

MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
Jointly with the  
**PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**  
June 15, 2020, 8:30 a.m.

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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

## 2. MEDIA PROGRAM UPDATE

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- 3. CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) SEAT C – SOUTHERN NETWORK ELECTION
- 4. EXTENSION OF CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH ACKERMAN CONSULTING

**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.)

- 5. SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT WITH PLANET BIDS
- 6. MWDOC CHOICE SCHOOL PROGRAMS
- 7. PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES REPORT

### **OTHER ITEMS**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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*Municipal Water District of Orange County, California  
Washington Update  
June 9, 2020*

***Protests continue across the U.S. and in Washington, DC over racial inequality and policing issues; Economic uncertainty caused by COVID-19 pandemic remains; Congress has a packaged summer legislative agenda***

The Senate's summer legislative calendar has not changed as a result of COVID-19, in fact, the Senate is in session each weekday for the entire month of June. On the other hand, the House has taken a much more cautious approach and has opted to conduct committee hearings and legislative markups virtually—in late May, the House changed its rules to allow for proxy voting on the House Floor. The constitutionality of this rules change is currently being challenged in the federal courts.

Despite all of the many challenges, Congress has an ambitious legislative agenda in the coming weeks and months including considering infrastructure legislation, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), appropriations for critical federal water programs (Bureau of Reclamation, Army Corps of Engineers, and EPA), the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) including PFAS provisions, potentially additional coronavirus relief legislation, and policing reforms.

**House-Passed HEROES Act and Coronavirus Aid Legislation**

Since our last report, the House introduced and passed, on a mostly party line vote, the \$3 trillion coronavirus relief bill known as the HEROES Act. The House Democrats' 1,800-page bill contains nearly \$1 trillion (\$915 million) in aid to states, counties, and municipal governments. The bill also would appropriate \$1.5 billion for utility assistance to low income

individuals for rate relief for their utility bills—including water and wastewater. This bill also establishes a moratorium on water service disconnections/terminations. The bill also extends tax credits for paid sick and paid family/medical leave to state and local governments.

This major legislation will certainly not be passed by the Republican-controlled Senate in its current form. In fact, it is largely understood that the House passed the HEROES Act to lay down a “marker” as a starting point for negotiations on further COVID-19 aid with the Senate and White House.

Bolstered by a better than expected jobs report in May, Senate Republicans have continued to express reservations about moving more economic assistance legislation too quickly. However, as America deals with double-digit unemployment in an election year, it is widely expected that Congress will eventually consider and likely pass another round of coronavirus relief—including some form of aid to states and local governments. Senate Republican Leader McConnell has conditioned that any future aid would need to be tied to liability limits for businesses reopening amid the pandemic crisis.

As a reminder, MWDOC sent a letter to our Congressional Delegation and to House and Senate Leadership/relevant Committees advocating for federal assistance for special districts, revenue relief, water infrastructure investments, and payroll tax credit relief. We continue to actively advocate for the inclusion of aid to state and local governments—including for special districts—in another coronavirus relief bill.

We don’t anticipate that this legislation will seriously be negotiated until after the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday with the goal of passing this bill by August.

### ***Infrastructure Investment Bills (House and Senate):***

Although the House did not include infrastructure investments in their \$3 trillion HEROES Act coronavirus relief legislation, it is clear that infrastructure investments are a top priority for the House of Representatives this summer. The House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee Chair DeFazio introduced the INVEST Act, the surface transportation component of a broader infrastructure package that House T&I will markup on June 17. We are also hearing that the House Energy & Commerce (E&C) Committee and Natural Resources Committee will likely introduce the water infrastructure components for the package later in June or in July.

As a reminder, House Democrats released a legislative framework in January that would be a five-year \$760 billion infrastructure bill to improve the nation’s roads, bridges, public transit systems, health centers, and very importantly drinking water systems. Specifically, they



mentioned \$86 billion for water infrastructure grants, \$50 billion for clean water state revolving fund loans, \$25 billion for the drinking water state revolving fund.

Although Republicans have not been included thus far in the House's infrastructure efforts, last month, the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee passed two bipartisan water infrastructure bills unanimously. The bills, America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2020 (S. 3591), and the Drinking Water Infrastructure Act of 2020 (S. 3590), would authorize new Army Corps of Engineers projects, reauthorize the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Safe Drinking Water Act emergency fund, and make a series of policy changes regarding drinking water, flood control and water supply programs.

Highlights of the Senate Bill:

- \$17 billion in water infrastructure projects, including Western water storage provisions.
- It also authorizes the EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund and increases that authorization over three years to \$3 billion and reauthorizes WIFIA.
- Additionally, the legislation provides about \$2.5 billion in authorizations for the Safe Drinking Water Act emergency fund and provides \$300 billion in grants for the removal of drinking water contaminants—including PFAS.
- As you know, these are critical sources of federal funding, administered by the State of California, for water agencies to receive grants and low interest loans for water infrastructure projects.

These bills are the Senate's vehicle for the 2020 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), which is typically authorized every two years (the last being authorized in 2018).

We are continuing to closely monitor these infrastructure bills and will continue to keep the MWDOC Board and staff up to date.

### ***Trump Executive Order on Infrastructure:***

On June 4, 2020, President Trump signed an executive order expediting permitting for infrastructure projects. The idea is to ease the regulatory red tape to speed up the nation's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Specifically, the order directs federal agencies, including Interior (Bureau of Reclamation), Agriculture, Defense, and the Army Corps of Engineers to speed up the permitting processes under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Endangered Species Act, and the Clean Water Act.

### ***FY21 Appropriations:***

The Senate is expected to begin marking up FY21 appropriations bills the week of June 22. House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey announced that all 12 Appropriations Committee Subcommittees will markup these appropriations bills the week of July 6, 2020. She also announced that she plans to hold a markup up by the full Appropriations Committee the week of July 13, 2020. She plans to bring these bills for consideration on the House Floor the weeks of July 20<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup>. We are hearing that both the House Energy & Water and the Interior-EPA bills are well underway and aren't expected to receive much resistance in the Committee.

We don't expect that the House and Senate will be able to finish consideration of these appropriations bills before the end of the current fiscal year, which ends on September 30, 2020. Instead, we expect that Congress will have to pass some sort of a stopgap measure (continuing resolution) to continue to fund the government the spending current level until Congress and complete the appropriations process for FY21—likely after the November Presidential Election.

As a reminder, on behalf of MWDOC, we submitted an appropriation request to all of the Orange County House Members and both CA Senators. The request was language to be added to the FY21 Energy & Water Appropriations bill that would benefit water projects that have already gone through the process to be awarded grants under the WIIN Act and that have already had their projects subsequently approved by Congress in an appropriations bill. MWDOC's requested language would remove the requirement that future grant awards for those previously approved projects have to once again be approved by Congress in future spending bills. If this "second bite" language is adopted, it could significantly shorten the time between when the grant is awarded by the BOR and when the grant funds are actually dispersed to the water agency that was awarded the grant.

Again, we are continuing to advocate for full funding of important water programs and agencies like the BOR, USACE, Clean/Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, and the WIFIA program. All of these programs were given large cuts in the President's FY21 Budget Proposal.

### ***PFAS Update:***

#### **PFAS Provisions in the NDAA Defense Spending Bill**

The Senate Armed Services Committee is expected to report their National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) defense spending bill to the Senate floor this week. Meanwhile, the

House Armed Services Committee has scheduled the House's version of the NDAA for markup on July 1, 2020. We expect that this bill will be on the House Floor in late July.

You may remember that last year, the House added significant provisions to the NDAA related to PFAS. After a very contentious fight with the Senate over the PFAS provisions, most of them were stripped out of the final NDAA passed in December 2019. We fully expect that the House Armed Services Committee will again include Representative Dingell's PFAS bill in this year's NDAA. Dingell's bill (H.R. 535) passed the House in January 2020 as a stand-alone bill. As you know, H.R. 535 designates PFAS as a hazardous substance under the Superfund Law CERCLA. As a reminder, MWDOC sent a letter to all of Orange County's Congressional Delegation expressing concerns with designating PFAS under CERCLA without some clarification that water systems are exempted from Superfund liability. We continue to track this issue very closely, and we fully expect this controversial provision to be held up in the Senate.

### **Water Coalition Letter to EPA on PFAS**

On June 3, 2020, a large coalition of water groups, including ACWA, the National Water Resources Association, the American Water Works Association, the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, and others, sent a letter to EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler regarding the regulation of PFOS, PFOA, and PFAS in drinking water. Specifically, the letter urges the EPA to expeditiously prepare the required analysis, based on sound science, for the EPA's proposed drinking water standards for PFOS and PFOA. Additionally, the letter asks the EPA to actively engage water systems, local governments, state agencies, and other key water stakeholders in the implementation of PFAS risk management.

This letter was sent to EPA after the Administrator testified before Congress that the EPA won't be able to set drinking water limits for PFOS and PFOA within a year. The agency is likely to miss its deadlines to complete risk assessments for these toxic chemicals.

The is attached as a reference.

*JCB/RWL 6/09/20*



June 3, 2020

The Honorable Andrew Wheeler  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20460

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Subject: Regulation of PFOS, PFOA and other PFAS in drinking water

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

We appreciate the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) acting on its Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substance (PFAS) Action Plan and proposing positive regulatory determinations for perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). We ask that EPA move expeditiously to prepare the requisite analyses critical to proposing sound drinking water standards. The implications of regulating these substances will be far-reaching. A well-timed decision, based on sound science and robust analyses, is necessary to ensure effective protection of human health.

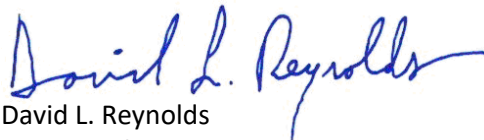
We recognize that the Environmental Protection Agency finds that there is sufficient information to meet the requirements of 42 U.S. Code § 300g-1(b)(1)(B) to make a positive regulatory determination for PFOA and PFOS. Based on our collective concern and interest in timely regulatory decisions regarding PFAS by EPA under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and other statutes, we, the undersigned, urge the Agency to:

1. Provide the resources required to complete the technical and economic analyses necessary to support a proposed SDWA action for PFOA and PFOS.
2. Begin engagement with outside experts to develop and review a public health risk assessment for PFAS beyond PFOA and PFOS to guide determining which PFAS or groups of PFAS should be targeted for data collection and risk management measures.
3. Actively engage water systems, local government, state agencies, and other key stakeholders in the practical implementation of PFAS risk management including establishing the adequacy of analytical methods and capacity, effective risk communication, and sustainable treatment options, among other important factors.
4. Accelerate research on water treatment, occurrence, and health effects to support future decision making and contaminant prioritization.
5. Leverage available regulatory tools in other statutes to gather occurrence and health risk assessment data and organize them to support research and decision making, using regulatory tools that include the Toxics Release Inventory, Sections 4 and 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act, and the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule.

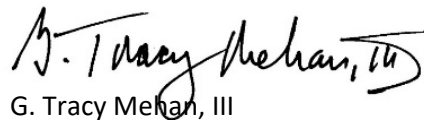
America's water supply should not be the primary line of defense against pollutants that pose a serious public health risk. EPA should proactively utilize TSCA, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and other existing authorities to protect drinking water supplies. EPA must use these authorities to ensure safe and controlled use of chemicals that pose a risk to human health and the environment. A holistic regulatory approach is needed not only to address public health concerns but also to ensure public confidence.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact any of the undersigned organizations if we can be of assistance.


Sincerely,



David L. Reynolds  
Director of Federal Relations  
Association of California Water Agencies



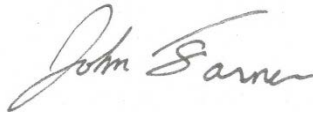
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National Ground Water Association

**Signatories to this letter represent:****Association of California Water Agencies**

ACWA is the largest statewide coalition of public water agencies in the country. Our more than 455 public agency members collectively are responsible for 90% of the water delivered to cities, farms and businesses in California. For more than a century, our mission has been clear: to help members promote the development, management and use of good quality water at the lowest practical cost and in an environmentally responsible manner.

**Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies**

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies is an organization of the largest publicly owned water utilities in the United States. AMWA's membership serves more than 156 million people – from Alaska to Puerto Rico – with safe drinking water. AMWA is the nation's only policy-making organization solely for metropolitan drinking water suppliers. The association was formed in 1981 by a group of general managers of metropolitan water systems who wanted to ensure that the issues of large publicly owned water suppliers would be represented in Washington, D.C. Member representatives to AMWA are the general managers and CEOs of these large water systems.

**American Water Works Association**

The American Water Works Association is an international, nonprofit, scientific and educational society dedicated to providing total water solutions assuring the effective management of water. Founded in 1881, the Association is the largest organization of water supply professionals in the world. Our membership includes over 3,900 utilities that supply roughly 80 percent of the nation's drinking water and treat almost half of the nation's wastewater. Our nearly 50,000 total memberships represent the full spectrum of the water community: public water and wastewater systems, environmental advocates, scientists, academicians, and others who hold a genuine interest in water, our most important resource. AWWA unites the diverse water community to advance public health, safety, the economy, and the environment.

**The Ground Water Protection Council**

The GWPC's membership consists of representatives of state water quality and underground injection control (UIC) regulatory agencies that mutually work toward the protection of groundwater nationwide. Our focus is specifically on protecting groundwater supplies, conserving groundwater resources for all beneficial uses, and recognizing groundwater as a critical component of the ecosystem. The GWPC is unique among state associations in that its members are the state officials who set and enforce regulations for groundwater protection and underground injection control.

**Irrigation Association**

With a mission "to promote efficient irrigation," the Irrigation Association is the leading membership organization for irrigation equipment and system manufacturers, dealers, distributors, designers, consultants, contractors and end users. The association serves its members and the irrigation industry by educating the public on sound practices and water management, serving as a centralized

clearinghouse for research and innovation, improving industry proficiency through continuing education, recognizing and promoting experience and excellence with professional certification, and lending expertise to water-use public policy at the local, state, regional and national levels.

### **National Association of Water Companies**

Every day, private water service companies help provide essential water and wastewater services to nearly 73 million people in the United States. That's almost one quarter of our nation's population. The National Association of Water Companies is the voice of the private water industry—the organization exclusively representing this group of quality service providers, innovation drivers and responsible partners. We are an association defined by our members, and by working together we can leverage our strengths to more effectively address the opportunities and challenges facing our nation. We serve as a credible resource and qualified professional partner for anyone who cares about safe and high-quality water.

### **National Ground Water Association**

The National Ground Water Association, the largest trade association and professional society of groundwater professionals in the world, represents groundwater professionals within the United States and internationally. NGWA represents four key sectors: scientists and engineers, employed by private industry, by the consulting community, by academic institutions, and by local, state, and federal governments, to assess groundwater quality, availability, and sustainability; water-well contractors responsible for developing and constructing water-well infrastructure for residential, commercial, and agricultural use; manufacturers responsible for manufacturing and providing the equipment needed to make groundwater development possible; and the suppliers responsible for supplying water handling equipment, rigs, and tools, or rendering specialized services to the groundwater industry. NGWA's mission is to advocate for and support the responsible development, management, and use of

### **National Rural Water Association**

The National Rural Water Association is the country's largest public water utility organization with over 30,000 members. Safe drinking water and wastewater service are generally recognized as the most essential public health, public welfare, and civic necessities.

Headquartered in Duncan (Oklahoma), the National Rural Water Association (NRWA) is the non-profit association of the federated state rural water associations with a combined membership of over 30,000 small and rural communities. NRWA is the country's largest water utility association and the largest community-based environmental organization. State Rural Water Associations are non-profit associations governed by elected board members from the membership. Our member utilities have the very important public responsibility of complying with all applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations and for supplying the public with safe drinking water and sanitation every second of every day.





To: Municipal Water District of Orange County  
From: Syrus Devers, Best Best & Krieger  
Date: June 15, 2020  
Re: Monthly Report

### **Legislative Report**

The number of bills on the Bill Matrix is shrinking because significant legislative deadlines have passed and more are just around the corner. May 29<sup>th</sup> was the last day to move a bill out of its first policy committee in the Assembly, and June 5<sup>th</sup> was the deadline to move a bill introduced this year out of a Senate policy committee. Surviving fiscal bills must then pass the Senate Appropriations Committees by June 19<sup>th</sup>, while the Assembly fiscal bill deadline was on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Senate bills must move over to the Assembly by June 26<sup>th</sup>, and from the Assembly to the Senate by June 19<sup>th</sup>. (Those deadlines are usually the same but they have been different in the past.) Some legislative deadlines were delayed due the lockdown, but deadlines in the Constitution cannot be changed. The Budget Bill must pass by midnight June 15<sup>th</sup> or the legislator's pay is suspended.

The Summer Recess will also be different for the two houses. The Assembly will break from June 19<sup>th</sup> until July 13<sup>th</sup>, and the Senate will recess from July 2<sup>nd</sup> until the 13<sup>th</sup>. Once they return from recess all remaining deadlines are the same in both houses.

The good news is that none of the bills that the water industry did not like made it through. The bad news is that we also lost a few good ones. Sen. Portantino, despite being Chair of the Appropriations Committee, could not get SB 996, which would have provided a science-based process for dealing with constituents of emerging concern, or "CFC's," out of the Environmental Quality Committee, nor could he move SB 1056, which would have required the SWRCB to approve a methodology for testing for PFAS and accredit laboratories. It has a tough year all around to move a bill.

### **Administrative Report**

Comments on Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) were due earlier in June and the gloves came off. Neighboring water districts, some of whom normally get along quite well, fired criticisms at each other's plans where the assumptions under lying one GSPs conflicted with the assumptions of the



available water in a nearby GSP that is hydrologically connected. The Central Valley, home to some of the state's largest agricultural water districts, was a hotbed of traded barbs. This is of interest to Southern California water interests for two reasons: first, the availability of groundwater for agricultural users has significant impacts on demands for Central Valley Project water, which in turn impacts the operation of the State Water Project, as seen in all the litigation referred to in last month's report; and second because it affects the water table underneath the California Aqueduct where over pumping of groundwater is causing subsidence. MWD leveled some criticisms at certain Central Valley GSPs that presumed continued levels of groundwater pumping were safe despite evidence to the contrary.

# The County of Orange Report

June 9, 2020  
by Lewis Consulting Group



## County COVID Confusion

Orange Countians can hardly be blamed if they are confused about face covering requirements once they venture outside their front door.

3. **Cloth Face-Covering:** All Orange County residents and visitors shall wear a cloth face-covering when (i) in a public place; (ii) visiting a retail, commercial or other place of business; or (iii) at work, and when the resident or visitor is not able to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from another person who is not a family/household member or live in the same living unit.

A cloth face-covering is a material that covers the nose and mouth; it can be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face; it can be made of a variety of materials, such as cotton, silk, or linen; and a face covering may be factory-made or sewn by hand, or can be improvised from household items such as scarfs, T-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels.

The cloth face-covering Order SHALL NOT APPLY to children under the age of 2; anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face-covering without assistance; persons with a medical or mental health condition, or development disability that prevents wearing a cloth face-covering.

On Friday, May 22, 2020 at midnight, Orange County's Health Officer, Nicole Quick issued the above order: The order drew criticism from Supervisor Don Wagner and Michelle Steel, along with dozens of ant-mask activists who voicefully objected at a following Board of Supervisors meeting. To add more confusion, Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes announced his department would not enforce the mask order, leaving it up to local cities with their own departments to decide how to proceed.

However, on May 28, 2020, Dr. Nicole Quick modified her order, making it more flexible:

3. **Cloth Face-Covering:** All Orange County residents and visitors shall wear a cloth face-covering outside their home when they are not able to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from another person who is not a family/household member or does not reside in the same living unit. The cloth face-covering order SHALL NOT APPLY to the following persons:

- Children under the age of 2;
- Anyone who has trouble breathing, or who is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face-covering without assistance; or
- Persons with a medical or mental health condition or development disability that prevents wearing a cloth face-covering.

## Where Orange County Ranks

[as of 6/7/2020]

**Cumulative Cases to Date  
(includes deaths)**

**7,440**

*Includes 802 SNF residents and 381 OC jail inmates*

**Cases Reported Today**

**119**

**Cumulative Deaths to Date**

**177**

*Includes 85 SNF residents and 0 OC jail inmates*

**Deaths Reported Today**

**1**

**Cumulative Tests To Date**

**158,592**

**Tests Reported Today**

**1,244**

**Cases Currently Hospitalized**

**297 \***

*\* Includes ICU cases*

**Cases Currently in ICU**

**129**

*ICU - Intensive Care Units*

**Cumulative Recovered To Date**

**3,273 \***

LOCATION	POPULATION	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
CALIFORNIA	40,129,160	128,812	4,426
LOS ANGELES COUNTY	10,257,557	62,269	2,620
RIVERSIDE COUNTY	2,468,145	8,935	355
SAN DIEGO COUNTY	3,370,418	8,347	312
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY	2,217,398	5,946	224
ORANGE COUNTY	3,228,519	7576	176

## JUNE MEETING

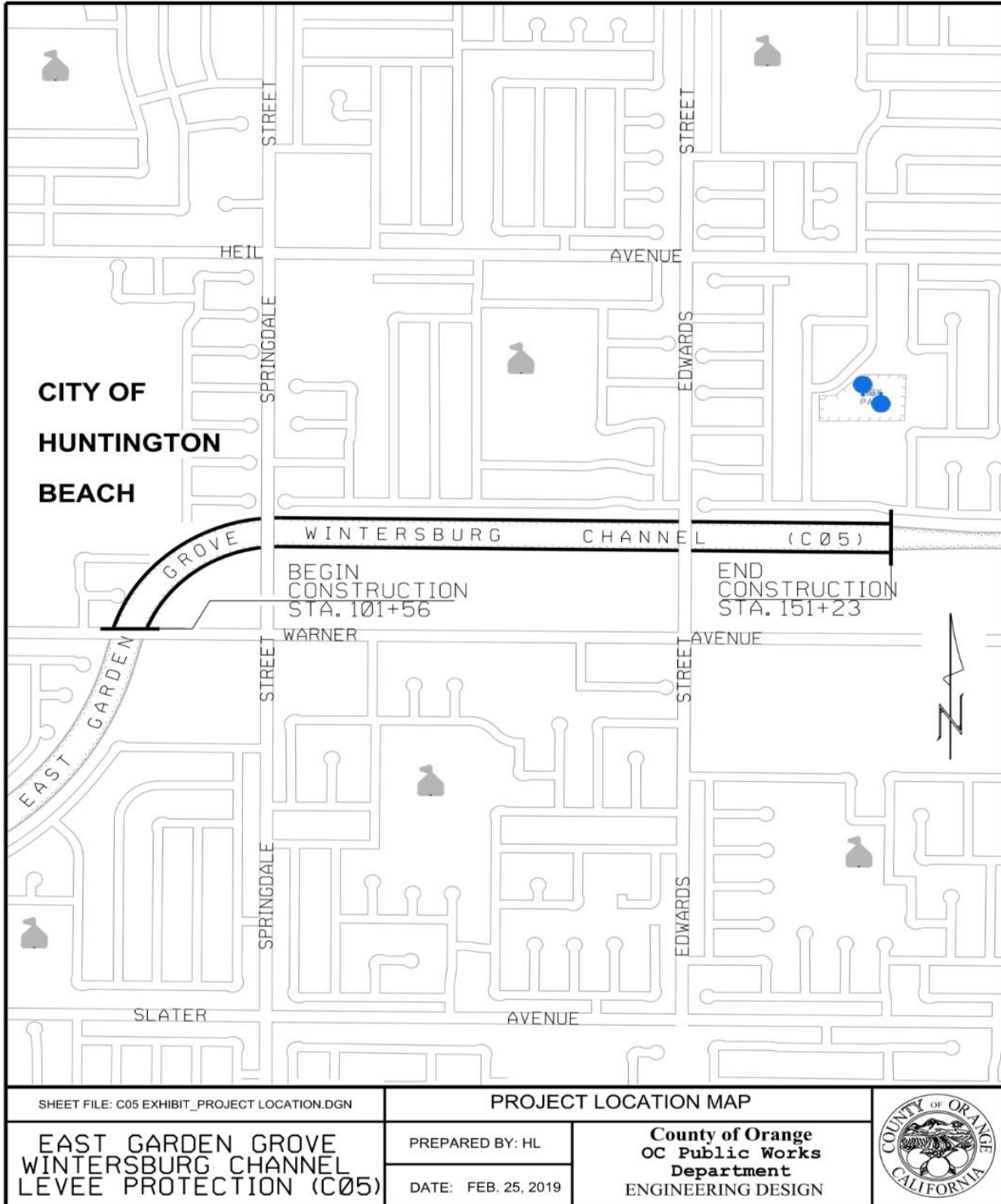


### **County Moves Forward on Flood Control Project**

At the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the Board voted unanimously to award a large contract (not to exceed \$85 million) to J.F. Shea Construction to proceed with construction of services for the East Garden Grove-Wintersburg Channel Improvements Project.

The Channel is presently deficient on providing 100 year flood protection for the Westminster Watershed, the largest remaining flood plain in Orange County. This project would bring immediate protection to 600 properties with an estimated value of \$365 million. The project is also part of a larger watershed that covers 44 square miles in Orange County including portions of Huntington Beach, Westminster, Santa Ana, Fountain Valley and Garden Grove.

Another benefit of the project is the expectation that it will relieve hundreds of residents and businesses from the burden of paying flood insurance. The project is expected to take approximately two years to complete.

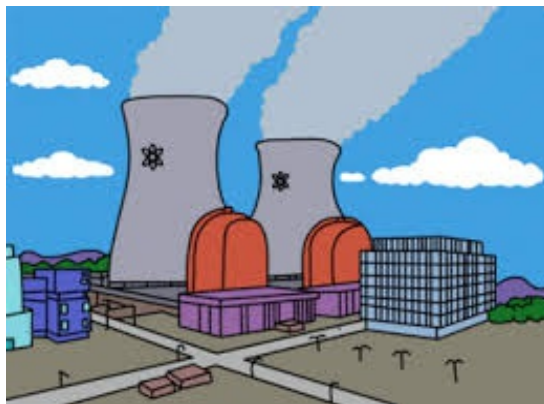




## **County Reaches San Onofre Funding Deal with SoCal Edison**

Since a 2012 radiation leak at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station [SONGS] numerous safety steps have been taken since the plant's 2013 closure.

One of the more modest steps is annual funding that SCE has provided to Orange and San Diego counties and the cities of Dana Point, San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano for energy education, preparedness and notifications in case of an emergency.



The original funding was secured in an agreement between the entities in October 2015 and expires June 30, 2020. The new agreement, approved by the County Board of Supervisors at their June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, ratifies an ongoing agreement through 2049.

In the first year, Orange County receives its budgeted allocation, over \$900,000, but there is a diminishing sliding scale and over the 29 year agreement, the County will receive a total of \$10.2 million.

The long term goal is to have nuclear materials transferred off site by the Department of Energy by 2049. In the meantime, the process of transferring all 73 canisters from more dangerous cooling wet storage to safer dryer storage continues. All but nine canisters have been transferred and the goal is to have the remaining transferred by this summer.

## **Public Policy Institute of California - Californians and Their Government Survey**

The PPIC recently released results from their most recent survey. The survey of 1,706 California adults was conducted between May 17-26, 2020. A survey of this size yields a margin of error of 3.5% at a 95% confidence level.

Thinking about the state as a whole, what do you think is the most important issue facing people in California today?

- 36% COVID-19/coronavirus
- 23% jobs, economy
- 6% health care, health insurance
- 6% housing costs, availability
- 5% homelessness
- 3% government in general, problems with elected officials, parties
- 3% immigration, illegal immigration
- 3% state budget, deficit
- 2% education, schools, teachers

- 2% environment, pollution, global warming
- 9% other (specify)
- 2% don't know

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

- 65% approve
- 26% disapprove
- 9% don't know

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Governor Newsom is handling the coronavirus outbreak?

- 69% approve
- 25% disapprove
- 6% don't know

*[likely voters only]*

If the November 3<sup>rd</sup> presidential election were being held today, would you vote for Joe Biden, the Democrat, Donald Trump, the Republican?

- 57% Joe Biden, the Democrat
- 33% Donald Trump, the Republican
- 4% someone else (specify)
- 2% would not vote for president
- 3% don't know

Thinking about the restrictions on public activity because of the coronavirus outbreak in your area, do you think there should be more restrictions right now or fewer restrictions right now or about the same number of restrictions right now?

- 25% more restrictions right now
- 28% fewer restrictions right now
- 46% about the same number of restrictions right now
- 1% don't know

Do you think that tax increases should be included in the governor's budget plan?

- 32% yes
- 60% no
- 7% don't know

Thinking about the decisions by a number of state governments to impose significant restrictions on public activity because of the coronavirus outbreak, is your greater concern that state governments will lift the restrictions too quickly or not lift the restrictions quickly enough?

- 58% lift the restrictions too quickly
- 38% not lift the restrictions quickly enough
- 3% don't know



Would you consider yourself to be politically:

- 14% very liberal
- 21% somewhat liberal
- 31% middle-of-the-road
- 21% somewhat conservative
- 12% very conservative
- 2% don't know



## LATEST PRESIDENTIAL POLLS

In the last few weeks, former Vice President Joe Biden has increased his national lead from about 5.5 points to 8 points. However, key battleground states, including Minnesota, Wisconsin, Florida, Michigan, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Arizona remain very close, at least indicating the possibility of a repeat performance with the Democratic nominee winning the popular vote and the President securing an electoral victory.

DATE	POLL	RESULTS	SPREAD
JUNE 4	IBD/TIPP	BIDEN 45, TRUMP 42	BIDEN +3
JUNE 5	NPR/PBS/MARIST	BIDEN 50, TRUMP 43	BIDEN +7
JUNE 7	NBC NEWS/WALL ST JRNL	BIDEN 49, TRUMP 42	BIDEN +7
JUNE 8	CNN	BIDEN 55, TRUMP 41	BIDEN +14

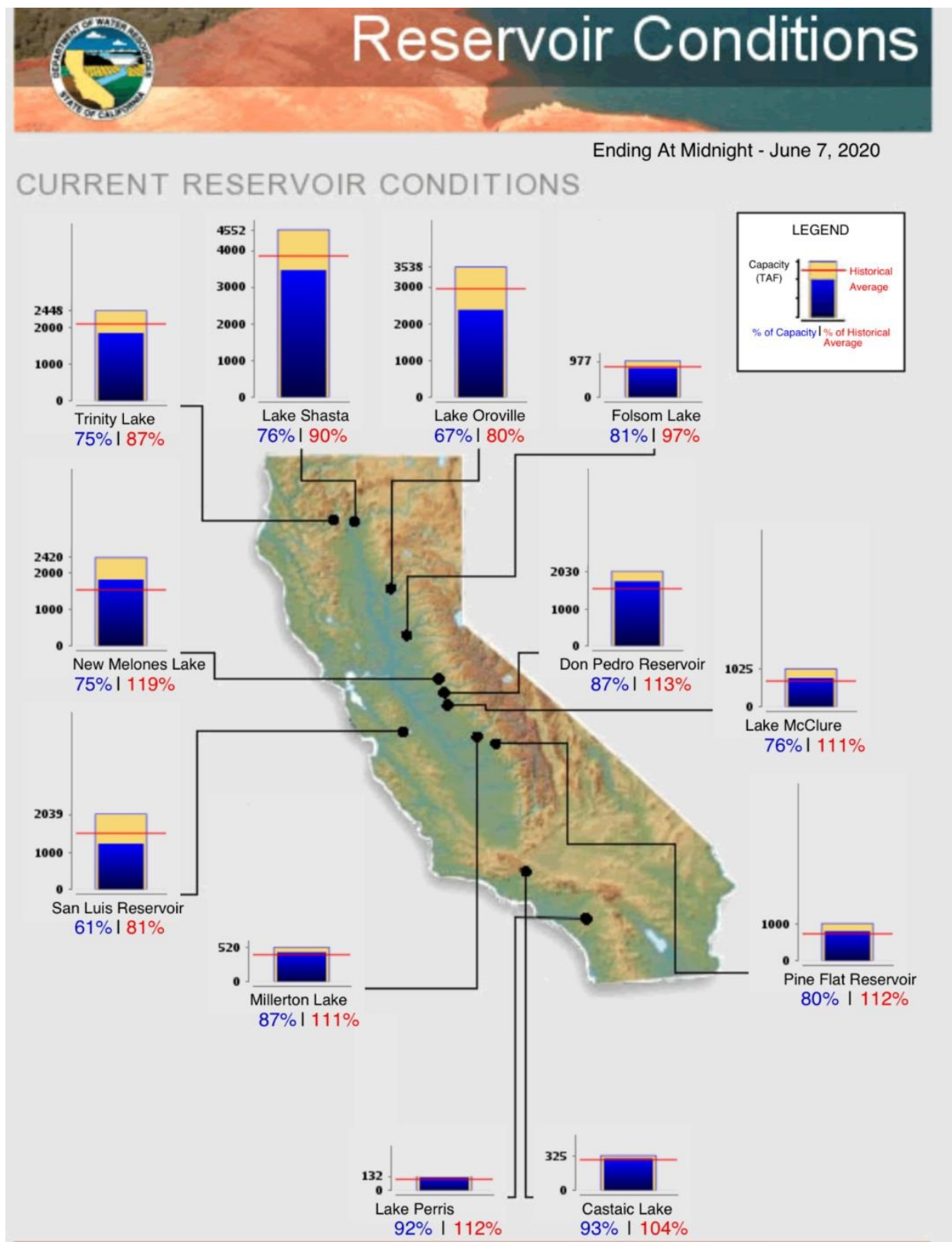
## ENSO METER



In the last month, there has been a very small shift towards La Niña conditions.

## California Reservoir Levels

Despite a fairly dry year, California reservoirs are still in decent shape. Unfortunately, the two largest, Lake Shasta and Oroville, are only 90% and 80% respectively of their historic average.



## Legal and Regulatory

June 15, 2020

1. **UCI Water:** We have all followed University of California, Irvine's presence in water world. Just recently, UCI Water program has been selected by ACWA to conduct a survey of agencies in California for groundwater, regular water and other stakeholders. This study will focus on resilience overall and in particular groundwater resilience. It will be used in an upcoming workshop ACWA is sponsoring. Kudos to UCI.
2. **Crooked Rivers:** Minnesota is pursuing an effort to stop the long-standing trend to straighten rivers and creeks. Historically, as a result of farming, urbanization and progress, the natural bends and twists in our waterways has been significantly reduced. The reasons are many but included erosion control, easier farming methods and new construction. Now efforts are being made where possible to return waterways to their natural flows. Clearly, this will not happen in built up areas like Southern California but it is possible in areas that are more rural. The advantages are restoration of natural flora and fauna, slowing water flow, improving water quality, reduction of sediment, better management of storm water runoff, reduction of flooding. In Minnesota, over 50% of the river routes have been altered. This experiment in Ramsey County will be watched in water world.
3. **Saving Lima:** Lima is facing a severe water shortage. It is the second largest city in the world sited in a desert (Cairo is 1<sup>st</sup>). In the early 1500s, the Incas had established a canal system to bring water to Lima. Now the city is looking at revitalizing some of these canals to service their population of almost 9 million residents. Presently, only 10% of the population has access to potable water. Six miles of these canals have already been put into use. In addition, they are building a desal plant, but the city is facing a serious water crises.
4. **Future of Drip Irrigation:** We have all seen the overhead irrigation systems in the Central Valley with the big wheels that slowly creep across the fields. UC Riverside is conducting studies to see if drip irrigation can replace the old system. The advantages include reduces water costs, reduced labor costs, reduced need for chemical treatment, less disease and less energy costs. The drawbacks are not every farmer has a water system that can accommodate a drip system. You usually need an onsite reservoir. Salinity problems occur and plants drinking patterns change between a drip and overhead system. High tech water monitoring systems will be needed to perfect the drip method. Artificial Intelligence again appears on the farm.
5. **Less Snow, More Fire:** Our snow pack is predicted to expire a month earlier this year as a result of less moisture and more hot weather. This means the chance of earlier and more severe fires is greater. In addition, our recent rain blasts have helped us water wise but have also promoted more and earlier grass growth. This in turn provides more fuel for fire season.

6. **Mexico Sewage Issue:** We have reported on this before, but it looks like a solution is nearing. The US EPA has proposed spending \$300 million to solve this problem. It has bipartisan support along with the Administration. A remaining issue is lack of confidence in the group that is supposed to supervise the project. The International Boundary and Water Commission is not well thought of and Congress will undoubtedly put strong oversight provisions in the measure. The money will still need Congressional approval.
7. **Covid 19 Wastewater:** Research by UC Santa Barbara is following Covid 19 markers in wastewater in the Santa Barbara area. Genetic signatures (markers) have been identified that can help in the management of the Covid crises. People who have not been identified as being infected may produce waste that in turn can be tested to show Covid presence. This information can help medical professionals to determine the real extent of infection and the timing of the infection rate. This technique had been in use to identify other virus in the water stream but is being perfected in our current situation.
8. **Bugs Clean Water:** Nitrates in water are a serious problem particularly in the Central Valley. A company called Microvi is offering a solution. It is called “biological denitrification”. It involves running water through a medium filled with microbes with “eat” the nitrates and convert them to gas. A big benefit to this system is the lack of costly hazardous waste byproducts. The cost estimates are in the \$6 to \$10 per month per customer range. This method has been in use in Europe since the 1800s and has been used in the US to clean wastewater. However, it has not been popular in treating drinking water thus far. California has permitted four projects in the last eight years. These projects are expensive and require extensive monitoring to watch the little bugs. There is one system running in Pasadena for Sunny Slope Mutual Water Company (6300 connections). Micorvi is looking for more demonstration projects and seeking funding from various private and public sources. Two more companies have been established using the same technology and have small contracts in Southern California. The consensus is the technology can work but it is very expensive.
9. **Water Cyberattack:** In our current world condition, water world is always concerned about cyber-attacks. Everyone has taken steps to prepare and has implemented preventative measures. Last month Israel discovered and successfully defended an attack on their water system. The attack planned to use chlorine and other chemicals in high concentrations. If successful, Israel would have lost their water supply and probably experienced severe illness and death in the population. They believed the attack was from Iran and Israel has already has already retaliated with a strike on a major Iranian port.
10. **Covid 19 Tests & Endangered Species:** The technology used in the Covid 19 testing is now being used to help identify the existence and quantity of certain endangered fish. Mucus taken from regular and endangered fish shows genetic differentiation which can identify them with great accuracy and quickly. This allow tests to be taken during the pumping times to determine when and if the pumps need to be stopped. This technique is being used at state and federal pumping stations. This could allow for more water remaining in the system for farmers and people alike.

11. **Systems Flushing:** As we discovered in the Paradise fire, flushing of water systems after they have been disrupted is very necessary. Warnings are now being issued to building managers and schools that have been shut down for the Covid 19 crises. Water systems that are unused for a period can develop leaching and growth in the pipes. Flushing the pipes for 5 to 30 minutes, depending on the size of the structure involved can usually fix the problem.
12. **New Jersey Sets PFAS Standards:** New Jersey just passed limits for PFAS, which may be some of the most stringent in the nation. The new law requires testing to begin by April 1, 2021. The standards are 14 parts per trillion for PFOA and 13 parts per trillion for PFOS. Both of these were added to the States hazardous substances list. The New Jersey Governor ordered certain manufacturers to assess the contamination level and recommend clean up measures.

## PAL Committee

Prepared by BB&K, June 9, 2020

### A. Priority Support/Oppose

Measure	Author	Topic	Status	Brief Summary	Position	Priority	Notes 1
<a href="#">AB 2178</a>	<a href="#">Levine D</a>	Emergency services.	6/8/2020- Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate.	Current law defines the terms “state of emergency” and “local emergency” to mean a duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by, among other things, fire, storm, or riot. This bill would additionally include a deenergization, defined as a planned public safety power shutoff, as specified, within those conditions constituting a state of emergency and a local emergency.	Support	A. Priority Support/ Oppose	
<a href="#">AB 2296</a>	<a href="#">Quirk D</a>	State Water Resources Control Board: local primacy delegation: funding stabilization program.	6/4/2020- Read second time. Ordered to third reading.	Would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to delegate partial responsibility for the California Safe Drinking Water Act’s administration and enforcement by means of a local primacy delegation agreement. The bill would authorize the state board, for counties that have not been delegated primary responsibility as of January 1, 2021, to offer an opportunity for the county to apply for partial or primary responsibility if the state board determines that it needs assistance in performing administrative and enforcement activities, as specified. The bill would authorize the state board to approve the application for delegation if the state board determines that the local health officer is able to sufficiently perform the administrative and enforcement activities and would specify that a local primacy agency has all of the authority over designated public water systems as is granted to the state board by the act.	Out for Analysis	A. Priority Support/ Oppose	
<a href="#">AB 2560</a>	<a href="#">Quirk D</a>	Water quality: notification and response levels: procedures.	6/8/2020- Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate.	The California Safe Drinking Water Act requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt drinking water standards for contaminants in drinking water based upon specified criteria and requires any person who owns a public water system to ensure that the system, among other things, complies with those drinking water standards. The act requires a public water system to provide prescribed notices within 30 days after it is first informed of a confirmed detection	Out for Analysis	A. Priority Support/ Oppose	

				of a contaminant found in drinking water delivered by the public water system for human consumption that is in excess of a maximum contaminant level, a notification level, or a response level established by the state board. This bill would require the state board to comply with specified public notice and comment procedures when establishing or revising notification or response levels.			
<a href="#">AB 3256</a>	<a href="#">Garcia, Eduardo</a> D	Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.	6/8/2020-Re-referred to Com. on RLS.	Would enact the Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6,980,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for an economic recovery, wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.	Watch	A. Priority Support/ Oppose	
<a href="#">SB 45</a>	<a href="#">Allen</a> D	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.	1/30/2020-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.	Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,510,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.	Out for Analysis	A. Priority Support/ Oppose	
<a href="#">SB 1099</a>	<a href="#">Dodd</a> D	Emergency backup generators: critical facilities: order for abatement: stipulations.	6/8/2020-From committee: Be ordered to second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.	Would require, either commencing January 1, 2022, or 12 months after the adoption of a specified rule on emergency backup generators, the air pollution control officer to develop stipulations, as specified, and conditions, as specified, for an order for abatement that allows the operator of a critical facility, as defined, to use a permitted emergency backup generator, as defined, in exceedance of that permit's runtime and testing and maintenance limits if specified conditions are met. The bill would require the stipulations to be in effect for not more than 5 years or the length of time agreed upon for the replacement of the emergency backup generator in the conditions.	Support	A. Priority Support/ Oppose	
<a href="#">SB 1386</a>	<a href="#">Moorlach</a> R	Local government: assessments, fees, and charges: water.	6/8/2020-Ordered to special consent calendar.	The Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to comply with these requirements and, among other things, authorizes an agency providing water, wastewater, sewer, or refuse collection services to adopt a schedule of fees or charges authorizing automatic adjustments that pass through increases in wholesale charges for water, sewage	Support	A. Priority Support/ Oppose	



treatment, or wastewater treatment or adjustments for inflation under certain circumstances. Current law defines, among other terms, the term “water” for these purposes to mean any system of public improvements intended to provide for the production, storage, supply, treatment, or distribution of water from any source. This bill would specify that “water” for purposes of the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act also includes the public fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances connected to an above-described system of public improvements intended to provide for the production, storage, supply, treatment, or distribution of water from any source.

## B. Watch

Measure	Author	Topic	Status	Brief Summary	Position	Priority	Notes 1
<a href="#">AB 291</a>	<a href="#">Chu D</a>	Local Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Fund.	1/30/2020-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment .	Would establish a Local Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Fund to, upon appropriation by the Legislature, support staffing, planning, and other emergency mitigation priorities to help local governments meet emergency management, preparedness, readiness, and resilience goals. The bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to establish the Local Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Fund Committee under the Standardized Emergency Management System Advisory Board.	Out for Analysis	B. Watch	
<a href="#">SB 378</a>	<a href="#">Wiener D</a>	Electrical corporations: deenergization events: procedures: allocation of costs: reports.	1/27/2020-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 25. Noes 2.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.	Would require each electrical corporation to annually submit a report to the Wildfire Safety Division and, after June 30, 2021, to the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, that includes the age, useful life, and condition of the electrical corporation’s equipment, inspection dates, and maintenance records for its equipment, investments to maintain and improve the operation of its transmission and distribution facilities, and an assessment of the current and future fire and safety risk posed by the equipment.	Watch	B. Watch	
<a href="#">SB 862</a>	<a href="#">Dodd D</a>	Planned power outage: public safety.	6/3/2020-S et for hearing June 9.	Current law defines the terms “state of emergency” and “local emergency” to mean a duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by, among other things, fire, storm, or riot. This bill would additionally include a deenergization event, as defined, within a sudden and severe energy shortage constituting a state of emergency and a local emergency.	Out for Analysis	B. Watch	Significant amendments in May 20th version.
<a href="#">SB 952</a>	<a href="#">Nielsen R</a>	Sales and use	6/3/2020-S	Current state sales and use tax laws	Watch	B.	



		taxes: exemption: backup electrical generators: deenergization events.	et for hearing June 9.	impose a tax on retailers measured by the gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property sold at retail in this state or on the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property purchased from a retailer for storage, use, or other consumption in this state. This bill, on and after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2026, would provide an exemption from those taxes with respect to the sale of, or the storage, use, or consumption of, a backup electrical resource, generator as defined, if that backup electrical generator is purchased for use exclusively in powering a critical facility, as defined, by a city, county, city and county, special district, or other political subdivision during deenergization events, as defined, and the purchaser provides to the seller a written statement with regard to these facts.		Watch	
<a href="#">SB 1011</a>	<a href="#">Dahle R</a>	Water quality: waste discharge requirements: management agency agreements.	3/25/2020- From committee with author's amendmen ts. Read second time and amended. Re-referre d to Com. on RLS.	Would provide that implementation of a management agency agreement entered into between the State Water Resources Control Board and the United States Forest Service or the state board and the United States Bureau of Land Management constitutes compliance by the United States Forest Service or the United States Bureau of Land Management, as applicable, with specified waste discharge requirements for nonpoint source discharges. The bill would prohibit a provision of such a management agency agreement from being construed in any way as limiting the authority of the state board or a regional board in carrying out its legal responsibilities for the management or regulation of water quality.	Out for Analysis	B. Watch	
<a href="#">SB 1044</a>	<a href="#">Allen D</a>	Firefighting equipment and foam: PFAS chemicals.	6/3/2020-S et for hearing June 9.	Would, commencing January 1, 2022, require any person, including a manufacturer, as defined, that sells firefighter personal protective equipment to any person or public entity to provide a written notice to the purchaser at the time of sale if the firefighter personal protective equipment contains perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and would provide that a violation of this requirement is punishable by a specified civil penalty. The bill would require the seller and the purchaser to retain the notice on file for at least 3 years and to furnish the notice and associated sales documentation to the State Fire Marshal within 60 days upon request, as provided.	Out for Analysis	B. Watch	

**Total Measures: 13**

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<b>AB 1071 Limon (D)</b>  Sponsor: California Climate and Agricultural Network	Amended 1/6/2020  Senate	<b>Climate change: agriculture: Agricultural Climate Adaptation Tools Program: grants</b>  Establishes a pilot program in the Central Valley, Central Coast and desert regions of the state where grant funding is available for the purposes of developing planning tools for adapting to climate change within the agricultural sector.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon Board Action on 7/9/2019	The bill was amended to mirror language from AB 409 (Limón), which Metropolitan supported. The Board has formally adopted policies supporting research related to the effects of climate change on water supply and water quality. This measure provides funding and guidance to support resilient agricultural practices.
<b>AB 1580 Levine (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author	Amended 7/1/2019  Senate  Appropriations Committee - Suspense File	<b>Major infrastructure construction projects: oversight committees</b>  Requires a state agency undertaking a publicly-funded infrastructure project of \$1 billion or more to form an oversight committee and develop a risk management plan to minimize cost overruns.	<b>OPPOSE</b>  Based upon Board- adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	To the extent the bill is aimed at proposed Delta conveyance, it is duplicative of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA). At the direction of the Department of Water Resources, the DCA is tasked to provide oversight and risk management in order to protect the ratepayers who will pay for and benefit from the project

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<b>AB 2246 Mayes (I)</b>  Sponsor: Metropolitan	Introduced 2/13/2020  Assembly Natural Resources Committee  Rescinded	<b>Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975: exemption: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California</b>  Amends the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA) to grant Metropolitan an exemption for emergency excavations or grading on its land to repair, maintain, or replace pipelines, infrastructure, or related transmission systems used to distribute water in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties.	<b>SPONSOR</b>	Maintaining critical water infrastructure requires coordinated regulatory compliance. Metropolitan is proposing legislation to grant it special status under SMARA, so it can consistently administer and enforce SMARA compliance for the purpose of responding to emergencies, repairing, maintaining or replacing any pipelines, infrastructure, or related transmission systems used to distribute water in Southern California.
<b>AB 2560 Quirk (D)</b>  Sponsor: California Municipal Utilities Association and Orange County Water District	Amended 5/12/2020  Assembly Appropriations Committee  Hearing: 6/2/2020	<b>Water quality: notification and response levels: procedures</b>  Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to post on its website and distribute through email information and supporting documentation when it plans to establish or revise notification or response levels.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon Board- adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	The bill would provide greater transparency and access to technical background information and science used to set new or updated notification and response levels. This would provide Metropolitan and the Member Agencies with clear and consistent information and the ability to take steps if necessary to identify back up water supplies.

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<b>AB 3039</b> <b>Quirk (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author	Amended 5/4/2020  Assembly Appropriations Committee  Hearing: 6/2/2020	<b>Underground storage tanks: small business loan and grant program</b>  Extends the operation of the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund loan and grant program from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2026.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon Board- adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	The program assists small businesses upgrade, replace or remove underground storage tanks to meet applicable local, state or federal standards. In Southern California, the program paid to remediate underground storage tanks leaking MTBE and other gasoline additives contaminating groundwater supplies.
<b>SB 45</b> <b>Allen (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author	Amended 1/23/2020  Assembly	<b>Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020</b>  Places a wildfire and water bond totaling \$5.51 billion on the November 2020 ballot for voter approval.	<b>SUPPORT AND AMEND</b>  Based upon Board action on 6/11/19	Would provide funding to restore areas damaged by wildfires, mitigate future wildfires, create healthy forests and watersheds, protect water supplies and water quality, and protect and restore rivers, streams and lakes. Metropolitan is seeking amendments to ensure adequate funding for safe drinking water needs, restoration projects that would benefit Voluntary Agreements for managing the Bay-Delta and the tributaries, and for recycled water projects.

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<b>SB 69</b> <b>Wiener (D)</b>  Sponsors: California Coastkeeper Alliance and Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations	Amended 7/11/2019  Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File	<b>Ocean Resiliency Act of 2019</b>  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.	<b>WATCH</b>  Based upon Board-adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Would replace existing forestry, fishery and water quality regulatory processes with different approaches to improve conditions for fish upstream of the Delta and in the ocean along the California coast. The bill as amended on June 25, 2019 addresses concerns of Metropolitan and the State Water Contractors.
<b>SB 204</b> <b>Dodd (D)</b>  Sponsor: Delta Counties Caucus	Amended 5/17/2019  Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife	<b>State Water Project: contracts</b>  Revises the notification requirements for pending State Water Project (SWP) contract negotiations and contract amendments. 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.	<b>WATCH</b>  Based upon Board-adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Policies	The bill as amended on May 17, 2019 adheres to the author's stated purpose and deletes 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.

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<b>SB 414</b> <b>Caballero (D)</b> Sponsor: Eastern Municipal Water District and California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)	Amended 6/25/2019 Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File	<b>Small System Water Authority Act of 2019</b> Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to merge small, non-noncompliant public water systems into a regional water authority that will directly benefit from increased economies of scale and access to public financing.	<b>SUPPORT</b> Based upon past support for AB 2050 (Caballero) from 2017/18	Sets deadline for small water systems to comply with safe drinking water standards or consolidate into a regional authority managed by a SWRCB-appointed contractor until water system achieves self-sufficiency, complies with drinking water standards, and can reliably provide access to safe drinking water.
<b>SB 559</b> <b>Hurtado (D)</b> Sponsor: Friant Water Authority	Amended 7/3/2019 Assembly Appropriations Committee- Suspense File	<b>Department of Water Resources: grant: Friant-Kern Canal</b> Seeks to address problems of land subsidence on the federally-owned Friant Kern Canal.	<b>SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b> Based upon Board-adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Addresses land subsidence in the Central Valley but only focuses on impacts to the Friant-Kern Canal. Metropolitan is seeking amendments to include the need to address subsidence problems on the California Aqueduct to ensure reliable water supply for Southern California.
<b>SB 946</b> <b>Pan (D)</b> Sponsor: Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency	Amended 6/3/2020 Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee Rescinded	<b>Flood control: Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership Multibenefit Program</b> Codifies support for the Yolo Bypass Partnership and its efforts to advance coordinated master planning and accelerate restoration activities for the Yolo Bypass-Cache Slough region.	<b>SUPPORT</b> Based upon Board-adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	A master plan for the Yolo Bypass-Cache Slough would advance multi-benefit restoration projects and encourage state and federal agencies to coordinate regulatory compliance and funding for flood control and water systems.



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<b>SB 952</b> <b>Nielsen (R)</b>  Sponsor: Author	Amended 5/29/2020  Senate Appropriations Committee	<b>Sales and use taxes: exemption: backup electrical resources: deenergization events.</b>  Authorizes a sales and use tax exemption beginning January 1, 2021 for the purchase, lease, use or consumption of backup electrical resources during planned deenergization events.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon Board-adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Reduces water agencies' and other essential public service providers' cost to purchase or upgrade emergency backup generators to continue service and operations during planned public safety power shutoffs.
<b>SB 996</b> <b>Portantino (D)</b>  Sponsors: Metropolitan and the California Municipal Utilities Association	Amended 4/1/2020  Senate Environmental Quality Committee  Rescinded	<b>State Water Resources Control Board: Constituents of Emerging Concern Program</b>  Seeks to create a statewide program to identify and evaluate Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs) in drinking water sources.	<b>CO-SPONSOR</b>	Metropolitan and the California Municipal Utilities Association are co-sponsoring legislation in response to growing public concern about CECs in drinking water. The bill would establish a CEC Drinking Water Program at the State Water Resources Control Board. The program would set up a consistent and science-based approach for assessing the public health and drinking water consequences of CECs, with the intent to improve and expedite future regulatory determinations.

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**State Legislative Matrix**  
**June 5, 2020**

<b>Bill Number Author</b>	<b>Amended Date; Location</b>	<b>Title-Summary</b>	<b>MWD Position</b>	<b>Effects on Metropolitan</b>
<b>SB 1044</b> <b>Allen (D)</b>  Sponsor: California Professional Firefighters and Natural Resources Defense Council	Amended 5/18/2020  Senate Appropriations Committee	<b>Firefighting equipment and foam: PFAS chemicals</b>  Requires any seller of firefighting personal protective equipment to provide written notice to the purchaser if the equipment contains PFAS. Also, prohibits the discharge of state class B firefighting foam that contains PFAS.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon Board approved 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Metropolitan and member agencies would benefit from this bill because banning PFAS-laden firefighting foam would protect drinking water sources. Firefighting foams, especially those used for training purposes (e.g., at airports and military bases), have been identified as sources of PFAS contamination in groundwater supplies.
<b>SB 1099</b> <b>Dodd (D)</b>  Co-Sponsors: California Municipal Utilities Association and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	Amended 6/2/2020  Senate Appropriations Committee	<b>Emergency backup generators: critical facilities: exemption.</b>  Directs air districts to adopt or revise an existing rule to suspend operational run time limits on emergency backup generators during public safety power shutoffs, and when needed for routine maintenance and testing.	<b>SUPPORT and SEEK AMENDMENTS</b>  Based upon Board adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Addresses water agencies need to maintain operations during planned power shutoffs designed to mitigate wildfire risks. Metropolitan seeking amendments that explore alternative approaches to revising existing rules that would allow water agencies to operate emergency generators without being out of compliance with run times set by local air districts.



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<b>SB 1323 Skinner (D)</b>  Sponsor: Author	Introduced 2/21/2020  Senate Environmental Quality Committee  Rescinded	<b>Carbon sequestration: state goals: natural and working lands: registry of projects.</b>  Requires the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to maintain a California Carbon Sequestration and Climate Resiliency Project Registry beginning January 1, 2021.	<b>SUPPORT</b>  Based upon Board adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles.	The registry would identify carbon sequestration projects, such as forestry management, wetlands restoration, healthy soils, and meadows restoration that meet state criteria for funding. Metropolitan and its member agencies with agricultural land holdings and planned carbon sequestration projects could benefit by applying to add their projects to the registry making them eligible for state funding programs.
<b>Governor's Proposed Budget Trailer Bill Language</b>	Introduced 1/31/2020  Rescinded	<b>Governor's Proposed Safe Drinking Water, Wildlife Prevention and Natural Resources Protection Bond Act of 2020</b>  Would place a \$4.75 billion climate resilience bond for voter approval on the November 2020 ballot.	<b>SUPPORT and SEEK AMENDMENTS</b>  Based upon Board Action on 3/9/2020	Authorizes general obligation bond funding to improve statewide resiliency against climate change. The bond includes \$2.95 billion for safe and clean drinking water, and resilience to flood and drought. Metropolitan is seeking amendments to set aside funding for recycled water projects; state-owned conveyance infrastructure to reverse the impacts of subsidence; habitat restoration projects for native and protected fish species; monitoring and treatment for drinking water contaminants; and emergency backup generators that minimize air quality impacts.



**DISCUSSION ITEM**

June 15, 2020

**TO: Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**  
(Directors Yoo Schneider, Barbre & McVicker)

**FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager**  
Staff Contact: Damon Micalizzi

**SUBJECT: MWD OC MEDIA PROGRAM**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee: Review and discuss the Presentation on the District's Media Program and provide feedback and direction to staff.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

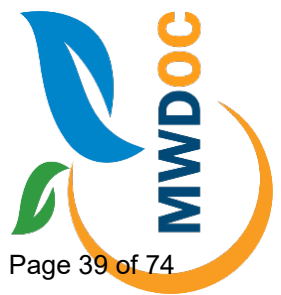
**SUMMARY**

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The Public Affairs Department will give an update of the Department's Communications Program, highlighting recent accomplishments and strategic goals and objectives for the upcoming fiscal year.



# MWDOC Communications & Media Program Update



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Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs  
Municipal Water District of Orange County

Public Affairs & Legislation Committee 6.15.2020

# MISSION

- *To provide reliable, high-quality supplies from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and other sources to meet present and future needs at an equitable and economical cost, and to promote water use efficiency for all of Orange County.*



# Overarching Goals

01

## LONG TERM WATER RELIABILITY

Secure *long term reliability* for Orange County and the region

02

## SOUND POLICIES & PROGRAMS

Develop & implement *sound policies & programs* *Districtwide* that provide *value to Orange County*

03

## EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

*Effective Communication & Advocacy* for Water Use Efficiency, and *all District initiatives, programs, projects, activities, and achievements*



# Overarching Goals


## 01

### LONG TERM WATER RELIABILITY

Secure *long term reliability* for Orange County and the region

- ♦ OBJECTIVE - Provide leadership, education, and outreach, and build a coalition of support from the business community for the successful advancement and completion of the *Delta Conveyance Project*
- ♦ OBJECTIVE - Provide unwavering advocacy on behalf of the service area to invest in projects that will improve and expand Orange County's water supply portfolio by continuing to study, evaluate, and recommend opportunities identified in the *OC Water Reliability Study*





# A Quick Look Back...



# 2019/2020 Snapshot – Outreach Programs and Activities



## Long-Established Programs



- Water Policy Dinners
- OC Water Summit
- Inspection Trips
- Water Awareness Poster Contest

## Renewed or Enhanced Programs



- Choice School Programs
- District Website
- eCurrents Newsletter
- Ricky Raindrop & Community Events

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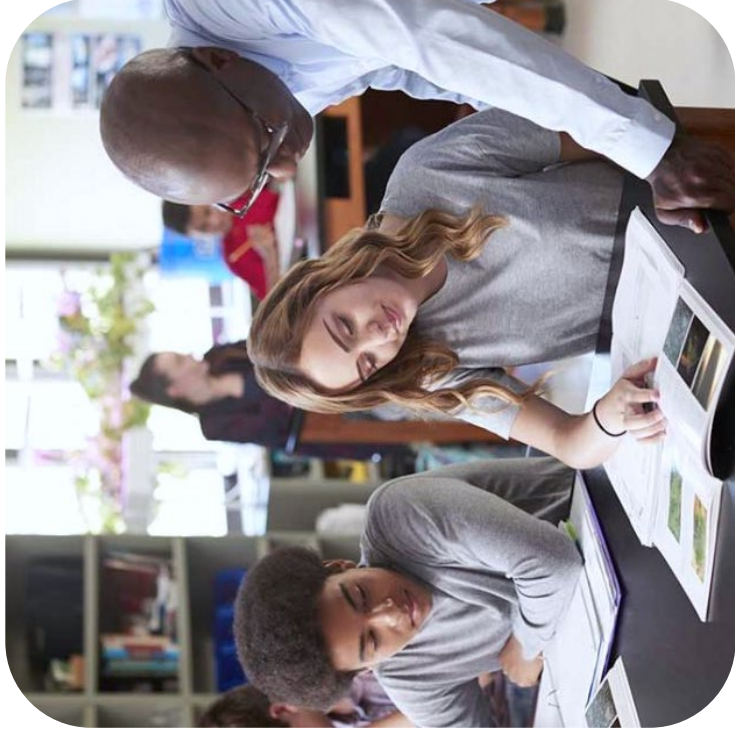
## Newer, Exemplar Programs



- Social Media
- Video Production
- Scouts Programs
- Environmental Literacy

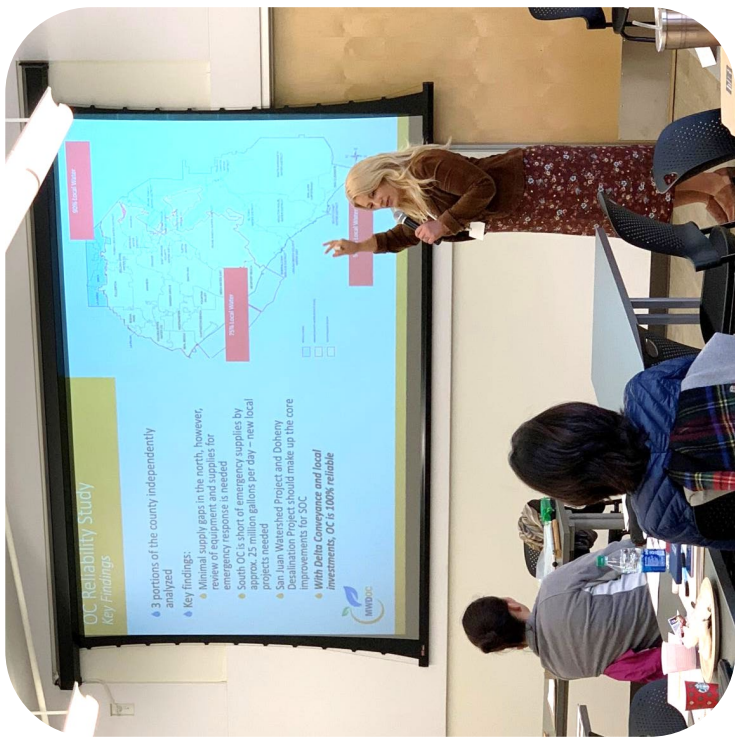


# 2019/2020 Snapshot – Hands-on Water Education



## Choice Program Changes

- New program contractors
- New grade levels: 6-8
- Teacher-focused feedback



## New Opportunities

- Assume Leadership of WEEA
- NGSS Statewide/OC Rollouts
- Speaking Engagements



## Growing Partnerships

- Environmental Literacy
- MWD Education Coordinators
- DWR Water Education Committee

# COVID-19 Response

01

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Orange County Register Sunday Paper  
On Behalf of the Family of OC Water Agencies

02

## COVID-19 MEDIA KIT

A Suite of Outreach Materials for Water Providers  
Used Throughout the State

03

## WATER COMMUNICATIONS HUB

*A Portal that MWD OC Public Affairs created for  
utilities to share information and response actions  
throughout the State*



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR  
ORANGE COUNTY WATER PROVIDERS:

**REST ASSURED,  
YOUR TAP WATER  
IS SAFE AND  
RELIABLE.**



The Coronavirus (COVID-19) does not present a threat to our water supplies. Orange County water providers continually monitor and test the quality of your water, and are committed to ensuring its safety. We will continue to take necessary steps that ensure your water service will not be interrupted.

**Providing a safe, reliable supply of water for you and your family is our highest priority. You can be certain, your drinking water remains safe, available, and plentiful.**

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your local water provider.  
Contact information for each agency can be found here:  
[www.mwdoc.com/ocwaterproviders](http://www.mwdoc.com/ocwaterproviders)



# Media Toolkits



A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a chessboard on a wooden table. The board has a black and white checkered pattern. Several white chess pieces are visible in the foreground, including a king, queen, and pawns. Black pieces are also visible in the background. The lighting is warm, and the focus is soft, creating a contemplative atmosphere.

Strategy...



## Delta Conveyance – Doing Nothing is Not an Option it's Time to Do What is Right for All Californians

One thing that can be relied upon in the confusion and uncertainty of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is the fact that water is essential for life. In California, water is a public resource, and it is the responsibility of the State to ensure that all Californians have access to clean, safe water. Now, as always, we are supporting our 22 member water agencies in Orange County to reliably serve their customers.

In response to COVID-19, the Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC) has been activated. WEROC is a program administered by MWD/OC that is responsible for coordinating the management of countywide emergency preparations, planning, response, and recovery efforts for 22 Orange County water and wastewater utilities. MWD/OC is coordinating emergency coordination efforts, and WEROC is ready to respond to any emergency that has the potential to impact water supplies and wastewater service.



It was not long ago that we faced a major challenge in the water industry: drought. The historically dry weather conditions in California led to a severe drought that threatened the state's water supplies. The California Water Excellence Board, a group of water professionals, was created to ensure a better future for water in California. Governor Gavin Newsom last year, stated: "California confronts more extreme droughts and floods, rising temperatures, depleted groundwater basins, aging infrastructure and other challenges magnified by climate change." It calls for "a broad, diversified approach" that includes not only more storage, but expanding water conservation and reducing water demand. The board's mission is to ensure that we have a secure and sustainable water future for all Californians.

To meet the future needs of Orange County and ensure service during potential major supply disruptions, we must ensure a robust portfolio of water supplies including imported water from the Colorado River and State Water Project, recycled water, groundwater, runoff capture, and saltwater desalination.

One vital water infrastructure project identified in the Governor's Portfolio is the Delta Conveyance Project, which would carry Sacramento River water through a tunnel under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The project is a \$1.5 billion, 15-year construction project that would allow for greater capture and storage of streamwater during the wet season, and reduce adverse fishery impacts from the Delta Water Project. It would also address the ever-increasing threat to the State Water Project from sea level rise, and protect against the inevitable earthquakes that will inundate the Delta Islands with seawater.

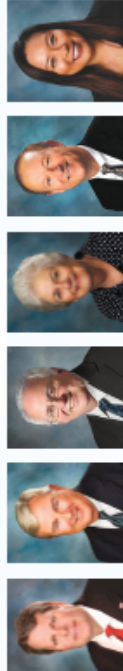
The Delta Conveyance Project is in the early stages of environmental review and includes the completion of California Ecobiosphere Program that will monitor and guide habitat management and restoration efforts. However, a heavy of lawsuits are being filed on all fronts, and the project is being delayed. The Delta Conveyance Project is a critical piece of infrastructure that will result in more time and money needed, with the only benefit being the people and businesses of California, and the fragile environment of the Delta. The State and Feds need to turn away from the path of litigation and look towards productive discussion for the benefit of the environment, agriculture and urban water users. Let's do what is right for all Californians based on the current and best science.

MWD/OC's Orange County Water Agency is a member of the Delta Conveyance Project. We are committed to ensuring that Delta Conveyance is the single most important water supply reliability for the next 50 years.

My hope is that with the Delta Conveyance, Ecobiosphere, local projects, and continued efforts in water efficiency we will secure water supply reliability for future generations.

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MWD/OC Board President  
Division 5

### Board Members



Bill R. Barnes  
President  
Director

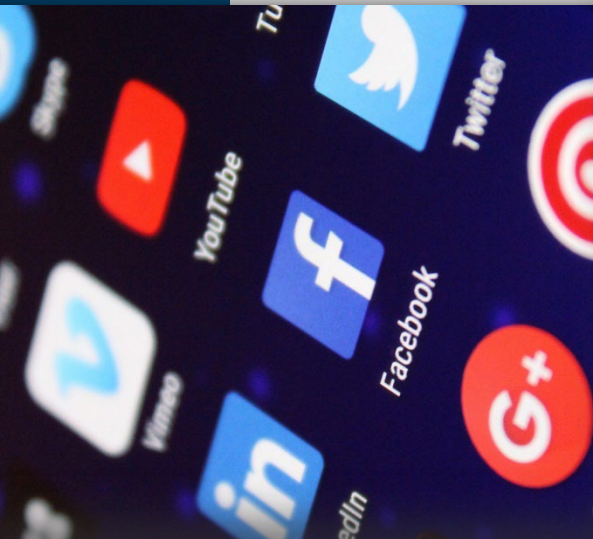
Leah D. Dine  
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Director

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John C. Morgan  
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James Thomas  
Vice President  
Director

Heather Toohey  
Vice President  
Director



## Keeping the Water Flowing

The Delta Conveyance Project is a Massive, Much-Needed Infrastructure Project

By Elizabeth Smilor  
Special Section Writer

Many actions – from labor and business to public agencies and agricultural interests – support infrastructure modernization in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, which is the hub of California's water supply system. The Delta Conveyance Project is a massive, much-needed infrastructure project that will provide a secure and reliable water supply for 22 million Californians and millions of acres of farmland.

"The Delta Conveyance Project has broad support because it will be a general acknowledgment that we need to secure the water system," said Roger Peterson, assistant general manager for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. "It's a project that will provide a secure and reliable water supply for 22 million Californians and millions of acres of farmland."

"The project is at least 100 years old from natural threats such as earthquakes, levee failures and sea level rise brought on by climate change," he said. Peterson, who oversees Metropolitan's strategic water interests for the Colorado River and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, is a member of the Delta Conveyance Project's steering committee.

Metropolitan is a regional water provider that provides water for 24 member public agencies living in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties. Metropolitan is the largest contractor on the Delta Conveyance Project, which is the early stages of environmental review. It is a large tunnel that would carry water underneath the Delta, avoiding



Photo courtesy of Metropolitan Water District

# Media Messaging & Tactics

## Earned Media & Paid Media

- Earned
- Interesting and Timely
- Relationships
- Paid Media

● If they won't cover it we will...

## Mix of Traditional (Newspaper) & New Media (Social)

- Traditional and New Media go hand in hand





# Communications Tools

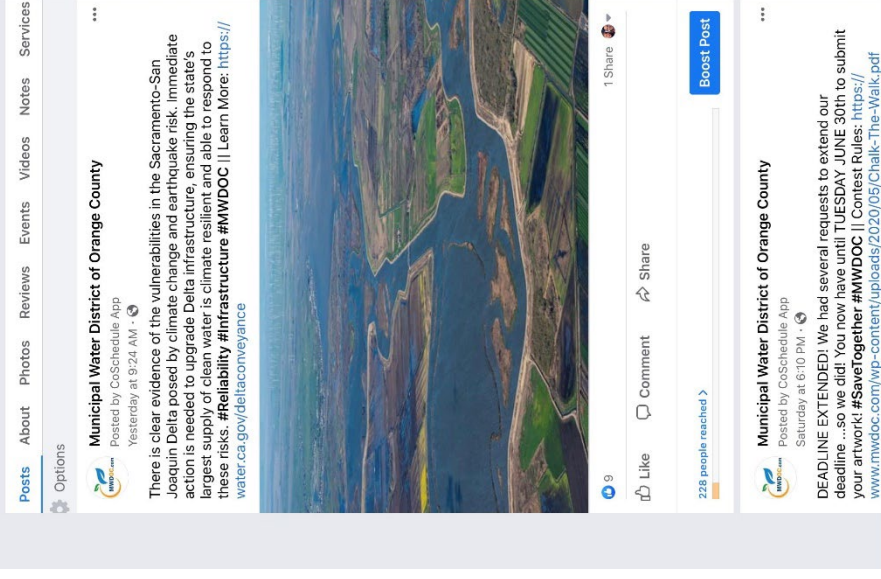
- **Partnerships** – mutually beneficial relationships
  - Metropolitan and DWR
  - ACC-OC
  - OCBC
  - Orange County Department of Education
  - Southern California Partnership for Jobs
- **Activities** – distinct outreach efforts
  - Annual Campaigns
    - Fix-a-Leak Week
    - Smart Irrigation Month
  - Workgroup Meetings
  - Sharable Resources



# Communications Channels

The medium through which a message is conveyed – can be visual, written, spoken, or electronic

- Electronic Media
  - TV News
  - Radio
  - Social Media
  - E-Newsletters and Email Blasts
- Print Media
- Speaker Presentations
- Conferences
- District Programs
  - Inspection Trips
  - Choice School Programs
  - Scouts Programs



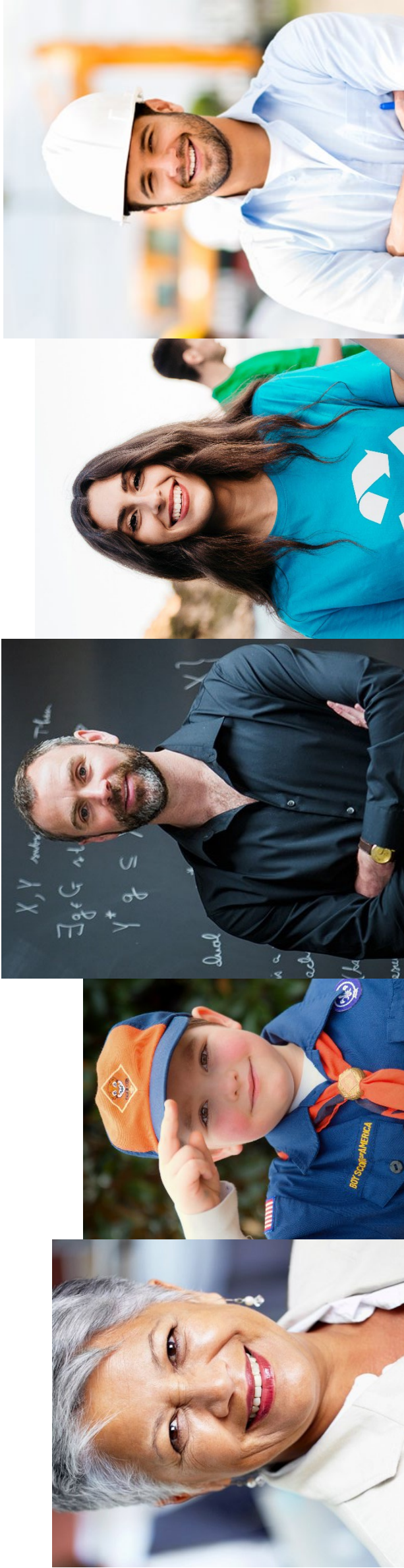




What's Next...



# Target Audiences

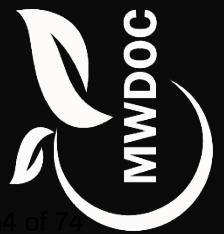


*MWD OC’s Robust Suite of Programs, Partnerships, and Relationships allow us to reach virtually any audience with targeted messaging.*



# Thank You

Questions?







**ACTION ITEM**

June 17, 2020

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**  
(Directors Yoo Schneider, Barbre and McVicker)

Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) 2021- BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION – SOUTHERN NETWORK REGION, SEAT C**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends that the Board of Directors:

- Review and discuss the candidates running for the CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat C
- Consider supporting a candidate and directing vote
- Authorize President Tamaribuchi, or his designee, to cast the District's online ballot

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**SUMMARY**

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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 is using a web-based online voting system. Electronic ballots were emailed on May 26, 2020. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 10, 2020.

There are four candidates seeking election to fill Seat C on the CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network, which includes Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego Counties. Seat C is for a three-year term, ending in 2023.

The following candidates are running for Seat C:

- Ronald Coats  
Board Member, East Valley Water District
- Daniel Jagger  
General Manager, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
- Greg Mills  
Vice-President, Serrano Water District
- Arlene Schafer (incumbent)  
Board Member, Costa Mesa Sanitary District

## **BOARD OPTIONS**

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### **Option #1**

- Review and discuss the candidates running for the CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat C; additionally, authorize President Tamaribuchi 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:**

- Candidate statements and information sheets



# EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

LEADERSHIP | PARTNERSHIP | STEWARDSHIP

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David E. Smith  
President

Phillip R. Goodrich  
Vice President

Chris Carrillo  
Director

Ronald L. Coats  
Director

James Morales, Jr.  
Director

John Mura, General Manager/CEO

Dear Fellow CSDA Member:

Since joining the East Valley Water District Board in 2014, I have had the pleasure of being part of a world class organization. I firmly believe in the importance of transparent government and public service. With these foundational principles, I look forward to representing this region in a professional manner, as the Southern Network, Seat B, Board of Directors representative for the California Special Districts Association (CSDA).

I am a proud member of the California Special District's Association and currently sit on the Member Services Committee and the Professional Development Committee. I am committed to active civic engagement, where I was also an ambassador for the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce; Chairman of the Citizens Oversight Committee for San Bernardino Community College District; Vice Chairman of Advisory Commission on Water Policy Board for San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; Budget Review Committee member for the San Bernardino City Unified School District; along with being a 36 gallon plus donor to Life Stream Blood Bank; served in the United States Army; and member of many other civic organizations.

I have had the opportunity to work with a number of organizations through my involvement with CSDA, and truly believe in the importance of sharing knowledge, experiences, and lessons learned. As a lifetime member of the CSDA Leadership Foundation, I have experienced the benefits of a strong peer network firsthand. With East Valley Water District recently receiving its Gold District of Distinction Accreditation, we look forward to continuing to be an active member in the valuable organization.

As a CSDA Director, I will bring that passion for good governance and public service. I look forward to conveying local issues for discussion on a broader level and working through the challenges and opportunities facing special districts in California.

Whether it is serving in the military, participation in local organization, or representing the residents East Valley Water District, I have taken great pride in being an active member of my community. I look forward to your consideration for allowing me the opportunity to serve on the board of our special district community.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Coats  
East Valley Water District Board Member



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## 2021-2023 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Ronald L. Coats

District/Company: East Valley Water District

Title: Governing Board Member

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: Six Years

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

\* Please see attached

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

\* Please see attached

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

\* Please see attached

4. List civic organization involvement:

\* Please see attached

**\*\*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 March 26, 2020 will not be included with the ballot.**

## Ronald L. Coats – 2020 CSDA Board Candidate Information Sheet

### 1) Involvement with CSDA

- Currently serving on the Member Services Committee and the Professional Development Committee.
- Received the Recognition in Special District Governance.
- Received my Certificate of Completion in the Special District Leadership Academy Advanced Coursework.
- Attended several workshops, webinars and conferences through CSDA.

### 2) State-wide Associations

1. Member of the California State Sheriff's Association (Over 30 Years)

### 3) Local government involvement

1. Currently serving as a Director, previously served as Vice Chair and Chairman of the Board for East Valley Water District (5 Years)
2. Currently serving as Vice Chair for the Advisory Committee on Water Policy for the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (2 Years)
3. Served on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Review of the General Plan for the City of San Bernardino (2 Years)
4. Served as a member, Vice Chair and Chairman of the Citizens Oversight Committee for the San Bernardino City Unified School District (12 Years)
5. Served as a member and Chairman of the Citizens Oversight Committee for the San Bernardino Community College District (3 Years)
6. Currently serving as a Board President for the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts (2 Years)

### 4) Civic involvement

1. Donated over 36 gallons of Blood to Life Stream Blood Bank in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties
2. Member of the American Legion Post 421 in Highland, CA. (Over 35 Years)
3. Conducted "mock" job interviews to seniors at Redlands Unified School District schools (3 Years)
4. Served on the Planning and Allocations and Community Impact Cabinet committees for the Arrowhead United Way (15 Years)
5. Served in the United States Army from August of 1966 until August of 1970, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. Served in the United States and The Federal Republic of Germany (4 Years)
6. Served as a member and Chairman of the Ambassadors for the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce (15 Years)



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## 2021-2023 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

**Name:** Daniel K. Jagers

**District/Company:** Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

**Title:** General Manager

**Elected/Appointed/Staff:** Staff

**Length of Service with District:** Eight (8) years

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

None

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

No

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

No

- 4. List civic organization involvement:**

None

**\*\*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 March 26, 2020 will not be included with the ballot.**



Promoted to the position of General Manager of Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District in October 2017, Dan Jagers brings more than 25 years of professional experience to the District. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Jagers served BCVWD for more than five years as Director of Engineering, overseeing long-range planning, capital improvements, and project design on local and regional levels.

As General Manager, Mr. Jagers directs the activities of the District, moving the District toward its goals while maintaining consistency with the District's mission and vision. Mr. Jagers provides leadership based on the direction set by a five-member elected Board of Directors, manages operations, strategic planning, and policy implementation.

Mr. Jagers' experience as Director of Engineering for BCVWD garnered him the internal knowledge and proficiency to guide and manage the District. He directed and participated in Engineering Department goals and operating policies, provided direction to managers and coordinated all issues needing Board approval or policy direction from the Board of Directors.

A resident of the inland empire for more than 26 years, Dan brings local knowledge and experience to the District. He served as a Senior Engineer at Desert Water Agency, and spent 18 years in the private sector as a Senior Engineering Consultant with Krieger & Stewart, Inc. where he focused on all aspects of public facilities planning, design and construction service including full support services for small to large public infrastructure projects for water, recycled water, wastewater, storm water, site development, and street improvements. From planning, design and construction project management, Mr. Jagers' experience is high level and varied.

Dan's combination of public and private experience make him an asset to BCVWD.

Mr. Jagers graduated from Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He is a Registered Civil Engineer in the State of California and has developed a reputation for trustworthiness, positivity, passion and professionalism.



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## 2021-2023 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Greg Mills

District/Company: Serrano Water District

Title: Vice President/Director

Elected/Appointed/Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Service with District: 4 years

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

Actively attends conference.

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

ACWA-JPIA Board member - 2 years.

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

Orange County Sanitation District (Director 2 years); Orange

County Vector Control (Director 3 years); Villa Park City

Councilman & Mayor (4 years).

4. List civic organization involvement:

Villa Park Rotary (22 years); Indian Princess (7 years); Elks

Club (8 years).

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# **GREG MILLS**

## **Candidate for Seat C CSDA**



### **BUSINESS**

- Small business owner – sixteen 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; Camp Counselor
- Villa Park Rotary - Board member twenty-two years
  - Club President; Paul Harris Fellow; Speaker Chair
- Indian Princess YMCA - seven years
- Orange Elks Lodge – seven years

### **PROFESSIONAL**

- 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.



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## 2021-2023 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

Name: Arlene Schafer

District/Company: Costa Mesa Sanitary District

Title: Board Secretary

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: 20

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

Current CSDA Board member, Legislation Committee member, Professional Development Committee member, Alliance Executive Council Committee member, Member Services Committee, Finance Committee member.

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

League, California Association Sanitation Agencies (CASA)

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

Orange County LAFCO Chair, Orange County Council of Governments, Independent Special Districts Orange County

**4. List civic organization involvement:**

Harbor Mesa Lions, Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce Government Association Committee

**\*\*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 March 26, 2020 will not be included with the ballot.**

# ELECT ARLENE SCHAFER CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN NETWORK, SEAT C

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## Arlene Schafer — Secretary Costa Mesa Sanitary District



### PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE SERVING SPECIAL DISTRICTS

- ◆ OC LAFCO Chair
- ◆ CSDA Board President
- ◆ CSDA Board Vice President
- ◆ CSDA Board Secretary
- ◆ CSDA Finance Corporation
- ◆ CSDA Legislation Committee
- ◆ CSDA Fiscal Committee
- ◆ CSDA Membership Committee
- ◆ Independent Special Districts Orange County (ISDOC) Second Vice President

It has been an honor to serve as your Southern Network, Seat C representative for the past 12 years. I believe my 28 years of experience as a local government leader that includes 20 years serving special districts in a variety of different capacities makes me the best candidate. I believe it is important for CSDA to continue serving as an advocate for California special districts by informing the legislature and the public of the important and essential services we provide to our communities. Furthermore, I believe it's important for special districts to demonstrate good governance that will help earn the public's trust.

Currently, I am serving on the Board of Directors for the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) where I have been a Board member for 20 years. CMSD provides solid waste and wastewater collection services to over 116,000 residents residing in the City of Costa Mesa and portions of Newport Beach and the unincorporated Orange County. I am proud to be part of an organization that has been a District of Distinction since 2009, earned the Transparency Certificate of Excellence and CMSD is one of few special districts in California that received Platinum Recognition in Special District Governance.

If re-elected, I will continue to collaborate with CSDA committees to ensure you have educational opportunities to enhance special district governance and help elevate public awareness of the role we play as the form of government closest and most directly accountable to our constituents. I believe my experience, knowledge, dedication and commitment to special districts will enable me to represent you well and I am asking for your vote and support. Please vote for Arlene Schafer by **July 10, 2020.**



**ACTION ITEM**

June 17, 2020

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** **Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**  
(Directors Yoo Schneider, Barbre and McVicker)

Robert Hunter  
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

**SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH ACKERMAN  
CONSULTING**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**REPORT**

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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 three of the new contract. The proposed scope of services, provided by Mr. Ackerman, is included for your review, input, and approval.

**SCOPE OF WORK**

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The following has been provided by Mr. Ackerman:

## 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 Orange County cities, the Association of California Cities-Orange County, and the Orange County League of Cities in association with MWDOC and its priorities and principles
- 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

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### Option #1

- Approve contract extension for one year with Ackerman Consulting.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$36,000 for FY 2020-2021 (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.





**TO:** Robert Hunter, Cathy Harris  
**FROM:** Chris Lingad  
**DATE:** June 4, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Request for Authorization – PlanetBids Bid Management Support Services

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**Authorization Request**

Request for authorization to purchase an annual membership with PlanetBids for bid management support services for the upcoming seismic retrofit and tenant improvement project.

**Detail**

Bidder awareness has been one of the challenges we have been facing in securing sufficient numbers of quality bids for construction projects. For the pending seismic retrofit and tenant improvement construction project, we are seeking additional avenues of outreach to construction contractors to ensure a sufficient number of quality bids. To address this, I recommend the purchase of an annual membership with PlanetBids. PlanetBids provides bid management support services to many public agencies including Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the County of Orange. PlanetBids is a web-based eProcurement company that allows organizations to conduct procurement activities, such as construction bidding and contracting through the internet. PlanetBids is widely recognized as a resource for connecting public agencies with construction contractors and manages tens of thousands of users that interact with the PlanetBids system. With the recent COVID-19 pandemic, PlanetBids also will assist MWD OC to ensure the health and safety of staff and potential bidders by conducting many of the procurement activities in a virtual setting.

This membership requires signing a three-year contract with the ability to opt out after the first year without any penalties. At this time, we foresee only needing this service for one year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, PlanetBids is waiving the onetime setup fee, which is a savings of \$3,500. The membership includes one user license for a total of \$3,875.

Attached is an agreement for three year along with a sole source procurement form.

**Attachments: PlanetBids Support Services Agreement**

**Sole Source Procurement Form**

General Manager Authorization




# MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY

Fiscal Year 2019-20

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



- A. Supplier Information/Name of Company and Prime Contact at the Supplier and at MWDOC: PLANETBIDS, INC.
- B. Contract awards to Supplier over prior 36-months: None
- C. Product(s) or Service(s) to be provided and Deliverables: Bid advertisement, management, and support services
- D. Justification Definition: No other alternate service with similar services and saturation of the construction contractor sector for Southern California
- E. Narrative Explanation: Bidder awareness has been one of the challenges we have been facing in securing sufficient numbers of quality bids for construction projects. For the pending seismic retrofit and tenant improvement construction project we are seeking additional avenues of outreach to construction contractors to ensure a sufficient number of quality bids. To address this, I recommend the purchase of an annual membership with PlanetBids. PlanetBids provides bid management support services to many public agencies including Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the County of Orange. PlanetBids is a web-based eProcurement company that allows organizations to conduct procurement activities, such as construction bidding and contracting through the internet. PlanetBids is widely recognized as a resource for connecting public agencies with construction contractors and manages tens of thousands of users that interact with the PlanetBids system. With the recent COVID-19 pandemic, PlanetBids also will assist MWDOC to ensure the health and safety of staff and potential bidders by conducting many of the procurement activities in a virtual setting.
- F. Budget Line Item Reference & Amount: 8811-2000-19; \$3,875
- G. Core or Choice designation: Core
- H. Signature/Approvals:

  
Requestor \_\_\_\_\_ Date 6/4/20

  
General Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date 6-5-2020

\* 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 15, 2020

**TO: Public Affairs & Legislation Committee**  
(Directors Yoo Schneider, Barbre, McVicker)

**FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager**  
Staff Contact: Sarah Wilson

**SUBJECT: School Programs Update**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

**SUMMARY**

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In March 2020, due to the rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus, a record number of schools were forced to close their doors and transition into online education. As a direct result, contractors for the Municipal Water District of Orange County's (MWDOC) Choice Water Education School Programs—Shows That Teach, Discovery Cube Orange County, and Bolsa Chica Conservancy—were unable to complete the in-class school visits that were scheduled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. As teachers and students were left to quickly transition into online education, MWDOC Public Affairs, MWDOC Choice School Program contractors, and participating MWDOC member agencies worked together to support teachers in meeting the needs of Orange County K-12 students who are now identified as distance learners.

To assist teachers, parents, and students in adapting to this new way of learning, MWDOC's in-class Choice School Programs were shifted to short, engaging, pre-recorded virtual water lessons. These virtual water lessons serve as an additional resource for teachers and students to continue their water education not only through the transition to distance learning, but also long after the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **DETAILED REPORT**

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### **SHOWS THAT TEACH – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-2)**

Using characters, music, and humor to engage students at the K-2 grade levels, Shows That Teach produced 10 video episodes, each containing a positive message related to character-building followed by a water-centric lesson on topics such as dams, aquifers, reservoirs, water supply, conservation, and more. Additionally, Shows That Teach proactively offered six (6) live, 10-minute Zoom classroom sessions on a first-come, first-served basis to schools identified by participating member agencies. These sessions served as a way not only to promote the MWDOC Choice School Program videos, but also to gauge the effectiveness of the platform as an alternative way to offer assemblies in the coming school year.

### **DISCOVERY CUBE OC – ELEMENTARY (3-6) AND MIDDLE SCHOOL (7-8)**

Discovery Cube Orange County (DCOC) developed six (6) grade-specific videos that align with the content that would have been covered in the in-class assemblies at the start of the school year. Through these pre-recorded video episodes, DCOC instructors engage students in short, science-based water lessons covering topics such as local water resources, the importance of healthy ecosystems, water quality, and water use efficiency. Additionally, DCOC began exploring the desire for and effectiveness of web-based, live STEM programming among Orange County teachers as we look ahead to the next school year.

### **BOLSA CHICA CONSERVANCY – HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)**

Bolsa Chica Conservancy (BCC) created three (3) pre-recorded, interactive video episodes that encourage students to think about their connection to the environment and what steps they can take to protect the natural resources we depend on every day. Through these water-centric video lessons, BCC instructors guide students through hands-on demonstrations and exercises as they discover the importance of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta, identify how everyday activities impact water quality, and explore the role they play in maintaining a reliable water supply.

### **NEXT STEPS**

For nearly five decades, MWDOC has offered Orange County students and teachers engaging water education programs to learn about the importance of water, and what it takes for purveyors to deliver a safe and reliable water supply to their homes, schools, and communities. MWDOC and participating member agencies remain committed to providing Orange County K-12 teachers, parents, and students with valuable, water-centric programs and information. Together, along with the MWDOC Choice School Program contractors, 19 online video resources were created for Orange County teachers, parents, and students to continue their water education outside of the classroom. Looking ahead, MWDOC is working closely with School Program contractors and MWDOC education partners—Orange County Department of Education and State Education and Environment Roundtable—to revise MWDOC School Program goals to meet the new state standards for education, and identify alternatives for providing interactive, standards-aligned content to Orange County K-12 students. A detailed breakdown of the current MWDOC School Program Goals and Objectives are [linked here](#).

<b>Member Agency Relations</b>	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judged and announced winners for 2020 Water Awareness Poster Contest</li> <li>• Met with Mesa Water and Mountain Counties Water to discuss virtual tours of “Forest to Faucets”</li> <li>• Participated in multiple County Wide COVID-19 coordination conference calls</li> </ul> <p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in the MWDOC Member Agency Managers meeting</li> <li>• Worked with Christina Hernandez to create a “shovel ready” project list of projects in Orange County to share with MWD and ACWA</li> <li>• Provided an update on SB 625 (Bradford) to the OC Met Managers meeting attendees</li> </ul>
<b>Community Relations</b>	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Created and published June 2020 Issue of the MWDOC eCurrents Newsletter</li> <li>• Launched Chalk the Walk Art Contest for Orange County K-12 students. Theme: Saving Water at Home Together</li> <li>• Met with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to discuss virtual tours, scouts programs, and education program transitions</li> <li>• Participated in an Orange County Business Council Workforce Development Committee meeting</li> </ul> <p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California’s member agency shutoffs working group meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Media Relations</b>	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fielded various calls from media related to budget and rates</li> <li>• Participated on the WaterZone NBC radio program (102.3 FM, 106.5 FM, 1050 AM)</li> </ul>
<b>Education</b>	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented at bi-weekly Metropolitan Water District of Southern California’s Member Agency Education Coordinators’ Meeting</li> <li>• Participated in Department of Water Resources monthly Water Education Committee Meeting</li> <li>• Met with education partners—Orange County Department of Education and State Education and Environment Roundtable—to discuss next steps for MWDOC Choice School Programs and continue work to revise program goals to meet state standards</li> <li>• Worked with MWDOC Choice School Programs contractors to produce online video resources for Orange County K-12 students</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met with Elsinore Valley Water District education representative to discuss online water education resource opportunities</li> <li>• Met with North County Regional Occupational Programs, and also Saddleback Community College and Santiago Canyon College to discuss creation of an Orange County Water and Energy Workforce advisory</li> <li>• Met with Harbor Freight Fellows to discuss opportunities for the Water Energy Education Alliance (WEEA)</li> <li>• Created a WEEA webpage for more information and sponsorships</li> <li>• Met with Ten Strands to discuss support of WEEA</li> <li>• Met with Ten Strands to discuss a funding toolbox for education initiatives</li> </ul>
<b>Special Projects</b>	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintained and distributed an excel spreadsheet to water agencies across the state to track messaging and action items in response to COVID-19, 202 agencies participated.</li> <li>• Created additional COVID-19 visual messaging for social media on behalf of WEROC department.</li> <li>• Created and prepared recognition for upcoming retirements.</li> <li>• Created business card for incoming employee.</li> <li>• Reviewed and revised department budget making additional cuts for FY 20/21</li> <li>• Participated on a CalDesal Communications and Outreach Committee, Website Committee, and Social Media Committee meeting</li> <li>• Completed several website updates</li> </ul> <p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffed the WACO Planning Committee Meeting via Zoom</li> <li>• Met with LAFCO staff to receive an update MWDOC's MSR</li> <li>• Participated in the WACO Planning practice/logistics meeting with staff and presenters</li> <li>• Staffed the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting</li> <li>• Provided requested documents and information to LAFCO for the MWDOC MSR</li> <li>• Staffed the June WACO Committee Meeting featuring speaker Karla Nemeth</li> </ul>

<b>Legislative Affairs</b>	<p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in the ACWA Region 10 State Legislative Committee prep call</li> <li>• Attended the CMUA Regulatory Affairs Committee Meeting</li> <li>• Attended the CMUA Legislative Committee Meeting</li> <li>• Attended the ACWA State Legislative Committee Meetings on May 15 and June 5</li> <li>• Participated in the ACWA Bond Working Group Meeting</li> <li>• Participated in the Southern California Water Coalition Legislative Task Force Meeting (May 18 &amp; June 1)</li> <li>• Participated in the CalDesal Legislative Committee Meeting</li> <li>• Attended the CSDA Virtual Legislative Days seminars and live briefings</li> <li>• Participated in the ACWA/CMUA SB 200 Implementation Working Group Meeting (May 20 &amp; June 3)</li> <li>• Participated in the MWD Member Agency Legislative Conference Calls on May 21 &amp; June 4</li> <li>• Drafted a letter of support for SB 1386 (Moorlach)</li> <li>• Prepared a Floor Alert for SB 1386 (Moorlach)</li> <li>• Joined the SB 1386 Coalition letter</li> <li>• Drafted a letter of support for AB 2107 (Rodriguez &amp; Gray)</li> <li>• Sent out information to the Board of Directors and MWDOC/MWD Directors, re: SB 625 (Bradford)</li> <li>• Participated in the ACWA Federal Affairs Infrastructure Working Group</li> <li>• Attended the CSDA Legislative Committee Meeting</li> <li>• Monitored MWD's Communications &amp; Legislation Committee and Board meetings where they discussed SB 625 (Bradford)</li> </ul>
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