

MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Jointly with the
PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
July 20, 2020, 8:30 a.m.

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

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES
 - a. Federal Legislative Report (Barker)
 - b. State Legislative Report (BBK)
 - c. County Legislative Report (Lewis)

- d. Legal and Regulatory Report (Ackerman)
 - e. MWDOC Legislative Matrix
 - f. Metropolitan Legislative Matrix
2. PRESENTATION BY MET STAFF REGARDING MET'S MEDIA/OUTREACH PROGRAM

ACTION ITEMS

3. H.R 7073 (GARAMENDI) - SPECIAL DISTRICTS PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES ACT

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.)

4. VIRTUAL WATER POLICY FORUM
5. PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES REPORT

OTHER ITEMS

6. 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
July 14, 2020*

As new coronavirus cases spike nationwide, Congress is racing against the legislative clock on spending, authorizations, infrastructure, and additional coronavirus economic aid bills

Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Appropriations:

In anticipation of the current fiscal year ending on September 30, 2020, both the Senate and House Appropriations Committees have been busy preparing the twelve separate appropriations bills to be considered by the House and Senate over the next many weeks. Last week, the House Appropriations Committee passed the Energy and Water and Interior-EPA Appropriations bills, which are expected to pass the full House of Representatives by the end of July.

As Congress is working through the second year of the bipartisan budget deal reached last summer, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees are working in a very tight budget environment with strict spending caps currently in place. As expected, most federal agencies will see their funding levels remain relatively flat for FY21. That is true in the House's Energy and Water and Interior-EPA bills. House funding levels for the Bureau of Reclamation, Army Corp of Engineers, and the EPA's clean/drinking water state revolving funds (SRFs) remained essentially flat and were actually ever so slightly decreased from FY20 levels. Although funding levels for these critical water programs were essentially frozen for FY21, the House resisted including the major cuts to these programs that were requested in the President's proposed budget (See chart below).

Program (billions of dollars)	FY19 Levels	FY20 Levels	President's FY20 Budget	President's FY21 Budget	House FY21 Levels
Bureau of Reclamation	\$1.565	\$1.68	\$1.120	\$1.1	\$1.66
Army Corps of Engineers	\$6.998	\$7.65	\$4.964	\$6	\$7.63
Clean/Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	\$2.76	\$2.77	\$1.98	\$1.98	\$2.76

The House's Interior-EPA bill does provide \$502 million in additional funding for the Bureau of Reclamation's water resources projects, including those authorized in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act. In addition, that bill also includes funding for the EPA and includes \$12.9 million in additional funding for scientific and regulatory work on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) needed to establish drinking water and cleanup standards. This funding builds on the \$39 million increase the EPA received in 2020.

The House bill provides no additional funding for the WIFIA loan program in FY21, however, the WIFIA program had \$116 million in unobligated funds at the beginning of FY20, plus and additional \$60 million in new appropriations made for FY20.

Although the House is well underway on moving through the appropriations process, the Senate is at a bit of an impasse. Senate Republicans and Democrats have been unable to reach an agreement to keep partisan provisions out of the Senate's appropriations bills. Likewise, the Senate has been focusing over the past many weeks on an additional round of COVID-19 relief legislation—further slowing the Senate's appropriations timeline.

Most appropriations observers, Members of Congress and senior staffers believe that the House and Senate are not likely to reach an agreement on FY21 appropriations bills before the end of the current fiscal year (ending on Sept. 30, 2020), and that a short-term stopgap funding bill (continuing resolution or CR) will be required to prevent the government from shutting down on October 1, 2020. That CR would likely extend the current funding levels through the November Election.

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.

House-passed Infrastructure Investment Bill (H.R. 2, *Moving Forward Act*):

Just prior to leaving Washington for the July 4th Holiday break, the House of Representatives passed a massive, \$1.5 trillion infrastructure bill on a mostly party line vote of 233 to 188, after 162 amendments were adopted. This bill is hyper-partisan and House Republicans were not included in drafting or negotiating the initial legislation.

Many of the water provisions of the infrastructure bill included language from the long-awaited Congressman Huffman legislation, the *FUTURE Western Water Infrastructure and Drought Resiliency Act*. This legislation included \$3.5 billion for western water infrastructure and drought resiliency measures, including over \$70 billion in water infrastructure investments (\$40 billion for wastewater, \$25 billion for drinking water, \$750 million for water storage, \$500 million for water recycling and reuse, and \$260 million for desalination). This bill also authorizes several new grant programs for PFAS treatment. includes competitive grant programs for water recycling project, desalination projects, and for drinking water quality projects.

Additionally, this House bill also included Rep. Huffman's *Water Conservation Tax Parity Act* (H.R. 2313), which excludes rebates received for water conservation efforts (like turf removal for example) from an individual's gross income for federal tax purposes. This is an issue that MWDOC has worked on for a number of years.

Nearly 1/3 of this bill (\$494 billion) includes an authorization of surface transportation projects, more than \$100 billion to upgrade schools in impoverished districts, \$10 billion for childcare facilities, \$100 billion for housing infrastructure and \$100 billion for expanding broadband access.

This House-passed infrastructure bill faces an uphill battle in the Republican-controlled Senate. In fact, Senate Majority Leader McConnell quickly dismissed the bill by comparing it as a "cousin of the Green New Deal" and saying that it has "no chance of passing the Senate." Additionally, President Trump issued a veto threat against the bill prior to the House's vote on the legislation.

That said, infrastructure legislation remains a major priority for both Democrats and Republicans. The House's bill should be viewed as a starting point for negotiations on an infrastructure investments bill with the Senate and White House; however, it is clear from McConnell's comments that this bill will not become law in its current form.

Senate's 2020 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)

Although the House's partisan infrastructure efforts are far from becoming a reality, the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee recently passed two bipartisan water infrastructure bills unanimously—these bills are the vehicle for the 2020 Water Resources Development Act (a federal water program authorization bill typically authorized every two years). The two Senate 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.

The Senate WRDA Bill includes \$17 billion for 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.

House's 2020 WRDA Bill

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is expected to mark up the House's 2020 WRDA bill tomorrow (July 15, 2020). Unlike H.R. 2, the House's WRDA bill is bipartisan, and is narrowly focused on the Army Corp of Engineers. Specifically, the House's WRDA bill would authorize new policies and 34 new water projects for the Army Corps of Engineers.

The Senate is Preparing Another Round of Coronavirus Aid Legislation

After the House passed, on a mostly party line vote, the \$3 trillion coronavirus relief bill known as the HEROES Act, the Senate has largely been silent on more coronavirus relief funding. We are hearing that Senate Leader McConnell is preparing to release the Senate's response to the HEROES Act as soon as next week, with the goal of passing that bill in the Senate before August.

As you may remember, the House Democrats' 1,800-page HEROES Act contained nearly \$1 trillion (\$915 million) in aid to states, counties, and municipal governments. The bill also

would have appropriated \$1.5 billion for utility assistance to low income individuals for rate relief for their utility bills—including water and wastewater. That bill also established a moratorium on water service disconnections/terminations and also extended tax credits for paid sick and paid family/medical leave to state and local governments.

Senate Republican Leader McConnell has suggested that Senate's bill would likely total around \$1 trillion (a much more conservative number than the House's \$3 trillion). Speaker Pelosi dismissed that number as "not enough." That said, Senate Republicans are feeling pressure to limit the amount of additional federal deficit spending this year, which, according to the Congressional Budget Office, is already set to top \$3.7 trillion added to the national debt this year alone.

Leader McConnell has conditioned that any future coronavirus aid would need to be tied to liability limits for businesses reopening amid the pandemic crisis. Additionally, McConnell has also suggested that some form of aid to states and local governments may also be included. Senate Democrats are pushing for the extension of additional unemployment benefits (\$600 per week) past the current sunset date of July 31, 2020.

The White House is pushing for a payroll tax cut, but that idea has not gained much traction with either Democrats or Republicans. However, the idea of providing another round of direct payment to some of the lowest income Americans is gaining some momentum in Congress.

As a reminder, several weeks ago, 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.

PFAS Update:

PFAS Provisions in the NDAA Defense Spending Bill

The week before the July 4th break, the Senate began consideration of their National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) defense spending bill to the Senate floor. The Senate is expected to conclude debate and pass this year's NDAA during the week of July 20th. Meanwhile, the House Armed Services Committee also advanced the House version of the NDAA bill to the House Floor. We also expect the House to take up their NDAA bill sometime 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—including the Dingell Amendment that would designate PFAS as a hazardous substance under the Superfund Law CERCLA. In January 2020, the House passed Rep. Debbie Dingell’s bill (H.R. 535) to designate PFAS as a hazardous substance under CERCLA as a stand-alone bill.

Although the Dingell Amendment was not added to the House’s 2020 NDAA in the Armed Services Committee, we expect another Floor vote on the Dingell PFAS Amendment during debate of the House’s NDAA on the House Floor.

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.

The House Armed Services Committee did add several other, less controversial PFAS provisions to their NDAA bill including a \$1.5 billion authorization for PFAS cleanup at military installations, a \$15 million authorization for a study by the CDC on PFAS drinking water contamination, and some additional reporting requirements for the Dept. of Defense related PFAS related to military activities and military service members.

Senator Harris Introduces Drought/Sustainability Bill

In early July, Senator Kamala Harris introduced a bill (S. 4188, *Water for Tomorrow Act*) aimed at addressing future droughts and water sustainability. Her bill includes a nearly \$3 billion investment in water infrastructure and resiliency programs that include stormwater capture and desalination projects. Many aspects of this bill are a companion to the Rep. Huffman drought resiliency bill that was recently included in the House-passed H.R. 2 infrastructure legislation.

Senator Harris’ S. 4188 is a competitor to the Senator Feinstein and Gardner bipartisan Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act (S. 1932) which remains logjammed by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee’s Ranking Member, Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia.

JCB/RWL 7/14/20



To: Municipal Water District of Orange County
From: Syrus Devers, Best Best & Krieger
Date: July 14, 2020
Re: Monthly Report

Legislative Report

This report is brief due to the Legislature delaying their return over the continued spread of COVID-19. The Assembly came back for one day on June 26th to pass Budget Trailer Bills and five new cases were traced to that one floor session, including Assembly Member Autumn Burke, who is in quarantine with her daughter but symptom free. Both houses are scheduled to return on July 27th.

Administrative Report

Step one in the CEQA process for the Delta Conveyance has been taken with the publication of the Scoping Summary Report. The report follows 90 days of public comment that concluded in April. It describes the proposed project and spells out what the eventual Environmental Impact Report will cover. Although this is a new project, which means the previous environmental review documents cannot be used, the report states that the resources under review will be the same as those for the WaterFix. The report is only 32 pages and is readable without a technical background. It is available online here: https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Delta-Conveyance/Environmental-Planning/Scoping-Summary/Delta-Conveyance-Project_Scoping-Summary-Report_ADA_Final.pdf

On July 7th the SWRCB approved the first Fund Expenditure Plan (“Plan”) for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund created by SB 200. The Board received mostly high marks for the process while acknowledging that this is the first year of the program and further work needs to be done on needs assessment. While the Plan spells out 2 and 4 year goals, Chairman Esquivel made clear a new plan will be adopted every year to reflect the highest priority needs at that time. The Plan allocates the projected \$130 million it is slated to receive but that appropriation is far from certain at this time. The funds are first taken from the state’s Cap-and-Trade program, but that funding source is backstopped by the General Fund. If the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund doesn’t generate sufficient revenue, there may be no backstop in the General Fund. The Plan can be viewed here:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/2020/jul/070720_6_draftfinal_sadwfep_clean_accessibility.pdf

The County of Orange Report

July 14, 2020
by Lewis Consulting Group



Board Gets Pummeled During Public Comments

The Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled on July 14, 2020 is three weeks after the last meeting, held June 23rd. Hopefully the hiatus will help them recover from the verbal pounding they took during the meetings conducted on June 16th and June 23rd.

On the 16th, a late agenda change, deleting the County health report and leaving only a closed session item dealing with the Hertz Rent-a-Car bankruptcy and its effect on John Wayne Airport left dozens of angry attendees who wanted to vent opposition to the mandated mask order. Those testifying had to bootstrap their comments around bankruptcy issues. The anger of the late agenda change was palpable.

However, that anger paled in comparison to the near melee on the 23rd when both the anti-maskers returned, but they were outnumbered by a throng of Black Lives Matter protesters. About 250 people showed up and the BLM members took the opportunity of promoting the de-funding of local law enforcement by testifying in opposition to a renewal of 13 contracts between the Orange County cities and the Sheriff's department. The Board pretty much ignored the insults flung in their direction and voted quickly to approve the contracts.

On the Agenda. . . July 14th Board Meeting Enhancing Prado Dam

At the upcoming July 14th meeting, the Board of Supervisors will require four Supervisors voting affirmatively to utilize eminent domain to acquire seven acres of land upstream of Prado Dam. What makes the action more interesting, is the land in question, seven acres in the City of Eastvale is in Riverside County. The proposed project is \$1.32 million.

The acquisition is necessary to meet a deadline imposed by the Army Corp of Engineers. Without the property, the current plan by the Army Corp to award a contract for spillway construction in 2021 could be delayed. That delay could result in a loss of federal funding.

Completion of the project will provide protection for Orange County residents and businesses against a 190 year flood event.



Commission Has Testy Meeting

The July meeting of OCLAFCO started off with “feel good” transition of Board membership. Long time and popular City Board representative Allan “Doc” Bernstein retired off the Commission and was appropriately honored by his colleagues. Also, the Commission welcomed the re-appointment of Special District Commissioner Jim Fisler and the election of Wendy Buckman from City Alternate to succeed Allan Bernstein as Commissioner. Lastly, Huntington Beach Councilman Mike Posey was welcomed as a new City Alternate member.

However, the tone of the meeting soon sharply changed as Commissioners found fault with several of staff’s agenized items.

First was the Legislative Report. Staff had recommended a support position for SB 625 an urgency measure to restructure the Central Basin Municipal Water District. The measure would remove the Board of Directors, cancel a scheduled November election and appoint the Water Replenishment District of Southern California as the agency’s receiver. By a 5-2 vote, the Commission opted to stay out of a Los Angeles County Agency’s affairs and instead voted a neutral and watch position.

Supervisor Wagner pulled an item off the consent calendar which would have authorized an expenditure of \$18,000 to hire a consultant to conduct a search for a currently vacant Assistant Executive Officer. This led to a bitter debate centered around the issues of succession planning, the financial commitment and whether or not staff was leveraging the Commission by slowing down scheduled projects, while claiming the position was key to staying on schedule. After much debate, the item was defeated on a 5-2 vote with the matter and other alternatives to be discussed at next month’s meeting.

LAFCO Executive Director Carolyn Emory highlighted a number of items as the agency closed out the fiscal year. Partially due to COVID-19, LAFCO expenditures have been down and only 81% of its projected expenditure was spent. The remaining money was added to District Reserves.

The agency completed three applications in the last year and five more are pending. However, the San Juan application is moving slowly and it and South Orange County reorganization were two matters that could be further delayed according to Emory with the Assistant Executive Officer position remaining unfilled.

Lastly, as part of the on-going MSR cycle, LAFCO anticipates that both the MWDOC and Orange County Sanitation District MSR’s will be dealt with at the upcoming September meeting.

Orange County COVID-19 Stats

ORANGE COUNTY COVID-19 STATS	AS OF 7/13/2020	AS OF 6/7/2020
CUMULATIVE CASES TO DATE	25,255	7,440
CUMULATIVE DEATHS TO DATE	424	177
DEATHS REPORTED TODAY	1	1
CUMULATIVE TESTS TO DATE	314,191	158,592
TESTS REPORTED TODAY	6,791	1,244
CASES CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED	674 *	297 *
CASES CURRENTLY IN ICU	235	129
CUMULATIVE RECOVERED TO DATE	10,554 *	3,273 *

* = INCLUDES **ICU** CASES



Where Orange County Ranks [as of 7/13/2020]

LOCATION	POPULATION	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
CALIFORNIA	39,937,500	329,162	7,040
LOS ANGELES COUNTY	10,105,500	133,830	3,809
RIVERSIDE COUNTY	2,445,760	26,404	537
ORANGE COUNTY	3,185,970	25,399	423
SAN DIEGO COUNTY	3,343,360	19,929	422
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY	2,217,600	19,042	306



LATEST PRESIDENTIAL POLLS

In the last month, former Vice-President Joe Biden has maintained his lead over President Trump. Clearly, both COVID-19 and the suffering national economy, has taken its toll on President Trump's popularity.

DATE	POLL	RESULTS	SPREAD
JULY 9	RASMUSSEN	BIDEN 50, TRUMP 40	BIDEN +10
JULY 8	ECONOMIST / YOUNG	BIDEN 49, TRUMP 40	BIDEN +9
JULY 8	THE HILL / HARRIS X	BIDEN 43, TRUMP 39	BIDEN +4
JULY 2	MONMOUTH	BIDEN 53, TRUMP 41	BIDEN +12
JULY 1	ECONOMIST / YOUNG	BIDEN 49, TRUMP 40	BIDEN +9
JULY 1	CNBC / CHANGE RESEARCH	BIDEN 49, TRUMP 41	BIDEN +8
JULY 1	IBD / TIPP	BIDEN 48, TRUMP 40	BIDEN +8

California to Lose Political Clout



As the 2020 Census completion looms, there is certainty that California will lose at least one Congressional seat and corresponding electoral vote in the 2022 redistricting. Despite increasing by 2,000,000 in population in the last decade, that amount of growth has been outpaced by the rest of the nation.

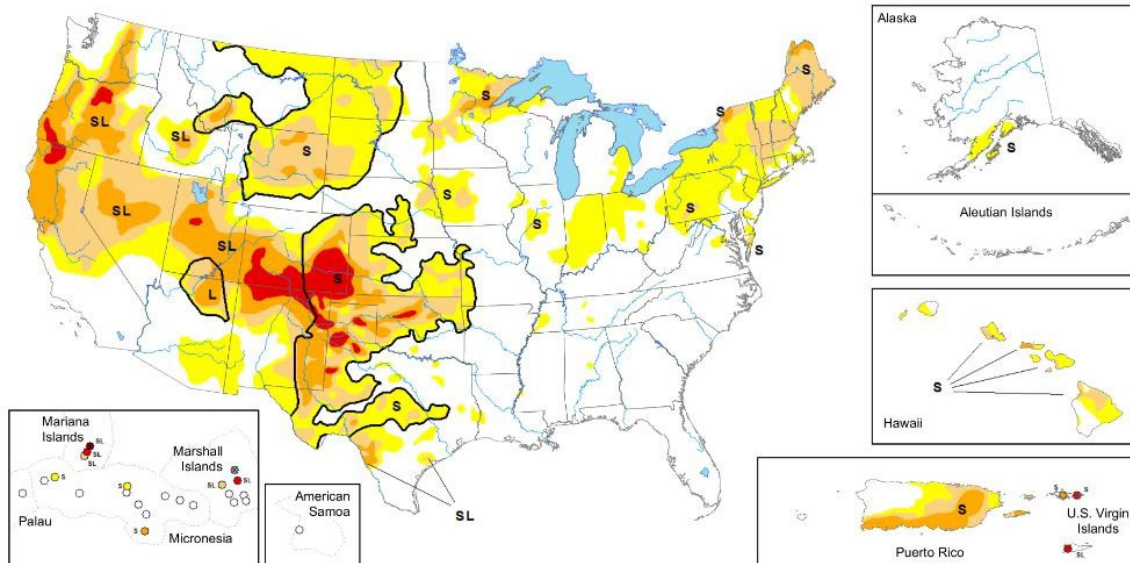
The San Francisco Bay area has grown faster than the rest of the state, so it will be immune to political sacrifice. The real question facing the Golden State is whether the loss will be limited to one seat or will it expand to two. Our fate may be tied to the state of Texas which is enjoying the opposite effect. Texas is guaranteed a two seat increase but perhaps depending on how it fares verses California, it may pick up a third seat as well.



Western Drought Intensifies

Map released: July 9, 2020

Data valid: July 7, 2020



Takes Toll on Colorado River Basin

7/6/2020

LOWER COLORADO WATER SUPPLY REPORT River Operations Bureau of Reclamation

Questions: BCOOWaterops@usbr.gov

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<http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/weekly.pdf>

	PERCENT	Content 1000 ac-ft (kaf)	Elev. (Feet above mean sea level)	7-Day Release (CFS)
CURRENT STORAGE	FULL			
LAKE POWELL	52%	12,748	3,610.18	11,700
* LAKE MEAD	40%	10,575	1,086.71	15,000
LAKE MOHAVE	94%	1,699	643.01	15,400
LAKE HAVASU	94%	581	448.07	11,800
TOTAL SYSTEM CONTENTS **	52%	31,273		
As of 7/5/2020				
SYSTEM CONTENT LAST YEAR	54%	32,113		

* Percent based on capacity of 26,120 kaf or elevation 1,219.6 feet.

** TOTAL SYSTEM CONTENTS includes Upper & Lower Colorado River Reservoirs, less Lake Mead exclusive flood control space.

Just a few weeks ago, Lake Powell's water level was eleven feet higher than the same date in 2019. The harsh drought has turned good news into bad news and the water level is now seven feet below where it was one year ago.

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Legal and Regulatory

July 20, 2020

1. **PFAS Killer:** Rice University engineers are working on a process to kill the “forever” chemicals, PFAS and others. The process uses boron nitride powder and ultraviolet light of a prescribed wavelength. Its dispersion rate is 99% in a four hour period, turning PFAS into fluoride, carbon dioxide and hydrogen. The discovery was somewhat accidental. Using BN as a catalyst in a control group, it was observed to work this miracle. They are now looking at PFOA and other GenX chemicals and are having similar results. These results are being studied by the National Science Foundation and other private companies for commercial use. Rice has filed patents on the process. (Interesting note: the original research was funded by the NSF and the China Scholarship Council.)
2. **Improved Water Testing:** Northwestern University has developed a water sample test using a single drop and test results in minutes. The Paradise fire here in California has been a proving ground for the test. As you recall, the Paradise fire did almost total damage to the water system in the City. The numerous tests required put the price tag for the project extremely high (up to \$150 per test) and the time to complete in the months to years category. The process is called ROSALIND and stands for “RNA output sensors activated by ligand induction”. The explanation is again way beyond my cognitive ability. The short version is synthetic biology molecular formations are modified to react with other cells in a abnormal manner. However it works, a single drop of it in a test tube of water can identify 17 different contaminants in a few minutes. The list includes lead, copper, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, cleaning products and others. The method was used in the Paradise fire area and cut costs, saved time and produced verifiable and correct results. This will allow homeowners to conduct their own tests cheaply and quickly. (Another note: It was named ROSALIND after chemist Rosalind Franklin who was one the three folks who discovered the DNA double helix.) Commercialization of the process is currently happening.
3. **Tijuana Sewage Audit:** A recent audit of Baja California’s water agency has found several disturbing results. Many international companies including Walmart and Coca-Cola have not paid for all their water use and have discharged without permits into the overused Tijuana sewage system. Agency officials were negligent or overlooked these issues. All this contributed to the sewage problems which in turn contaminated our California beaches.
4. **Wastewater Shock:** University of Sydney engineers have developed methods for cleaning up polluted industrial wastewater. The process uses electrochemical oxidation to change the organic material into harmless gas and minerals. The study was aimed at wineries, pharmaceutical manufacturers and other companies that have strict wastewater guidelines. This process is also being studied to determine if it is commercially feasible when done on a large scale.
5. **Anderson Dam Drain:** Earthquake concerns have forced the draining of Anderson Reservoir near San Jose. Anderson is the largest reservoir in Santa Clara County and has been found to be at severe earthquake risk. The draining could take 6 to 10 months depending on the weather. A new dam will be constructed at a cost of \$570 million and should be competed by 2030. How to handle the drain flow and protecting the remaining fish in the dead pool are still being discussed. The reservoir is presently only 30% full due to water management. The District is still in good shape water

wise as a result of planning and other storage.

6. **No Beer Dumping:** The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has ordered all municipalities to urge their restaurant and bars to hold their beer. As a result of Covid 19 shutdowns many restaurants and bars have unused and unsold beer. They claim that dumping all that beer down the drain will hurt the sewer system and treatment facilities. They do not say why or where the beer should be disposed of. Maybe, take it all to the landfills...but then there is the runoff issue.
7. **San Diego Water Ag Deal:** The San Diego County Water Authority had reached an agreement with the San Diego farmers. There has been a historic ongoing battle between the Authority and the farmers regarding cost and reliability. An Agreement has been reached to guarantee the farmers a fixed rate in exchange for lower levels of supply during droughts or other emergencies. The rate of \$1309 per acre foot is 25% cheaper than other municipal and industrial users currently pay. The rate is to remain permanent and becomes effective January 1, 2021. Avocados has been and remains their number one crop.
8. **Clean Beer:** The State University of New York (SUNY) is coming to the aid of microbreweries in New York. Brewing beers requires a lot of water and produces a lot of wastewater in the process. They have developed and patented a green wall composed of plants, microbes and other secret ingredients. The beer wastewater is run through the green wall which does its magic. The resulting water meets standards for release into the normal sewer system. The green wall is cheap and it works according to SUNY.
9. **Lake Tahoe Clarity Worsens:** Last year was a bad year for Lake Tahoe clarity. The white Secchi disk averaged a depth of 62 feet in 2019. In 2017, it measured the lowest ever at 60 feet. It improved to 70 feet in 2018. Early and heavy rain in 2019 brought clarity to 112 feet. That also brought additional nutrients and algae growth which pushed clarity to 36 feet last May. Historically, clarity declines in summer when it is warmer and increases in winter when cooler.
10. **San Clemente Reef:** Wheeler North Reef construction commenced again last month and is nearing completion. The reef was part of the mitigation measures for expansion of the San Onofre Nuclear Plant which is now closed. The reef will cover 370 acres, over 5 miles long and consists of 270 tons of rock. It will be the largest manmade reef in the world. Its environmental report card is going very well. Increased kelp, fish, urchins and other critters. Fisherman are delighted, even though some of the fish they caught might not be.
11. **Colorado River Usage Down:** Use of Colorado River water in 2019 by Arizona, California and Nevada hit a 30 year low. Total use by the three states was 6.5 million acre feet last year which is about 1 million acre feet less than their entitlement. California's drop was mainly due to MWD taking about half of their normal allocation. Conservation gets most of the credit although water deals and other arrangements contributed.
12. **Drought and Power Costs:** North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina studied the last California drought impact from 2012-2016. Their conclusion was increase in power costs and emissions. The loss of hydro power (normal 13% down to 6%) and increase in temperatures drove electricity costs up and costs consumers almost \$6 billion more than normal times. The lack of hydro requires more natural gas plants to be utilized.
13. **Supreme Court Ducks Klamath Case:** The decade long battle between farmers water rights in the Klamath area, tribal claims and Bureau of Reclamation actions finally made its way to the Supreme Court. However, they declined to

hear the case. That left the court of Appeals decision in tact which gave higher priority to local tribes over the project proposal and farmers takings claims. I doubt however if the battles are over.

14. **Oprah Gets Water:** The Montecito Water District voted for a 50 year deal with Santa Barbara. The deal guarantees water to the wealthy Montecito folks, resorts and golf courses. The initial cost is \$4.6 million. They also pick up almost half the cost of Santa Barbara's desal plant (\$72 million) plus operation and maintenance costs for 50 years. The city guarantees 1430 acre feet of water every year for their 11,400 customers. There was substantial opposition from some Montecito residents based on cost and need. There is no water shortage now and all reservoirs are full. The rate structure is not finalized but there will be significant increases for customers.

Measure	Author	Topic	Status	Brief Summary	Position	Priority	Notes 1
AB 2178	Levine D	Emergency services.	7/8/2020-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on G.O.	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	
AB 2296	Quirk D	State Water Resources Control Board: local primacy delegation: funding stabilization program.	7/1/2020-Refer red to Com. on EQ.	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	
AB 2560	Quirk D	Water quality: notification and response levels: procedures.	6/29/2020-Fro m committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on EQ.	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 of a contaminant found in drinking water delivered by the public	Support	A. Priority Support/ Oppose	

				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, except as specified.			
AB 3256	Garcia, Eduardo D	Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.	6/8/2020-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	
SB 45	Allen 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	
SB 1099	Dodd D	Emergency backup generators: critical facilities: order for abatement: stipulations.	6/29/2020-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.	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	
SB 1386	Moorlach R	Local government	6/18/2020-Referred to Com.	Current law, known as the Proposition 218 Omnibus	Support	A. Priority	

		: assessments, fees, and charges: water: hydrants.	on L. GOV. (Amended 7/27/2020)	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 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 hydrants, as defined, are part of the system of public improvements included in the definition of “water” for purposes of the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act.		Support/ Oppose	
Measure	Author	Topic	Status	Brief Summary	Position	Priority	Notes 1
AB 291	Chu D	Local Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Fund.	6/23/2020-Referred to Com. on G.O.	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	
SB 378	Wiener D	Probation: eligibility: crimes relating to controlled substances.	6/18/2020-Referred to Com. on U. & E. (Amended 7/27/2020)	Current law prohibits granting probation or suspending a sentence for persons convicted of specified crimes relating to controlled substances, including possessing or agreeing to sell or transport opiates or opium derivatives, possessing or transporting cannabis, planting or cultivating peyote, and various crimes relating to forging or altering prescriptions, among other crimes, if the person has previously been convicted of any one of specified felony offenses	Watch	B. Watch	

				relating to controlled substances. Current law also prohibits granting probation or suspending a sentence for persons convicted of specified crimes relating to controlled substances, including possessing for sale or selling 14.25 grams or more of a substance containing heroin and possessing for sale 14.25 grams or more of any salt or solution of phencyclidine or its analogs, among other crimes. This bill would delete various crimes relating to controlled substances, including, but not limited to, the crimes described above, from those prohibitions against granting probation or a suspended sentence.			
SB 862	Dodd D	Planned power outage: public safety.	6/29/2020-Deferred to Com. on U. & E.	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.
SB 952	Nielsen R	Sales and use taxes: exemption: backup electrical generators: deenergization events.	6/29/2020-Deferred to Com. on REV. & TAX.	Current state sales and use tax laws 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	B. Watch	
SB 1011	Dahle R	Water	3/25/2020-Fro	Would provide that	Out for	B. Watch	

		quality: waste discharge requirements: management agency agreements.	m committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.	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.	Analysis		
SB 1044	Allen D	Firefighting equipment and foam: PFAS chemicals.	7/8/2020-July 13 hearing postponed by committee.	Would, commencing January 1, 2022, would require any person, as defined, including a manufacturer, as defined, that sells firefighter personal protective equipment to any person 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. The bill would authorize the State Fire Marshal to request from a manufacturer, and the bill would require the manufacturer to provide, a certificate of compliance that certifies that the manufacturer is in compliance with these provisions	Out for Analysis	B. Watch	

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
State Legislative Matrix
July 8, 2020 – Second Year of Legislative Session

Bill Number Author	Amended Date; Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
Metropolitan sponsored bills				
AB 2246 Sponsor: Metropolitan	Introduced 2/13/2020 Assembly Natural Resources Committee Rescinded	Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975: exemption: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California 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.	SPONSOR	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.
SB 996 Sponsors: Metropolitan and the California Municipal Utilities Association	Amended 4/1/2020 Senate Environmental Quality Committee Rescinded	State Water Resources Control Board: Constituents of Emerging Concern Program Seeks to create a statewide program to identify and evaluate Constituents of Emerging Concern (CECs) in drinking water sources.	CO- SPONSOR	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.

Bill Number Author	Amended Date; Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
Water Bond/Infrastructure Funding				
SB 45 Allen (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 1/23/2020 Assembly	Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020 Places a \$5.51 billion wildfire and water bond on the November 2020 ballot for voter approval.	SUPPORT AND AMEND 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.
AB 3256 E. Garcia (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 6/04/2020 Assembly Rules	Economic Recovery, Wildlife Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020 Places a \$9.71 billion economic recovery and climate resilience bond on the November 2020 ballot for voter approval.	SUPPORT AND AMEND Based upon Board action on 06/09/2020	Would provide funding for economic recovery, wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection. Metropolitan is seeking amendments to set aside funding for recycled water projects; state-owned conveyance infrastructure to reverse the impacts of subsidence; habitat restoration for native and protected fish; monitoring and treatment for drinking water contaminants; and emergency backup generators that minimize air quality impacts.

Bill Number Author	Amended Date; Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
Governor's Proposed Budget Trailer Bill Language	Introduced 1/31/2020 Rescinded	Governor's Proposed Safe Drinking Water, Wildlife Prevention and Natural Resources Protection Bond Act of 2020 Places a \$4.75 billion climate resilience bond for voter approval on the November 2020 ballot.	SUPPORT AND AMEND Based upon Board Action on 3/9/2020	Would provide funding 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; monitoring and treatment for drinking water contaminants; and emergency backup generators that minimize air quality impacts.
Delta/State Water Project				
AB 1580 Levine (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 7/1/2019 Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File	Major infrastructure construction projects: oversight committees 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.	OPPOSE 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.

Bill Number Author	Amended Date; Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
SB 69 Wiener (D) Sponsors: California Coastkeeper Alliance and Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations	Amended 7/11/2019 Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File	Ocean Resiliency Act of 2019 Seeks to bolster the resilience of the state's marine and coastal environments to climate change and improve conditions for salmon and other commercially valuable species.	WATCH 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 removed objectionable language that would have created an offshore salmon hatchery that could interfere with native salmon populations and tested new fish tagging programs, and assigned those costs in part to the State Water Project. Metropolitan moved from oppose unless amended to a watch.

Bill Number Author	Amended Date; Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
SB 204 Dodd (D) Sponsor: Delta Counties Caucus	Amended 5/17/2019 Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife	State Water Project: contracts 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.	WATCH 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 authority. 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.
SB 559 Hurtado (D) Sponsor: Friant Water Authority	Amended 7/3/2019 Assembly Appropriations Committee- Suspense File	Department of Water Resources: grant: Friant-Kern Canal Seeks to address problems of land subsidence on the federally-owned Friant Kern Canal.	SUPPORT IF AMENDED Based upon Board-adopted 2019 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Adds 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.

Bill Number Author	Amended Date; Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
SB 946 Pan (D) Sponsor: Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency	Amended 06/03/2020 Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee Rescinded	Flood control: Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership Multibenefit Program 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.	SUPPORT 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.
Climate Change				
AB 1071 Limon (D) Sponsor: California Climate and Agricultural Network	Amended 1/6/2020 Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee	Climate change: agriculture: Agricultural Climate Adaptation Tools Program: grants 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.	SUPPORT Based upon Board Action on 7/9/2019	The bill was amended to mirror language from AB 409 (Limon), 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.

Bill Number Author	Amended Date; Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
SB 1323 Skinner (D) Sponsor: Author	Introduced 2/21/2020 Senate Environmental Quality Committee Rescinded	Carbon sequestration: state goals: natural and working lands: registry of projects. 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.	SUPPORT 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.
Water Quality/Safe Drinking Water				
AB 2560 Quirk (D) Sponsor: California Municipal Utilities Association and Orange County Water District	Amended 6/29/2020 Senate Environmental Quality Committee	Water quality: notification and response levels: procedures 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.	SUPPORT 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.

Bill Number Author	Amended Date; Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
AB 3039 Quirk (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 7/2/2020 Senate Environmental Quality Committee Hearing: 7/21/2020	Underground storage tanks: small business loan and grant program Extends the operation of the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund loan and grant program from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2026.	SUPPORT 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 provided funding to remediate underground storage tanks leaking MTBE and other gasoline additives contaminating groundwater supplies.
SB 414 Caballero (D) Sponsor: Eastern Municipal Water District and California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)	Amended 6/25/2019 Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File	Small System Water Authority Act of 2019 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.	SUPPORT 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.

Bill Number Author	Amended Date; Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
SB 1044 Allen (D) Sponsor: California Professional Firefighters and Natural Resources Defense Council	Amended 6/18/2020 Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials	Firefighting equipment and foam: PFAS chemicals 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.	SUPPORT 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.
Governance and Operations				
SB 625 Bradford (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 6/8/2020 Senate Rules	Central Basin Municipal Water District: receivership Dissolves the board of directors of CBMWD and would provide that the November 3, 2020, election for directors of CBMWD shall not occur. The bill would require the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) to act as the receiver for CBMWD.	WATCH, and engage as needed to protect Metropolitan's interest Based upon Board Action on 06/10/20	CBMWD is a member agency of Metropolitan and entitled to its respective representation on the Metropolitan Board of Directors. SB 625 as currently written will not result in a direct impact to Metropolitan, and is intended to assist in establishing a pathway to address governance challenges of CBMWD.

Bill Number Author	Amended Date; Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
SB 952 Nielsen (R) Sponsor: Author	Amended 5/29/2020 Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee	Sales and use taxes: exemption: backup electrical resources: deenergization events. 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.	SUPPORT AND AMEND 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.
SB 1099 Dodd (D) Co-Sponsors: California Municipal Utilities Association and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	Amended 06/02/2020 Assembly Committee on Natural Resources	Emergency backup generators: critical facilities: exemption. 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.	SUPPORT AND AMEND 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.

Bill Number Author	Amended Date; Location	Title-Summary	MWD Position	Effects on Metropolitan
Environmental Compliance				
AB 3279 Friedman (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 7/1/2020 Senate Environmental Quality Committee	California Environmental Quality Act: administrative and judicial procedures. Revises California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) litigation procedures.	SUPPORT IF AMENDED Based upon Board-adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	Reduces the deadline for a court to commence hearings from one year to 270 days; requires a public agency, to the extent feasible, to prepare the record of proceedings concurrently with the administrative process; and authorizes a court to issue an interlocutory remand. Metropolitan is seeking an amendment to eliminate the requirement to prepare the record of proceedings concurrently with the administrative process, and make it voluntary instead. Metropolitan undertakes hundreds of projects in a given year that are subject to CEQA action. This requirement would require significant staff resources, time and money, and would delay essential projects.



DISCUSSION ITEM

July 20, 2020

TO: Public Affairs and Legislation Committee
(Directors Yoo Schneider, McVicker, Dick)

FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Damon Micalizzi

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION BY SUE SIMS, GROUP MANAGER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AT THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ON METROPOLITAN'S MEDIA & OUTREACH PROGRAMS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Public Affairs and Legislation Committee review and discuss the information presented.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

At the request of the Executive Committee, staff has invited Sue Sims, of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, to provide an overview of Metropolitan's Media and Outreach efforts and planned messaging for the next Fiscal Year.

Attachment: Metropolitan Media and Outreach Presentation

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

Water Reflects Life

METROPOLITAN'S EVOLVING COMMUNICATIONS LANDSCAPE

MWDOC Meeting
July 20, 2020



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COVID-19 Message

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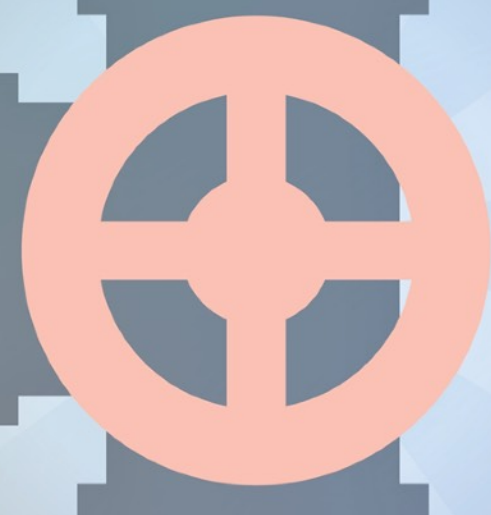
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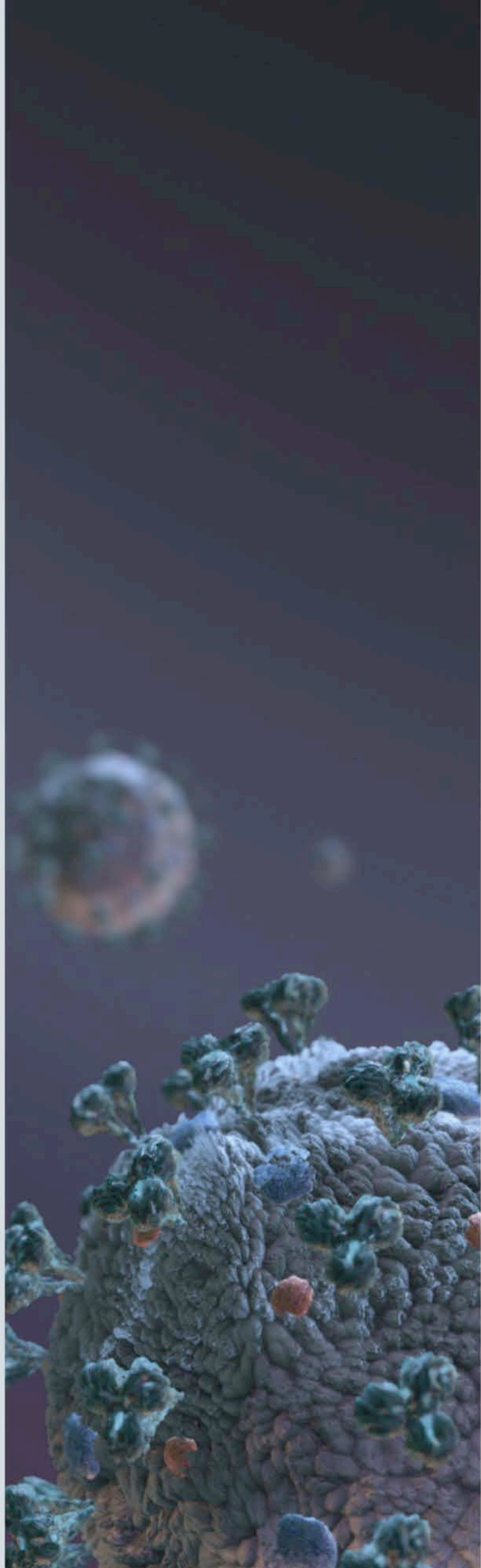
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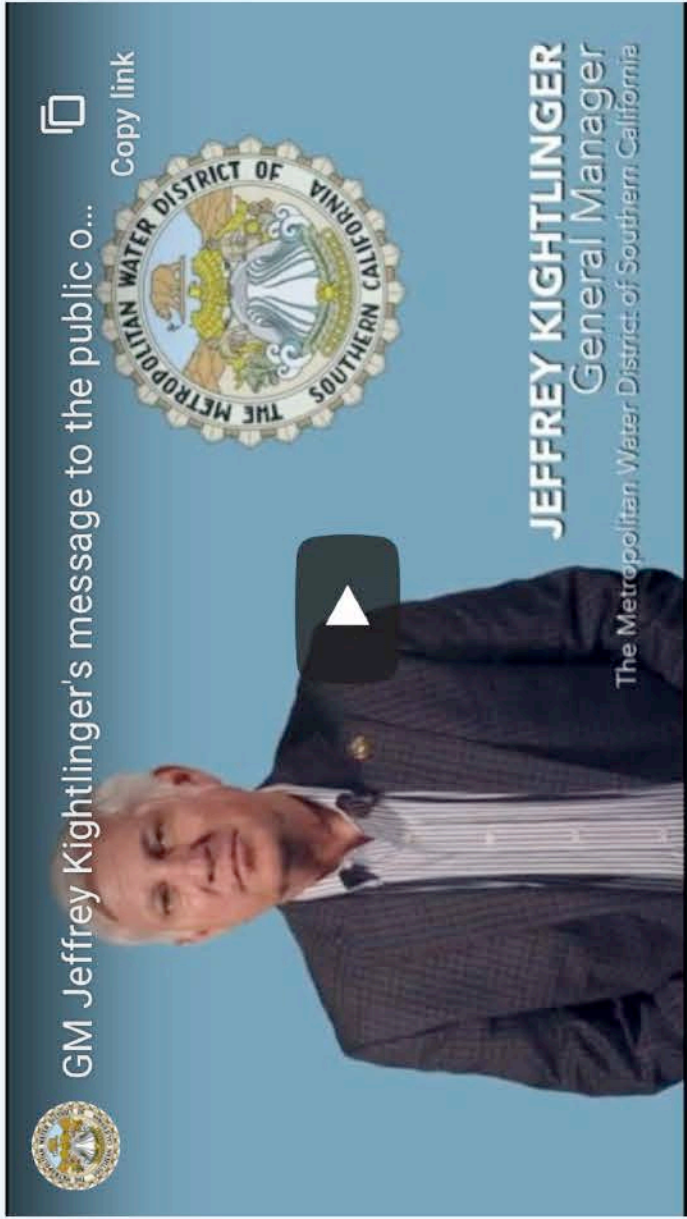


The novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19, does not present a threat to the safety of Metropolitan’s treated water supplies. The multi-step treatment process used in our plants removes and kills viruses, including coronaviruses, through filtration and disinfection, using ozone and chlorine.

- Metropolitan General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger

Delivering safe, reliable water to Southern California is not only Metropolitan's mission, it is paramount to the welfare of the 19 million people we serve through our member and retail water agencies. To protect the health and safety of our employees, the district's general manager has declared a state of emergency for Metropolitan. This has allowed the agency to quickly take steps to minimize potential staff exposure to the COVID-19 virus and avoid widespread impacts to our workforce, using tools such as teleworking, holding some critical staff in reserve, and micro-teams. Through its pandemic action and business continuity plans, Metropolitan is prepared to ensure water safety and reliability as conditions evolve.

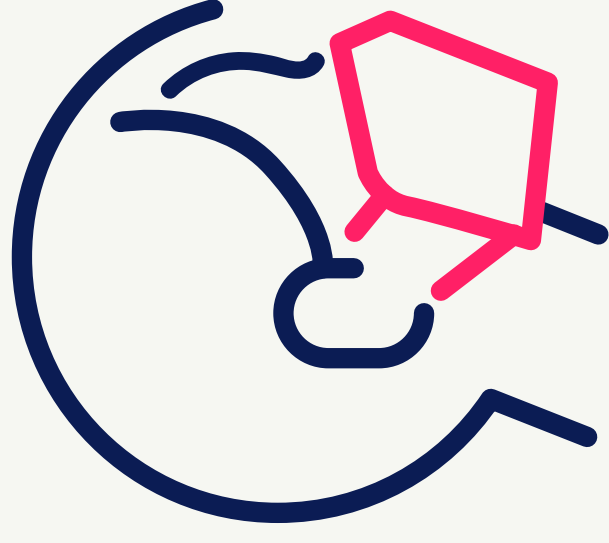
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COVID-19 Work Environment

NOTICE

FACE MASK REQUIRED



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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

COVID-19
WORK ENVIRONMENT



Forward Thinking



Delta Conveyance

Securing Reliable Water Supplies for Future Generations

Metropolitan statement on initiation of single Delta tunnel environmental review



"Metropolitan appreciates the efforts by the Newsom Administration to advance a balanced and comprehensive portfolio of water actions, including Delta Conveyance."

- *Jeffrey Kightlinger, Metropolitan General Manager*

[View the Full Statement](#)

Related Documents

- Message Points and Sample Letter for Scoping Process
- DWR's Press Release
- Notice of Preparation
- Delta Conveyance NOP and Public Scoping: Q&A

Delta Conveyance

WATER TOMORROW

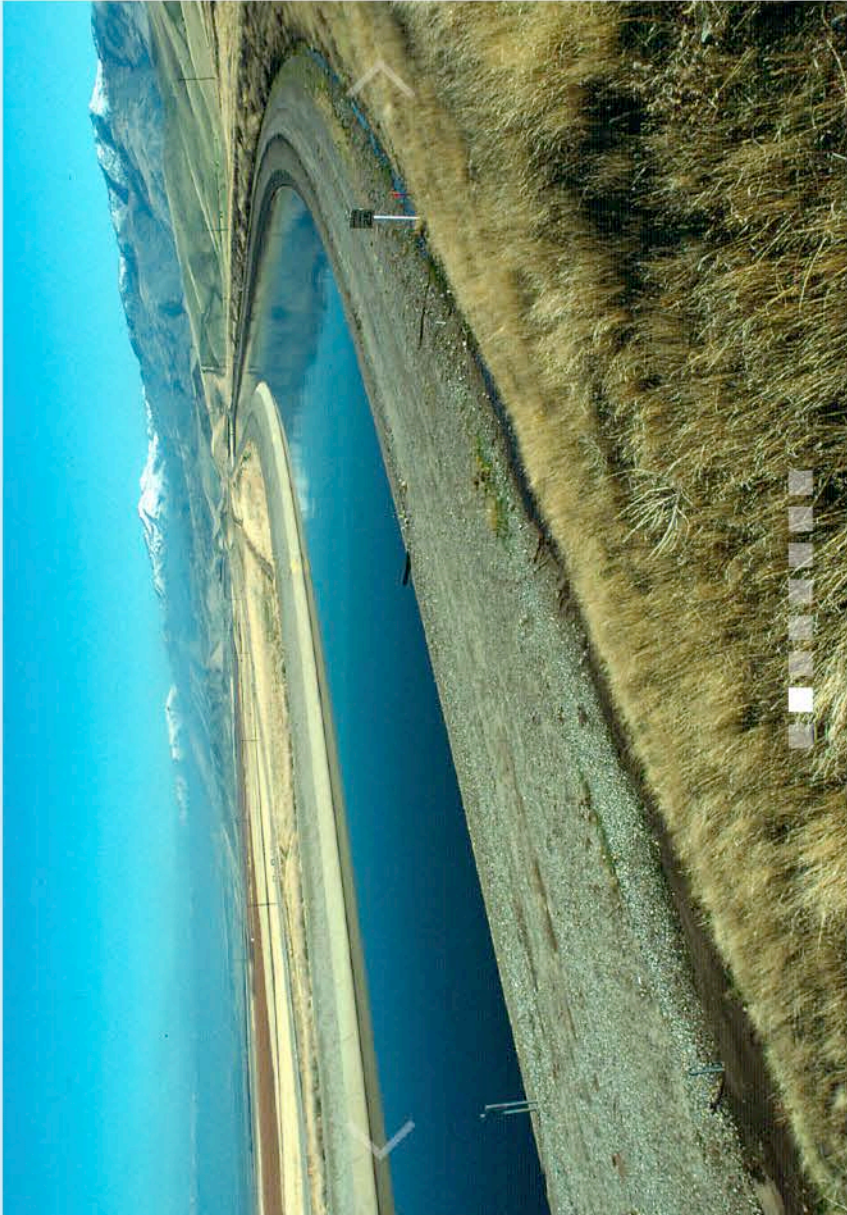
Integrated Water Resources Plan

Integrated Water Resources Plan

The Plan

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California prepares for tomorrow through an evolving long-term water strategy known as its Integrated Water Resources Plan, or IRP. The inaugural IRP was adopted in 1996 to address the complexity of developing, maintaining and delivering water to meet changing demands in the face of growing challenge. The plan has been updated several times over the past 25 years. In 2020 we are starting afresh with a new IRP that will incorporate different scenarios for the future. The IRP is a regional example of the long-term, diversified strategy Gov. Newsom is seeking statewide through his Water Resilience Portfolio Initiative. Metropolitan's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan is being developed as part of the IRP planning process.

State Water Project



IRP 2020

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Regulatory

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Advances

Economy and
Demographics

A full-page background image of a construction site at dusk. A large yellow crane is positioned on the left, its arm extending upwards. In the center, a worker in a red shirt and white hard hat stands on a wooden platform. The building's steel frame is visible, with some sections already covered in brown corrugated metal siding. A multi-bulb construction light pole is on the right, casting a bright glow. The sky is a deep blue with some clouds.

Resiliency

Colorado River Aqueduct & Other Infrastructure



Pipeline Replacement Project



Water Safety





Dynamic

Social

BECAUSE
WE ALL
NEED
SAFE
AND
RELIABLE
WATER

CHRISTIAN WORKING ON
PIPELINE MAINTENANCE



Recruitment



Apprenticeship Video

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County Plant Guides



Los Angeles



Orange



Riverside



San Bernardino

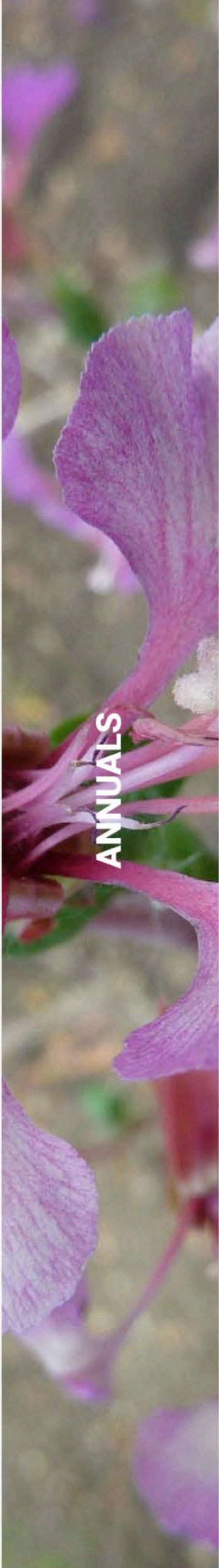


San Diego



Ventura

Native Plant Profiles



ANNUALS



GROUNDCOVERS



GRASSES

Online Tools

Diverse Audiences



我們已做好準備

大都會水務局已測試
應急響應和業務
連續性計畫與系統，
包括針對疫情爆發
的計畫。

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THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



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Los californianos del
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Conservan el agua.
Ahora mantienen su distancia.
Se ayudan entre sí.
Hacen lo correcto.

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



OnTrend

Visual

You're invited
to my garden
party



Responsive



Conversational

*What's more California Friendly®
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Supporting
Creativity





Inspire

INNOVATION:



Supporting Ideas

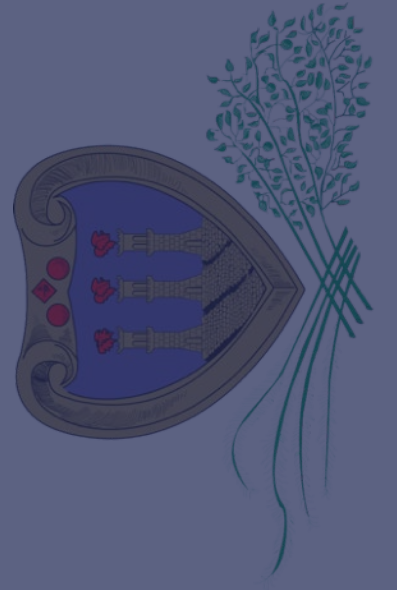
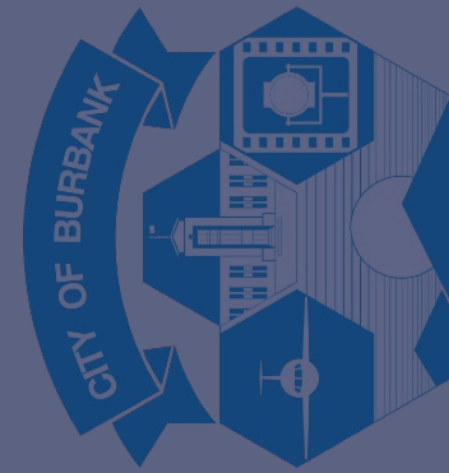
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INNOVATION:

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Lab



Community

A dramatic landscape photograph of a desert canyon. A winding road leads through the valley, flanked by steep, rugged cliffs. In the background, a large, flat-topped rock formation (mesa) rises against a clear blue sky. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting sunrise or sunset.

Thank You



ACTION ITEM
August 18, 2020

TO: Board of Directors

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

Robert Hunter
General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: H.R 7073 (GARAMENDI) - SPECIAL DISTRICTS PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES ACT

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors vote to adopt a support position on H.R. 7073 (Garamendi), and send a letter in support to the Orange County delegation, and the California Special Districts Association (CSDA).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

BILL SUMMARY

H.R. 7073, the “Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act,” would give special districts access to key resources available to local governments under the CARES Act, including the Coronavirus Relief Fund and the Federal Reserve’s Municipal Liquidity Facilities program. It would include special districts in the coronavirus relief fund, and define “special districts” in statute.

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

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT

Special districts are local governments created by a community to deliver specialized services – such as critical infrastructure, first response and community enrichment services – that are essential to residents’ health, safety, economy, and well-being. Approximately 30,000 special districts across the country continue to serve millions of Americans and respond to needs within their communities while facing the constraints of the pandemic.

H.R. 7073 would require a state to distribute no less than five percent of any future Coronavirus Relief Fund monies received by the state to special districts within 60 days of receiving the resources. The bill would also authorize the Federal Reserve to consider special districts as “eligible issuers” for its Municipal Liquidity Facilities program to purchase suitable municipal bond and revenue anticipation notes.

Additionally, the bill establishes a definition of “special district”, which currently does not exist in federal statute: “The term ‘special district’ means a political subdivision, formed pursuant to general law or special act of a state, for the purpose of performing one or more governmental or proprietary functions.”

ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION

None on file.

BOARD OPTIONS

Option #1

- Adopt a support position on H.R. 7073 (Garamendi) and send a letter of support to the Orange County delegation and CSDA.

Fiscal Impact: The Congressional Budget Office has not yet provided a financial impact, however, the bill’s passage would direct 5% of future coronavirus funding to special districts.

Business Analysis: As members of CSDA, it is important for MWDOC to be an active participant in the association. This is one of their priority bills this year and are asking all of their members to send letters of support.

Option #2

- Take no action

Fiscal Impact: Currently special districts are not eligible for coronavirus relief funds from the federal government. Should this bill not pass, or not have its language included in another coronavirus relief bill, it could result in a loss of revenue for special districts.

Business Analysis: There is little impact to taking no action, other than not supporting CSDA’s priority legislation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Option #1

ATTACHED:

- H.R. 7073 Full Text

116TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7073

To amend the Social Security Act to include special districts in the coronavirus relief fund, to direct the Secretary to include special districts as an eligible issuer under the Municipal Liquidity Facility, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 1, 2020

Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself, Mr. KILMER, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. COX of California, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. BERA, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. ROUDA, Mr. CRIST, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. SOTO, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. KHANNA, and Mr. COSTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Social Security Act to include special districts in the coronavirus relief fund, to direct the Secretary to include special districts as an eligible issuer under the Municipal Liquidity Facility, and for other purposes.

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

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Special Districts Pro-
3 vide Essential Services Act”.

4 SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS IN THE CORO-
5 NAVIRUS RELIEF FUND.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 601(a) of the Social Secu-
7 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 801(a)) is amended by adding at the
8 end the following new paragraph:

9 “(3) FUNDS FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS.—If an
10 amount in excess of \$150,000,000,000 is appro-
11 priated for payments made under this section, spe-
12 cial districts shall be eligible for payments out of
13 such excess amount in accordance with subsection
14 (c)(6).”.

15 (b) AMOUNT FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS.—Section
16 601(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 801(c)) is
17 amended—

18 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) through
19 (8) as paragraphs (7) through (9), respectively; and
20 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
21 lowing new paragraph:

22 “(6) SPECIAL DISTRICTS.—If a portion of any
23 excess amount described in subsection (a)(3) is allo-
24 cated to a State, such State shall allocate at least
25 5 percent of that amount for special districts in that
26 State for distribution at such State’s discretion, not

1 later than 60 days after such State has received
 2 such funds.”.

3 (c) DEFINITION OF SPECIAL DISTRICT.—Section
 4 601(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 801(g)) is
 5 amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through
 7 (5) as paragraphs (5) through (6), respectively; and
 8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
 9 lowing new paragraph:

10 “(4) SPECIAL DISTRICT.—The term ‘special dis-
 11 trict’ means a political subdivision, formed pursuant
 12 to general law or special act of a State, for the pur-
 13 pose of performing one or more governmental or
 14 proprietary functions.”.

15 (d) UPDATE TO GUIDANCE.—The Secretary of the
 16 Treasury shall update any guidance issued with respect
 17 to the Coronavirus Relief Fund established under section
 18 601 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 801) to reflect
 19 the inclusion of special districts as eligible for payments
 20 from amounts in excess of \$150,000,000,000 appropriated
 21 under such section.

22 **SEC. 3. INCLUDING SPECIAL DISTRICTS IN THE MUNICIPAL**
 23 **LIQUIDITY FACILITY.**

24 The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Sys-
 25 tem shall include special districts as eligible issuers in the

- 1 Municipal Liquidity Facility program authorized under
- 2 section 13(3) of the Federal Reserve Act.

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INFORMATION ITEM

July 20, 2020

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

FROM: **Robert Hunter, General Manager**

Staff Contact: Damon Micalizzi

SUBJECT: VIRTUAL WATER POLICY FORUM

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Public Affairs & Legislation Committee: Receive and File

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

With COVID-19 keeping large gatherings and meetings virtual for the foreseeable future, staff is presently putting together a virtual Water Policy Forum for late September.

The State Water Resources Control Board's Delta Watermaster, Michael George has agreed to present and discuss framework of the Voluntary Agreements. The forum would be conducted via Zoom and would be held in the late morning, with the program running no longer than an hour and half. Also included in the program would be a presentation from Metropolitan and Q&A facilitated by one of MWD OC's Metropolitan Directors.

Details will be firmed up in the days and weeks ahead.

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

Public & Governmental Affairs Activities Report
June 10, 2020 – July 6, 2020

Item No. 5

Member Agency Relations	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed and distributed printed bill inserts for eleven member agencies to promote Water Use Efficiency programs • Designed and ordered truck and van signage for Water Use Efficiency Water Loss Control Program and participating member agencies • Created spreadsheet for member agency education contacts with county 2020-2021 school changes post COVID-19 • Hosted a Public Affairs Workgroup featuring a discussion on communicating with customers and stakeholders after COVID-19 closures by keynote speaker Stephen Dupont of Pocket Hercules • Discussed virtual tour opportunities with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and gaged interest in pursuing the effort with MWDOC member agencies <p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a legislative update to the MWDOC Member Agency Managers group • Provided a legislative update to the OC Met Managers group
Community Relations	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Wyland National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation media kit for August 1-31 contest • Commenced voting for the 2020 Water Awareness Poster Contest Grand Prize Winners – voting closes on July 8 • Initiated social media campaign to honor 2020 Water Awareness Poster Contest Winners • Held Chalk the Walk Art Contest for Orange County K-12 students. Theme: Saving Water at Home Together <p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Public Affairs staff, requested certificates for the Water Awareness Poster Contest winners from our local legislative offices
Media Relations	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent News Release announcing Director Brett R. Barbre retirement from the MWDOC board • Prepared and scheduled several social media posts
Education	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California’s Member Agency Education Coordinators’ Meeting • Participated in Department of Water Resources Water Education Committee Meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Orange County Department of Education's Inside the Outdoors on remote learning opportunities • Researched and created tracking sheet of Orange County school district reopening plans to be shared with member agencies and Orange County Department of Education • Met with Strategic Energy Innovations on partnership opportunities for building Career Technical Education programs as part of the Water Energy Education Alliance • Met with former Director of Water Energy Education Alliance to discuss in-kind services that would include technical review of proposed Career Technical Education programs, meeting agenda development, speaker recommendations, and general consult • Attended two (2) Water Science and Conservation Program Workgroup meetings • Offered community outreach strategy and tactics for Water and Energy Degree Programs with Lane Community College (Eugene, Oregon) – referred to MWDOC Public Affairs by MWDOC Water Use Efficiency • Participated in Water Education Programs Webinar hosted by the Alliance for Water Efficiency • Met with IRWD and North County ROP to discuss an Orange County Advisory for workforce pathways • Met with Saddleback College to discuss an Orange County Advisory for workforce pathways as well as a South County collaborative • Facilitated a future speaker from Lawrence Hall of Science for Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Member Agency Education Coordinators' Meeting and Department of Water Resources Water Education Committee Meeting
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Special Projects	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced resolution to commemorate retirement of MWDOC Director Brett R. Barbre • Designed and ordered MWDOC promotional items • Performed overall website maintenance activities and completed multiple District page updates • Attended webinar with web developer to explore website upgrades • Coordinated with Metropolitan External Affairs for July's PAL Presentation • Completed department accomplishments, goals, and challenges overview • Met with web developer LA Design Studio to discuss a Search Engine Optimization strategy for the District website <p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided additional information to OC LAFCO for MWDOC's upcoming MSR • Staffed the WACO Planning Meeting • Attend an ACWA webinar on how to "Reset the Workplace Post COVID-19" • Sent out a Save the Date for the July ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon • Coordinated with Supervisor Don Wagner's office on logistics/topics, to have him speak at the July ISDOC luncheon • Sent out the ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon invitation for July 23 featuring Supervisor Don Wagner • Staffed the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting
Legislative Affairs	<p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the CMUA Regulatory and Legislative Committee meetings • Met with Ryan Leavitt of BarkerLeavitt to discuss federal issues and MWDOC's legislative priorities for the remainder of the year • Participated in the Southern California Water Coalition Legislative Task Force meeting • Attended the Cal Desal Legislative Committee meeting • Participated in the Met Member Agency Legislative Staff conference call • Attended the ACWA Federal Affairs Drinking Water Subcommittee meeting • Met with Chris Palmer to discuss CSDA priority legislation • Attended the ACWA Federal Affairs Infrastructure & Agriculture Subcommittee meeting • Attended the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee meeting • Participated in the ACWA Region 10 planning call for the upcoming State Legislative Committee meeting • Participated in the ACWA State Legislative Committee meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Met with staff at Mesa Water District to discuss water affordability and the State Water Resources Control Board's implementation of SB 200• Monitored the State Water Resource Control Board meeting where they discussed the 2020-2021 Fund Expenditure Plan for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund
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