-year Treasury rates (currently about 2.6%) for water supply projects** known as the Reclamation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (RIFIA):
 - The \$150 million authorized funding level would make available \$8 to \$12 billion in lending authority for the low-interest loans
 - The loans would use existing criteria under the successful WIFIA program (the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act)
 - The Bureau of Reclamation would recommend which projects should receive funding and EPA would administer the loans, per an agreement they are required to complete by October 2019 under existing law
- **Authorizes \$140 million for restoration and environmental compliance projects**, including forest, meadow and watershed restoration projects with water benefits and projects to help restore threatened and endangered species affected by Bureau of Reclamation water projects.
- **Provides a fiscally realistic way for Reclamation to assist with drought resiliency projects.**
 - Given federal budgets, the federal government can no longer pay up front the full cost of western water projects under the traditional Bureau of Reclamation model.
 - At much lower federal cost, the bill facilitates water supply projects by combining
 - grants for up to 50% of the cost of federally-owned projects and up to 25% of the cost of state and local-led projects, with

- loans at the 30-year Treasury rate (currently about 2.6%) to help water districts afford their cost-share for state, local, and tribal projects. Repayment can be deferred until 5 years after substantial completion of the project, and the loans' duration is 35 years.
- Because Congressional authorization for each individual project typically adds many years to the already lengthy process for project approval, allows Congress to approve funding for each project more expeditiously through the existing appropriations process.
- The bill also includes two offsets:
 - It extends the existing WIIN Act provisions allowing water districts to prepay their outstanding capital debts and convert to indefinite length water supply contracts.
 - It sets up a process to deauthorize inactive water recycling project authorizations.

The Harder (D-Ca), a House Bill, would provide significant funding for water recycling projects--\$500 Million over five years with a \$30 Million cap for any one project.

Earmarks:

Senate Republicans voted quietly to ban earmarks with a formal rule. This rule will likely not be reconsidered until the next new Congress comes into session in January 2021. The House Democrats announced earlier this spring that there would not be any earmarks in the appropriations bills to be considered this year—but left open the option to have them next year. Now with the Senate action, there will not be earmarks during 2019 or 2020.

The Doheny Beach Desal Project:

The House Energy and Water Appropriations Bill contains the listing of the Doheny Beach Desal Project pursuant to the WIIN Act requirements. Here is the language contained in the bill:

“Provided further, That in accordance with section 4009(a) of Public Law 114- 322 and as recommended by the Secretary in a letter dated February 13, 2019, funding provided for such purpose in fiscal years 2017 and 2018 shall be made available to the Doheny Ocean Desalination Project, the Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant, the North Pleasant Valley Desalter Facility and the Mission Basin Groundwater Purification Facility Well Expansion and Brine Minimization.”

During the last month we visited with Senator Feinstein's office and Congressman Levin's office discussing the need to have a “back-up” strategy if Congress is unable to pass their appropriations bills in regular order this year.

Under the WIIN Act, the law requires that the intended recipients of the Desal Competitive Grants be listed in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill. If that bill does not pass, then Congress will pass a “Continuing Resolution” to fund those federal agency functions at last year’s funding levels. Typically, those bills are “clean” and do not contain any extra language regarding certain projects. If that were to happen, that would be a serious blow to the Doheny Beach Project.

We have encouraged the Senator Feinstein and the Congressman Levin office to begin laying the groundwork with House and Senate Leadership to allow special language in a Continuing Resolution if it is needed so that South Coast can still qualify to receive this \$8.3 Million in funding. We will keep you posted on these developments.

Infrastructure Bill Update:

When Congressional Leaders met with President Trump just prior to the Memorial Day Recess to discuss funding streams to pay for a large national infrastructure package—the President stopped the meeting and indicated he didn’t want to continue this discussion unless the congressional investigations into his Presidency ended. Many here believe we will still see individual bills pass dealing with infrastructure pass—but the likelihood of a large scale infrastructure package passing remains remote at this time. We are monitoring these developments and will keep you updated on any progress.

Disaster Relief Funding:

The House and the Senate passed the long awaited \$19.1 Billion Disaster Relief bill on June 3rd by a vote of 354-58. The final bill was held up an extra week due to Members of Congress who would not allow the bill to pass under an unanimous consent procedure during the Memorial Day Recess period. California will be eligible for up to \$12.6 Billion of new spending as a result of the legislation according to Senator Feinstein’s office. The impasse for passing the legislation was removed after President Trump gave up his demand that \$4.5 Billion was to be used for humanitarian aid be included in the final bill. There is now a separate humanitarian bill moving through Congress to deal with the immigration crisis at the Southern Border.

On the forecast for the likelihood of wildfires this year, the National Interagency Fire Center is now predicting another year of “above normal risk” for significant wildfires in California.



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Memorandum

To: Municipal Water District of Orange County
From: Syrus Devers, Best Best & Krieger
Date: June, 2019
Re: Monthly State Political Report

Legislative Report

As this report is being prepared the Legislature is preparing to vote on a budget. The Budget Bill must pass midnight on June 15th in order for the legislators to keep getting paid, and all indications are that their paychecks are safe. Conference Committee wrapped up Sunday night and Legislative Counsel whipped out AB 74, the Budget Bill, at 10:18 Tuesday morning. That allows for the bill to be brought up on Thursday (13th) during regular session.

The first two weeks of June are also when surviving bills cross over to the other house following the fiscal committee deadline of May 31st. Policy committees resumed work on June 3rd but will not have full agendas until next week. The next significant deadline is July 10th when fiscal bills must clear the policy committees in the other house.

The Senate has two new members. Lena Gonzalez (D) will replace Ricardo Lara (D) who vacated his seat to become the Insurance Commissioner, and Assembly Member Brian Dahle (R) will move up to the Senate to take the seat of Ted Gaines (R) who left for the Board of Equalization.

Water Tax (Safe Drinking Water Fund)

This section has been a recurring feature of this monthly report for over a year, and the issue itself reaches back to SB 623 (Monning) in 2017, but it's time to stick a fork in it—it's done. The final deal reached on Sunday night was a slight variation on the Senate budget proposal reported on last month. Instead of general fund dollars, the soon-to-created Safe Drinking Water Fund will receive 5% of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) revenues up to \$100 million, and \$30 million from the general fund. Should the revenue stream from the GGRF fall short of that amount it will be backfilled by the general fund. The details of the fund are yet to be worked out, but SB 200 (Monning) will likely be the starting point. The budget deal doesn't mention taxes on ag and dairy, but nothing precludes those being imposed later. If that happens, the monies would draw the general fund contribution.



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That's unlikely this year, however. Senate Pro Tem Toni Atkins pushed the deal through by taking a hardline against bringing any new taxes to a vote on the Senate Floor. Job #1 for any legislative leader is to protect the vulnerable members. (Job #2 is to make the safe members raise money.) There may be 29 Democrat seats in the Senate, with 27 needed for a tax, but Atkins can't count on Sen. Glazer for a tax vote, and probably cannot get Lena Gonzalez sworn in for the vote. That means Sen. Hurtado, who just won a Republican seat in the Central Valley, would have to vote on an ag tax without the liability protection that made it popular. (She won the seat from Republican Andy Vidak who coauthored SB 623 because of the liability exemption.) Atkins is smart not to let that happen.

WaterFix

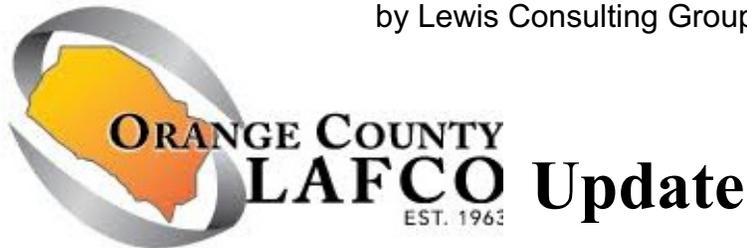
The lack of information on the tunnels has gone on so long that the silence is becoming newsworthy. BB&K staff met with a DWR attorney close to the issue and was asked by the attorney, "what's happening with the tunnels?" The agency attorney assumed that BB&K would have more information than someone working inside the administration. Governor Newsom announced his preference for one tunnel in January and hasn't said much since, including to his own staff, or so it would seem. There is some good news, however, SB 204 (Dodd), which was a collateral shot at contracts to build the tunnels, was amended down to be a reporting and transparency bill with no significant provisions to cause delay. With that outcome, plus the wins earlier in the year against the anti-WaterFix bills from Assm. Frazier, there are no longer any legislative threats to the tunnels.

Administrative Report

There's not much to report. There are some regulatory proceedings underway, but the main ones MWDOC is interested in are still in idle mode. BB&K staff is meeting with SWRCB Chair Esquivel later in the week and may have something to report at the PAL Committee.

The County of Orange Report

June 11, 2019
by Lewis Consulting Group



The June 12th meeting of Orange County LAFCO was held after our go-to-print deadline, so any particular interests will be reported verbally.

Items on the agenda include:

#7 Special recognition of former Commissioner Charlie Wilson.

#8 a public hearing on the annexation of 968 acres to the Orange County Sanitation District. Referred to as Los Alisos Area 1 and Los Alisos Area 2; the property includes Portola Hills, part of Lake Forest and Baker Ranch.

#9 adoption of a resolution approving an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with Executive Officer Carolyn Emory.



County Considers 2019/2020 Budget

The Board of Supervisors on June 11th and possibly June 12th as well, will be considering the upcoming yearly budget.

The County Staff proposed budget is \$6.8 billion, an increase of \$305 million from last year's budget. Budgeted general fund accounts for a total of \$917 million. One highlight, this year is the final County payment to the Vehicle License Fee Adjustment settlement this June.

The final budget vote is anticipated for Tuesday, June 25, 2019. Budget details will be presented at the PAL meeting.

Dueling Homeless Counts

Cal-Optima, the Orange County Agency in charge of administering health insurance for Orange County's poor has a total of 760,000 members.

Over the past year they studied their membership and made a determination that the homeless population in Orange County is approximately 10,000 people. The number is larger than the official Orange County number, pegged at 6,800.

Methodology accounts for the variance in the two numbers. The County used a “point in time” count, when volunteers fanned out throughout the county in a single day. Cal-Optima by contrast looked at their membership over a year’s time and counted those who were either living in homeless shelters or “living on the streets”. As a result, the county count misses people who are “crashing” temporarily at a friend’s home, engaging in what is now known as “couch surfing”.



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Grand Jury Defends Sheriff’s Department in O.C. Jail Scandal

From 2015-2018 more than 30,000 phone calls between inmates and their attorneys were illegally recorded. The illegal recordings were the result of a software problem when an update failed to transfer over a complete list of phone numbers NOT to be recorded. According to evidence and testimony in Superior Court proceedings, some District Attorney and Sheriff Department employees knew this was happening as early as 2015. In fact, when the matter was ultimately heard by the California Appellate Court, the panel of justices found “systematic problems with informants and evidence disclosures at the Sheriff’s Department and District Attorney’s office”.



The Orange County Grand Jury took a different view of the matter. The Grand Jury placed nearly all the blame on the county jail phone vendor. They did offer a mild criticism of the Sheriff’s Department by concluding “department personnel lacked sufficient systems knowledge and training on inmate phone system”.

Overall conclusions by the Grand Jury included:

- The Grand Jury found no evidence of improper use of recorded phone calls
- The Grand Jury found that 1,309 phone numbers which had been on a DO NOT RECORD listing, did not make the transition with the new software
- The Grand Jury ultimately concluded “throughout the investigation the Grand Jury found that all involved parties handled this situation professionally with transparency and with good intentions”.

Highlights From the Latest PPIC Poll

The Public Policy Institute of California released its latest statewide poll. The poll surveyed 1,123 likely voters. A sample of this size yields a +/- of 4.1% with a confidence level of 95%. The survey was conducted May 19 - May 25, 2019.

Below are survey highlights among California’s likely voters.

Do you favor or oppose these state government proposals to provide more affordable housing in your part of California. . .

How about reducing state government regulations by changing CEQA—the California Environmental Quality Act?

- 47% favor
- 30% oppose
- 24% don’t know

How about requiring local governments to approve a certain amount of new housing development before they can receive state funding for their local transportation projects?

- 61% favor
- 31% oppose
- 8% don’t know

How about requiring local governments to change the land-use zoning for new development from single-family housing to multi-family housing near mass transit and job centers?

- 62% favor
- 30% oppose
- 8% don’t know

On the issue of homelessness in California. . .

In his revised budget plan, Governor Newsom proposes \$1 billion to address homelessness. The plan allocates \$650 million in one-time spending to local governments for homeless emergency aid, \$150 million for mental health programs, and

\$120 million for programs which coordinate housing and health and social services. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

- 74% favor
- 23% oppose
- 3% don't know

How much of a problem is homelessness in your part of California? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem?

- 63% big problem
- 23% somewhat of a problem
- 13% not a problem

California's political landscape. . .

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Gavin Newsom is handling his job as governor of California?

- 45% approve
- 29% disapprove
- 26% don't know

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

- 34% approve
- 61% disapprove
- 4% don't know

If the 2020 presidential election were held today, would you definitely vote to reelect Donald Trump, probably vote to reelect Trump, probably vote for someone else, or definitely vote for someone else?

- 24% definitely vote to reelect Donald Trump
- 10% probably vote to reelect Trump
- 8% probably vote for someone else
- 57% definitely vote for someone else
- 1% don't know

[Democratic likely voters and independents who lean Democratic only]

What's more important to you—that Democrats nominate the presidential candidate whose positions on the issues come closest to yours, or the candidate who seems most likely to defeat Donald Trump in November 2020?

- 42% a presidential candidate whose positions on the issues are closest to yours
- 48% the candidate who seems most likely to defeat Donald Trump
- 6% both (volunteered)
- 4% don't know

Based on what you know, do you think Congress should or should not begin impeachment proceedings that could lead to Trump being removed from office?

- 49% should begin impeachment proceedings
- 45% should not begin impeachment proceedings
- 6% don't know

Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or Democratic Party?

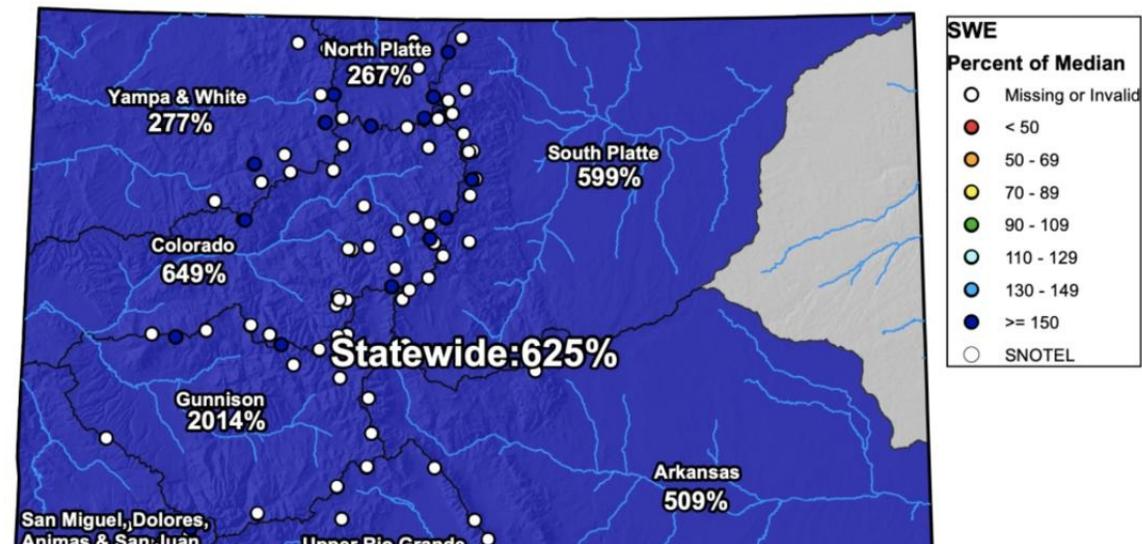
- 27% Republican Party
- 39% Democratic Party
- 23% neither (volunteered)
- 11% don't know

Colorado Snowpack Levels Off the Chart

As of Thursday, June 6, 2019 the state snowpack was 625% above average. So far only 38% of the state's snowpack has melted leaving large amounts of melt to flow into the Colorado River from major tributaries, the San Juan, Gunnison, Blue and Green Rivers. Hopefully, these flows will help the beleaguered water levels of Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

Colorado SNOTEL Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) Update Map with Site Data

Current as of Jun 06, 2019



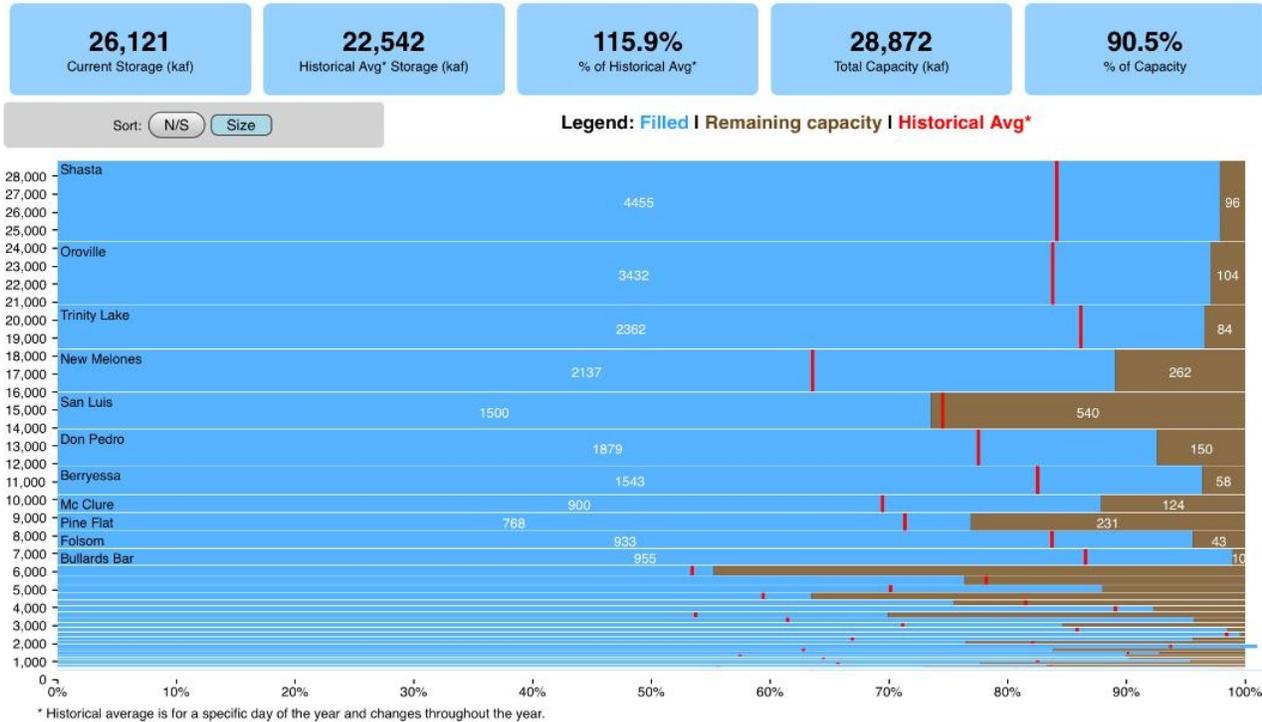
Mild El Niño Conditions Persist

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A New View of California Reservoirs

California Reservoir Levels - engaging-data.com
All Reservoirs - 06/10/2019 13:00



This chart, courtesy of Energy-Data, places California's reservoirs in order by storage capacity. Whatever chart you use right now displays 2019's most bountiful year.

Surprising Cause of Mid-West Tornado Outbreak

Since the 1950's, the number of violent tornadoes in the U.S. [F3 or greater] have been on the decline. From 1954-1985, the average was 56 said tornadoes. From 1986-2018, the average had declined to 34.

From May 17- May 30, 2019, America's Plains and the Mid-West in general suffered through 298 confirmed tornadoes of which 18 were F3 or greater.

So what caused the difference?

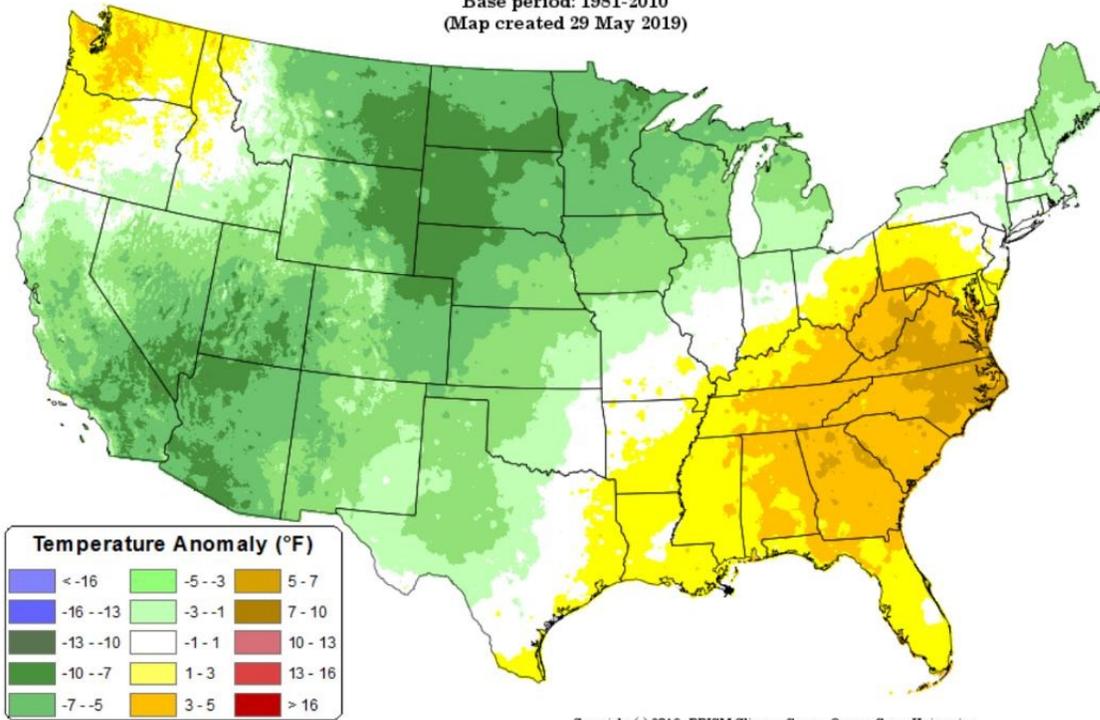


Daily Mean Temperature Anomaly: 01 May 2019 - 28 May 2019

Period ending 7 AM EST 28 May 2019

Base period: 1981-2010

(Map created 29 May 2019)



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As the above chart shows, the month of May had a tremendous cold pattern stretching from California to Michigan. In fact, this part of the U.S. in the month of May had the coldest departure from normal temperatures of any place in the world. It was the collision of this cold mass and the normal northerly flow of Gulf Stream heat which fueled the outbreak.

Legal and Regulatory

June 17, 2019

1. Greenhouse Gases and Monterey Bay: The Monterey Bay Research Institute has been studying CO₂ emissions in Monterey Bay. The emissions, one of the major greenhouse gas components, are considered to be linked to climate change. The CO₂ purportedly is coming from Silicon Valley industries and Salinas farming activities. The natural topography funnels both these areas through the Hector Pass and into Monterey Bay. These emissions can get absorbed into the ocean water and ultimately impact fish and plant sea life because of the acidic profile produced. These tests are a new technique and have not been used in other places around the world. This acidification effect is new to science and admittedly only an estimate or model at this time.

2. Silicon Valley Confronts Drinking Water: Industries not normally associated with pollution are becoming targets for cleanup projects. The old days of smoke stacks, toxic dumps and dirty old fields are being replaced by tech companies and other urban industries. Water quality, sewage issues and water treatment are becoming the issues of the day which has been putting Silicon Valley is the center of concern. In the early 1980s, contamination in aquifers was discovered near Fairchild Semiconductors in San Jose. Since then, there have been many instances of water contamination connected with high tech companies. The reason being that their production process involves many chemicals, solvents and gases which pollute otherwise safe drinking water. Of the 29 Superfund sites in the US, 24 of them were associated with high tech company operations. As a result, many of the Silicon Valley residents and the high tech companies there have been very aggressive in attempting to address these issues.

3. Tree Rings on Drought: The journal Nature published a study from Columbia University and NASA that opines that climate change has produced more droughts in the world. The tree rings go back many centuries but a comparison of the last 100 years suggests there is some correlation. The study assumes that the impact of greenhouse gases began in 1900. The ring study shows that there is an increase in drought activity associated with increase greenhouse gas production. Other researchers are not convinced that human activity has influenced past drought frequency. They point to the increase in sun spot activity, particularly in the first part of the 20th century. The study claims that the ring activity validates their modeling. However, they all acknowledge that other weather activities, like rainfall, do not follow the model projection.

4. Small Company Makes Huge Water Deals: Harvard University and Renewable Resources Group in 2011 started buying land that had water rights on the Colorado River. Most of the land is in Riverside and Imperial County. Renewable (and the many other names it uses) was formed by Ari Swiller, President Clinton advisor, and Ari Frates, an international water industry developer. Harvards investment department is a majority owner. Renewable has sold 33,000 acres to MWD and was also involved with the seller in a transaction where

MWD bought land in the Delta. Now, Renewable is one of the largest landowners in Imperial Valley. Their business plan is to buy land with valuable water rights at the lowest price and resell to large water companies such as MWD and Westlands. Renewable has also dealt with Doug Boxer (son of former Senator Boxer) on possible projects in the Delta. (This article was the from the Voice of San Diego)

5. Santa Barbara Surcharge: The Santa Barbara Water Commission, part of the Santa Barbara City Council recommended a wastewater surcharge on certain businesses in Santa Barbara. Those included septic tank, portable restroom, laundry services and beer and wine makers. The claim is that these businesses put more toxic discharge in the sewer system and should therefore pay more. Clearly, this will drive up costs for the designated companies. Micro breweries have increased in number also 40% in the last year alone. Wineries make up 80% of the beverage businesses in the City, while breweries make up 9%. Not much left. Since Santa Barbara is a tourist area, this battle will get heated.

6. Klamath Dam Reversal: The current plan for the Klamath River near the California-Oregon border is the removal of 4 dams to help the fish and other concerns. The Obama administration and early Trump had supported the removal. The new Interior Secretary David Bernhardt just rescinded that position. Whether or not that will impact the project is debatable. The project manager says it will not. Congressman Doug LaMalfa says maybe and states that the prior rush to removal mood has changed and a different outcome may happen. The project still needs both State and Federal permits to proceed.

7. Tulare Supports Water over Rail: The Tulare County Board of Supervisors recently voted and sent a letter of support to transfer Federal funds from the high speed rail to water infrastructure-\$3.5 billion.

8. New Dam Proposal: A private company has proposed a new dam near Bishop on the Lower Rock Creek. The plan would be to store water in a reservoir in Lower Rock Creek dam. Then, release water during peak electricity hours, through power turbines to lower reservoirs. During non peak hours, pump the water back up to upper reservoirs. The permitting and costs would be gigantic challenges. Environmentalists and downstream Owens Valley residents are already lined up to oppose. Concept sounds good if it financially feasible, but.....

9. Another Energy Plan: A Florida company, Eagle Crest Energy, is proposing a large hydroelectric power plant near Joshua Tree National Park. The plan would be to draw down surrounding aquifers into an abandoned mining pit. Next, the water would be run through power generation plants at peak hours. During not peak hours, the water would be pumped back up from the receiving mining pit to the higher pit where the journey began. Thereafter, the process would be repeated. The proponents claim this would help California achieve its mandated renewable energy goals. This concept is embodied in Senate Bill 772 which was heavily lobbied by the proponents but did not get out of the Senate. The bill was placed on the inactive role. The opposition was from environmentalists, water interests, California Municipal Utilities Association, and others.

10. Tahoe Clearer: Visibility increased 10 feet over last year to a depth of over 70 feet. This is the best improvement in over 50 years. By comparison, the clear depth in 1968 was 102 feet. The drought caused the lake visibility to suffer greatly due to run off and sediment. The more normal rainfall this year allowed the lake

to recover. Also the hundreds of millions of dollars spent by State and Federal governments has improved the surrounding conditions and lake health. Lake temperature has increased 3 degrees since 1968 which has impacted some algae and other plant life. A further problem was the introduction many years ago of an invasive shrimp (Mysis) which was supposed to help the fish population. Instead, the shrimp ate too much plankton which meant more algae would grow. Now, the State is trying to remove the shrimp, which will get the plankton back to normal. Don't mess with Mother Nature>>

11. Santa Clara Buying Farmland: The Santa Clara Valley Water District serves over 2 million residents. It is currently in negotiation to purchase over 5000 acres of ranch land in Merced County. That land could be a vast underground reserve of water not to say the water rights involved. The 4-S Ranch is just northeast of Los Banos. Concern is being raised by other farmers, environmentalists and possibly the State. This basin is one of the 21 critically over drafted groundwater areas in the State.. Merced County is also weighing in to restrict transfer of County water out of the County. Santa Clara states that it want to use the aquifer as a bank to store water in wet years for use in dry years.

12. Water Scam: A Sacramento water company, California American Water, is warning its customers and the general public about a water scam. Some folks are advertising free water tests to residents and then selling them water purification systems. CalAm asked anyone contacted to notify local police or their office.

PAL Committee

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A. Priority Support/Oppose

Measure	Author	Topic	Status	Brief Summary	Position	Priority	Notes 1
AB 134	Bloom D	Safe Drinking Water Restoration.	5/30/2019- In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment .	Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to report to the Legislature by July 1, 2025, on its progress in restoring safe drinking water to all California communities and to create an internet website that provides data transparency for all of the board's activities described in this measure. The bill would require the board to develop metrics to measure the efficacy of the fund in ensuring safe and affordable drinking water for all Californians.	Out for Analysis	A. Priority Support/ Oppose	Look for this bill to languish now that the budget deal is done.
AB 217	Garcia, Eduardo D	Safe Drinking Water for All Act.	5/22/2019- Read second time. Ordered to third reading.	Would enact the Safe Drinking Water for All Act and would establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury and would provide that moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Water Resources Control Board to provide a source of funding to secure access to safe drinking water for all Californians, while also ensuring the long-term sustainability of drinking water service and infrastructure. The bill would authorize the board to provide for the deposit into the fund of federal contributions, voluntary contributions, gifts, grants, bequests, and settlements from parties responsible for contamination of drinking water supplies, and to contribute funding available from other sources related to water quality.	Oppose unless amended	A. Priority Support/ Oppose	Same as above.
AB 223	Stone, Mark D	California Safe Drinking Water Act: microplastics.	4/26/2019- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E.S. & T.M. on 2/4/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)	The California Safe Drinking Water Act requires the State Water Resources Control Board to administer provisions relating to the regulation of drinking water to protect public health. Current law requires the state board, on or before July 1, 2020, to adopt a definition of microplastics in drinking water and, on or before July 1, 2021, to adopt a standard methodology to be used in the testing of drinking water for microplastics and requirements for 4 years of testing and reporting of microplastics in drinking water, including public disclosure of those results. This bill would require the state board, to the extent possible, and where feasible and cost effective, to work with the State Department of Public Health in complying with those requirements.		A. Priority Support/ Oppose	Dead
AB 292	Quirk D	Recycled water: raw	5/30/2019- In	Current law requires the State Water Resources Control Board, on or before	Support	A. Priority	

		water and groundwater augmentation.	committee: Hearing postponed by committee.	December 31, 2023, to adopt uniform water recycling criteria for direct potable reuse through raw water augmentation, as specified. Current law defines “direct potable reuse” and “indirect potable reuse for groundwater recharge” for these purposes. This bill would eliminate the definition of “direct potable reuse” and instead would substitute the term “groundwater augmentation” for “indirect potable reuse for groundwater recharge” in these definitions. The bill would revise the definition of “treated drinking water augmentation.”		Support/ Oppose	
AB 533	Holden D	Income taxes: exclusion: turf removal water conservation program.	5/16/2019- In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.	Current law, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, and before January 1, 2019, excludes from gross income under both laws any amount received as a rebate, voucher, or other financial incentive issued by a local water agency or supplier for participation in a turf removal water conservation program. Current law limits the collection and use of taxpayer information and provides that any unauthorized use of this information is punishable as a misdemeanor. This bill would extend the operative date of the provisions excluding from gross income specified amounts received in a turf removal water conservation program to taxable years beginning before January 1, 2024.		A. Priority Support/ Oppose	Dead
AB 756	Garcia, Cristina D	Public water systems: perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances.	5/24/2019- From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on EQ.	Would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to order a public water system to monitor for perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances. The bill would require a community water system or a nontransient noncommunity water system, upon a detection of these substances, to report that detection, as specified. The bill would require a community water system or a nontransient noncommunity water system where a detected level of these substances exceeds the response level to take a water source where the detected levels exceed the response level out of use or provide a prescribed public notification.	Out for Analysis	A. Priority Support/ Oppose	
AB 1194	Frazier D	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Delta Stewardship Council.	4/26/2019- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was W.,P. & W. on 3/11/2019) (May be acted upon Jan 2020)	Would increase the membership of the Delta Stewardship Council to 13 members, including 11 voting members and 2 nonvoting members, as specified. By imposing new duties upon local officials to appoint new members to the council, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.		A. Priority Support/ Oppose	Dead
ACA 3	Mathis R	Clean Water for All Act.	4/30/2019- In	This measure, the Clean Water for All Act, would additionally require, commencing with	Out for Analysis	A. Priority	

			committee: Set, first hearing. Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.	the 2021–22 fiscal year, not less than 2% of specified state revenues to be set apart for the payment of principal and interest on bonds authorized pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014; water supply, delivery, and quality projects administered by the department, and water quality projects administered by the state board, as provided.		Support/ Oppose	
SB 134	Hertzberg D	Water conservation: water losses: enforcement.	5/30/2019- Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.	Current law requires the State Water Resources Control Board, no earlier than January 1, 2019, and no later than July 1, 2020, to adopt rules requiring urban retail water suppliers to meet performance standards for the volume of water losses. This bill would prohibit the board from issuing an information order, written notice, or conservation order to an urban retail water supplier that does not meet its urban water use objective if the board determines the urban retail water supplier is not meeting its urban water use objective solely because the volume of water loss exceeds the urban retail water supplier's standard for water loss and the board is taking enforcement action against the urban retail water supplier for not meeting the performance standards for the volume of water losses.	Support	A. Priority Support/ Oppose	ACWA is working on clarifying amendments
SB 200	Monning D	Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.	6/10/2019- Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.	Would establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury to help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water in both the near and the long term. The bill would authorize the board to provide for the deposit into the fund of federal contributions, voluntary contributions, gifts, grants, and bequests and would provide that moneys in the fund are available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the board to fund grants, loans, contracts, or services to assist eligible recipients.	Watch	A. Priority Support/ Oppose	For consideration.
SB 204	Dodd D	State Water Project: contracts.	6/6/2019- Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.	Would require the Department of Water Resources to provide at least 10 days' notice to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature before holding public sessions to negotiate any potential amendment of a long-term water supply contract that is of projectwide significance with substantially similar terms intended to be offered to all contractors. The bill would require the department, before the execution of a specified proposed amendment to a long-term water supply contract and at least 60 days before final approval of such an amendment, to submit to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature certain information regarding the terms and conditions of a proposed amendment of a long-term water supply contract and to submit a copy of the long-term contract as it is proposed to be amended.	Oppose	A. Priority Support/ Oppose	Amended. OK to watch.

SB 205	Hertzberg D	Business licenses: stormwater discharge compliance.	5/30/2019- Referred to Coms. on E.S. & T.M. and L. GOV.	Would require, when applying to a city or a county for an initial business license or business license renewal, a person who conducts a business operation that is a regulated industry to demonstrate enrollment with the NPDES permit program by providing specified information, under penalty of perjury, on the application, including, among other things, the Standard Industrial Classification Code for the business. The bill would apply to all applications for initial business licenses and business license renewals submitted on and after January 1, 2020.	Watch	A. Priority Support/ Oppose	
SB 332	Hertzberg D	Wastewater treatment: recycled water.	5/17/2019- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/13/2019) (May be acted upon Jan 2020)	Would declare, except in compliance with the bill's provisions, that the discharge of treated wastewater from ocean outfalls is a waste and unreasonable use of water. The bill would require each wastewater treatment facility that discharges through an ocean outfall and affiliated water suppliers to reduce the facility's annual flow as compared to the average annual wastewater discharge baseline volume, as prescribed, by at least 50% on or before January 1, 2030, and by at least 95% on or before January 1, 2040. The bill would subject the owner or operator of a wastewater treatment facility, as well as the affiliated water suppliers, to a civil penalty of \$2,000 per acre-foot of water above the required reduction in overall volume discharge for the failure to meet these deadlines.		A. Priority Support/ Oppose	Dead
SB 414	Caballero D	Small System Water Authority Act of 2019.	6/10/2019- Referred to Coms. on E.S. & T.M. and L. GOV.	Would create the Small System Water Authority Act of 2019 and state legislative findings and declarations relating to authorizing the creation of small system water authorities that will have powers to absorb, improve, and competently operate noncompliant public water systems. The bill, no later than March 1, 2020, would require the state board to provide written notice to cure to all public agencies, private water companies, or mutual water companies that operate a public water system that has either less than 3,000 service connections or that serves less than 10,000 people, and are not in compliance, for the period from July 1, 2018, through December 31, 2019, with one or more state or federal primary drinking water standard maximum contaminant levels, as specified.	Support	A. Priority Support/ Oppose	
SB 669	Caballero D	Water quality: Safe Drinking Water Fund.	5/16/2019- May 16 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.	Would establish the Safe Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury and would provide that moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Water Resources Control Board. The bill would require the state board to administer the fund to assist community water systems in disadvantaged communities that are chronically noncompliant relative to the federal and state drinking water standards and do not have the financial capacity to pay for operation and maintenance costs to comply with those		A. Priority Support/ Oppose	Dead

B. Watch

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AB 129	Bloom D	Microfiber pollution.	4/26/2019- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E.S. & T.M. on 3/25/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)	Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to take specified actions relating to microfiber pollution on or before July 1, 2020, and would require the state board to identify best practices for clothing manufacturers to reduce the amount of microfibers released into the environment. The bill would require, on or before January 1, 2020, a public entity that uses a laundry system, and a private entity that contracts with a state agency for laundry services, to install a filtration system to capture microfibers that are shed during washing.		B. Watch	Dead
AB 231	Mathis R	California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: recycled water.	5/9/2019- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 2/7/2019)(M ay be acted upon Jan 2020)(Recor ded 4/26/2019)	Would exempt from CEQA a project to construct or expand a recycled water pipeline for the purpose of mitigating drought conditions for which a state of emergency was proclaimed by the Governor if the project meets specified criteria. Because a lead agency would be required to determine if a project qualifies for this exemption, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would also exempt from CEQA the development and approval of building standards by state agencies for recycled water systems.		B. Watch	Dead
AB 405	Rubio, Blanca D	Sales and use taxes: exemption: water treatment.	5/16/2019- Joint Rule 62(a), file notice suspended. In committee: Held under submission.	Would, on and after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2025, exempt from that Sales and Use Tax the gross receipts from the sale in this state of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, chemicals used by a city, county, public utility, and sanitation district to treat water, recycled water, or wastewater regardless of whether those chemicals or other agents become a component part thereof and regardless of whether the treatment takes place before or after the delivery to consumers.	Watch	B. Watch	
AB 441	Eggman D	Water: underground storage.	5/17/2019- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 4/24/2019)(May be acted upon Jan	Under current law, the right to water or to the use of water is limited to that amount of water that may be reasonably required for the beneficial use to be served. Current law provides for the reversion of water rights to which a person is entitled when the person fails to beneficially use the water for a period of 5 years. Current law declares that the storing of water underground, and related diversions for that purpose, constitute a beneficial use of water if the stored water is thereafter applied to the beneficial purposes for which the appropriation for storage was made. This	Watch	B. Watch	

			2020)	bill would instead provide that any diversion of water to underground storage constitutes a diversion of water for beneficial use for which an appropriation may be made if the diverted water is put to beneficial use, as specified.			
AB 591	Garcia, Cristina D	Central Basin Municipal Water District: board of directors.	6/5/2019- From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.	Current law requires the board of directors of the Central Basin Municipal Water District to be composed of 8 directors until the directors elected at the November 8, 2022, election take office, when the board would be composed of 7 directors, as prescribed. Current law requires the 3 directors appointed by the water purveyors, as specified, to live or work within the district and requires the term of an appointed director to be terminated if the appointed director no longer is employed by or a representative of the appointing entity. This bill would define representative for these purposes to be a consultant to or contractor of an entity, or a governing board member of a mutual water company.	Watch	B. Watch	Watch for potential amendments relating to membership allocation on MWD
AB 636	Gray D	State Water Resources Control Board: water quality objectives.	4/26/2019- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E.S. & T.M. on 3/14/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)	Would prohibit the State Water Resources Control Board from implementing water quality objectives for which the state board makes a certain finding relating to environmental quality until it has submitted the water quality objectives and a statement of that finding to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature and each committee has held a hearing on these matters.		B. Watch	Dead
AB 637	Gray D	State Water Resources Control Board: disadvantaged communities: drinking water.	5/17/2019- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/1/2019)(M ay be acted upon Jan 2020)	Would require the State Water Resources Control Board, before taking an action that significantly impacts drinking water, to use existing information to identify impacted disadvantaged communities and to seek to reduce impacts to those communities to the greatest extent practicable. The bill would also require the board to ensure that disadvantaged communities are provided an opportunity to participate in the public process for a decision that significantly impacts drinking water by holding a public hearing in or near an impacted community.		B. Watch	Dead
AB 638	Gray D	Department of Water Resources: water storage: climate change impacts.	5/29/2019- Referred to Com. on RLS.	Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as The California Water Plan. his bill would require the department, on or before December 31, 2023, with updates every 5 years thereafter, to identify water storage facilities vulnerable to climate change impacts and the mitigation strategies	Watch	B. Watch	

				for anticipated adverse impacts, as provided.			
AB 658	Arambula D	Water rights: water management.	6/6/2019- Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.	Would authorize a groundwater sustainability agency or local agency to apply for, and the State Water Resources Control Board to issue, a conditional temporary permit for diversion of surface water to underground storage for beneficial use that advances the sustainability goal of a groundwater basin, as specified.	Watch	B. Watch	
AB 841	Ting D	Drinking water: contaminants: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.	5/29/2019- Referred to Com. on EQ.	Would require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to adopt and complete a work plan within prescribed timeframes to assess which substances in the class of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances should be identified as a potential risk to human health, as provided. The bill would require the office, as part of those assessments, to determine which of the substances are appropriate candidates for notification levels to be adopted by the state board. The bill would require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, by January 1, 2022, to provide to the Legislature an update on the assessment.	Watch	B. Watch	
AB 955	Gipson D	Water replenishment districts: water system needs assessment program.	6/6/2019- Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and N.R. & W.	Would require a water replenishment district to offer to conduct a needs assessment program for water systems serving disadvantaged communities within the district, as specified. The bill would make a water system's participation in the program voluntary. The bill would require the district, upon completion of the needs assessment, to develop and evaluate options to address the findings and recommendations in the needs assessment and prepare an implementation plan for recommendation to the water system.	Watch	B. Watch	
AB 1204	Rubio, Blanca D	Public water systems: primary drinking water standards: implementation date.	4/26/2019- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E.S. & T.M. on 3/11/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)	Would require the adoption or amendment of a primary drinking water standard for a contaminant in drinking water not regulated by a federal primary drinking water standard or that is more stringent than a federal primary drinking water standard to take effect 3 years after the date on which the state board adopts or amends the primary drinking water standard. The bill would authorize the state board to delay the effective date of the primary drinking water standard adoption or amendment by no more than 2 additional years as necessary for capital improvements to comply with a maximum contaminant level or treatment technique.	Watch	B. Watch	
AB 1220	Garcia, Cristina D	Metropolitan water districts.	5/16/2019- Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.	Under the Metropolitan Water District Act, the board of a metropolitan water district is required to consist of at least one representative from each member public agency, as prescribed. The act authorizes each member public agency to appoint additional representatives not exceeding one additional representative for each 5% of the assessed valuation of property taxable for	Out for Analysis	B. Watch	

				district purposes within the entire district that is within the boundaries of that member public agency. This bill would prohibit a member public agency from having fewer than the number of representatives it had as of January 1, 2019.			
AB 1414	Friedman D	Urban retail water suppliers: reporting.	6/11/2019- Action From N.R. & W.: Do pass.To APPR..	Would require each urban retail water supplier to submit a completed and validated water loss audit report as prescribed by the Department of Water Resources on or before October 1 of each year until October 1, 2023, if reporting on a calendar year basis and on or before January 1 of each year until January 1, 2024, if reporting on a fiscal year basis. The bill would require on or before January 1, 2024, and on or before January 1 of each year thereafter, each urban retail water supplier to submit a completed and validated water loss audit report for the previous calendar year or previous fiscal year as part of an existing report relating to its urban water use.	Watch	B. Watch	
AB 1588	Gloria D	Drinking water and wastewater operator certification programs.	6/6/2019- Referred to Coms. on EQ. and V.A.	Current law requires a person who operates a nonexempt wastewater treatment plant to possess a valid, unexpired wastewater certificate or water treatment operator certificate of the appropriate grade. This bill, when applying for certification by the board as a water treatment operator, distribution system operator, or wastewater operator, would require operators of complex industrial facilities, including members of the military and military service veterans, to receive appropriate equivalent experience credit and education credit for work and tasks performed that are directly related to the operation of water or wastewater facilities, as specified.	Watch	B. Watch	
SB 1	Atkins D	California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2019.	6/6/2019- Referred to Coms. on E.S. & T.M., NAT. RES., and JUD.	Current state law regulates the discharge of air pollutants into the atmosphere. The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act regulates the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the state. The California Safe Drinking Water Act establishes standards for drinking water and regulates drinking water systems. The California Endangered Species Act requires the Fish and Game Commission to establish a list of endangered species and a list of threatened species, and generally prohibits the taking of those species. This bill would require specified agencies to take prescribed actions regarding certain federal requirements and standards pertaining to air, water, and protected species, as specified.	Out for Analysis	B. Watch	
SB 19	Dodd D	Water resources: stream gages.	5/30/2019- Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.	Would require the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board, upon an appropriation of funds by the Legislature, to develop a plan to deploy a network of stream gages that includes a determination of funding needs and opportunities for modernizing and reactivating existing gages and deploying	Out for Analysis	B. Watch	

				new gages, as specified. The bill would require the department and the board, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Conservation, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, interested stakeholders, and, to the extent they wish to consult, local agencies, to develop the plan to address significant gaps in information necessary for water management and the conservation of freshwater species.			
SB 45	Allen D	Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.	5/1/2019- May 6 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.	Would enact the Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,300,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects to restore fire damaged areas, reduce wildfire risk, create healthy forest and watersheds, reduce climate impacts on urban areas and vulnerable populations, protect water supply and water quality, protect rivers, lakes, and streams, reduce flood risk, protect fish and wildlife from climate impacts, improve climate resilience of agricultural lands, and protect coastal lands and resources.	Out for Analysis	B. Watch	
SB 307	Roth D	Water conveyance: use of facility with unused capacity.	6/10/2019- VOTE: Do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on [Appropriations] (PASS)	Current law prohibits the state or a regional or local public agency from denying a bona fide transferor of water from using a water conveyance facility that has unused capacity for the period of time for which that capacity is available, if fair compensation is paid for that use and other requirements are met. This bill would, notwithstanding that provision, prohibit a transferor of water from using a water conveyance facility that has unused capacity to transfer water from a groundwater basin underlying desert lands, as defined, that is in the vicinity of specified federal lands or state lands to outside of the groundwater basin unless the State Lands Commission, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Water Resources, finds that the transfer of the water will not adversely affect the natural or cultural resources of those federal or state lands, as provided.		B. Watch	In PAL Committee for consideration

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Bill Number Author	Amended Date; Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
AB 292 Quirk (D) Sponsor: WaterReuse California	Amended 3/6/2019 Senate Environmental Quality Committee	Recycled water: raw water and groundwater augmentation. Would modernize definitions from AB 574 (Quirk, 2017), which Metropolitan supported. Seeks to further clarify terminology related to recycled water that more accurately reflects current uses and practices.	SUPPORT Based upon Board- adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Providing outreach and education on process and benefits of recycled water is essential as California encourages increased development of recycled water supplies. AB 292 will help reduce confusion as water agencies work to increase public's comfort level with use of recycled water.
AB 441 Eggman (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 3/27/2019 2- Year Bill	Water: underground storage. Provides that certain uses of stored water while underground will constitute a beneficial use.	OPPOSE Based upon past opposition to AB 647 (Eggman) from 2015/16 and AB 1427 (Eggman) from 2017/18	Fails to provide sufficient safeguards to ensure that permanent underground storage is implemented in a reasonable manner. Unchecked, diversion of water for underground storage, whether new or existing appropriation, may adversely impact other beneficial uses of water for fish and wildlife, recreation, commerce, or use by downstream diverter.
AB 533 Holden (D) Sponsors: CA Water Efficiency Partnership, WaterNow Alliance, and Metropolitan	Amended 4/4/2019 2- Year Bill	Income taxes: exclusion: water conservation or efficiency programs: turf removal water conservation program. Would exclude from gross income, under both personal and corporate income tax laws, amounts received as rebate, voucher, or other financial incentive issued by local water agency for participation in a turf removal water conservation program.	CO-SPONSOR Based upon Board- adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Water providers need broad array of tools to increase participation in water use efficiency programs to further achieve water use savings. Utility-sponsored financial incentives are effective measures, and their appeal increases if rebates are excluded from taxable income.

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<p>AB 654 B. Rubio (D)</p> <p>Sponsors: California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) and California Special Districts Association (CSDA)</p>	<p>Introduced 2/15/2019</p> <p>2-Year Bill</p>	<p>Public records: utility customers: disclosure of personal information. Authorizes local agency to voluntarily release customer information to another governmental agency for scientific, research, or educational purposes, and if receiving agency agrees to maintain information as confidential.</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>Based upon Board-adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles</p>	<p>Data sharing is state policy objective, with intent to improve decision making. Measure will facilitate voluntary exchange of customer data information for prescribed uses to further improve customer programs and projects, while providing protections to ensure information remains confidential.</p>
<p>AB 658 Arambula (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Author</p>	<p>Amended 4/2/2019</p> <p>Senate Rules</p>	<p>Water Rights: Water Management. Will facilitate groundwater storage during high flow times through an expedited temporary permit.</p>	<p>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</p> <p>Based upon Board action on 4/9/19</p>	<p>Under the Water Code, surface water can be stored underground if it is subsequently removed for a beneficial use. AB 658 would create a temporary permit to store groundwater during high flow times. Metropolitan is seeking amendments to ensure protection for existing water right holders, other beneficial uses, and the ability to meet water quality objectives.</p>

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<p>AB 1180 Friedman (D) Sponsor: WateReuse</p>	<p>Amended 3/28/2019 Senate Appropriations Committee</p>	<p>Water: recycled water. This measure would require the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to update the uniform statewide criteria for nonpotable recycled water uses by January 1, 2023, contingent upon legislative appropriation. In addition, it requires the SWRCB to include the use of a swivel or changeover device for dual-plumbed systems as part of the adoption for standards for backflow protection and cross-connection control through the adoption of a policy handbook by January 1, 2020.</p>	<p>SUPPORT Based upon Board-adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles</p>	<p>As California continues to incentivize and increase the use and access to recycled water supplies, proper regulations and guidance documents are necessary to ensure both public health protections and efficient cost-effective means to establish dual-plumbed facilities.</p>
<p>AB 1194 Frazier (D) Sponsor: Delta Counties Caucus</p>	<p>Introduced 2/21/2019 2-Year Bill</p>	<p>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Delta Stewardship Council. Will increase membership of Delta Stewardship Council from seven members to 13 members, with all six proposed new members to represent in-Delta interests.</p>	<p>OPPOSE Based upon past opposition to AB 1876 (Frazier) from 2017/18</p>	<p>Fails to recognize the importance of statewide approach to advancing progress in Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as encompassed in comprehensive package of reforms embedded in Delta Reform Act of 2009.</p>

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<p align="center">AB 1204 B. Rubio (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and California Water Association (CWA)</p>	<p align="center">Introduced 2/21/2019 2-Year Bill</p>	<p>Public water systems: primary drinking water standards: implementation date. Requires State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to allow water providers reasonable period of time to complete work required to comply with new Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs), without being found in violation. Specifically proposes that any drinking water standards (MCL or treatment technique) adopted or amended by SWRCB will only be effective three years after initial date of adoption. Also grants SWRCB authority to allow up to two additional years to comply with standards, if it determines that more time is necessary for capital improvements.</p>	<p align="center">SUPPORT</p> <p>Based upon Board-adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles</p>	<p>Positive impact to Metropolitan and its member agencies as it would establish fair and reasonable compliance period similar to that of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.</p>
<p align="center">AB 1220 C. Garcia (D)</p> <p>Sponsor: Central Basin Municipal Water District</p>	<p align="center">Amended 3/28/2019 Senate Governance and Finance Committee Hearing: 6/12/2019</p>	<p>Metropolitan Water Districts. Amends Metropolitan Water District Act to set a floor where number of representatives would not drop below current level.</p>	<p align="center">SUPPORT</p> <p>Based upon Board action on 3/12/19</p>	<p>Addresses potential loss of representation in densely-populated communities with slower relative increases in assessed property values.</p>

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AB 1588 Gloria (D) Sponsors: San Diego County Water Authority and Otay Water District	Amended 5/8/2019 Senate Rules	Drinking water and wastewater operator certification programs. Allows military veterans to apply relevant experience and education towards obtaining water and wastewater system operator certifications from State Water Resources Control Board.	SUPPORT Based upon Board-adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Will increase the number of certified water and wastewater operators, as well as create job opportunities for veterans. Metropolitan is seeking amendments to ensure consistency in equivalency standards when assessing military education and work experience with existing state certification requirements.
AJR 8 Quirk (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 6/4/2019 Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Hearing: 6/11/2019	Invasive species: Federal Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003. Requests that U.S. Congress add California to Nutria and Eradication and Control Act of 2003, and appropriate \$4 million for nutria eradication in California.	SUPPORT Based upon Board-adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Invasive species create significant, long-term burdens that require significant investments to either control and/or eradicate. Presence of nutria within Delta represents significant threat to water supply and quality, and levee stabilization.
SB 19 Dodd (D) Sponsor: The Nature Conservancy	Amended 2/28/2019 Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee Hearing: 6/18/2019	Water resources: stream gages. Requires Department of Water Resources and SWRCB to develop plan to implement network of stream gages that includes determination of funding and opportunities to modernize existing network of gages, in consultation with other stakeholders.	SUPPORT Based upon past support for SB 919 (Dodd) from 2017/18	Currently no comprehensive or authoritative database on gage locations exists, and ability to link measurements to water quantity and water quality is essential for sound, informed water management decisions statewide. Metropolitan supported the Open and Transparent Water Data Act (AB 1755 Dodd, 2016), and improving gage data is consistent with purpose of Act.

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<p>SB 62 Dodd (D) Sponsor: California Farm Bureau Federation</p>	<p>Amended 4/3/2019 Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee Hearing: 6/18/2019</p>	<p>Endangered species: accidental take associated with routine and ongoing agricultural activities: state safe harbor agreements. Extends exemption from California Endangered Species Act (CESA) for accidental take of endangered species resulting from agricultural and ranching activities.</p>	<p>SUPPORT Based upon Board action on 3/12/19</p>	<p>Under CESA, farmers and ranchers are granted exemption from incidental take for accidentally taking or harming state-listed species during routine agricultural activities. Metropolitan's amendments incorporated to set a sunset date, require reporting, and clarify exemption applies to farmers and ranchers not public agencies.</p>
<p>SB 69 Wiener (D) Sponsors: California Coastkeeper Alliance and Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations</p>	<p>Amended 5/17/2019 Assembly Desk</p>	<p>Ocean Resiliency Act of 2019. Seeks to bolster the resilience of the state's marine and coastal environments to climate change and improve conditions for salmon and other commercially valuable species.</p>	<p>OPOSE UNLESS AMENDED Based upon Board- adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles</p>	<p>Would replace existing forestry, fishery and water quality regulatory processes with entirely different approaches in the hope of improving conditions for fish upstream of the Delta and in the ocean along the California coast. Would create an offshore salmon hatchery that could interfere with native salmon populations and would test a new fish tagging program. Assigns costs in part to the State Water Project.</p>
<p>SB 204 Dodd (D) Sponsor: Delta Counties Caucus</p>	<p>Amended 5/17/2019 Assembly Desk</p>	<p>State Water Project: contracts. Revises the notification requirements for pending State Water Project (SWP) contract negotiations and contract amendments. Additionally, explicitly requires the California Water Commission to review and report on the progress of the design, construction, and operation of any new Delta conveyance facility as a part of its annual review of the SWP.</p>	<p>WATCH Based upon Board- adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Policies</p>	<p>Recent amendments adhere to the author's stated purpose and delete objectionable provisions related to the Delta Conveyance joint powers authorities. Bill provides for further transparency on any future amendments to State Water Project contracts as described in Water Code Section 147.6 (c) and construction of future Delta conveyance improvements.</p>

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<p>SB 414 Caballero (D) Sponsor: Eastern Municipal Water District and California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)</p>	<p>Amended 5/17/2019 Assembly Desk</p>	<p>Small System Water Authority Act of 2019. Authorizes State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to merge small, non-compliant public water systems into regional water authority that will directly benefit from increased economies of scale and access to public financing.</p>	<p>SUPPORT Based upon past support for AB 2050 (Caballero) from 2017/18</p>	<p>As introduced, SB 414 sets deadline for small water systems to comply with safe drinking water standards or consolidate into regional authority managed by SWRCB-appointed contractor until water system achieves self-sufficiency, complies with drinking water standards, and can reliably provide access to safe drinking water.</p>
<p>SB 559 Hurtado (D) Sponsor: Friant Water Authority</p>	<p>Amended 5/17/2019 Assembly Desk</p>	<p>Department of Water Resources: grant: Friant-Kern Canal. Seeks to address problems of land subsidence on the federally-owned Friant Kern Canal.</p>	<p>SUPPORT IF AMENDED Based upon Board-adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles</p>	<p>Addresses land subsidence in the Central Valley but only focuses on impacts to the Friant Kern Canal. Metropolitan seeking amendments to include the need to address subsidence problems on the California Aqueduct to ensure a reliable water supply for southern California as well.</p>
<p>SB 669 Caballero (D) Sponsor: Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)</p>	<p>Introduced 2/22/2019 2-Year Bill</p>	<p>Water Quality: Safe Drinking Water Fund. Establishes irrevocable Safe Drinking Water Trust as a perpetual source of funding to assist chronically non-compliant community water systems in disadvantaged communities gain access to safe drinking water.</p>	<p>SUPPORT Based upon Board action 3/12/2019</p>	<p>Would create Water Trust funded by general fund appropriation during surplus years. Earnings from Trust would be continuously appropriated to Safe Drinking Water Fund administered by State Water Resources Control Board to assist chronically noncompliant community water systems in disadvantaged communities achieve self-sufficiency.</p>

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SB 785 Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Sponsor: Committee	Amended 4/30/2019 Assembly Desk	Public resources: parklands, freshwater resources, and coastal resources. Committee omnibus bill to extend current sunset date for requirement and enforcement of quagga control plans, and qualified liability coverage for agencies that are compliant with approved control plan.	SUPPORT Based upon Board adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Would extend current sunset date from January 1, 2020, to January 1, 2030, for requiring quagga mussel control plans and ensuring extension of qualified immunity for operators of water delivery and storage facilities.



ACTION ITEM
June 19, 2019

TO: Board of Directors

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

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: SB 200 (MONNING) – SAFE AND AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER FUND

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors vote to adopt a support position on SB 200 (Monning) the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

BILL SUMMARY

SB 200 establishes the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund to help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water in both the near and the long term. It requires the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to adopt a fund implementation plan and requires expenditures of the fund to be consistent with the plan. It also requires SWRCB, in consultation with local health officers and others, to make publicly available a map of aquifers that are used or likely to be used as a source of drinking water that are at high risk of containing contaminants.

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

BACKGROUND

On May 15, the Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 2 rejected the Governor's proposed trailer bill language to fund safe and affordable drinking water, (that included a water tax) in favor of \$150 million General Fund continuous appropriation. However, this shall only become operative if SB 200 is enacted and takes effect.

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT

While the vast majority of Californians have access to safe drinking water, hundreds of thousands of Californians live in disadvantaged communities that do not have access to safe drinking water. This reality is unacceptable and is a public health risk. As you have advocated, a sustainable funding solution is needed to assist these communities.

According to the author, "SB 200 will establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund and create a framework for the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to receive, administer, and distribute revenue in a responsible, cost-effective manner that prioritizes solutions for those most impacted by unsafe and unaffordable drinking water.

While SB 200 does not identify a funding source to solve the clean drinking water crisis, it does set up the needed framework and administrative structure for delivering future funds to the communities who need them the most. The bill will additionally direct the SWRCB, in consultation with a multi-disciplinary stakeholder group, to prioritize future funding to focus on disadvantaged communities and low-income domestic well users where the cost of treating the water, or finding new sources of clean water, would otherwise make the cost of the water service unaffordable."

ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION

None on file. Initially the San Diego County Water Authority had filed a letter of opposition but has since removed their opposition, and is now supporting the measure.

BOARD OPTIONS

Option #1

Adopt a support position on SB 200 (Monning), the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.

- **Fiscal Impact:**
 - Ongoing special fund costs in the millions of dollars annually for SWRCB to adopt a fund implementation plan and implement other requirements from this bill.
 - By requiring local agencies to report on water quality data, this bill creates a state-mandated local program. To the extent that the Commission on State Mandates determines that the provisions of this bill create a new program or impose a higher level of service on local agencies, local agencies could claim reimbursement of those costs (General Fund). The annual amount is unknown.

- **Business Analysis:**

SB 200 provides a good framework and administrative structure for the SWRCB to receive, administer, and distribute the funds to water systems that are currently not providing safe drinking water to Californians.

Option #2

Take no action

- **Fiscal Impact:**

Unknown, however potentially in the hundreds of millions if AB 134 is adopted by the Legislature instead of SB 200

- **Business Analysis:**

Currently, there is one other bill, AB 134 (Bloom) that also provides a framework for the SWRCB to receive, administer, and distribute the funds for the safe drinking water program. While AB 134 is well intended, it is so extensive that it could end up bogging down the progress toward getting to solutions while driving up the program implementation costs. The Assembly Appropriations Committee estimated the cost of implementation as follows: "This bill will cost SWRCB between approximately \$122 million to \$1.1 billion per year (Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund) and require 42 new staff positions."

ATTACHED:

- SB 200 Full Text

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 17, 2019
AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 7, 2019
AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 29, 2019
AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 11, 2019

SENATE BILL

No. 200

Introduced by Senator Monning
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia)

January 31, 2019

An act to add Chapter 4.6 (commencing with Section 116765) to Part 12 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 200, as amended, Monning. Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.

Existing law, the California Safe Drinking Water Act, requires the State Water Resources Control Board to administer provisions relating to the regulation of drinking water to protect public health. Existing law declares it to be the established policy of the state that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.

This bill would establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury to help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water in both the near and the long term. The bill would authorize the board to provide for the deposit into the fund of federal contributions, voluntary contributions, gifts, grants, and bequests and would provide that moneys in the fund are available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the board to fund grants, loans, contracts, or services to assist eligible recipients. The bill

would require the board to adopt a fund implementation plan with specified contents and would require expenditures of the fund to be consistent with the plan. The bill would require, by January 1, 2021, the board, in consultation with local health officers and other relevant stakeholders, to make publicly available, as specified, a map of aquifers that are used or likely to be used as a source of drinking water that are at high risk of containing contaminants that exceed safe drinking water standards. For purposes of the map, the bill would require local health officers and other relevant local agencies to provide all results of, and data associated with, water quality testing performed by certified laboratories to the board, as specified. By imposing additional duties on local health officers and local agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
 State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 4.6 (commencing with Section 116765)
 2 is added to Part 12 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code,
 3 to read:

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 5 CHAPTER 4.6. SAFE AND AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER

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 7 Article 1. Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund

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 9 116765. (a) The Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund is
 10 hereby established in the State Treasury to help water systems
 11 provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water
 12 in both the near and long terms. All moneys deposited in the fund
 13 pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 116771 are
 14 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the board to
 15 fund the following:

1 (1) Operation and maintenance costs to help deliver an adequate
2 supply of safe drinking water in both the near and long terms.

3 (2) Consolidation costs for public water systems, community
4 water systems, and state small water systems.

5 (3) Replacement water to provide the systems with safe drinking
6 water as a short-term solution.

7 (4) The provision of administrative and managerial services
8 under Section 116686 for purposes of helping the systems become
9 self-sufficient in the long term.

10 (b) Consistent with subdivision (a), the board shall expend
11 moneys in the fund for grants, loans, contracts, or services to assist
12 eligible recipients.

13 (c) (1) Eligible recipients of funding under this chapter are
14 public agencies, nonprofit organizations, public utilities, mutual
15 water companies, federally recognized Indian tribes, state Indian
16 tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's
17 California Tribal Consultation List, and administrators.

18 (2) To be eligible for funding under this chapter, grants, loans,
19 contracts, or services provided to a public utility that is regulated
20 by the Public Utilities Commission or a mutual water company
21 shall have a clear and definite public purpose and shall benefit the
22 customers of the water system and not the investors.

23 (d) An expenditure from the fund shall be consistent with the
24 fund implementation plan.

25 (e) The board may expend moneys from the fund for reasonable
26 costs associated with the administration of this chapter, not to
27 exceed 5 percent of the annual deposits into the fund.

28 (f) In administering the fund, the board shall make reasonable
29 efforts to ensure that funds are used to secure the long-term
30 sustainability of drinking water service and infrastructure,
31 including, but not limited to, requiring adequate technical,
32 managerial, and financial capacity of eligible applicants as part of
33 funding agreement outcomes.

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35 Article 2. Definitions

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37 116766. For the purposes of this chapter:

38 (a) "Adequate supply" has the same meaning as defined in
39 Section 116681.

- 1 (b) “Administrator” has the same meaning as defined in Section
- 2 116686.
- 3 (c) “Board” means the State Water Resources Control Board.
- 4 (d) “Community water system” has the same meaning as defined
- 5 in Section 116275.
- 6 (e) “Consistently fails” has the same meaning as defined in
- 7 Section 116681.
- 8 (f) “Disadvantaged community” has the same meaning as
- 9 defined in Section 79505.5 of the Water Code.
- 10 (g) “Domestic well” has the same meaning as defined in Section
- 11 116681.
- 12 (h) “Fund” means the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund
- 13 established pursuant to Section 116765.
- 14 (i) “Fund implementation plan” means the fund implementation
- 15 plan adopted pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section
- 16 116767).
- 17 (j) “Low-income household” means a single household whose
- 18 income is less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level.
- 19 (k) “Mutual water company” means a mutual water company,
- 20 as defined in Section 14300 of the Corporations Code, that operates
- 21 a public water system or a state small water system.
- 22 (l) “Nonprofit organization” means an organization qualified
- 23 to do business in California and qualified under Section 501(c)(3)
- 24 of Title 26 of the United States Code.
- 25 (m) “Public agency” means a state agency or department, special
- 26 district, joint powers authority, city, county, city and county, or
- 27 other political subdivision of the state.
- 28 (n) “Public utility” has the same meaning as defined in Section
- 29 216 of the Public Utilities Code.
- 30 (o) “Public water system” has the same meaning as defined in
- 31 Section 116275.
- 32 (p) “Replacement water” includes, but is not limited to, bottled
- 33 water, vended water, point-of-use, or point-of-entry treatment
- 34 units.
- 35 (q) “Safe drinking water” has the same meaning as defined in
- 36 Section 116681.
- 37 (r) “Service connection” has the same meaning as defined in
- 38 Section 116275.
- 39 (s) “State small water system” has the same meaning as defined
- 40 in Section 116275.

1 (t) “Vended water” has the same meaning as defined in Section
2 111070.

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4 Article 3. Fund Implementation Plan
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6 116767. The purposes of the fund implementation plan are as
7 follows:

8 (a) To identify public water systems, community water systems,
9 and state small water systems that consistently fail to provide an
10 adequate supply of safe drinking water, including the cause or
11 causes of the failure and appropriate measures to remedy the
12 failure.

13 (b) To determine the amount and type of funding necessary to
14 implement appropriate measures to remedy a failure to provide an
15 adequate supply of safe drinking water.

16 (c) To identify public water systems, community water systems,
17 and state small water systems that are at significant risk of failing
18 to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water, including
19 the source or sources of the risk and appropriate measures to
20 eliminate the risk.

21 (d) To determine the amount and type of funding necessary to
22 implement appropriate measures to eliminate the risk of failing to
23 provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water.

24 (e) To identify gaps in the provision of safe drinking water, in
25 furtherance of Section 106.3 of the Water Code, and to determine
26 the amount and type of funding necessary to minimize or eliminate
27 those gaps.

28 (f) To prioritize available funding provided by this chapter for
29 measures identified in subdivisions (a), (c), and (e).

30 116768. (a) On or before July 1, 2020, the board shall develop
31 and adopt a policy for developing the fund implementation plan
32 that includes all of the following elements:

33 (1) A requirement that the board consult with an advisory group
34 to aid in meeting the purposes of the fund implementation plan as
35 established in Section 116767. The advisory group shall include
36 representatives of the following:

- 37 (A) Entities paying into the fund.
- 38 (B) Public water systems.
- 39 (C) Technical assistance providers.
- 40 (D) Local agencies.

- 1 (E) Nongovernmental organizations.
- 2 (F) Residents served by community water systems in
- 3 disadvantaged communities, state small water systems, and
- 4 domestic wells.
- 5 (G) The public.
- 6 (2) Identification of key terms, criteria, and metrics, and their
- 7 definitions.
- 8 (3) A description of how proposed remedies will be identified,
- 9 evaluated, prioritized, and included in the fund implementation
- 10 plan.
- 11 (4) The establishment of a process by which members of a
- 12 disadvantaged community may petition the state board to consider
- 13 ordering consolidation.
- 14 (5) A requirement that the board hold at least one public hearing
- 15 before adopting a fund implementation plan.
- 16 (b) The board shall annually adopt a fund implementation plan.
- 17 The board may adopt a policy handbook and update it at least once
- 18 every three years.
- 19 (c) On or before January 10, 2021, and every January 10
- 20 thereafter, the board shall provide to the Joint Legislative Budget
- 21 Committee and the chairpersons of the fiscal committees in each
- 22 house of the Legislature the most recently adopted fund
- 23 implementation plan. The board may submit the fund
- 24 implementation plan as required by this subdivision either in the
- 25 Governor’s Budget documents or as a separate report.
- 26 116769. (a) The fund implementation plan shall contain the
- 27 following:
 - 28 (1) A report of expenditures from the fund for the prior fiscal
 - 29 year and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year.
 - 30 (2) A list of systems that consistently fail to provide an adequate
 - 31 supply of safe drinking water. The list shall include, but is not
 - 32 limited to, all of the following:
 - 33 (A) Any public water system that consistently fails to provide
 - 34 an adequate supply of safe drinking water.
 - 35 (B) Any community water system that serves a disadvantaged
 - 36 community that must charge fees that exceed the affordability
 - 37 threshold established by the board in order to supply, treat, and
 - 38 distribute potable water that complies with federal and state
 - 39 drinking water standards.

1 (C) Any state small water system that consistently fails to
2 provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water.

3 (3) A list of public water systems, community water systems,
4 and state small water systems that may be at risk of failing to
5 provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water.

6 (4) An estimate of the number of households that are served by
7 domestic wells or state small water systems in high-risk areas
8 identified pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 116772).
9 The estimate shall identify approximate locations of households,
10 without identifying exact addresses or other personal information,
11 in order to identify potential target areas for outreach and assistance
12 programs.

13 (5) An estimate of the funding needed for the next fiscal year
14 based on the amount available in the fund, anticipated funding
15 needs, other existing funding sources, and other relevant data and
16 information.

17 (6) A list of programs to be funded that assist or will assist
18 households supplied by a domestic well that consistently fails to
19 provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water.

20 (7) A list of programs to be funded that assist or will assist
21 households and schools whose tap water contains contaminants,
22 such as lead or secondary contaminants, at levels that exceed
23 recommended standards.

24 (b) The fund implementation plan shall be based on data and
25 analysis drawn from the drinking water needs assessment funded
26 by Chapter 449 of the Statutes of 2018 as that assessment may be
27 updated and as information is developed pursuant to Article 5
28 (commencing with Section 116772).

29 (c) The fund implementation plan shall prioritize funding for
30 all of the following:

31 (1) Assisting disadvantaged communities served by a public
32 water system and low-income households served by a state small
33 water system or a domestic well.

34 (2) The consolidation or extension of service, or both.

35 (3) Funding costs other than those related to capital construction
36 costs, except for capital construction costs associated with
37 consolidation and service extension to reduce the ongoing unit
38 cost of service and to increase sustainability of drinking water
39 infrastructure and service delivery.

1 116770. The fund implementation plan may include
2 expenditures for the following:
3 (a) The provision of replacement water, as needed, to ensure
4 immediate protection of health and safety as a short-term solution.
5 (b) The development, implementation, and sustainability of
6 long-term drinking water solutions, including, but not limited to,
7 the following:
8 (1) (A) Technical assistance, planning, construction, repair,
9 and operation and maintenance costs associated with any of the
10 following:
11 (i) Replacing, blending, or treating contaminated drinking water.
12 (ii) Repairing or replacing failing water system equipment,
13 pipes, or fixtures.
14 (iii) Operation and maintenance costs associated with
15 consolidated water systems, extended drinking water services, or
16 reliance on a substituted drinking water source.
17 (B) Technical assistance and planning costs may include, but
18 are not limited to, analyses to identify and efforts to further
19 opportunities to reduce the unit cost of providing drinking water
20 through organizational and operational efficiency improvements,
21 and other options and approaches to reduce costs.
22 (2) Creating and maintaining natural means and green
23 infrastructure solutions that contribute to sustainable drinking
24 water.
25 (3) Consolidating water systems.
26 (4) Extending drinking water services to other public water
27 systems, community water systems, and state small water systems,
28 or domestic wells.
29 (5) Satisfying outstanding long-term debt obligations of public
30 water systems, community water systems, and state small water
31 systems where the board determines that a system’s lack of access
32 to capital markets renders this solution the most cost effective for
33 removing a financial barrier to the system’s sustainable, long-term
34 provision of drinking water.
35 (c) Identifying and providing outreach to persons who are
36 eligible to receive assistance from the fund.
37 (d) Testing the drinking water quality of domestic wells serving
38 low-income households, prioritizing those in high-risk areas
39 identified pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 116772).

1 (e) Providing administrative and managerial services under
2 Section 116686.

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4 Article 4. Miscellaneous Provisions
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6 116771. (a) The board may undertake any of the following
7 actions to implement the fund:

8 (1) Provide for the deposit of both of the following moneys into
9 the fund:

10 (A) Federal contributions.

11 (B) Voluntary contributions, gifts, grants, or bequests.

12 (2) Enter into agreements for contributions to the fund from the
13 federal government, local or state agencies, and private
14 corporations or nonprofit organizations.

15 (3) Direct portions of the fund to a subset of eligible applicants
16 as required or appropriate based on funding source and consistent
17 with the annual fund implementation plan.

18 (4) Direct moneys described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph
19 (1) towards a specific project, program, or study.

20 (b) The board may set appropriate requirements as a condition
21 of funding, including, but not limited to, the following:

22 (1) A system technical, managerial, or financial capacity audit.

23 (2) Improvements to reduce costs and increase efficiencies.

24 (3) An evaluation of alternative treatment technologies.

25 (4) A consolidation or service extension feasibility study.

26 (5) Requirements for a domestic well with nitrate contamination
27 where ongoing septic system failure may be causing or contributing
28 to contamination of a drinking water source, to have conducted an
29 investigation and project to address the septic system failure, if
30 adequate funding sources are identified and accessible.

31 (c) Actions taken to implement, interpret, or make specific this
32 chapter, including, but not limited to, the adoption or development
33 of any plan, handbook, or map, are not subject to the
34 Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with
35 Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government
36 Code).

Article 5. Information on High-Risk Areas

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3 116772. (a) (1) By January 1, 2021, the board, in consultation
4 with local health officers and other relevant stakeholders, shall use
5 available data to make available a map of aquifers that are at high
6 risk of containing contaminants that exceed safe drinking water
7 standards that are used or likely to be used as a source of drinking
8 water for a state small water system or a domestic well. The board
9 shall update the map annually based on new and relevant data.

10 (2) The board shall make the map of high-risk areas, as well as
11 the data used to make the map, publicly accessible on its internet
12 website in a manner that complies with the Information Practices
13 Act of 1977 (Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1798) of Title
14 1.8 of Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code). The board shall
15 notify local health officers and county planning agencies of
16 high-risk areas within their jurisdictions.

17 (b) (1) By January 1, 2021, a local health officer or other
18 relevant local agency shall provide to the board all results of, and
19 data associated with, water quality testing performed by certified
20 laboratories for a state small water system or domestic well that
21 was collected after January 1, 2014, and that is in the possession
22 of the local health officer or other relevant local agency.

23 (2) By January 1, 2022, and by January 1 of each year thereafter,
24 all results of, and data associated with, water quality testing
25 performed by a certified laboratory for a state small water system
26 or domestic well that is submitted to a local health officer or other
27 relevant local agency shall also be submitted directly to the board
28 in electronic format.

29 *SEC. 2. (a) Implementation of Chapter 4.6 (commencing with*
30 *Section 116765) of Part 12 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety*
31 *Code is contingent upon an appropriation for its purposes in the*
32 *annual Budget Act.*

33 *(b) This act does not impose a levy, charge, or exaction of any*
34 *kind, such as a tax or fee.*

35 ~~SEC. 2.~~

36 *SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that*
37 *this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to*
38 *local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*

- 1 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
- 2 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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ACTION ITEM
June 19, 2019

TO: Board of Directors

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

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: AB 402 (QUIRK) – STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD:
LOCAL PRIMARY AGENCIES, FUNDING STABLIZATION**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors vote to adopt an oppose unless amended position on AB 402 (Quirk), State Water Resources Control Board: local primacy delegation: funding stabilization program.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

BILL SUMMARY

AB 402 would create an opt-in program, administered by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to fund regulatory oversight of small public drinking water systems in Local Primacy Agency (LPA) counties.

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board has regulatory oversight of approximately 7,500 public drinking water systems in California. Thirty of California’s 58 counties have LPA delegation

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

agreements with the State Water Board, and therefore have primary responsibility of regulatory oversight of the public drinking water systems in their counties. LPA counties regulate approximately 4,500 public drinking water systems, across the state (community water systems with more than 14 and less than 200 connections). In the remaining 28 counties, all public water systems, regardless of size, are directly overseen by the State Water Board. In all 58 counties, the SWRCB directly oversees public water systems with 200 service connections or more. Orange County does **not** serve as the LPA. The SWRCB agreed to take the 15 LPAs from the county's jurisdiction in the 1990s after the county filed for bankruptcy.

As introduced on February 6, 2019, AB 402 would create a funding stabilization program that LPAs could opt into and would be overseen by the SWRCB. By participating in this program, LPAs—, which are county health offices that provide regulatory oversight of small public water systems instead of the State Water Board—would delegate their authority to establish and collect fees on small public water systems to the State Water Board while retaining their regulatory oversight authority.

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT

According to the bill's sponsor, The California Association of Environmental Health Administrators, AB 402 will "secure funding for the established, effective LPA regulatory program which currently serves the needs of 30 counties and their small public drinking water systems. It will also offer an opportunity for local jurisdictions to consider re-applying to become LPAs. If LPAs are funded at the same level as the [State Water Board] regulatory program, LPAs can provide equal or better programs to their small public drinking water systems and 400 DACs currently being left behind."

ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION

On June 5, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) State Legislative Committee convened an emergency meeting to adopt an oppose unless amended position on AB 402 after they learned that it is the intent of the bill to allow the State Water Board to establish fees on *all public water systems* to subsidize this program.

Since the intent of this bill has been revealed, the proponents have been reluctant to amend the bill to reflect its original intent — that was to provide the State Water Board the authority to assess fees only on small public water systems overseen by LPAs that opt into this program. Their concern is that such an amendment would restrict the State Water Board's existing fee authority. Amending the bill to reflect its original intent would not limit the State Water Board's existing fee authority because the State Water Board currently has no authority to fund this program. AB 402 would create the mechanism to fund this program. By allowing the State Water Board to raise or establish new fees to fund this program, this bill would expand the State Water Board's fee authority.

AB 402 directs the SWRCB to "establish ... fees" on all public water system for the purpose of funding this program. This provision authorizes the SWRCB to create and assess a new fee on all public water systems. Public water systems would (1) be compelled to pay this fee, and (2) receive no benefit from the resulting revenue.

BOARD OPTIONS

Option #1

Adopt an oppose unless amended position on AB 402 (Quirk), the SWRCB LPA Funding Stabilization program. The amendments requested would reflect the bill's original, and publicized, intent—that the SWRCB could only fund this program by assessing fees on small public water systems overseen by LPAs that opt into this program.

Fiscal Impact:

- If all LPA's participate in the new program, there will be estimated increased State Water Board costs of \$6.9 million to meet the drinking water needs of the counties. One-time costs of \$175,000 to develop regulations and ongoing annual costs of \$350,000 to oversee the program. Fees for public water systems to cover the cost of the program are unknown at this time

Business Analysis:

- While the fee on public water systems would likely be small, this would open the door for a tax on water once again while receiving no benefit from the resulting revenue. While the bill characterizes this assessment as a "fee," it is a tax according to Article XIII A of the California Constitution. Any bill authorizing the creation of a tax would also necessitate a two-thirds vote by both houses of the Legislature. It seems likely that Legislative Counsel did not set this bill to receive a two-thirds vote because they understood it would authorize the State Water Board to fund this program by establishing fees only on small public water systems.

Option #2

Take no action

Fiscal Impact:

- Same as option #1

Business Analysis:

- Taking no position on this measure would not support MWDOC's adopted policy principle that states the agency opposes a water tax on public water agencies or their ratepayers.

ATTACHED:

- AB 402 Full Text

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 5, 2019

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2019–20 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 402

Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk

February 6, 2019

An act to amend Section 116330 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to drinking water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 402, as amended, Quirk. State Water Resources Control Board: local primacy delegation: funding stabilization program.

Existing law, the California Safe Drinking Water Act, requires the State Water Resources Control Board to administer provisions relating to the regulation of drinking water to protect public health, including, but not limited to, conducting research, studies, and demonstration programs relating to the provision of a dependable, safe supply of drinking water, enforcing the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, adopting implementing regulations, and conducting studies and investigations to assess the quality of water in private domestic water supplies. The act authorizes the state board to delegate, through a local primacy delegation agreement, primary responsibility for the act's administration and enforcement within a county to a local health officer, as specified. The act requires that a local primacy delegation remain in effect until specified conditions occur. The act requires the state board to provide the local primacy agency, to the extent funds are available from the Safe Drinking Water Account, with an annual drinking water surveillance program grant to cover the costs of conducting inspection, monitoring, surveillance, and water quality evaluation activities specified in the local primacy agreement. The act requires the state board to adopt

a schedule of fees and requires a public water system under the jurisdiction of a local primacy agency to pay these fees to the local primacy agency in lieu of the state board. Existing law makes it a crime for any person to knowingly commit certain acts, including making a false statement or representation in any record submitted, maintained, or used for the purposes of compliance with the act, possessing a record required to be maintained by the act that has been altered or concealed, and destroying, altering, or concealing any record required to be maintained by the act.

This bill would include enforcement costs as costs covered by an annual drinking water surveillance program grant. The bill would authorize any local primacy agency, with approval of the state board, to elect to participate in a funding stabilization program effective for the 2020–21 fiscal year and fiscal years thereafter, as specified. The bill would require the state board, during any fiscal year for which a local primacy agency participates in the funding stabilization program, to establish and collect all fees payable by public water systems for the local primacy agency activities and to provide funding to the local primacy agency each year in accordance with an annual workscope, prepared as prescribed by the local primacy agency that is submitted to and approved by the state board. The bill would prohibit a participating local primacy agency from charging a public water system any fee in addition to the fees established and collected by the funding stabilization program for the activities in the local primacy agency and would require all fines and penalties collected by such a local primacy agency for the local primacy agency's activities to be remitted to the state board for deposit in the Safe Drinking Water account. The bill would require a participating local primacy agency to establish and maintain accurate accounting records of all costs it incurs and periodically to make these records available to the state board. By requiring new records for the purpose of complying with the act, this bill would expand the scope of a crime and thereby impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 116330 of the Health and Safety Code
2 is amended to read:

3 116330. (a) The state board may delegate primary
4 responsibility for the administration and enforcement of this chapter
5 within a county to a local health officer authorized by the board
6 of supervisors to assume these duties, by means of a local primacy
7 delegation agreement if the local health officer demonstrates that
8 it has the capability to meet the local primacy program
9 requirements established by the state board pursuant to subdivision
10 (h) of Section 116375. This delegation shall not include the
11 regulation of community water systems serving 200 or more service
12 connections. The local primacy agreement may contain terms and
13 conditions that the state board deems necessary to carry out this
14 chapter. The local primacy agreement shall provide that, although
15 the local primacy agency shall be primarily responsible for
16 administration and enforcement of this chapter for the designated
17 water systems, the state board does not thereby relinquish its
18 authority, but rather shall retain jurisdiction to administer and
19 enforce this chapter for the designated water systems to the extent
20 determined necessary by the state board.

21 (b) Any local health officer seeking a local primacy delegation
22 shall submit an application to the state board. The application shall
23 be submitted by January 1 of the fiscal year immediately preceding
24 the commencement of the fiscal year for which the local primacy
25 delegation is sought. The application shall be in the format, and
26 shall contain information, required by the state board. The state
27 board shall approve the application for primacy if the state board
28 determines that the local health officer is capable of meeting the
29 primacy program requirements established by the state board.

30 (c) A local primacy delegation approved by the state board shall
31 remain in effect until any of the following conditions occur:

32 (1) The delegation is withdrawn by mutual agreement.

33 (2) The local primacy agency provides 120-day advance written
34 notice to the state board that it no longer wishes to retain local
35 primacy.

36 (3) The state board determines that the local primacy agency
37 no longer complies with the state board's local primacy program
38 requirements. The state board shall provide written notice to the

1 local primacy agency and the board of supervisors and shall provide
2 an opportunity for a public hearing prior to initiation of any local
3 primacy revocation action by the state board.

4 (d) The state board shall evaluate the drinking water program
5 of each local primacy agency at least annually. The state board
6 shall prepare a report of the evaluation and list any program
7 improvements needed to conform to the state board’s local primacy
8 program requirements. A copy of the evaluation report shall be
9 provided to the local primacy agency and the board of supervisors.
10 The local primacy agency shall be granted a reasonable amount
11 of time to make any needed program improvements prior to the
12 initiation of any local primacy revocation actions.

13 (e) In addition to any funding provided under subdivision (g),
14 to the extent funds are available in the Safe Drinking Water
15 Account, the state board shall provide the local primacy agency
16 with an annual drinking water surveillance program grant to cover
17 the cost of conducting the inspection, monitoring, surveillance,
18 enforcement, and water quality evaluation activities specified in
19 the local primacy agreement. The annual program grant pursuant
20 to this subdivision shall not exceed the amount that the state board
21 determines would be necessary for the state board to conduct
22 inspection, monitoring, surveillance, enforcement, and water
23 quality evaluation activities in the absence of a local primacy
24 agreement for those systems in that county.

25 (f) The local primacy agency shall act for the state board as the
26 primary agency responsible for the administration and enforcement
27 of this chapter for the specified public water systems and shall be
28 empowered with all of the authority granted to the state board by
29 this chapter over those water systems.

30 (g) (1) With approval of the state board, any local primacy
31 agency may elect to participate in the funding stabilization program
32 effective for the 2020–21 fiscal year and thereafter set forth in this
33 subdivision.

34 (2) A local primacy agency shall submit a resolution of intention
35 to participate, approved by the county board of supervisors, to the
36 state board by January 1 of the fiscal year immediately preceding
37 the commencement of the fiscal year for which participation in
38 the funding stabilization program is sought. If approved by the
39 state board, the local primacy agency’s participation in the funding
40 stabilization program shall continue until terminated in accordance

1 with this paragraph. Either the local primacy agency or the board
2 may terminate the local primacy agency's participation by serving
3 notice on the other party by January 1 of any year, and termination
4 shall become effective July 1 of the immediately succeeding fiscal
5 year.

6 (3) During any fiscal year for which a local primacy agency
7 participates in the funding stabilization program, all of the
8 following shall apply:

9 (A) Notwithstanding Section 101325 and subdivision (f) of
10 Section 116565, the state board shall establish and collect all fees
11 payable by public water systems for the local primacy agency
12 activities set forth in this section.

13 (i) Fees established and collected pursuant to this subparagraph
14 shall not be higher than the fees ~~charges~~ *charged* by the state board
15 for regulatory oversight of *equivalent* small public water systems
16 by the state board.

17 (ii) A local primacy agency shall not charge a public water
18 system any fee in addition to the fees established and collected
19 pursuant to this subparagraph for the activities set forth in this
20 section.

21 (B) The state board shall provide funding to the local primacy
22 agency each year in accordance with a detailed annual workscope
23 submitted by the local primacy agency and approved by the state
24 board. The workscope shall set forth the reasonable costs incurred
25 by the local primacy agency in inspection, monitoring, surveillance,
26 water quality evaluation, and enforcement activities described in
27 the delegation agreement.

28 (C) A local primacy agency shall establish and maintain accurate
29 accounting records of all costs it incurs pursuant to this subdivision
30 and periodically shall make these records available to the state
31 board.

32 (D) A local primacy agency shall remit all fines and penalties
33 collected by the local primacy agency for the local primacy agency
34 activities set forth in this section to the state board for deposit in
35 the Safe Drinking Water Account established pursuant to Section
36 116590.

37 (4) The state board shall adopt regulations in accordance with
38 the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with
39 Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government
40 Code) to establish policies, guidelines, and procedures for the

1 preparation of the workscope of the local primacy agency and the
2 terms of payment by the board for work performed by the local
3 primacy agency that shall include, but not be limited to, all of the
4 following:

5 (A) Guidelines for the workscope submitted to the state board
6 by the local primacy agency.

7 (B) Approval of reimbursable direct and indirect costs.

8 (C) Quantifiable measures to evaluate the performance of the
9 local primacy agency under this subdivision.

10 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
11 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
12 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
13 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
14 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
15 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
16 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
17 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
18 Constitution.

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ACTION ITEM
June 19, 2019

TO: Board of Directors

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

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: H.R. 2313 (HUFFMAN) - WATER CONSERVATION REBATE TAX PARITY ACT

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors vote to adopt a support position on H.R. 2313 (Huffman).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

BILL SUMMARY

H.R. 2313 would expand the tax exclusion for energy conservation subsidies provided by public utilities to include certain subsidies for water conservation or efficiency measures and storm water management measures.

The bill excludes from gross income subsidies provided (directly or indirectly) by a public utility to a customer, or by a state or local government to a resident for the purchase or installation of any water conservation or efficiency measure. In addition, it also excludes subsidies provided by a storm water management provider for the purchase or installation of any storm water management measure.

BACKGROUND

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

Congressman Huffman has introduced this measure for the past few years, each with nearly identical language. In 2016, he introduced H.R. 4615; in 2017, he introduced H.R.448; and in 2019, it is H.R. 2313. To date, none of these bills has moved past introduction.

The Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act clarifies that these rebates, which are growing in number and size across the nation, are not taxable income, but rather an effort to defray upfront consumer costs for a public benefit.

This would ensure that the IRS treats water conservation rebates in the same manner as they treat energy conservation rebates, including insulation, Energy Star-certified windows and doors, and energy efficient appliances, which are not considered taxable income.

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT

According to the author, “Americans should not be penalized for doing the right thing and installing water-saving technologies to make their homes and communities more resilient in the face of future droughts,” said Rep. Huffman. “House-by-house changes can add up to millions of gallons in water savings, and the tax code should support homeowners who replace water-thirsty lawns or reduce storm water runoff in the same way the federal government already incentivizes energy conservation rebates. The Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act is a bipartisan, smart solution to ensure our constituents are not taxed for improving their water footprint.”

The Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act is supported by: the California State Association of Counties, Western Urban Water Coalition, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Bay Area Council, National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), Arizona Municipal Water Users Association, Bay Planning Coalition, Coalition to Promote Water Conservation, Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), Alliance for Water Efficiency, Metropolitan Water District, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Olivenhain Municipal Water District, Carlsbad Municipal Water District, Otay Water District, Rincon Water, Valley Center Municipal Water District, Vista Irrigation District, City of Poway, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, Yuima Municipal Water District, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Calleguas Municipal Water District, Irvine Ranch Water District, and Santa Clara Valley Water District, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, City of Anaheim Public Utilities Department City of Camarillo, and Sacramento Suburban Water District.

ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION

None on file.

BOARD OPTIONS

Option #1

- Adopt a support position on H.R. 2313 (Huffman), the Water Conservation Rebate, Tax Parity Act.

Fiscal Impact:

- The Congressional Budget Office has not done a cost estimate analysis on this measure, however, it is anticipated that the federal revenue losses would be in the millions.

Business Analysis:

- MWDOC's Legislative Policy Principles directly reflect support tax exemptions for water conservation measures such as turf removal rebates. Specifically, it is MWDOC's policy to support legislation and regulation that: 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.
- Offering tax exemptions for water rebates could potentially increase participation in water savings programs throughout Orange County, reducing our reliance on imported and local water resources.

Option #2

- Take no action

Fiscal Impact: No federal revenue losses due to tax exemptions for water rebates.

Business Analysis:

- Taking no action on H.R. 2313 would not be in support of MWDOC's adopted policy principles that encourage water conservation, and more specifically, support legislation that provides tax exemptions for water conservation.

ATTACHED:

- H.R. 2313 Full Text

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2313

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the exclusion for certain conservation subsidies to include subsidies for water conservation or efficiency measures and storm water management measures.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself and Mr. GOSAR) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the exclusion for certain conservation subsidies to include subsidies for water conservation or efficiency measures and storm water management measures.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Water Conservation
5 Rebate Tax Parity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATIONS TO INCOME EXCLUSION FOR CON-**
2 **SERVATION SUBSIDIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 136 of
4 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

5 (1) by striking “any subsidy provided” and in-
6 serting “any subsidy—

7 “(1) provided”,

8 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
9 ing a comma, and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraphs:

12 “(2) provided (directly or indirectly) by a public
13 utility to a customer, or by a State or local govern-
14 ment to a resident of such State or locality, for the
15 purchase or installation of any water conservation or
16 efficiency measure, or

17 “(3) provided (directly or indirectly) by a storm
18 water management provider to a customer, or by a
19 State or local government to a resident of such State
20 or locality, for the purchase or installation of any
21 storm water management measure.”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

23 (1) DEFINITION OF WATER CONSERVATION OR
24 EFFICIENCY MEASURE AND STORM WATER MANAGE-
25 MENT MEASURE.—Section 136(c) of the Internal
26 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

1 (A) by striking “ENERGY CONSERVATION
2 MEASURE” in the heading thereof and inserting
3 “DEFINITIONS”,

4 (B) by striking “IN GENERAL” in the
5 heading of paragraph (1) and inserting “EN-
6 ERGY CONSERVATION MEASURE”, and

7 (C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
8 paragraph (4) and by inserting after paragraph
9 (1) the following:

10 “(2) WATER CONSERVATION OR EFFICIENCY
11 MEASURE.—For purposes of this section, the term
12 ‘water conservation or efficiency measure’ means any
13 evaluation of water use, or any installation or modi-
14 fication of property, the primary purpose of which is
15 to reduce consumption of water or to improve the
16 management of water demand with respect to one or
17 more dwelling units.

18 “(3) STORM WATER MANAGEMENT MEASURE.—
19 For purposes of this section, the term ‘storm water
20 management measure’ means any installation or
21 modification of property primarily designed to re-
22 duce or manage amounts of storm water with re-
23 spect to one or more dwelling units.”.

24 (2) DEFINITION OF PUBLIC UTILITY.—Section
25 136(c)(4) of such Code (as redesignated by para-

1 graph (1)(C)) is amended by striking subparagraph
2 (B) and inserting the following:

3 “(B) PUBLIC UTILITY.—The term ‘public
4 utility’ means a person engaged in the sale of
5 electricity, natural gas, or water to residential,
6 commercial, or industrial customers for use by
7 such customers.

8 “(C) STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PRO-
9 VIDER.—The term ‘storm water management
10 provider’ means a person engaged in the provi-
11 sion of storm water management measures to
12 the public.

13 “(D) PERSON.—For purposes of subpara-
14 graphs (B) and (C), the term ‘person’ includes
15 the Federal Government, a State or local gov-
16 ernment or any political subdivision thereof, or
17 any instrumentality of any of the foregoing.”.

18 (3) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

19 (A) The heading of section 136 of such
20 Code is amended—

21 (i) by inserting “**AND WATER**” after
22 “**ENERGY**”, and

23 (ii) by striking “**PROVIDED BY PUB-**
24 **LIC UTILITIES**”.

1 (B) The item relating to section 136 in the
2 table of sections of part III of subchapter B of
3 chapter 1 of such Code is amended—

4 (i) by inserting “and water” after
5 “energy”, and

6 (ii) by striking “provided by public
7 utilities”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall apply to amounts received after Decem-
10 ber 31, 2019.

11 (d) NO INFERENCE.—Nothing in this Act or the
12 amendments made by this Act shall be construed to create
13 any inference with respect to the proper tax treatment of
14 any subsidy received directly or indirectly from a public
15 utility, a storm water management provider, or a State
16 or local government for any water conservation measure
17 or storm water management measure before January 1,
18 2020.

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ACTION ITEM
June 19, 2019

TO: Board of Directors

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

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH ACKERMAN CONSULTING

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors to consider extending the contract with Ackerman Consulting for specialized services.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

Ackerman Consulting has provided legal and regulatory consulting services to the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWD OC) since 2009. This contract was sent out for competitive bid in 2018 for a one-year contract beginning in fiscal year 2018-2019, with the option to renew annually for four additional years. This is year two of the new contract. The proposed scope of services, provided by Mr. Ackerman, is included for your review, input, and approval.

SCOPE OF WORK

The following has been provided by Mr. Ackerman:

Budgeted (Y/N): Y	Budgeted amount: \$36,000	Core X	Choice ___
Action item amount: \$36,000	Line item: 31-7040		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

Scope of Work:

- Advise MWDOC on current legal, regulatory and other events bearing on water issues
- Monitor and keep MWDOC informed on opportunities to participate in various groups related to water, CEQA reform, and public works initiatives
- Monitor and advise MWDOC on issues of concern to its member agencies
- Work with the Board of Directors, staff, and member agencies on regional efforts in Orange County
- Assist in developing strategies and policies to raise awareness and support of issues relating to MWDOC and its member agencies
- Monitor, track, and analyze local issues that relate to MWDOC and its member agencies

Mr. Ackerman will continue working within the scope of services helping MWDOC identify priorities and opportunities in the outlined areas as needed. Compensation is to be on a “time and material” basis, not to exceed \$36,000 on an annual basis.

BOARD OPTIONS

Option #1

Approve contract extension for one year with Ackerman Consulting.

- **Fiscal Impact:**
\$36,000 for FY 2019-2020 (approved in the budget)
- **Business Analysis:**
Mr. Ackerman’s background, legal expertise, and community/industry relations provide MWDOC directors and staff with legal and regulatory events and information related to local, regional and statewide water issues. In addition, Mr. Ackerman provides assistance with CEQA reform, public works initiatives and issues of concern to MWDOC and its member agencies as needed.

Option #2

Do not approve contract extension with Ackerman Consulting.

- **Fiscal Impact:**
Reduced costs of \$36,000
- **Business Analysis:**
MWDOC will see a decrease in legal/regulatory information, along with a decrease in access to a specialized consultant with years of institutional knowledge and beneficial relationships.



ACTION ITEM
June 19, 2019

TO: Board of Directors

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

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) REGION 10
CALL FOR CANDIDATES**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Committee discuss and determine if a member of the MWDOC Board of Directors would like to be nominated and run for the ACWA Region 10 Board of Directors.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

The Region 10 Nominating Committee is looking for ACWA members who are interested in leading the direction of ACWA Region 10 for the 2020-2021 term. The Nominating Committee is currently seeking candidates for the Region 10 Board, which is comprised of Chair, Vice Chair and up to five Board Member positions for a total of seven.

These seats are split between Orange and San Diego counties. The two counties rotate between Chair and Vice Chair, with the county serving as Vice Chair having the extra seat. This term, Orange County will resume the Vice Chair position, adding an additional seat for

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

an Orange County director. Orange County will have four seats, San Diego County will have three.

The leadership of ACWA's ten geographical regions is integral to the leadership of the Association as a whole. The Chair and Vice Chair of Region 10 serve on ACWA's Statewide Board of Directors and recommend all committee appointments for Region 10. The members of the Region 10 Board determine the direction and focus of region issues and activities. Additionally, they support the fulfillment of ACWA's goals on behalf of members and serve as a key role in ACWA's grassroots outreach efforts.

Anyone interested in serving in a leadership role within ACWA by becoming a Region 10 Board Member, needs to familiarize themselves with the Role of the Regions and Responsibilities; the Election Timeline; and the Region 10 Rules and Regulations and complete the following steps:

- Complete the Region Board Candidate Nomination Form
- Obtain a Resolution of Support from your agency's Board of Directors
- Submit the requested information to ACWA as indicated by Friday, June 28, 2019

The Region 10 Nominating Committee is comprised of the following members:

- Gary Arant, Valley Center Municipal Water District
- Doug Davert, East Orange County Water District
- Doug Wilson, Padre Dam Municipal Water District
- Rick Shintaku, South Coast Water District

They will announce their recommended slate by July 31, 2019. On August 1, 2019, the election will begin with ballots sent to General Managers and Board Presidents. One ballot per agency will be counted. The election will be completed on September 30, 2019. On October 4, 2019, election results will be announced. The newly elected Region 10 Board Members will begin their two-year term of service on January 1, 2020.

The incumbents running for reelection for Region 10 include Jim Atkinson (Mesa Water District), Chuck Gibson (Santa Margarita Water District), and Cathy Green (Orange County Water District).

BOARD OPTIONS

Option #1

Discuss and determine if a member of the MWDOC Board would like to be nominated and run for the ACWA Region 10 Board of Directors.

- **Fiscal Impact:**
None
- **Business Analysis:**
ACWA is the leading statewide organization representing water agencies in Sacramento and Washington D.C. Having a Director from MWDOC in a position of

leadership helps not only elevate our agency's profile, it also puts Orange County's water interests and needs in the forefront of grassroots and outreach efforts.

Option #2

Take no action

Fiscal Impact:

None

Business Analysis:

MWDOC would not have an opportunity to have a Director on ACWA's Region 10 Board.

ATTACHED:

- ACWA Call for Region 10 Candidates
- 2019 ACWA Region Election Timeline
- Region Board Candidate Nomination Form
- ACWA Region 10 Rules & Regulations
- The Role of the Regions
- Sample Resolution of Support

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 1, 2019

To: ACWA REGION 10 MEMBER AGENCY PRESIDENTS AND GENERAL MANAGERS
(sent via e-mail)

From: ACWA REGION 10 NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Gary Arant, Valley Center Municipal Water District
Doug Davert, East Orange County Water District
Doug Wilson, Padre Dam Municipal Water District
Rick Shintaku, South Coast Water District

The Region 10 Nominating Committee is looking for ACWA members who are interested in leading the direction of ACWA Region 10 for the 2020-2021 term. The Nominating Committee is currently seeking candidates for the Region 10 Board, which is comprised of Chair, Vice Chair and up to five Board Member positions.

The leadership of ACWA's ten geographical regions is integral to the leadership of the Association as a whole. The Chair and Vice Chair of Region 10 serve on ACWA's Statewide Board of Directors and recommend all committee appointments for Region 10. The members of the Region 10 Board determine the direction and focus of region issues and activities. Additionally, they support the fulfillment of ACWA's goals on behalf of members and serve as a key role in ACWA's grassroots outreach efforts.

If you, or someone within your agency, are interested in serving in a leadership role within ACWA by becoming a Region 10 Board Member, please familiarize yourself with the Role of the Regions and Responsibilities; the Election Timeline; and the [Region 10 Rules and Regulations](#) and complete the following steps:

- **Complete the attached Region Board Candidate Nomination Form [HERE](#)**
- **Obtain a Resolution of Support from your agency's Board of Directors (Sample Resolution [HERE](#))**
- **Submit the requested information to ACWA as indicated by Friday, June 28, 2019**

The Region 10 Nominating Committee will announce their recommended slate by July 31, 2019. On August 1, 2019 the election will begin with ballots sent to General Managers and Board Presidents. One ballot per agency will be counted. The election will be completed on September 30, 2019. On October 4, 2019, election results will be announced. The newly elected Region 10 Board Members will begin their two-year term of service on January 1, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Regional Affairs Representative Brian Sanders, at brians@acwa.com or (916) 441-4545.

2019 ACWA Region Election Timeline 2020-2021 Term

February 28:

NOMINATING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

- With concurrence of the region board, the region chairs appoint at least three region members to serve as the respective region's Nominating Committee
- Those serving on nominating committees are ineligible to seek region offices
- Nominating Committee members are posted online at www.acwa.com

March 1-31:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE TRAINING

- Nominating Committee packets will be e-mailed out to each committee member
- ACWA staff will hold a training session via conference call with each nominating committee to educate them on their specific role and duties
 - Regions 1-10 Nominating Committees: via Go-to-Meeting

May 13:

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

- The call for candidate nominations packet will be e-mailed to ACWA member agency Board Presidents and General Managers

June 28:

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS

- Deadline to submit all Nomination Forms and board resolutions of support for candidacy for region positions
- Nominating Committee members may need to solicit additional candidates in person to achieve a full complement of nominees for the slate

July 10:

CANDIDATE INFORMATION TO NOMINATING COMMITTEES

- All information submitted by candidates will be forwarded from ACWA staff to the respective region Nominating Committee members with a cover memo explaining their task

July 11 - 31:

RECOMMENDED SLATES SELECTED

- Nominating Committees will meet to determine the recommended individuals for their region. The slate will be placed on the election ballot.
- Nominating Committee Chairs will inform their respective ACWA Regional Affairs Representative of their recommended slate by July 24
- Candidates will be notified of the recommended slate by August 1
- The Nominating Committee Chair will approve the official region ballot

August 1:

ELECTIONS BEGIN

- All 10 official electronic ballots identifying the recommended slate and any additional candidates for consideration for each region will be produced and e-mailed to ACWA member agencies only
- Only one ballot per agency will be counted

September 30:

ELECTION BALLOTS DUE

- ***Deadline for all region elections. All region ballots must be received by ACWA by **September 30, 2019*****

October 4:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS

- Newly-elected members of the region boards will be contacted accordingly
- An ACWA Advisory will be distributed electronically to all members reporting the statewide region election results
- Results will be posted at acwa.com and will be published in the October issue of ACWA News



REGION BOARD CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

Name of Candidate: _____

Agency: _____ Title: _____

Agency Phone: _____ Direct Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ ACWA Region: _____ County: _____

Address: _____

Region Board Position Preference: (If you are interested in more than one position, please indicate priority - 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice)

- Chair _____
- Vice Chair _____
- Board Member _____

In the event, you are not chosen for the recommended slate, would you like to be listed on the ballot's individual candidate section? (If neither is selected, your name will **NOT** appear on the ballot.)

- Yes
- No

Agency Function(s): (check all that apply)

- Wholesale
- Sewage Treatment
- Flood Control
- Urban Water Supply
- Retailer
- Groundwater Management / Replenishment
- Ag Water Supply
- Wastewater Reclamation
- Other: _____

Describe your ACWA-related activities that help qualify you for this office:

In the space provided, please write or attach a brief, half-page bio summarizing the experience and qualifications that make you a viable candidate for ACWA Region leadership. Please include the number of years you have served in your current agency position, the number of years you have been involved in water issues and in what capacity you have been involved in the water community.

I acknowledge that the role of a region board member is to actively participate on the Region Board during my term, including attending region board and membership meetings, participating on region conference calls, participating in ACWA's Outreach Program, as well as other ACWA functions to set an example of commitment to the region and the association.

*I hereby submit my name for consideration by the Nominating Committee.
(Please attach a copy of your agency's resolution of support/sponsorship for your candidacy.)*

 Signature Title Date

ACWA Region 10
Rules & Regulations

Each region shall organize and adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and affairs not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation or bylaws of the Association (ACWA Bylaw V, 6.).

Officers

The chair and vice chair shall be from different counties.

At least one of the chair or vice chair positions must be an elected/appointed director from a member agency.

The region board members shall alternate every two years with three from one county and two from the other. The county from which the chair comes from shall have two region board members and the county from which the vice chair comes from shall have three region board members.

The chair will provide the region secretary.

Meetings

The region will hold at least quarterly meetings, including the ACWA spring and fall conferences.

The region chair will determine when and if nonmembers are invited to regional activities or events.

Attendance

If a region chair or vice chair is no longer allowed to serve on the Board of Directors due to his / her attendance, the region board shall appoint from the existing region board a new region officer. (ACWA Policy & Guideline Q, 1.)

If a region chair or vice chair misses three consecutive region board / membership meetings, the same process shall be used to backfill the region officer position. (ACWA Policy & Guideline Q, 1.)

If a region board member has three consecutive unexcused absences from a region board meeting or general membership business meeting, the region board will convene to discuss options for removal of the inactive board member. If the vacancy causes the board to fail to meet the minimum requirement of five board members, the region must fill the vacancy according to its rules and regulations. (ACWA Policy & Guideline Q, 3.)

Elections

All nominations received for the region chair, vice chair and board positions must be accompanied by a resolution of support from each sponsoring member agency, signed by an authorized representative of the Board of Directors. Only one individual may be nominated from a given agency to run for election to a region board. Agencies with representatives serving on the nominating committees should strive not to submit nominations for the region board from their agency. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 2.)

Election ballots will be e-mailed to ACWA member agency general managers and presidents.

The nominating committee shall consist of four persons, two from each county.

The nominating committee shall pursue qualified members within the region to run for the region board and consider geographic diversity, agency size and focus in selecting a slate.

A member of the nominating committee cannot be nominated by the committee for an elected position.

See current region election timeline for specific dates.

Endorsements

ACWA, as a statewide organization, may endorse potential nominees and nominees for appointment to local, regional, and statewide commissions and boards. ACWA's regions may submit a recommendation for consideration and action to the ACWA Board of Directors to endorse a potential nominee or nominee for appointment to a local, regional or statewide commission or board. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 3.)

Committee Recommendations & Representation

All regions are given equal opportunity to recommend representatives of the region for appointment to a standing or regular committee of the Association. If a region fails to provide full representation on all ACWA committees, those committee slots will be left open for the remainder of the term or until such time as the region designates a representative to complete the remainder of the term. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 4. A.)

At the first region board / membership meeting of the term, regions shall designate a representative serving on each of the standing and regular committees to serve as the official reporter to and from the committee on behalf of the region to facilitate input and communication. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 4. B.)

The chair and vice chair will recommend an official alternate for excused committee members.

Tours

ACWA may develop and conduct various tours for the regions. All tour attendees must sign a "release and waiver" to attend any and all region tours. Attendees agree to follow environmental guidelines and regulations in accordance with direction from ACWA staff; and will respect the rights and privacy of other attendees. (ACWA Policy & Guideline P, 6.)

Finances

See "Financial Guidelines for ACWA Region Events" document.

Amending the Region Rules & Regulations

ACWA policies and guidelines can be amended by approval of the ACWA Board of Directors.

The region 10 rules and regulations can be changed at any time with advanced written notice to member agencies.

THE ROLE OF THE REGIONS

Mission:

ACWA Regions will provide the grassroots support to advance ACWA's legislative and regulatory agenda.

Background:

As a result of ACWA's 1993 strategic planning process, known as Vision 2000, ACWA modified its governance structure from one that was based on sections to a regional-based configuration. Ten regions were established to provide geographic balance and to group agencies with similar interests.

The primary charge of regions:

- To provide a structure where agencies can come together and discuss / resolve issues of mutual concern and interest and based on that interaction, provide representative input to the ACWA board.
- To assist the Outreach Task Force in building local grassroots support for the ACWA Outreach Program in order to advance ACWA's legislative and regulatory priorities as determined by the ACWA Board and the State Legislative, Federal Affairs or other policy committees.
- To provide a forum to educate region members on ACWA's priorities and issues of local and statewide concern.
- To assist staff with association membership recruitment at the regional level.
- To recommend specific actions to the ACWA Board on local, regional, state and federal issues as well as to recommend endorsement for various government offices and positions.
 - *Individual region boards CANNOT take positions, action or disseminate communication on issues and endorsements without going through the ACWA Board structure.*

Region chairs and vice chairs, with support from their region boards, provide the regional leadership to fulfill this charge.

GENERAL DUTIES / RESPONSIBILITIES FOR REGION OFFICERS

Region Chair:

- Serves as a member of the ACWA Board of Directors at bimonthly meetings at such times and places as the Board may determine. The Chair will also call at least two Region membership meetings to be held at each of the ACWA Conferences and periodic Region Board meetings.
- Is a member of ACWA's Outreach Program, and encourages region involvement.
 - Appoints Outreach Captain to help lead outreach effort within the region.



- Presides over all region activities and ensures that such activities promote and support accomplishment of ACWA's Goals.
- Makes joint recommendations to the ACWA President regarding regional appointments to all ACWA committees.
- Appoints representatives in concurrence of the region board, to serve on the region's nominating committee with the approval of the region board.
- Facilitates communication from the region board and the region membership to the ACWA board and staff.

Region Vice Chair:

- Serves as a member of the ACWA Board of Directors at bimonthly meetings at such times and places as the Board may determine. The Vice Chair will also participate in at least two Region membership meetings to be held at each of the ACWA Conferences and periodic Region Board meetings.
- In the absence of the chair and in partnership with the chair, exercises the powers and performs duties of the region chair.
- Is a member of ACWA's Outreach Program, and encourages region involvement.
- Makes joint recommendations to the ACWA president regarding regional appointments to all ACWA committees.

Region Board Member:

- May serve as alternate for the chair and/or vice chair in their absence (if appointed) to represent the region to the ACWA Board.
- Will participate in at least two Region membership meetings to be held at each of the ACWA Conferences and periodic Region Board meetings.
- Supports program planning and activities for the region.
- Actively participates and encourages region involvement in ACWA's Outreach Program.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
(DISTRICT NAME)
PLACING IN NOMINATION (NOMINEE NAME)
AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
REGION ____ (POSITION)**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF (DISTRICT NAME) AS FOLLOWS:

A. Recitals

(i) The Board of Directors (Board) of the (District Name) does encourage and support the participation of its members in the affairs of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA).

(ii) (Nominee Title), (Nominee Name) is currently serving as (Position) for ACWA Region ____

and/or

(iii) (Nominee Name) has indicated a desire to serve as a (Position) of ACWA Region ____.

B. Resolves

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF (DISTRICT NAME),

(i) Does place its full and unreserved support in the nomination of (Nominee Name) for the (Position) of ACWA Region ____.

(ii) Does hereby determine that the expenses attendant with the service of (Nominee Name) in ACWA Region ____ shall be borne by the (District Name).

Adopted and approved this ____ day of ____ (month) 2019.

(SEAL)

(Nominee Name), (Title)
(District Name)

ATTEST:

(Secretary Name), Secretary

I, (SECRETARY NAME), Secretary to the Board of Directors of (District Name), hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said District, held on the ____ day of ____ (month) 2017, and was adopted at that meeting by the following role call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

(Secretary Name), Secretary to the
Board of Directors of
(District Name)



ACTION ITEM
June 19, 2019

TO: Board of Directors

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

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION – SOUTHERN NETWORK REGION, SEAT B

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors:

- Review and discuss the candidates running for the CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat B
- Authorize President Barbre, or his designee, to cast the District’s ballot

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

CSDA is governed by an 18-member Board of Directors elected by mail ballots. The Board consists of three directors from each of the six networks (Northern, Sierra, Bay Area, Central, Coastal & Southern) throughout California. The Board meets bimonthly in Sacramento to guide the Association’s legislative and member benefit programs.

Each CSDA member in good standing is entitled to vote for one director to represent its network. This year, CSDA will be using a web-based online voting system. Electronic

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

ballots will be emailed on June 17, 2019. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. August 9, 2019. MWDOC's electronic ballot will be sent directly to Cathy Harris, who is our designated CSDA staff contact.

There are seven candidates seeking election to fill Seat B on the CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network, which includes Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego Counties. Seat B is for a three-year term, ending in 2022. Incumbent Bill Nelson, Trustee at the Orange County Cemetery District has chosen not to seek reelection.

The following candidates are running for Seat B:

- Ronald Coats
Board Member, East Valley Water District
- Dennis LaMoreaux
General Manager, Palmdale Water District
- Michael Mack
Director, Rainbow Municipal Water District
- Greg Mills
Vice-President, Serrano Water District
- Kelly Rivers
Trustee, Orange County Cemetery District
- Kathleen Tiegs
Director, Cucamonga Valley Water District
- Lindsay Woods
General Manager, Hesperia Recreation and Park District

BOARD OPTIONS

Option #1

Review and discuss the candidates running for the CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat B; additionally, authorize President Barbre or his designee to cast the District's ballot.

- **Fiscal Impact:**
None
- **Business Analysis:**
MWDOC has been a CSDA member in good standing for many years. Participating in the election process not only keeps our agency engaged in the organization, but helps ensure that CSDA continues with strong leadership on their Board of Directors with qualified representatives leading the organization.

Option #2

Take no action

- **Fiscal Impact:**
None

- **Business Analysis:**

Not participating in CSDA's election leaves the decision making to others. If the district does not vote on behalf of our interests, no one else will.

ATTACHED:

- Request for support from Greg Mills, Serrano Water District
- Request for support from Kathleen Tiegs, Cucamonga Valley Water District
- Request for support from Lindsay Woods, Hesperia Recreation and Park District



**California Special
Districts Association**

Districts Stronger Together

DATE: February 15, 2019

TO: CSDA Voting Member Presidents and General Managers

FROM: CSDA Elections and Bylaws Committee

**SUBJECT: CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
SEAT B**

The Elections and Bylaws Committee is looking for Independent Special District Board Members or their General Managers who are interested in leading the direction of the California Special Districts Association for the 2020 - 2022 term.

The leadership of CSDA is elected from its six geographical networks. Each of the six networks has three seats on the Board with staggered 3-year terms. Candidates must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a CSDA Regular Member in good standing and located within the geographic network that they seek to represent. (See attached CSDA Network Map)

The CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, education and resources. The Board of Directors is crucial to the operation of the Association and to the representation of the common interests of all California's special districts before the Legislature and the State Administration. Serving on the Board requires one's interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide.

Commitment and Expectations:

- Attend all Board meetings, usually 4-5 meetings annually, at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
- Participate on at least one committee, meets 3-5 times a year at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
(CSDA reimburses Directors for their related expenses for Board and committee meetings as outlined in Board policy).
- Attend, at minimum, the following CSDA annual events: Special Districts Legislative Days - held in the spring, and the CSDA Annual Conference - held in the fall.
*(CSDA does **not** reimburse expenses for the two conferences even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event)*
- Complete all four modules of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy within 2 years of being elected.
*(CSDA does **not** reimburse expenses for the Academy classes even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event).*

Nomination Procedures: Any Regular Member in good standing is eligible to nominate one person, a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district's Board of Directors), for election to the CSDA Board of Directors. **A copy of the member district's resolution or minute action and Candidate Information Sheet must accompany the nomination. The deadline for receiving nominations is April 17, 2019. Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed, faxed, or emailed.**

Mail: 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: 916.442.7889
E-mail: amberp@csda.net

Once received, nominees will receive a candidate's letter in the mail. The letter will serve as confirmation that CSDA has received the nomination and will also include campaign guidelines.

CSDA will begin electronic voting on June 17, 2019. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. August 9, 2019. The successful candidates will be notified no later than August 13, 2019. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA in September 2018.

Expiring Terms

(See enclosed map for Network breakdown)

Northern Network Seat B-Greg Orsini, GM, McKinleyville Community Services District*
Sierra Network Seat B-Ginger Root, GM, Lincoln Rural County Fire Protection District *
Bay Area Network Seat B-Ryan Clausnitzer, SDA, GM, Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District*
Central Network Seat B-Tim Ruiz, GM, West Niles Community Services District
Coastal Network Seat B-Jeff Hodge, SDA, GM, Santa Ynez Community Services District*
Southern Network Seat B-Bill Nelson, Director, Orange County Cemetery District
(* = Incumbent is running for re-election)

AGAIN, THIS YEAR!

This year we will be using a web-based online voting system, allowing your district to cast your vote easily and securely. *Electronic Ballots will be emailed to the main contact in your district June 17, 2019. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. August 9, 2019.*

Districts can opt to cast a paper ballot instead; but you must contact Amber Phelen by e-mail Amberp@csda.net by April 17, 2019 in order to ensure that you will receive a paper ballot on time.

CSDA will mail paper ballots on June 17 per district request only. ALL ballots must be received by CSDA no later than 5:00 p.m. August 9, 2019.

The successful candidates will be notified no later than August 14, 2019. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA in September 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Amber Phelen at amberp@csda.net.



**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together

2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

Name of Candidate: _____

District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Network: _____ (see map)

Telephone: _____

(PLEASE BE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER IS ONE WHERE WE CAN REACH THE CANDIDATE)

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

Return this form and a Board resolution/minute action supporting the candidate and Candidate Information Sheet by fax, mail, or email to:

CSDA
Attn: Amber Phelen
1112 I Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814
(877) 924-2732 (916) 442-7889 fax

amberp@csda.net

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS – April 17, 2019



2019 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: _____

District/Company: _____

Title: _____

Elected/Appointed/Staff: _____

Length of Service with District: _____

1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

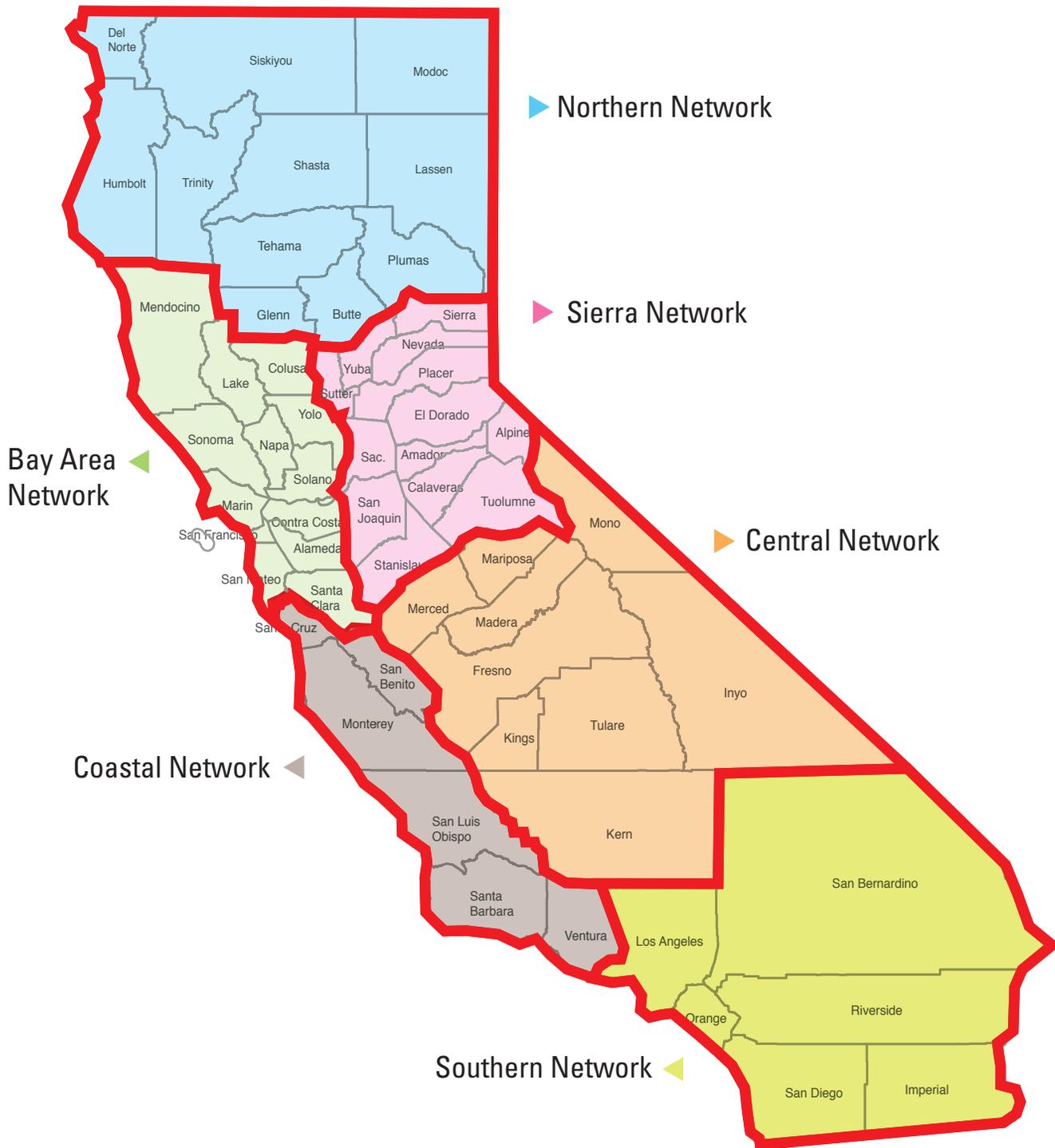
3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):

4. List civic organization involvement:

****Candidate Statement** – Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. **Any statements received in the CSDA office after April 17, 2019 will not be included with the ballot.**



DISTRICT NETWORKS





SERRANO WATER DISTRICT
18021 EAST LINCOLN STREET
VILLA PARK, CA 92861-6446
714-538-0079

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Directors

C.L. "Larry" Pharris, Jr., President
Greg Mills, Vice President
Frank O. Bryant
Jerry L. Haight
Brad Reese

Jerry Vilander, General Manager

May 6, 2019

Dear President and/or General Manager:

It is my honor to request your agency's support and vote for election to CSDA Seat B (California Special Districts Association) for the 2020-2022 term. Please disseminate this letter and attached candidate statement of experience to your agency's governing board.

I have served on the Serrano Water District Board for over three years and am currently the Board Vice President providing solid leadership and guidance with the District's Finance and Insurance Committees. Additionally, I have served as the District's representative for the ACWA-JPIA Insurance Committee for the past year.

Previously, I served on the Villa Park City Council for a four-year term including one term as Mayor and another as Mayor Pro-Tem. During my tenure with the City of Villa Park, I was very involved and an active participant in many sensitive community issues including the Community Development Committee, shortening the permitting process. Additionally, I served on the Orange County Sanitation District as a Board Member for two years proactively involved in many of the improvements that residents benefit from today. I also served a three-year term on the Orange County Vector Control District.

During my tenure here at Serrano Water District, I have been instrumental in spearheading financial programs, planning and fiscal analysis including capital improvement programs and ensuring that the District is providing high-quality water to its constituents in the most cost-effective manner. My personal commitment to the Serrano Water Districts ratepayer is emblematic of the successful stewardship towards ensuring that all assets are maintained and replaced within best industry practices.

Additionally, I have been fundamentally involved with the District's long-term planning including common sense initiatives for maximum rate payer benefit at minimum cost. I possess a solid understanding of Special Districts and believe that they provide better governance and

May 6, 2019

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improved local control. Also, I am actively involved with attending LAFCO meetings which provides me with the knowledge and skills necessary to work collaboratively in the best interest of Special Districts. Again, I am requesting your vote for the CSDA Seat B position. I am committed to working with all of the voting agencies to accomplish their goals. My statement of qualifications is attached for your perusal.

If you have any questions, kindly contact our General Manager, Jerry Vilander, at (714) 538-0079 or through email at jerryv@serranowater.org. Thank you for considering me for the CSDA Seat B position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Mills".

Greg Mills
Serrano Water District, Vice President

cc: Board of Directors
Jerry Vilander, General Manager

Attachment

Greg Mills

Seat B CSDA

EXPERIENCE

BUSINESS

- Small business owner – fifteen years
- Analytical Chemist – six years
- Process Engineer – six years
- Technical Marketing Manager – three years
- Marketing Director – three years
- Marketing Executive – five years

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board Member (Vice President) - Serrano Water District three years
- Villa Park City Councilman – four years; One term Mayor and one term Mayor Pro-Tem (one year each)
- Orange County Sanitation District - Director two years
- Orange County Vector Control District - Director three years
- ACWA-JPIA - Representative Serrano Water District
- Villa Park Family Picnic – five years
 - Chair – three years
- Eagle Scout
- Villa Park Rotary - Board member twenty-one years.
 - Club President; Paul Harris Fellow
- Indian Princess YMCA - seven years
- Orange Elks Lodge – seven years

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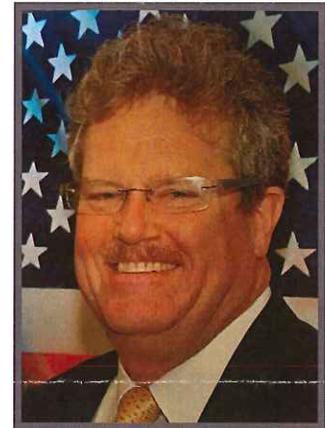
- American Chemical Society – thirty years
- CS Mantech – eleven years
- PDA (Parenteral Drug Association)– five years
- ISPE (International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineering – eight years
- SEMI (Semiconductor Equipment and Manufacturer Institute – nine years
- Optical Society of America – four years
- MEPTEC
- AVS (American Vacuum Society)
 - ICMCTF

EDUCATION

- B.A., Chemistry – Illinois College
 - Phi Alpha President/Vice President
- M.S., Engineering Management – Santa Clara University

PERSONAL

- Married – 25 years. Wife: Journalist and active member of the community. One daughter currently at university.



John Bosler
Secretary/General Manager/CEO

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April 19, 2019

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Ms. Cathleen Harris
Municipal Water District of Orange County
Po Box 20895
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

MWD OF OC

Dear Ms. Harris,

It is with great pleasure that I forward for your consideration a candidate statement for Director Kathleen Tieg who is seeking your support for the Southern Network (Seat B) of the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors.

Director Tieg has served admirably on the Cucamonga Valley Water District Board of Directors since 2005. She is actively involved in CSDA, as well as with the Association of California Water Agencies, and has served in numerous leadership positions with both organizations.

Attached you will find a candidate's statement summarizing some of her many accomplishments. You will also get a true sense of her integrity as a leader and her passion as an advocate for special districts throughout California. Also, Director Tieg will attend Special Districts Legislative Days being held in Sacramento May 21-22, 2019 if you would like to meet her in person and discuss her commitment to serving you and your district.

I encourage you to forward this information to your Board of Directors and consider supporting her candidacy for the 2019 elections which will take place June 17th to August 9th. Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you need additional information or if you would like her to contact your Board of Directors. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



John Bosler
General Manager/CEO

Kathleen J. Tiegs

2020-2022 California Special Districts Association
Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat B



I am pleased to share with you my interest in serving as the Southern Network, Seat B, representative for the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors. Through my involvement with CSDA since 2011, I have served with great passion and commitment on the Board of Directors, and the Membership, Legislative, and By-laws Committees.

My experience on the Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD) Board of Directors has provided me with a solid foundation to lead. Elected to the CVWD in November 2005, I have served as the Board President and currently serve on the Legislative and Outreach, and Human Resources/Risk Management Committees. From 2014 to 2017 I was honored to serve in the capacity of President and Vice President of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). My duties at ACWA provided me the extremely valuable opportunity to effectively dialogue with special districts across the state on the important issues they are facing and how we can solve them.

I also served on the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts Board of Directors from 2010 – 2015 where I developed a network of colleagues in a variety of agencies with a common goal of serving the needs of our constituents. There are numerous critical issues that confront special districts today; these challenges will require strong, experienced leadership, as well as a commitment to preserving the special district's mission to make communities better by providing core local services and taking action through community collaboration.

Thank you for allowing me to share with you my experience, leadership and knowledge. I look forward to serving you and the entire CSDA organization.

With Best Regards,

Handwritten signature of Kathleen J. Tiegs.



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Post Office Box 401055 • Hesperia, California 92340-1055 • (760) 244-5488

February 26, 2019

Cathleen Harris
Municipal Water District of Orange County
Po Box 20895
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Dear Cathleen:

I want to share my interest in serving you and your District as the Southern Network (Seat B) representative on the CSDA Board of Directors. In order to accomplish this I am asking for your consideration and hopefully your District's vote. Once the nominations close, April 17th, the ballots will be emailed to each district's CSDA contact person. The deadline for returning the ballot to CSDA's office is August 9th.

It has been a privilege and honor to be active with CSDA by serving at the committee level as a representative of the California Special Districts Association's Southern Network. I have served the Hesperia Recreation and Park District (HRPD) since 1987 in a variety of capacities which has given me a well-rounded foundation in the special district governance. HRPD was established in 1957 and now serves a diverse population of over 90,000. Our District provides a wide range of recreational, educational, social and other vital community services to our residents.

With your support I will serve you, your agency, and the other member districts of CSDA with the same high level of professionalism, dedication, service, and innovation that I have provided to the residents of Hesperia and HRPD. If elected, I will work cooperatively with the other CSDA Board of Directors to advance the work we do throughout the state as well as work with other organizations to protect our districts and the vital services we provide to our communities. We are all facing many of the same challenges and I want to be an active part of the future of CSDA as we work to educate, strengthen, and defend special districts both now and in the future. Lastly, I am committed to working hard to keep our Districts intact.

I would greatly appreciate your board of director's support in the coming election. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

HESPERIA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

Lindsay Woods
General Manager

/ldw



ACTION ITEM
June 19, 2019

TO: Board of Directors

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

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (SDRMA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 2010

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors review the candidates and authorize President Barbre, or his designee, to cast the District's ballot for the SDRMA Board of Directors election.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

SDRMA is a Joint Powers Authority formed for the purpose of providing risk management and risk financing for California special districts and other government agencies. The SDRMA is governed by a seven member Board of Directors nominated and elected from the members who have executed the current operative agreement and are participating in a joint protection program. MWDOC participates in SDRMA's workers' compensation program and dental benefits.

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

Ballots for voting in the election must be received at the SDRMA office in Sacramento by August 21, 2019. The four-year terms will begin on January 1, 2020 and terminate on December 31, 2023.

There are five candidates running for four seats on the Board of Directors. SDRMA members in good standing **may vote for up to three candidates.**

Two incumbents are running for reelection:

- Bob Swain – Board Member, Groveland Community Services District
- Sandy Seifert-Raffelson – Finance Manager/Treasurer, Herlong Public Utility District

Also running for the SDRMA Board of Directors:

- Jesse D. Claypool – Board Chair, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District
- Patrick K. O'Rourke, MPA/CFRM – Board Member, Redwood Region Economic Development Commission
- James (Jim) M. Hamlin – Board President, Burney Water District

BOARD OPTIONS

Option #1

Review the candidates and authorize President Barbre or his designee to cast the District's ballot for the SDRMA Board of Directors election

- **Fiscal Impact:**
None
- **Business Analysis:**
Participating in SDRMA's election gives our agency a voice in determining the leadership of the organization.

Option #2

Take no action

- **Fiscal Impact:**
None
- **Business Analysis:**
Not participating in SDRMA's election leaves the decision making to other members. However, we have not been contacted by any of the candidates asking for support nor do we work with any of their agencies.

Attached:

- Election Ballot Instructions
- Election Ballot (copy)
- Candidate's Statements of Qualifications

**Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

This information will be distributed to the membership with the ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidates – no attachments will be accepted. No statements are endorsed by SDRMA.

Candidate* Bob Swan

District/Agency Groveland Community Services District (GCSD)

Work Address P.O. Box 350, Groveland, CA 95321

Work Phone (209) 962-7161

Home Phone (408) 398-4731

*The name or nickname and any designations (i.e. CPA, SDA, etc.) you enter here will be printed on the official ballot, exactly as submitted.

Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)

I am a current Board member. I would like to be elected to a second term because:

1. As a board member of Groveland CSD, I am particularly aware of the great value that smaller districts get from SDRMA, and I'd like to continue to do my part to make sure that this important agency continues to operate smoothly and stably into the indefinite future.
2. The insurance market in California (and nationwide) is going through a period of rapid change. The Board and staff are engaged in a major re-evaluation of SDRMA's approach to fulfilling its mission of providing cost-effective risk management services to its members. I believe that it is important to maintain Board continuity in this effort.
3. SDRMA Board members are either board members ("electeds") or employees of a member agency. I think there is value in having a balance between elected and employee Board members. The Board seats that are NOT up for election are currently 3 employees / 1 elected. I'd like to make sure the new Board has at least 2 elected members.

What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)

1. SDRMA Board Member since 2016. This year (2019), I serve as Secretary. During our "no CEO" period in late 2017 - early 2018, I was a member of the ad hoc Personnel Committee. I am also a member of the Alliance Executive Council, and a backup member of the Legislative Committee.
2. Groveland CSD Board Member since I was appointed in June 2013. For the years 2014-2018, I served as Board President. (We finally implemented mandatory rotation of the office in 2019).
3. Member of the Board of Southside Community Connections, a local nonprofit in Groveland that provides educational, social, and recreational services to seniors, as well as free transportation to those who cannot drive.
4. Board Member (currently Treasurer) of Pine Cone Performers, a local choral and acting group, since 2010.
5. Back during my work life, I was a corporate representative on an IEEE standards committee concerned with wireless networking. It was very educational being on a committee where the members had widely differing (competing) goals.

**Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

**What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?
(Response Required)**

History: BS Physics, MS Computer Science. 3 years in USAF. 30 years in the semiconductor industry, first as an engineering manager, later as a business unit manager. Now retired (so I have plenty of time).

Skills, etc.: Very familiar with financial reports, cost accounting, quantitative analysis. Working knowledge of modern computer and communications technology. Managed distributed organizations with up to 150 technical people and up to \$120M in annual sales. Pretty good at listening to different views, and helping to achieve consensus (or, at least, compromise).

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

Well, obviously I support our (newly revised) vision statement: "To be the exemplary public agency risk pool of choice for California special districts and other public agencies". In order to achieve this vision, I believe the key issues are:

1. Maintain long term financial stability. This includes ensuring that there is a fair allocation of cost versus risk across the pool membership.
2. Continue to retain / acquire highly qualified staff, and ensure that this is a desirable place to work.
3. Remember who are our target clientele, which in my opinion are small to mid-sized districts with limited options for insurance.
4. In light of ever-evolving California workers-compensation law, expand risk-management training even further than we now provide.
5. Maintain good relations with our re-insurers (who insulate us from catastrophe). In the long run, explore the possibility of joining a "captive" re-insurer to improve stability.

I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature

 Date 4-24-2019

**Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

**What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?
(Response Required)**

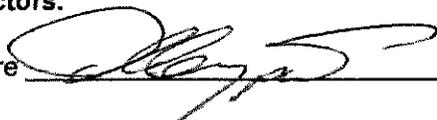
My experience with special districts and governance, belief in the importance of quality governing policies, the ability to work effectively with the other board members and staff and a desire to give back to SDRMA and its membership will be what I bring to the SDRMA Board of Directors.

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

For SDRMA to continually advance as an industry leader providing affordable solutions for special districts of any size enabling them to be effective within the communities they serve.

I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature



Date

4-26-19

**Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

This information will be distributed to the membership with the ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidates – no attachments will be accepted. No statements are endorsed by SDRMA.

Candidate* Patrick K. O'Rourke, MPA/CFRM
District/Agency Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC)
Work Address 520 E Street Eureka, CA 95501
Work Phone 707-445-9651 Home Phone 707-726-6700
*The name or nickname and any designations (i.e. CPA, SDA, etc.) you enter here will be printed on the official ballot, exactly as submitted.

Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)

I have considerable interest, knowledge, and experience in board leadership; board service; and board governance/policy development & oversight in for-profits, nonprofits, a joint powers authority/SDRMA member organization, and as an elected city councilman. I also have considerable experience (as a top-level executive board leader and manager) in organizational risk management and risk mitigation/prevention. I would like to share my knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience in service to SDRMA members, via my service on SDRMA's board of directors. I believe that my knowledge, experience, and dedication to excellence and implementation of best practices in governance and policy development/oversight will serve SDRMA well, and will assist SDRMA in maintaining its "Excellence" accreditation via the California Association of Joint Powers Authorities (CAJPA).

What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)

Having served in board leadership roles (25+ years in for-profit entities; 25+ years in nonprofit & private/public foundations; and 2+ years in a Joint Powers Authority [SDRMA member organization]), I am well-versed and experienced in board governance; policy development; financial statement analysis and budget review; executive management search/selection, oversight and evaluation; organizational risk management/mitigation; litigation oversight; and best practices in organizational governance. At SDRMA member organization, Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC), I have served as 2019 Immediate Past Chair; 2018 Board Chair; 2017 Vice Chair; Chair of Executive Committee; and Member of the Loan Committee. I have in-depth knowledge of policy governance (Culver, et al.); I am an advocate for transparency & best practices; and I am knowledgeable & experienced in California's Ralph M. Brown Act and Roberts Rules of Order. I have also served in board governance and board leadership roles in several nonprofit organizations and in both public and private foundations, including as Board Chair (12+ years) and in President & Vice President roles. I have also Chaired Search/Selection committees; Public Relations committees; Fund Development committees; and Finance/Audit committees.

**Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

**What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?
(Response Required)**

Besides holding a Master of Public Affairs degree, with a specialty in nonprofit management; having completed all coursework and written/oral exams (all except dissertation) for a PhD in Mass Communication, with a specialty in public relations and a cognate in organizational communication management, I have several other directly-relevant skills/talents/experience including: I am expertly adept at executive-level relationship development and stewardship, and have served as an organizational & industry advocate and liaison working closely with community organizations, local/county/state elected officials, and public/private entities/organizations and foundations. I am expertly adept at financial and operational analysis, and at asset/portfolio management and risk mitigation. I have taught for-credit university courses in corporate leadership; in entrepreneurial leadership research and practice; as well as having published peer-reviewed academic research on leadership in public relations.

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

My vision for SDRMA would be for SDRMA to continue to add value to its members; operate with the highest ethical practices and transparency; continue in providing excellence in service, education, safety and compliance training; help members to mitigate and reduce risk; provide expedient claims review and response; provide members with state-of-the-art education and information; educate members to minimize losses/risk in member workplaces; and to continue to provide members with comprehensive coverage for property/liability, workers comp, and health benefits.

I would envision SDRMA management and staff enjoying a quality of life that will ensure their happiness and continue an atmosphere of dedicated service to SDRMA members. I would also envision that SDRMA will continue to operate with efficiencies that minimize costs/expenses, continue to enable SDRMA to maintain competitive premium rates, and (when possible) lower organizational and member costs. I would also envision a governing board that embraces and employs best governing practices in all areas of policy development; executive management oversight; financial review/audit; and in investing and spreading portfolio assets to minimize portfolio investment risks and maximize return on investments. Finally, I would envision SDRMA, and its management team/staff, operating in ways that will continue to earn accreditation "Excellence" from the California Association of Joint Powers Authorities (CAJPA).

I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature _____

Date

3/25/2019

**Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

This information will be distributed to the membership with the ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidates. No statements are endorsed by SDRMA.

Candidate* Sandy Seifert-Raffelson

District/Agency Herlong Public Utility District

Work Address 447-855 Plumas St., P o Box 115, Herlong, CA 96113

Work Phone (530) 827-3150 Cell Phone (530) 310-4320

*The name or nickname and any designations (i.e. CPA, SDA, etc.) you enter here will be printed on the official ballot, exactly as submitted.

Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors?

I am a current Board member of SDRMA and feel that I have added my financial background to make better informed decisions for our members. As a Board member, I continue to improve my education of insurance issues and look forward to representing small District's and Northern California as a voice on the SDRMA Board. I feel I am an asset to the Board with my degree in Business and my 30 plus years' experience in accounting and auditing.

I understand the challenges that small District face every day when it comes to managing liability insurance, worker's compensation and health insurance for a few employees with limit revenue and staff. My education and experience give me an appreciation of the importance of risk management services and programs, especially for smaller District that lack expertise with insurance issues on a daily basis.

I feel I am an asset to this Board, and would love a chance to stay on 4 more years!

What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization)

While serving on the SDRMA Board, I have been privilege to be Secretary of the Board for two years, and currently the Vice-President. I have served on CSDA's Audit and Financial Committee's for 6 years; I have served on the SDLF Board; Northeastern Rural Health Clinic Board; Fair Board; School and Church boards; 4-H Council and leader for 15 years; and UC Davis Equine Board. In the past 25 years, I have learn that there is no "I" in Board and it can be very rewarding to be part of a team that makes a difference for others.

As part of my many duties working with Herlong PUD, I worked to form the District and was directly involved with LAFCo, Lassen County Board of Supervisors and County Clerk to establish the initial Board of Directors and first Policies for HPUD. I have administered the financial portion of 2 large capital improvement project with USDA as well as worked on the first ever successful water utility privatization project with the US Army and Department of Defense. I am currently working on a 4.2 million grant from California for new infrastructure for the small District HPUD absorb through LAFCo in 2017. I am also the primary administrator of a federal contract for utility services with the Federal Bureau of Prison and the US Army.

**Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?

I have my Bachelor's Degree in Business with a minor in Sociology. I have audited Small Districts for 5 years, worked for a Small District for almost 15 years and have over 30 years of accounting experience. I am a good communicator and organizer. I have served on several Boards and feel I work well within groups or special committee. I am willing to go that extra mile to see things get completed.

I believe in recognition for jobs well done. I encourage incentive programs that get members motivated to participate and strive to do their very best to keep all losses at a minimum and reward those with no losses.

I have completed my Certificate for Special District Board Secretary/Clerk Program in both regular and advance course work through CSDA and co-sponsored by SDRMA. I have completed the CSDA Special District Leadership Academy and Special District Governance Academy. I am in the processes of getting my small District re-certified for their District of Transparency and hope one day to attain our District of Distinction.

I work for a District in Northeastern California that has under gone major changes from a Cooperative Company to a 501c12 Corporation, to finally a Public Utility District. I have worked with LAFCo to become a District. Also our small District consolidated another small District into our District. Through past experience I feel I make a great Board member representing the small districts of Northern California and their unique issues and will make decisions that would help all rural/small districts.

What is your overall vision for SDRMA?

For SDRMA to be at the top of the risk management field and to continue communicating and listening to the needs of all California Special Districts and meeting those needs at a reasonable price that Special Districts can afford. I would like to continue education and rewards for no claims and explore avenues of financial endeavors that will benefit our customers.

I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature



Date

4/16/19

**Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

This information will be distributed to the membership with the ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidates
- **no attachments will be accepted.** No statements are endorsed by SDRMA.

Candidate* James (Jim) M. Hamlin
District/Agency Burney Water District
Work Address 20222 Hudson St. Burney, Ca. 96013
Work Phone (530) 335-3582 Cell Phone _____

*The name or nickname and any designations (i.e. CPA, SDA, etc.) you enter here will be printed on the official ballot, exactly as submitted.

Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)

Hope to serve and help with decisions being made to both strengthen SDRMA and
move into new areas. Our districts are facing new challenges constantly.

**What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member?
(SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)**

See Next

**Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have? (Response Required)

September 1972 until January 2014, owned and operated a Insurance brokerage
Sold business and retired.

Board Member of Mayers Memorial Hospital Districr From 1990 until 2014
Served on the Associal of Hospital Districts for six years.

Served on the board of Burney Water District the previous six years. Current
Serving on Mayers Memorial Hospital Financial Board.

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

SDRMA Board must be strong and protect the concerns of their members. Need
to have a listening ear for the districts that are represented. Need to
use caution when jumping into new areas, not jepordise their strong programs
and beliefs for new programs.

I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature James M. Hamble Date 3-27-2019



SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT ENCLOSED

This is an official election packet that contains items that require ACTION by your Agency's governing body for the selection of up to three (3) candidates to the SDRMA Board of Directors.

ELECTION PACKET ENCLOSURES

- Election Ballot Instructions
- Official Election Ballot (Action Required)
- Candidate's Statements of Qualifications (5)
- Self-addressed, Stamped Envelope

SDRMA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

Notification of nominations for three (3) seats on the Special District Risk Management Authority's (SDRMA's) Board of Directors was mailed to the membership in January 2019.

On May 2, 2019, SDRMA's Election Committee reviewed the nomination documents submitted by the candidates in accordance with SDRMA's Policy No. 2017-10 Establishing Guidelines for Director Elections. The Election Committee confirmed that five (5) candidates met the qualification requirements and those names are included on the Official Election Ballot.

Enclosed is the Official Election Ballot along with a Statement of Qualifications as submitted by each candidate. Election instructions are as follows:

1. The enclosed Official Election Ballot must be used to ensure the integrity of the balloting process.
2. After selecting up to three (3) candidates, your agency's governing body must approve the enclosed Official Election Ballot at a public meeting. **Ballots containing more than three (3) candidate selections will be considered invalid and not counted.**
3. The signed Official Election Ballot MUST be sealed and received by mail or hand delivery at SDRMA's office on or before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 to the address below. A self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed. Faxes or electronic transmissions are NOT acceptable.

Special District Risk Management Authority
Election Committee
1112 "I" Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, California 95814

4. The four-year terms for newly elected Directors will begin on January 1, 2020 and terminate on December 31, 2023.
5. Important balloting and election dates are:

August 21, 2019:	Deadline for members to return the signed Official Election Ballot
August 22, 2019:	Ballots are opened and counted
August 23, 2019:	Election results are announced, and candidates notified
September 25, 2019:	Newly elected Directors are introduced at the SDRMA Annual Breakfast to be held in Anaheim at the CSDA Annual Conference
November 6-7, 2019:	Newly elected Directors are invited to attend SDRMA board meeting (Sacramento)
January 2020:	Newly elected Directors are seated, and Board officer elections are held

If you have any questions regarding the election and balloting process, please do not hesitate to call SDRMA's Chief Operating Officer Paul Frydendal at 800.537.7790.

OFFICIAL 2019 ELECTION BALLOT
SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VOTE FOR ONLY THREE (3) CANDIDATES

Mark each selection directly onto the ballot, voting for no more than three (3) candidates. Each candidate may receive only one (1) vote per ballot. A ballot received with more than three (3) candidates selected will be considered invalid and not counted. All ballots must be sealed and received by mail or hand delivery in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope at SDRMA on or before 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 21, 2019. Faxes or electronic transmissions are NOT acceptable.

- BOB SWAN (INCUMBENT)**
Board Member, Groveland Community Services District

- JESSE D. CLAYPOOL**
Board Chair, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District

- PATRICK K. O’ROURKE, MPA/CFRM**
Board Member, Redwood Region Economic Development Commission

- SANDY SEIFERT- RAFFELSON (INCUMBENT)**
Finance Manager/Treasurer, Herlong Public Utility District

- JAMES (Jim) M. HAMLIN**
Board President, Burney Water District

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2019 by the Municipal Water District of Orange County at a public meeting by the following votes:

AYES: _____
 NOES: _____
 ABSTAIN: _____
 ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY

Fiscal Year 2018-19

Sole Source Procurement Justification for Projects under \$25,000*



A. Supplier Information/Name of Company and Prime Contact at the Supplier and at MWDOC: MELTWATER– Mary Allward and Damon Micalizzi

B. Contract awards to Supplier over prior 36-months:
N/A

C. Product(s) or Service(s) to be provided and Deliverables:
Media Monitoring, News Alerts, Mass Mailing and Media Contacts

D. Justification Definition**

Special technical expertise by Consultant for tasks desired. This software monitors traditional and social media across the globe and automates alerts and e-mail notifications about articles and media. Additionally, Meltwater offers access to the ever changing rolodex of media entities and enables circulation of press materials to those outlets in an efficient and branded manner.

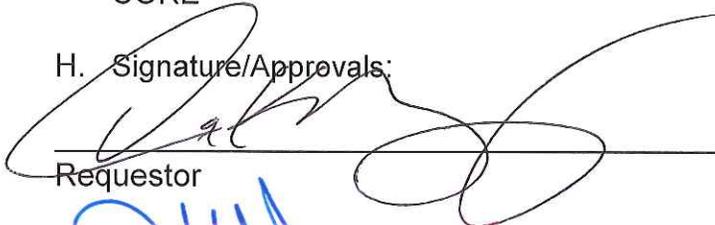
E. Narrative Explanation:

Meltwater is one of, if not the most well-known providers of media monitoring software. Public Affairs Staff has been looking at utilizing this tool for a few years now, however the \$20,000 per year price tag had staff exploring other options. With Public Affairs Assistant, Traci Muldoon on extended military leave, staff revisited Meltwater, as monitoring and distributing press clips to the Board were part of Ms. Muldoon's regular routine. Staff was able to negotiate a \$8,500 trial for the service and upon further negotiations, locked in that price for two years with payment upfront, saving the District \$22,500 for two years.

F. Budget Line Item Reference & Amount:
\$17,500.00 Public Affairs Budget Cost Center 32 - 7040

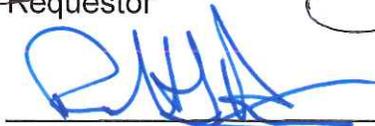
G. Core or Choice designation:
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H. Signature/Approvals:


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6-4-19

General Manager

Date

* Projects over \$25,000 must go to a Committee of the Board.

** Possible justifications include but are not limited to: Only qualified bidder; Proprietary item; Urgent necessity; Bid process did not produce competitors; Governmental agency, association or Utility; Prior phase of professional services contract completed successfully by same Consultant; and Special technical expertise by Consultant for tasks desired.



INFORMATION ITEM

June 17, 2019

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Public Affairs Legislative Committee**
(Directors Dick, Thomas & McVicker)

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: SB 204 (DODD): STATE WATER PROJECTS – CONTRACTS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

On February 20, 2019, the Board of Directors voted to oppose SB 204 which would have established requirements for both the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Delta Conveyance, Design and Construction Authority Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to notify the legislature about pending State Water Project contracts allowing for public review, prior to those agencies moving forward with any work on the California WaterFix and EcoRestore project. In addition, it would prohibit the JPA from finally approving a contract for 90 days after the first hearing by the Legislature to review the proposed contract.

Since the bill's introduction, a coalition representing the State Water Contractors and other affected parties have been working with Senator Dodd to remove some of the more concerning issues. These issues are outlined in the attached letter dated May 7, 2019. On May 17, SB 204 was heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee where the author agreed to amend the bill, addressing the issues identified in the May 7 letter to the committee.

Due to the looming house-of-origin deadline on May 31, the Senate policy staff were under a tight deadline to update the support/opposition list for the Senate floor analysis. This left

Budgeted (Y/N): n/a	Budgeted amount: n/a	Core X	Choice
Action item amount: None		Line item:	
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no time for the coalition leaders to alert signatories to the shift in position. Given that the concerns outlined in the May 7 letter had all been addressed to the satisfaction of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's legal counsel, they felt confident that the other signatories would agree.

On May 20, a letter was sent to Senator Dodd indicating that in light of the amendments taken, the coalition has removed its opposition. The coalition now has a neutral position on the measure, but will be watching it closely to ensure that the language remains satisfactory.

ATTACHED:

- AB 402 Full Text
- May 7 Letter to Senate Appropriations Committee Chair, Senator Anthony Portantino
- May 20 Letter to Senator Dodd removing opposition

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 17, 2019
AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 25, 2019
AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 18, 2019

SENATE BILL

No. 204

Introduced by Senator Dodd

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Frazier)

(Coauthors: Senators Galgiani, Glazer, and Pan)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Cooper, Eggman, Grayson, and
McCarty)

February 4, 2019

An act to ~~add Section 6525.5 to the Government Code, and amend Section 165 of,~~ to add Section 147.6 to, and to repeal and add Section 147.5 of, the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 204, as amended, Dodd. State Water Project: contracts.

(1) Under existing law, the Department of Water Resources operates the State Water Resources Development System, known as the State Water Project, in accordance with the California Water Resources Development Bond Act to supply water to persons and entities in the state. Existing law requires the department to present to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature the details of the terms and conditions of a long-term water supply contract between the department and a state water project contractor and to submit a copy of one long-term contract, as prescribed.

This bill would instead require the department to provide at least 10 days' notice to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature before holding public

sessions to negotiate any potential amendment of a long-term water supply contract that is of projectwide significance with substantially similar terms intended to be offered to all contractors. The bill would require the department, before the execution of a specified proposed amendment to a long-term water supply contract and at least 60 days before final approval of such an amendment, to submit to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature certain information regarding the terms and conditions of a proposed amendment of a long-term water supply contract and to submit a copy of the long-term contract as it is proposed to be amended.

~~(2) Existing law, the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, authorizes 2 or more public agencies to enter into an agreement to jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties.~~

~~The bill would require a certain joint powers authority and the Department of Water Resources to present to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by July 1, 2020, specified water conveyance project information and would require the authority and department to report by July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, that information to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and to the relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature.~~

~~(3) This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.~~

~~(2) Existing law requires the California Water Commission to conduct an annual review of the progress of construction and operation of the State Water Resources Development System and make a report on its findings to the Department of Water Resources and the Legislature.~~

~~This bill would require the commission to additionally include in that review and report the progress of the design, construction, and financing of any new water conveyance facility in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to be owned and operated by the department.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. ~~Section 6525.5 is added to the Government Code,~~
 2 ~~to read:~~
 3 6525.5.—(a) ~~For the purposes of this section, “joint powers~~
 4 ~~authority” means the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction~~
 5 ~~Joint Powers Authority, the Delta Conveyance Finance Authority,~~

1 any successor to those authorities, or any joint powers authority
2 created for the purposes of designing or constructing a water
3 conveyance in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to be owned and
4 operated by the Department of Water Resources:

5 (b) By July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the Department of
6 Water Resources and the joint powers authority shall report to the
7 Joint Legislative Budget Committee and to the relevant policy and
8 fiscal committees of the Legislature information, in compliance
9 with Section 9795, on all of the following:

10 (1) Water conveyance project financing, including budgeted
11 and actual sources of funding, including water fees and property
12 tax levies, and the allocation of costs between project beneficiaries.

13 (2) The status of construction, including a list of all pending
14 and executed contracts valued over ten million dollars
15 (\$10,000,000) related to water conveyance planning, design, and
16 construction, the contract schedules, and the progress on meeting
17 goals with respect to contracting with small, minority, woman, or
18 veteran-owned businesses.

19 (3) Decisions made by the Interagency Implementation and
20 Coordination Group, as described in the adaptive management
21 program, regarding the proposed or actual operation of the water
22 conveyance project, including volume and timing of diversions
23 and deliveries to water contractors, water transfers, how decisions
24 regarding operations are made, and the effectiveness of avoiding,
25 reducing, or mitigating operational impacts on fisheries, wildlife,
26 the environment, and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta communities.

27 (4) Consultations with Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
28 communities affected by project construction, operation, or both,
29 including actions taken to address community concerns with a
30 local ombudsman, administration of a community benefits fund,
31 or both.

32 (5) Actions taken to avoid or mitigate project construction
33 impacts to agriculture, recreation, infrastructure, property, local
34 business operations, worker and community safety, and public
35 health, and the project's consistency with the management plan
36 adopted for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage
37 Area.

38 (c) By July 1, 2020, the Department of Water Resources and
39 the joint powers authority shall present at an informational hearing

1 ~~the information described in subdivision (b) to the Joint Legislative~~
2 ~~Budget Committee.~~

3 ~~SEC. 2.~~

4 *SECTION 1.* Section 147.5 of the Water Code is repealed.

5 ~~SEC. 3.~~

6 *SEC. 2.* Section 147.5 is added to the Water Code, to read:

7 147.5. The department shall provide at least 10 days' notice
8 to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and relevant policy and
9 fiscal committees of the Legislature before holding public sessions
10 to negotiate any potential amendment of a long-term water supply
11 contract that is of projectwide significance with substantially
12 similar terms intended to be offered to all contractors.

13 ~~SEC. 4.~~

14 *SEC. 3.* Section 147.6 is added to the Water Code, to read:

15 147.6. (a) Before the execution of an amendment to a
16 long-term water supply contract described in subdivision (c) and
17 at least 60 days before final approval of such an amendment, the
18 department shall submit to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee
19 and relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature
20 information regarding the terms and conditions of a proposed
21 amendment of a long-term water supply contract.

22 (b) The department shall submit the following information in
23 compliance with subdivision (a):

- 24 (1) A summary of the provisions of the proposed amendment.
- 25 (2) The estimated costs associated with the proposed
- 26 amendment, along with an estimate of the allocation of the costs
- 27 borne by each contractor.

28 (3) A copy of the long-term contract as it is proposed to be
29 amended.

30 (c) (1) This section applies to a proposed amendment by the
31 department to a long-term water supply contract that is of
32 projectwide significance with substantially similar terms intended
33 to be offered to all contractors.

34 (2) This section does not apply to an amendment for which a
35 copy of the long-term water supply contract as it was proposed to
36 be amended was submitted by the department to the Joint
37 Legislative Budget Committee in May 2018.

38 ~~SEC. 5. The Legislature finds and declares that a special statute~~
39 ~~is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable~~
40 ~~within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California~~

1 ~~Constitution because of the unique circumstances of the~~
2 ~~Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.~~

3 *SEC. 4. Section 165 of the Water Code is amended to read:*

4 165. (a) The California Water Commission shall conduct an
5 annual review of ~~the~~ *both of the following:*

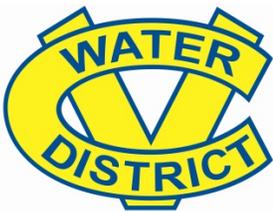
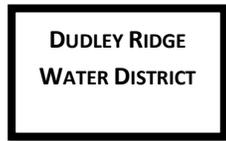
6 (1) *The progress of construction and operation of the State*
7 *Water Resources Development System, and System.*

8 (2) *The progress of the design, construction, and financing of*
9 *any new water conveyance facility in the Sacramento-San Joaquin*
10 *Delta to be owned and operated by the department.*

11 (b) (1) *The California Water Commission shall make a report*
12 *on its findings pursuant to subdivision (a) to the department and*
13 *to the Legislature, together with whatever recommendations it*
14 *deems appropriate.*

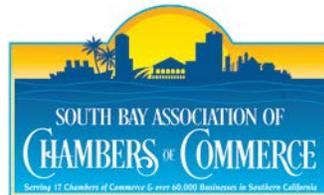
15 (2) *A report submitted to the Legislature pursuant to paragraph*
16 *(1) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the*
17 *Government Code.*

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**SB 204 (Dodd): Delta Conveyance
OPPOSE**

Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

May 7, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3086
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 204: Delta Conveyance: **OPPOSE – HOLD ON SUSPENSE**
As Amended 4/29/19

Dear Senator Portantino:

On behalf of the signatories noted below, we write to express our opposition to SB 204 by Senator Bill Dodd and respectfully request that the bill be held on suspense.

We are disturbed that rather than addressing the issues and concerns raised during the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee hearing on March 12, the newly amended bill goes beyond the stated intent and creates a litany of cumbersome legislative reporting requirements that are unprecedented for **any** public works project in California. Furthermore, given the Governor's recent statements regarding California WaterFix, it would be premature to legislate on many of the issues now contained in SB 204.

While we support efforts to bring further transparency to any future amendments to State Water Project contracts and construction of future Delta conveyance improvements, SB 204 goes beyond transparency and seeks information not related to SB 204's stated purpose.

As a requirement unique to this project, SB 204 would add a section to the Government Code requiring that the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) or any broadly-defined joint power authority submit a list of all pending and executed contracts over \$10 million, along with their progress and status. Also any information related to operations, water supply, local water districts rates, and mitigation would have to be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) and relevant policy and fiscal committees.

We have many concerns with the new amendments. First, SB 204 would require the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the joint powers authorities to submit information on financing including budgeted and actual sources of funding and water fees and property tax levies. It would also require a report on the allocation of costs among project beneficiaries. This information goes beyond transparency and seeks information that none of the entities identified in SB 204 would have available to them. How each of the

twenty-nine public water agencies bills its customers (whether wholesale or retail), sets its rates, and plans for future costs, is singular to that agency and not within the jurisdiction or scope of knowledge of DWR or the joint powers authorities. Further, this information is generated for and adopted by the boards for each of the public water agencies participating in the project.

Second, SB 204 would require a report on the status of all construction contracts valued over \$10 million. Given the magnitude of any Delta conveyance project, the \$10 million threshold will apply to hundreds of contracts for planning, design and construction that will be awarded through public processes. The joint powers authorities, by their public nature, will be more transparent than other public works projects advanced by state agencies.

Third, SB 204 would require the Interagency Implementation and Coordination Group (IICG) to report on its decisions related to adaptive management of California WaterFix. The IICG was created as part of the Adaptive Management Plan for the federal and state Endangered Species Act permits for California WaterFix. As described in the Adaptive Management Plan, the IICG would post meeting notes, decisions, and rationale for those decisions on their website. Having state and federal agencies that comprise the IICG prepare reports for the Legislature is unnecessary when the information is posted on the IICG website. Moreover, SB 204 requires the IICG to report on volume and timing of water diversions and deliveries to state water contractors which is not information within the jurisdiction of the IICG, and is readily available online.

Fourth, SB 204 references a Community Benefits Fund for the Delta communities. While DWR announced that it would have a Community Benefits Fund for California WaterFix as part of its consistency application before the Delta Stewardship Council, the application has been since been withdrawn as the project itself is under review by the Newsom Administration. It is simply not appropriate for the Legislature to intervene into this process and assume administration of such a fund.

SB 204 also requires reporting on activities that are essentially covered in the Mitigation, Monitoring and Report Plan (“MMRP”) for California WaterFix. This requirement is not necessary given the obligations under the California Environmental Quality Act and the mitigation that would be required in varying state and federal permits.

There is overwhelming scientific and policy evidence, developed over the course of more than a dozen years of study and analysis by state and federal agencies that California must move rapidly to modernize its water conveyance system to ensure water reliability for millions of Californians, farmers, and the environment. SB 204, in its current form, is not the answer. For all of the above reasons, we must oppose SB 204. If you have

any questions regarding our position on the measure, please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Viatella at The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at kviatella@mwdh2o.com or by phone at (916) 650-2614.

Sincerely,

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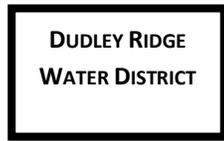
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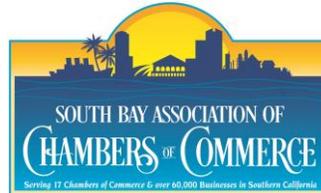
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cc: Senator Bill Dodd
Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee
Ashley Ames, Consultant, Senate Appropriations Committee
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**SB 204 (Dodd): Delta Conveyance
As Amended 5/17/19**

REMOVE OPPOSITION

May 20, 2019

The Honorable Bill Dodd
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4032
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 204: Delta Conveyance: **REMOVE OPPOSITION
As Amended 5/17/19**

Dear Senator Dodd:

On behalf of the agencies and signatories below, we wish to remove our opposition to your bill, SB 204, in light of the May 17, 2019, amendment. The amended bill provides further transparency to any future amendments to State Water Project contracts as described in 147.6 (c) and construction of future Delta conveyance improvements while adhering to the author's stated purpose.

For these reasons, we wish to remove our opposition to SB 204. If you have any questions or wish additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Viatella at The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at kviatella@mwdh2o.com or by phone at (916) 650-2614.

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cc: Dennis O'Connor, Principal Consultant, Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
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INFORMATION ITEM

June 17, 2019

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: **Public Affairs Legislative Committee**
(Directors Dick, Thomas & McVicker)

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Damon Micalizzi

SUBJECT: 2019 OC WATER SUMMIT RECAP

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors receive and file.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

More than 350 people attended the 12th Annual OC Water Summit, titled ***Water, Under the Microscope***, held on June 1, at Disney’s Grand Californian Hotel. Immediate feedback at the event that offered a more “technical program” this year, was positive.

OCWD, the lead agency for this year’s Summit has yet to distribute post event surveys. That feedback will be available at next month’s meeting. At the time of this staff report, the accounting is yet to be finalized. A detailed accounting will be provided at the July PAL meeting.

The Summit Committee, chaired by Director Thomas for MWDOC, will meet June 24th for an in depth review. The committee will also begin discussions for the 2020 event. MWDOC’s has proposed Friday, May 29th as the date for next year, as the Grand Californian is available.

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
June 17, 2019

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

FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Tiffany Baca

SUBJECT: MWDOC-Wyland Foundation Pocket Park(s) Update

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

Each year, during the month of April, cities across the United States compete in the Wyland National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation (National Challenge). This annual, month-long campaign inspires residents, schools, and businesses throughout the nation to make a series of small but effective pledges to use water more wisely. This year alone, nearly 750,000 pledges were collected from citizens across the country, a commitment to save nearly three billion gallons of water.

In 2017, the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC or District) Board of Directors approved a partnership with the Wyland Foundation to implement an Orange County (OC) breakaway competition that runs in concurrence with the annual National Challenge. Through this remarkable partnership, not only has OC engagement in the competition skyrocketed, but MWDOC has also elevated its profile throughout the county, state, and nation.

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

DETAILED REPORT

The MWDOC Mission “... to promote water use efficiency for all of Orange County” begins with having an audience. The audience is built and established through relationships with the communities you hope to educate and grow, earning their trust and establishing credibility by involving them in your activities. This can be successfully accomplished through productive and engaging partnerships.

Because of the MWDOC-Wyland partnership, nearly 65,000 people have been reached through MWDOC’s 2019 National Challenge social media campaign alone.

OVERVIEW

Eight years ago, the Wyland Foundation proposed a friendly competition to eight South Florida mayors to see which could rally and inspire their communities to pledge to save the most water. *“Immediately we realized that they were very competitive,”* says world-renowned marine life artist Wyland. *“And then we thought, to protect the water off South Florida is good, but we needed to think bigger, so we decided to take it national.”*

Every April, residents, schools, and businesses in cities across the U.S. participate in the annual National Challenge in hopes of winning the title of most water-wise city in the nation. This high-profile campaign encourages water-saving behaviors by asking citizens to take a series of pledges to use water more efficiently. By completing this small step, pledge-takers begin to think about ways to make positive shifts in their daily water use habits. Additionally, the competition allows participants and project partners to easily share tips, successes, and information with their friends and family across multiple print and social media channels.

In 2017, MWDOC Board of Directors approved a partnership with the Wyland Foundation to produce an OC breakaway competition for MWDOC member agencies and the cities they serve. The top-performing *OC city within MWDOC’s service area* has the opportunity to win a water-efficient demonstration garden or “pocket-park.” To date, three pocket parks have been awarded, the first to the City of Laguna Beach, the second to the City of Westminster, and this year, a third, to the City of San Clemente.

PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS AND SUCCESSES

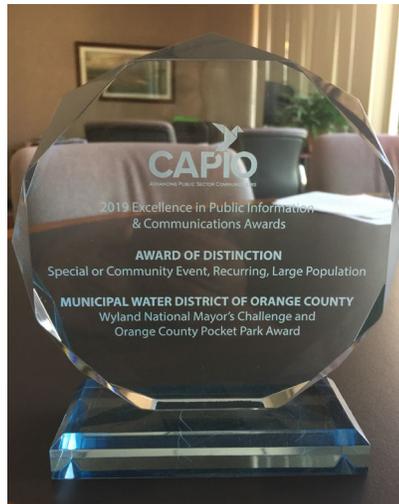
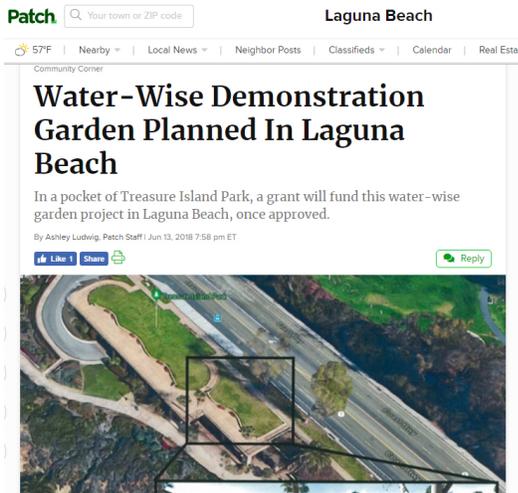
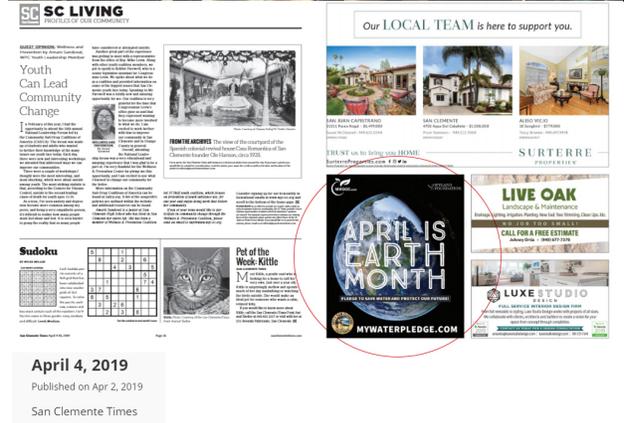
In the three years of this exceptionally rewarding partnership, a series of benefits and successes have been both achieved and enjoyed by MWDOC, the Wyland Foundation (Project Partners), and participating sponsors. Some of these benefits include:

- Since the partnership began in 2017, Orange County has increased participation in the National Challenge by more than 15,000 pledges – a growth of nearly 27 million gallons of water pledged to be saved by OC citizens.
- Through effective outreach, the Project Partners and sponsors have gathered thousands of additional newly engaged audience members interested in other available services such as rebates, education programs, special events, and more.

- In the first year, Saddleback College was awarded a \$10,000 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD) World Water Forum Grant. Through this opportunity, the team received funding for research and development of water-use efficiency technology that can cost-effectively be implemented in Southern California as well as internationally.
 - Several innovative technologies were introduced by the design team not just to the cities awarded the pocket park, but also to the public through major media outlets, news releases and newspaper articles, as well as social media and at city council meetings.
- MWDOC developed, directed, and produced, at no cost to the District, four promotional videos with world-renowned marine life artist Wyland. Due to the celebrity aspect, these videos have been the top-performing content on MWDOC social media platforms garnering county, state, and national engagement (see analytic highlights attached to this report for each video referenced below).
 - Wyland National Mayor's Challenge promotional video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r3HX4nsa8U4>
 - Wyland **evergreen** Public Service Announcement (PSA) video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSvFoO-UICc>
 - Wyland World Water Day message video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iinxafPCXk>
- In addition to record-breaking numbers through social media, traditional news media coverage has included:
 - ABC7 news report on MWD's Spring Green Expo – Saddleback student interviewed on award winning project.
 - CBS2 news report on Wyland National Mayor's Challenge and OC pocket park breakaway competition.
 - Article in the California Patch.
 - Article in California Water News Daily.
 - Article in Orange County Breeze.
 - Article in Orange County Business Council (OCBC) – OCBC Indicator.
 - Multiple articles in ACWA member newsletter.
 - MWDOC staff interviewed twice on CNBC's KCAA radio program The Water Zone.
 - MWDOC staff interviewed on KX 93.5 Laguna Beach public radio.
- MWDOC received an Award of Distinction from the California Association of Public Information Officials for Special or Community Event, Recurring, Large Population for the OC breakaway competition.
- MWDOC received a nomination from OCBC for the pocket park project in the Sustainable and Green Development category for the Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet Awards.
- In addition to receiving a \$10,000 grant from MWD for the World Water Forum, the Saddleback College design team was awarded the Irving Sarnoff Award for their initial park design.

- MWDOC asked to co-partner with Toro Irrigation on the California Xtreme Water Makeover Contest (at no cost to the District). Funding sponsors include NBC News Radio, The Water Zone, Kellogg Garden Products, The Home Depot, and Howard's Appliances.
- MWDOC member agencies received a media/tool kit developed by the MWDOC Public Affairs Team to help promote the National Challenge and OC breakaway competition in their service areas. Through this effort, nearly half of the agencies promoted the National Challenge through social media, and in their local newsletters and newspapers.

These accomplishments show that while each of the pocket parks elevate MWDOC's profile alone, the milestones and successes along the way have been significant and valuable to the District, providing countywide, statewide, and nationwide leadership in water-efficient education, partnerships, and public outreach.





PROJECT UPDATES

City of Laguna Beach Pocket Park Award

The City of Laguna Beach was the 2017 MWDOC-Wyland Pocket Park Award winner. After more than a year of review, four revisions to the landscape design, and a host of discussions and meetings with Project Partners, community members, and City Council, the project stalled due to the Montage's request last fall to submit the pocket park design along with a series of other multi-million dollar projects to the City's Design Review Board. This request pushed the project timeline back to the first of the year with groundbreaking to occur before the summer tourist season. However, Chris Russell, Director of Engineering with the Montage Resort Laguna Beach and primary project contact, has since accepted another assignment in San Diego. The Montage has yet to replace Mr. Russell.

Next Steps

Project Partners are attempting to reach a conclusion with the Montage, and if unsuccessful, will begin talks with the City about alternate locations.

City of Westminster Pocket Park Award

The City of Westminster was the 2018 MWDOC-Wyland OC Pocket Park Award winner.

In May 2019, the Westminster City Council finalized their selection for the pocket park location—a portion of Coronet Park located at 9201 England Avenue. This site was selected due to its proximity to the Asian Garden Mall, and its position between four major cross streets, McFadden Avenue, Magnolia Street, Bolsa Avenue, and Bushard Street.

On May 29, Project Partners and the Saddleback College design team met with the City Water Superintendent, Scott Miller, to walk the location, discuss design elements, and determine any restrictions or potential challenges. The design team has started meeting and preparing elements of the pocket park design for approval.

City of San Clemente Pocket Park Award

The National Challenge encourages people from coast-to-coast to make a series of mindful pledges to use water more wisely. This year, OC secured nearly 30,000 total pledges, which is equivalent to a potential savings of nearly 105 million gallons of water. Since the

introduction of the OC breakaway competition in 2017, OC participation in the National Challenge has increased by more than 15,000 pledges – a growth of nearly 27 million gallons of water pledged to be saved by OC citizens.

For the 2019 National Challenge, the City of San Clemente alone collected almost 2,700 pledges from community members committing to reduce the city's water use by over 9 million gallons from now until next April when the National Challenge and OC breakaway competition begins again.

On May 20, the City of San Clemente was named the 2019 MWDOC-Wyland OC Pocket Park Award winner. As with the previous pocket park awards, the San Clemente public park will serve as a community model for water-wise landscaping and smart irrigation, and will demonstrate to visitors that with the right design, plant palette, and watering equipment, any outdoor space can be functional, efficient, and beautiful.

On June 18, Project Partners, Board President Barbre, and Director Schneider will present the San Clemente City Council with an award of recognition for their outstanding participation in the National Challenge and OC breakaway competition. Planning meetings to discuss next steps will be scheduled shortly thereafter.



**ANALYTIC HIGHLIGHTS
MWDOC + WYLAND FOUNDATION
"EVERGREEN" PRODUCTION**

EACH YEAR DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, CITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TAKE PART IN THE ANNUAL WYLAND NATIONAL MAYOR'S CHALLENGE FOR WATER CONSERVATION. WITH NO COST TO CITIES OR TAXPAYERS, THE MAYOR'S CHALLENGE OFFERS A UNIQUE AND COMPELLING WAY TO MOTIVATE RESIDENTS TO CONSERVE WATER.

PURPOSE OF VIDEO

AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER WITH WYLAND AND THE WYLAND FOUNDATION, BOTH NATIONALLY KNOWN BRANDS, IN AN EFFORT TO CREATE AN "EVERGREEN" MESSAGE FOR SAVING WATER YEAR-ROUND. THIS VIDEO WORKS SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE WYLAND NATIONAL MAYORS CHALLENGE FOR WATER CONSERVATION.

"IF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US WAS #WATERWISE - IF WE TOOK THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE'RE USING WATER, AND THEN MADE A SMALL PLEDGE TO JUST CHANGE SIMPLE THINGS - IT REALLY ADDS UP!"
- WYLAND, WORLD RENOWNED MARINE LIFE ARTIST



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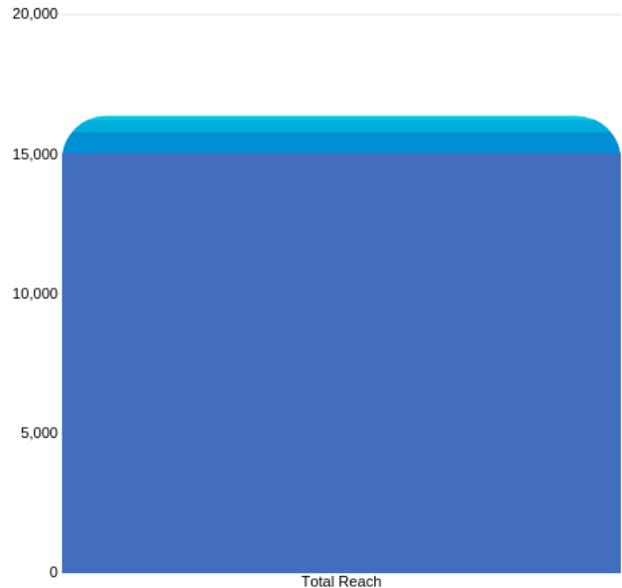
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- Facebook
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16,369 Total Reach





**ANALYTIC HIGHLIGHTS
MWDOC + WYLAND FOUNDATION
NATIONAL MAYORS CHALLENGE (1)**

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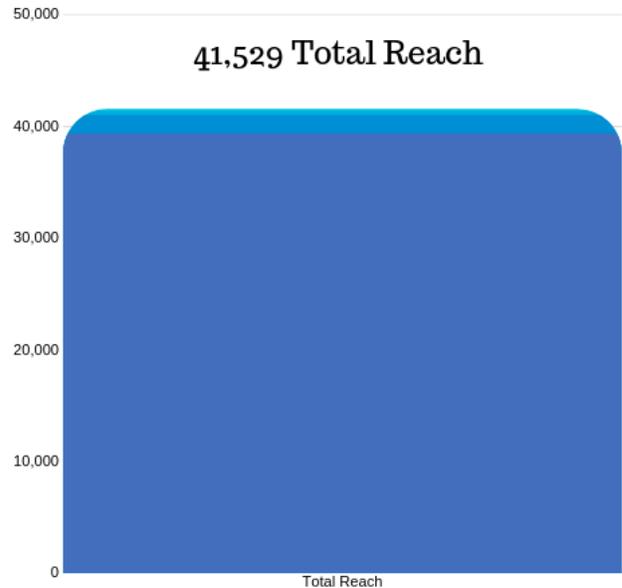
AS AN ADDED INCENTIVE, ONE OC CITY WITHIN THE MWDOC SERVICE AREA ([HTTP://OW.LY/WGFR50P0JJJP](http://ow.ly/WGFR50P0JJJP)) CAN WIN A WATER-WISE POCKET PARK! #MWDOC #WYLANDFOUNDATION #NATIONMAYORSCHALLENGE WYLAND FOUNDATION



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**ANALYTIC HIGHLIGHTS
MWDOC + WYLAND FOUNDATION
WORLD WATER DAY**

EACH YEAR DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, CITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TAKE PART IN THE ANNUAL WYLAND NATIONAL MAYOR'S CHALLENGE FOR WATER CONSERVATION. WITH NO COST TO CITIES OR TAXPAYERS, THE MAYOR'S CHALLENGE OFFERS A UNIQUE AND COMPELLING WAY TO MOTIVATE RESIDENTS TO CONSERVE WATER.

PURPOSE OF VIDEO

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MWDOC TO PARTICIPATE IN 'WORLD WATER DAY' AND HELP PROMOTE A WATER-WISE LIFESTYLE. WORLD WATER DAY 2019 WAS FOCUSED TACKLING THE WATER CRISIS BY ADDRESSING THE REASONS WHY SO MANY PEOPLE ARE BEING LEFT BEHIND.

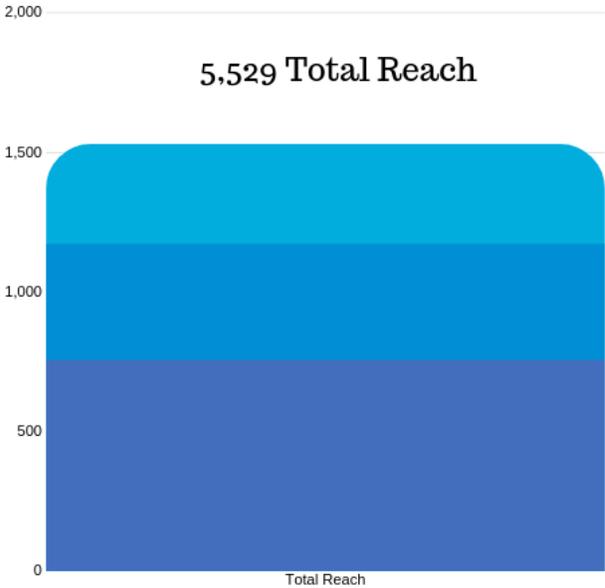
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#LEAVINGNOONEBEHIND #MWDOC #WATERISLIFE #OCISWATERSMART UN-WATER



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INFORMATION ITEM
June 17, 2019

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

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 (MWD OC) water education programs are wrapping up their final visits for the 2018/19 school year. The following reports are included: Elementary Education Student Counts and the “What About Water” High School Program monthly report and year-end 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 the average increase in student understanding after attending the May 2019 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 **18.91%** 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 **8.55%** 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 **10.30%** 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 **30.85%** 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 **29.61%** 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 **29.23%** 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.

Inside the Outdoors has completed all visits for the 2018/19 High School Program. Attached is the year-end report sharing highlights from the school year.

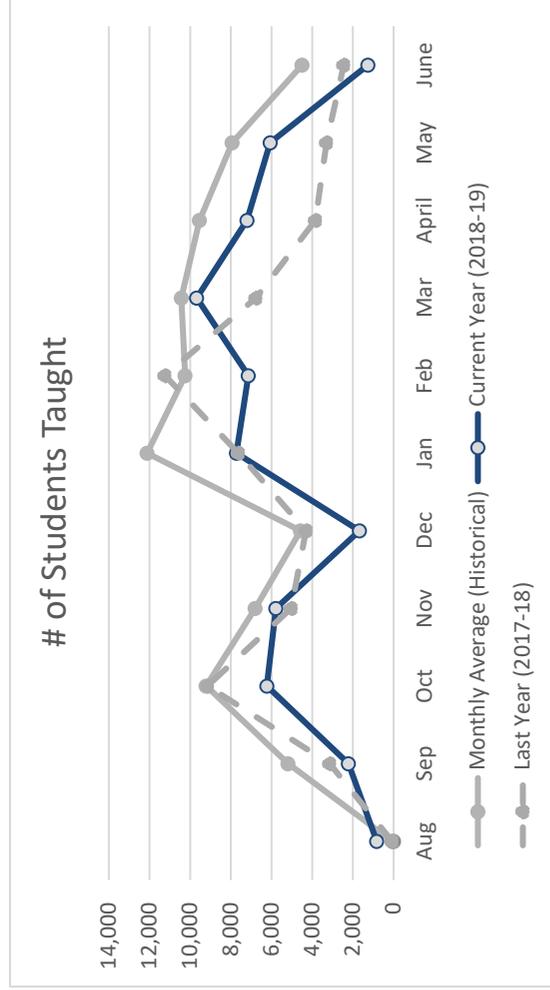
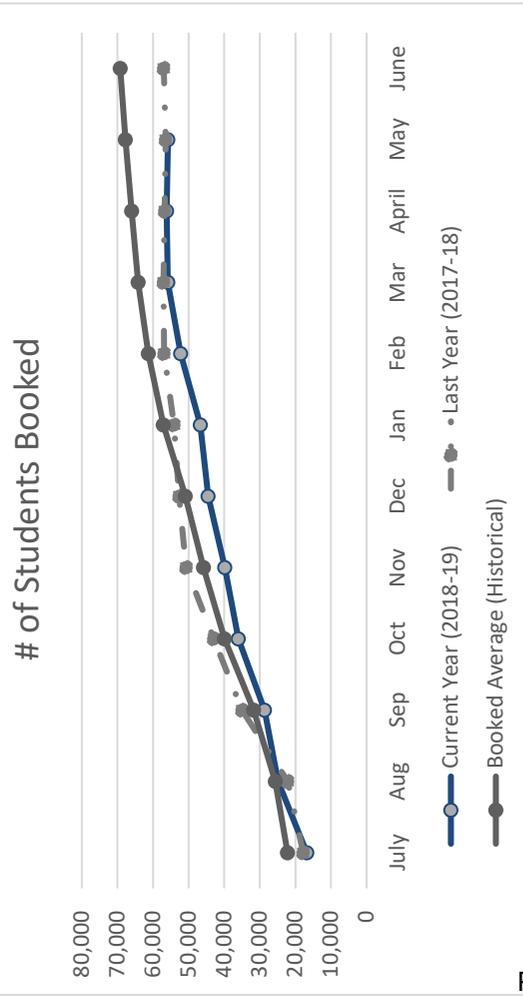
2018-19 Water Education School Program

Total Students Booked by Month

	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	44,521	46,703	52,234	55,825	56,171	55,821		63,084

Number of Students Taught by Month

	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	1,676	7,724	7,144	9,679	7,205	6,066	1,261	55,821



WHAT ABOUT WATER?

Monthly Report
Presented by



JUNE 2019

What About Water? - Inside the Outdoors School Visits
Year 4 - 2018/2019

Agency	High School	1st Visit - student	1st Visit Attendance	2nd Visit - student	2nd Visit Attendance	School Expo Date	Total Students	Class Type	Grade Served	Notes
Anaheim	Anaheim High School	11/28/18	73	2/7/19	88	3/20/19	161	AP Environmental Science	11-12th grade	3/20 - Lunchtime Expo
City of Brea	Brea Olinda High School	4/26/19	70	5/31/19	81	6/4/18	151	AP Environmental Science	11-12th grade	6/4 - Lunchtime Expo
City of Buena Park	Buena Park High School	2/27/19	25	3/13/19	24	5/17/19	49	AP Environmental Science	10-12th grade	5/17 - Lunchtime Expo
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	138	5/6/19	123	5/14/19	261	Biology	9-12th grade	5/19 - Lunchtime Expo
City of San Juan Capistrano	Junipero Serra High School or San Juan Hills High School	1/14/19	10	1/28/19	10	3/11/19	20	Health Science	10th grade	3/11 - Lunchtime Expo
City of Tustin	Tustin High School or Columbus Middle School	1/8/19	175	2/21/19	177	5/14/19	352	Science	6-8th grade	5/14 - Lunchtime Expo
East Orange WD	Foothill High School						0			
El Toro	El Toro High School	12/12/18	13	12/14/18	12	6/4/19	25	AP Environmental Science	11th grade	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	35	2/14/19	30	2/28/19	65	AP Environmental Science	11th grade	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	101	2/4/19	92	5/25/19	193	AP Biology	12th grade	5/25 - Water Summit
Santa Ana	Saddleback High School						0			
Santa Margarita WD	Tesoro High School	4/10/19	24	5/15/19	19	5/29/19	43	Biology/Earth Club	9-12th grade	5/29 - Lunchtime Expo
South Coast WD	Dana Hills High School	12/3/18	62	4/15/19	45	5/21/19	107	Biology	11-12th grade	5/21 - Lunchtime Expo
Westminster	La Quinta High School						0			
Westminster	Westminster High School						0			
Total			726		701		1,427			

Teacher Workshops	Anaheim Teacher Workshop	12/17/19	38							
Teacher Workshops	Anaheim Teacher Workshop	12/18/19	25							
Teacher Workshops	Anaheim Teacher Workshop	1/12/19	22							
Teacher Workshops	ACCESS- Teacher Workshop	5/10/19	30							

Student Summits	MLK Day of Service	1/19/19	200					Leadership	9-12 grade	
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Where's My Water? - Inside the Outdoors School Visits - 2018/2019

Core Program	High School	Program Date	Attendance					Class Type	Grade Served	Notes
Where's My Water										
	Brea Olinda High School	9/21/18	87					Biology	11th grade	
	Back Bay High School	12/18/18	47					Science	11-12 grade	
	Fountain Valley Education Center	1/9/19	11					Science	11-12 grade	
	Jordan Intermediate, Doig Intermediate, Yorba Middle, South Jr. High, Orangeview Jr. High Schools	3/9/19	87					Leadership	6-8th grade	
	Sierra School	3/18/19	94					Science	7th grade	
	Sierra School	3/19/19	73					Science	7th grade	
	Kennedy, Savanna, Santiago, Orange, Magnolia, Hare, Fountain Valley, and Santiago de Compostela High Schools	3/22/19	121					Leadership	9-12 grade	
	Esqueda School	4/16/19	111					Science	6th grade	
	ACCESS - Southwest Anaheim	5/23/19	17					Science	9-12 grade	
	ACCESS - Academic Center of Tustin	5/29/19	12					Science	9-12 grade	
	ACCESS - Harbor Learning Center	5/30/19	50					Science	9-12 grade	
Total			710							

tbd = verbal confirmation, pending calendar dates

Inside the Outdoors
In partnership with Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)
Year-end Report
2018-19

TOTAL SERVED

2,337 students

Received water education

- **1,427**
Through *What About Water?:* Traveling Scientist visits
- **710**
Through *Where's My Water?:* Traveling Scientist visits
- **200**
Through Water Summits
- MLK Day of Service @ Upper Newport Bay, 1/19/19

11 Water Districts

- Anaheim
- Brea
- Buena Park
- El Toro
- Moulton Niguel
- Moulton Niguel/Santa Margarita (partnership)
- San Clemente
- San Juan Capistrano
- Santa Margarita
- South Coast
- Tustin

115 Through Teacher Workshops

- (38) Anaheim, 12/19/18
- (25) Anaheim, 12/18/18
- (22) Anaheim, 1/12/19
- (30) ACCESS, 5/10/30



11 Schools (*What About Water?*)

Anaheim HS, Brea Olinda HS, Buena Park HS, Columbus MS, Dana Hills HS, El Toro HS, Junipero Serra HS, Laguna Hills HS, Mission Viejo HS, San Clemente HS, Tesoro HS

21 Schools (*Where's My Water?*)

Participating High Schools: ACCESS-Academic Center of Tustin, ACCESS-Harbor Learning Center, ACCESS-Southwest Anaheim, Back Bay, Brea Olinda, Fountain Valley, Fountain Valley Education Center, Hare, Kennedy, Magnolia, Orange, Santiago, Santiago de Compostela and Savanna

Participating Intermediate & Jr. High Schools: Doig, Esqueda, Jordan, Orangeview, Sierra, South and Yorba

217 Voice 4 Water Video Contest Entries

Additional partners: MWDOC, United Nations Biodiversity, Volcolm, Wise Kid (Sid the Science Kid), Do Something Athletic, Sambazon, Lionforge Labs

Quotes

"This is all very interesting. I never knew where my water came from."

-Student, Dana Hills HS

"I didn't know how much I didn't know about water."

-Student, Mission Viejo HS

"We had even more traffic at our Water Expo this year. The students created games to engage their peers and encouraged everyone to make a water pledge."

-Gwen Harris, Health Science Teacher – El Toro HS

"We are so thankful for the amazing partnership we've forged with Inside the Outdoors. The Water Expo provided a wonderful creative outlet for students to take what they've learned and share it with others."

-Andrea Ramos, AP Environmental Science Teacher – Brea Olinda HS

Student Water Conservation Pledges

How will you save water ...

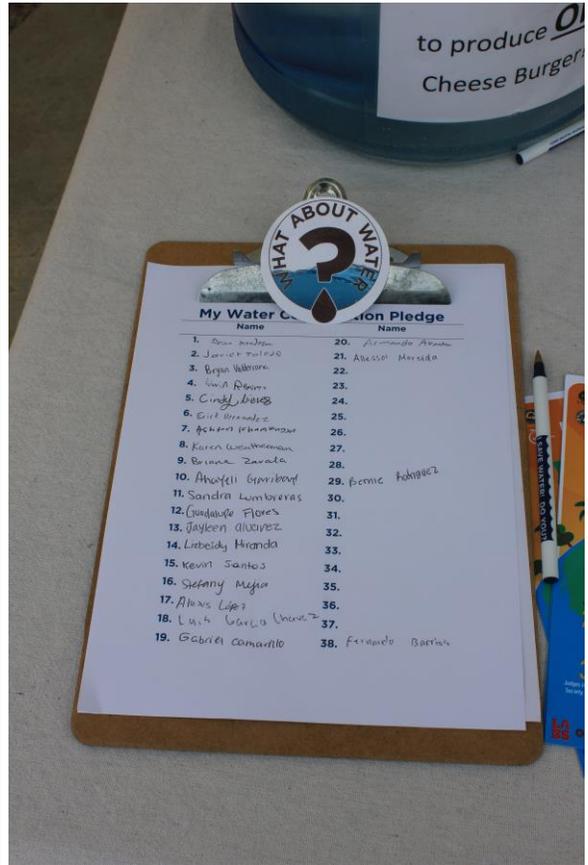
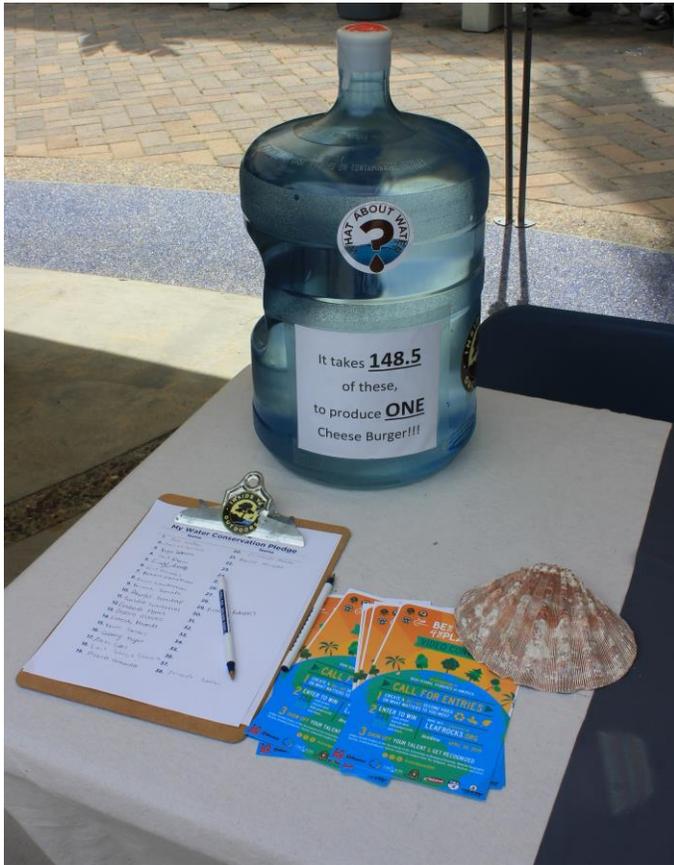
- Turn off the sprinklers during and after a rain storm
- Use antibacterial spray instead using water to wash hands
- Hand water plants instead of using sprinklers
- Don't hose off the driveway – use a broom instead
- Wash full loads of laundry only
- Take short showers instead of baths
- Install Astroturf
- Landscape with drought tolerant plants
- Water lawn at night to reduce evaporation

What About Water? – Year In Pictures, 2018-19

Anaheim High School



Brea Olinda High School



Junipero Serra High School



San Clemente High School

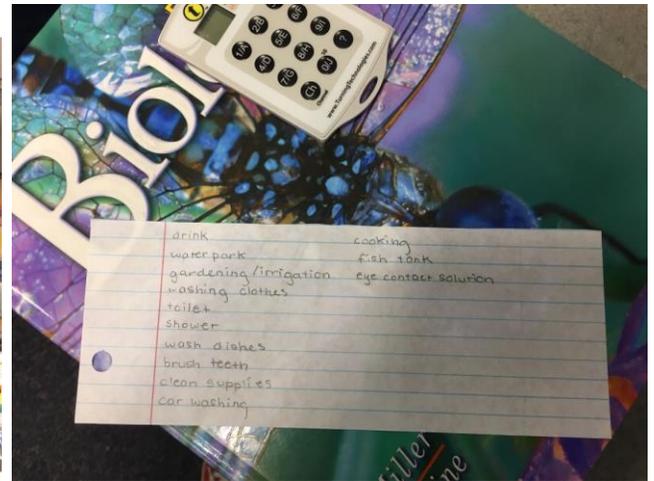
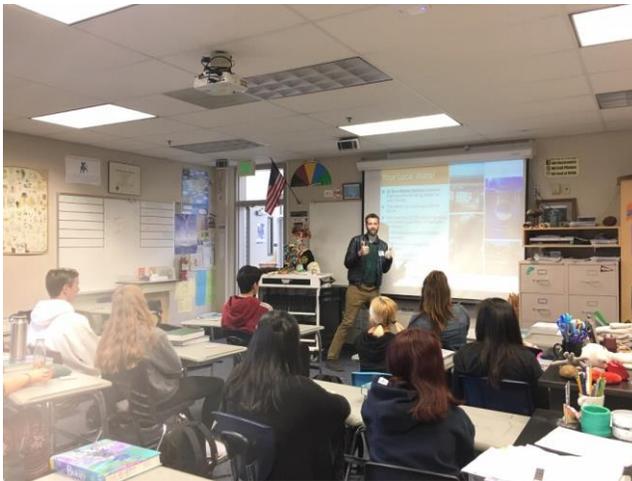


TRAVELING SCIENTIST PROGRAMS

Anaheim High School



El Toro High School



Junipero Serra HS



MLK Day of Service - Student Summit

January 19, 2019



**Public Affairs Activities Report
May 9, 2019 – June 11, 2019**

<p>Member Agency Relations</p>	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated a Ricki the Rambunctious Raindrop appearance at the May 18 Yorba Linda Water District Open House • Designed and ordered summer bill inserts for MWDOC Water Use Efficiency department and participating member agencies • Provided Public Affairs update for Water Use Efficiency monthly workgroup meeting • Facilitated initial pocket park design meeting with the Wyland Foundation, Saddleback College design team, and City of Westminster • Relating to the City of San Clemente’s award of the OC Pocket Park through their outstanding participation in the 2019 Wyland National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provided clarification text to the City of San Clemente news release ○ Provided a short blurb to the City of San Clemente’s City Clerk for a presentation to the City Council on June 18 • Developed and distributed a cross-marketing email to rebate customers <p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update on the water tax legislation to the OC MET Managers group • Sent update to MWDOC member agencies regarding the Senate Budget Subcommittee #2 action regarding the water tax • Updated the water tax PowerPoint for El Toro Water District • Sent update to MWDOC member agencies after the budget conference committee met and worked out a compromise on funding for safe drinking water (that did not include a water tax)
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<p>Community Relations</p>	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted a Merit Badge clinic at El Toro Water District – nearly 60 Scouts attended to be awarded the Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge • Hosted the 2019 Water Awareness Poster Contest at the Discovery Science Center – over 130 guests attended
<p>Education</p>	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visited Clinton Elementary School in Garden Grove to celebrate their participation in the Poster Contest; Ricki Raindrop made an appearance • Provided school program targets to member agencies and collected commitments for the 2019-20 school year • Provided details for City of San Clemente regarding High School program expo • Provided details to Santa Margarita Water District regarding Mission Viejo High School’s expo • Participated in and presented at Metropolitan’s Member Agency Education Coordinator’s meeting. Recommended speaker on the California Environmental Literacy Initiative, Dr. Gerald A. Lieberman who was in attendance. • Notified participating sponsors of the 2019 Be the Voice for the Planet winners • Observed high school program visit at Tesoro High School • Worked with contractor to develop new activities for the redesigned Ricki Raindrop education booklets • Provided details to El Toro Water District regarding El Toro High School expo • Provided new promotion video links and logistical information to Inland Empire Utilities Agency • Participated in California Environmental Literacy Community-Based Organization Training • Developed first draft of the (Boy) Scouts Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge workbook

<p>Media Relations</p>	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed and distributed news release “City of San Clemente wins MWDOC-Wyland OC Mayor’s Challenge” • Developed and distributed news release “Municipal Water District of Orange County Appoints Robert R. McVicker as Director of Division 3” • Prepared social media content in concurrence with strategic digital communications contractor
<p>Special Projects</p>	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffed the 12th Annual OC Water Summit at Disney’s Grand Californian • Working with Metropolitan and MWDOC-Metropolitan Directors to negotiate dates for the 2019/2020 Inspection Trip season • Completed multiple website updates • Completed mandatory harassment prevention training • Finalized Xtreme Water Makeover rules and promotional flyer • Provided information and tips for success to Citrus Heights Water District for website redesign • Provided information to Inland Empire Utilities Agency on mascot design and selection process • Prepared several certificates of recognition for students winning the Voice4Planet video contest, the City of San Clemente for success in the Wyland National Mayor’s Challenge and OC Pocket Park breakaway competition, and El Toro Water District for hosting a (Boy) Scouts Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge Clinic • Confirmed the 2020 Summit date with Disney Grand Californian (May 29) <p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffed the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting • Staffed the WACO Planning Committee meeting • Drafted and scheduled the ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon Invitation • Invited Norberto Santana from the Voice of OC to speak at the July WACO meeting • Attended the OC Water Summit • Coordinated with the June WACO speaker, Phil Rosentrater, of the Salton Sea Authority

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffed the June WACO meeting
<p>Legislative Affairs</p>	<p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the ACWA Spring Conference in Monterrey and attended the following presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Federal Affairs Committee ○ Securing Water for Future Generations ○ Keynote Speaker Joaquin Esquivel, SWRCB Chair ○ Keynote Speaker Jared Blumenfeld, CalEPA Secretary ○ Legislative Roundup ○ Safe and Affordable Drinking Water ○ Keynote Speaker Wade Crowfoot ○ Delta Voluntary Agreements • To support the Public Affairs Department, requested certificates of recognition for winners of the 2019 Be the Voice for the Planet, Water Category from the Orange County Legislative delegation • Participated in the Southern California Water Coalition Legislative Taskforce Meeting • Monitored the Senate Budget Sub-Committee #2 meeting where the water tax trailer bill language was discussed • Participated in the ACWA Region 10 State Legislative Committee pre-meeting conference call • Attended the ACWA State Legislative Committee meeting in Sacramento • Met with Wendy Ridderbusch, former ACWA State Government Relations Manager, re: ACWA engagement • Participated in the ACWA Federal Affairs meeting on May 22 • Met with staff from Congressman Harley Rouda’s office to go over details for their upcoming Community Leaders Briefing on July 22 • Along with Director Yoo Schneider, met with the Orange County staff from Congressman Mike Levin’s office • Met with staff from Senator Pat Bates’ office • Participated in the MET Member Agency Legislative conference call • Participated in the CalDesal Legislative Working Group • Met with staff from Congressman Lou Correa’s office to review logistics for their upcoming Community Leaders Briefing on August 8 • Sent update to the Board of Directors after the budget conference committee met and worked out a compromise

	<p>on funding for safe drinking water (that did not include a water tax)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended a meet and greet with Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva's new district director• Met with staff from Congressman Gil Cisneros' office
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