

MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
Jointly with the
PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
October 19, 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. MWDOC LEGISLATIVE POLICY PRINCIPLES ANNUAL UPDATE

ACTION ITEMS

3. ISDOC ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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. SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE

5. OC WATER SUMMIT UPDATE

6. VIRTUAL WATER POLICY FORUM - SEPTEMBER 23RD

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
October 13, 2020*

In the final weeks of the 2020 Election, Congress and the White House struggle to finalize a COVID-19 stimulus package; With Control of Congress and the White House in Play, House and Senate Out of Session as Members Hit the Campaign Trail; Senate is Almost Certain to Confirm Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court in late October

Negotiations between Congressional Democrats and the White House for an additional round of COVID aid had largely failed by the end of September and into early October. In response, House Democrats introduced and passed a scaled back version of the HEROES Act (HEROES 2.0). The initial HEROES Act was a roughly \$3 trillion bill (with \$915 billion for state and local funding), which was passed by the House in late May. HEROES 2, which passed the House in early October cost roughly \$2.2 trillion (but unfortunately this bill also does not include any aid for special districts). Senate Republicans have continually said they would not pass a bill of more than \$1.5 trillion.

Following this breakdown in negotiations, President Trump tweeted that he has instructed his negotiators to end negotiations until after the election. Immediately following his announcement, the financial markets negatively reacted, and the President was criticized by his opponents and allies alike. He quickly changed course and suggested that Congress send him some “stand-alone” bills to address issues like aid for the airline industry, another round of small business loans, and an additional round of direct payments to Americans. And this week, in yet another twist, President Trump has continued to urge Congress via Twitter to “go BIG or go home” on a stimulus bill.

Speaker Pelosi rejected doing a stand-alone bill, as the President has suggested on Twitter. Senate Leader McConnell also implied that he thought a COVID deal before the election was

now unlikely. Feeling significant pressure from vulnerable Members of Congress, Leader McConnell is now stating that he is open to trying one more time for a targeted COVID relief bill to replenish the Paycheck Protection Program account—perhaps as soon as the week of Oct. 19th—reviving some hope for action before the election. McConnell is reported daring the Senate Democrats to block this bill. That said, most of the senior staffers we visit with are still very skeptical that Congress will take much, if any, action on COVID relief legislation before the election.

With the President (as well as many senior White House staff) and several Senators and House Members testing positive for COVID-19 a few weeks before Election Day, and with many states already in early voting, the House and Senate have largely returned home to campaign. At the time of writing this report, the Senate Judiciary Committee is in the process holding a confirmation hearing for Amy Coney Barrett's nomination to the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The Judiciary Committee is expected to advance her nomination to the full Senate and her nomination is expected to be on the Senate Floor as soon as the week of Oct. 19th.

Congress Passes Short-term Spending Extension Through Dec. 11

Since our last report, Congress passed a continuing resolution (CR) to extend current federal funding levels, which were set to expire at the end of the fiscal year on September 30th, through the November Election to December 11th. It is unclear if Congress will pass a FY21 Appropriations bill in December that would fund the government through the end of the FY21 (September 30, 2021) or if they will pass another short-term CR into early next year (February or March). We believe this could depend on if the Democrats prevail in taking control of the Senate and the White House. If the Democrats win the election, a short-term CR is more likely, as they would prefer to wait until a new Congress is seated to set up spending priorities for FY21.

Water Resources Development Act (WRDA Bill) Negotiations Continue

Congressional staff have said that they expect the WRDA bill to receive a final vote before the end of this year. Both the House and the Senate have introduced bipartisan WRDA bills. The House has passed its version of the bill and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee advanced the Senate's bill unanimously.

We are also hearing that in addition to the provisions authorizing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects, this WRDA bill could include reauthorization of Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Funds. This bill is expected to include millions for EPA water infrastructure grant programs.

Highlights of the Senate's WRDA 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.

What is not clear is whether or not this WRDA bill will include a Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) Title. In our conversations with Senate Energy and Natural Resource Committee staff, they have reported to us that efforts to include reauthorization of BOR water programs are being negotiated. Senator Feinstein's bipartisan drought resiliency bill, which would reauthorize many WIIN Act grant programs and other BOR water programs is currently being held by the Ranking Member Senator Manchin of West Virginia. We have and continue to weigh in with Senate Energy Natural Resources Committee staff on this issue as a major priority for MWDOC and its member agencies.

Biden, If Elected, Intends to Move A Major Infrastructure Bill in Early 2021

According to House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio, Vice President Biden has been in communications with the Committee Chairman and that Biden wants to take action on an infrastructure bill as soon as February 2021. The House passed a \$1.5 trillion-dollar infrastructure bill earlier this summer which could become the framework for a Biden infrastructure bill early next year. As a reminder, the House's \$760 billion infrastructure bill included improvements to 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.

Congressional Democrats Signal a Return of Congressionally Directed Spending or "Earmarks"

Several senior House Democrats have signaled support for a limited return to Congressionally directed spending or "earmarks" next Congress. The prohibition on earmarks was implemented by House Republicans after Republicans took control of the House in 2010. The Senate quickly followed the House's lead. There has been a growing movement in both parties to return to

earmarks, but in 2019, the Republican Senate expressly voted to prohibit earmarks under their caucus rules. Now that it seems entirely possible that Democrats may control the Senate next year, the earmark ban may finally be reversed. Many believe that future earmarks would be limited to public agencies, with for-profit or private interests ineligible to participate.

This is a welcomed change for public agencies like MWDOC and its members, who would be eligible for direct appropriations from Congress—where currently federal funds are limited to competitive grant programs and formula funds.

MWDOC Joins Bipartisan Chorus of Lawmakers Urging Swift Passage of Wildfire/Forest Management Legislation

The August Complex wildfire has already burned more than 1 million acres in California. This wildfire is the first wildfire in California history to burn more than a million acres.

As we reported on last month, Senator Feinstein introduced the bipartisan “Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act” (S. 4431) to ease some regulatory hurdles for forest management projects, such as not requiring a renewed environmental review when new information emerges about potential effects on endangered species — a legislative fix to a court-imposed requirement. The bill would also allow the Forest Service to declare emergencies in certain areas affected by wildfire, allowing for restoration with less-extensive environmental review. A bipartisan House companion bill has also been introduced by Representatives Panetta and LaMalfa (H.R. 7978).

MWDOC, by sending a signed letter in support of this legislation, has joined many lawmakers in the House and Senate urging Leadership to swiftly pass this much-needed legislation. We have engaged with Orange County’s Delegation on this legislative issue and have shared MWDOC’s letter of support for the bill.

Some Democratic Senators are also urging the Trump Administration to seek assistance from foreign governments to assist the U.S. in fighting these wildfires through California and the West.

PFAS Update:

A bipartisan group of 21 senators have sent a letter to the leaders of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees urging PFAS provisions to be added to the final National Defense

Authorization Act (NDAA). The House and Senate have each passed competing versions of the NDAA and are in the process of currently merging those two bills into a final NDAA to be voted on again by both chambers. The letter stops short of advocating for some of the more controversial PFAS provisions that were previously rejected by the Senate—specifically the inclusion of PFAS as hazardous substances under the Superfund Law CERCLA. The NDAA provisions include more funding for the CDC to study PFAS, blood tests for firefighters, and a survey to be conducted by the Department of Defense related to PFAS.

In addition, a group of 20 state attorneys general sent a letter to Congressional leaders also encouraging PFAS provisions to be included in this year’s final passed NDAA. Their letter went a step further and recommended that Congress also designate PFAS under CERCLA as hazardous.

Presidential Candidate Joe Biden’s campaign website addresses the candidate’s views on PFAS. Specifically, the website states that “instead of making empty promises with no follow-through, Biden will tackle PFAS pollution by designating PFAS as a hazardous substance, setting enforceable limits for PFAS in the Safe Drinking Water Act, prioritizing substitutes through procurement, and accelerating toxicity studies and research on PFAS.” From this most believe that a Biden Administration would pursue aggressive regulation of PFAS as well as other aggressive environmental regulations.

JCB/RWL 10/13/20



To: Municipal Water District of Orange County
From: Syrus Devers, Best Best & Krieger
Date: October 13, 2020
Re: Monthly Report

Legislative Report

Bill signatures:

The last day for the Governor to sign legislation was October 1st, and the main theme of the final package of bills was criminal justice reform. Although an exact number is not available, Newsom allowed far more bills to be enacted without action than most of his predecessors. (California does not have a “pocket veto.” Unsigned legislation becomes law in the same way a signed bill.)

Administrative Report

New Executive Order:

Near the last day of the legislative session the water industry came together to defeat AB 3030 (Karla) in the Senate Appropriations Committee. MWDOC opposed that bill over the vague terms it used, such as “protect” and “water” without any definition. Apparently Governor Newsome was a fan of the bill because he issued an executive order, which is rather extensive and can be read here <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/10.07.2020-EO-N-82-20-.pdf>, that revives several parts of AB 3030, including the catchy phrases used in the bill such as protecting 30% of California’s biodiversity by 2030. In the final analysis, however, the order basically calls for an inventory of the state’s endangered habitats and a plan to save them. Several state agencies will be involved but they are instructed to work within their “existing authority and resources.” The strategic plan is due by February 1, 2022. No doubt those state agencies will be relieved to know what they should do with all that spare time and extra money.



Shutoff Prohibitions:

The SWRCB is exploring how best to collect data on the fiscal impact of the prohibitions on water shutoffs during the pandemic. A voluntary survey was sent out to all public water agencies but less than 10% responded. The board then discussed the issue in their hearing on October 6th. At this point the board is in the information gathering mode, but mandatory reports are on the table. ACWA is setting meetings with each member to advocate for a voluntary process, preferable one organized by the water industry.

The Budget:

You may recall that the budget deal passed by the Legislature included payment deferrals in the hope that federal stimulus funds would arrive in time to avoid following through with cuts. The clock is about to run out on that plan. The Legislature gave itself until October 15th to determine if cuts would have to be made should there be no more help from the federal government. With the prospects of a deal being struck in Washington looking worse every day, the state has to start grappling with the looming deficits. If no more federal aid money is allocated to California this year, the state's K-12 schools will have to absorb \$5.8 billion in payment deferrals, state employees would lose \$2.8 billion in compensation, and public universities would have to process their own nine-figure budget reductions, among other cuts lawmakers hoped to reverse. If a new stimulus package is agreed to, the Governor could call a special session to reverse the cuts.

Wildfires:

This is officially the worst fire season in history. As of October 9th, 2.4 million acres have burned, but that number only counts fires under state and local jurisdiction. The number jumps to over 4.1 million acres if federal lands are included. Compare that to 2018 when 1,975,086 acres burned, and we still have a month to go in the fire season. Most of the fires this year were started by lightning in more remote areas which lessened their lethality. 15 lives were lost in the recent North Complex Fire, and only one in the August Complex fire, the largest fire in California's history, while the deadly Camp Fire took 85 people in 2018. But keep in mind that the Camp Fire struck in November.

The County of Orange Report

October 13, 2020
by Lewis Consulting Group



Election Looms Large in the OC

Republican candidates have their hands full as they try to reverse the 2018 election results. Recent national polling suggests they may be swimming upstream.

ORANGE COUNTY CONGRESSIONAL RACES

DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	CHALLENGER
38 TH C.D.	LINDA SANCHEZ (D)	MICHAEL TOLAN (D)
	Sanchez easily re-elected	
39 TH C.D.	GIL CISNEROS (D)	YOUNG KIM (R)
CPR = likely Democrat	IE = likely Democrat	SCB = leans Democrat
45 TH C.D.	KATIE PORTER (D)	GREG RATHS (R)
CPR = safe Democrat	IE = safe Democrat	SCB = safe Democrat
46 TH C.D.	LOU CORREA (D)	JAMES WATERS (R)
	Correa easily re-elected	
48 TH C.D.	HARLEY ROUDA (D)	MICHELLE STEEL (R)
CPR = leans Democrat	IE = leans Democrat	SCB = leans Democrat
49 TH C.D.	MIKE LEVIN (D)	BRYAN MARYOTT (R)
CPR = safe Democrat	IE = safe Democrat	SCB = safe Democrat

Note definitions:

CPR = COOK POLITICAL REPORT
IE = INSIDE ELECTIONS
SCB = SABATO'S CRYSTAL BALL

ORANGE COUNTY STATE SENATE RACES

DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	CHALLENGER
29 TH S.D.	LING LING CHANG (R)	JOSH NEWMAN (D)
	down to the wire	
37 TH S.D.	JOHN MOORLACH (R)	DAVE MIN
	big effort to defeat GOP icon	

ORANGE COUNTY STATE ASSEMBLY RACES

DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	CHALLENGER
65 TH A.D.	SHARON QUIRK-SILVA (D)	CYNTHIA THACKER (R)
	easy re-election	
68 TH A.D.	STEVEN CHOI (R)	MELISSA FOX (D)
	another endangered GOP seat	
69 TH A.D.	TOM DALY (D)	JON PAUL WHITE (R)
	easy re-election	
72 ND A.D. / OPEN SEAT	JANET NGUYEN (R)	DEIDRE NGUYEN (D)
	one of the GOPs best bets	
73 RD A.D. / OPEN SEAT	LAURIE DAVIES (R)	SCOTT RHINEHART (D)
	still safe Republican	
74 TH A.D.	COTTIE PETRIE-NORRIS (D)	DIANE DIXON (R)
	a chance of a GOP pick-up	

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR RACE

DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	CHALLENGER
DISTRICT - 1	ANDREW DO (non-partisan)	SERGIO CONTRERAS
	very competitive/very expensive	



The October 14th meeting of LAFCO occurs after our print deadline, so if matters of substance are discussed, they will be briefed at the upcoming meeting. Not unlike many other pre-election meetings, the agenda is short and devoid of controversy. The Comprehensive Quarterly Report will be the main item of focus.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

a.) September 9, 2020 – Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

The Commission will consider approval of the September 9, 2020 meeting minutes.

b.) OC LAFCO 2021 Meeting Calendar

The Commission will consider adoption of the OC LAFCO 2021 Meeting Calendar.

c.) OCERS FY 2021-22 Retirement Contribution Rates and Prepayment Program

The Commission will consider the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 retirement contribution rates, as approved by the Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS) Board of Retirement and receive a report on the OCERS prepayment program.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing items scheduled.

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a.) Legislative Report (October 2020)

The Commission will receive an update on legislation reviewed by the Commission during the 2019-20 legislative session and a review of anticipated legislation for the 2020-21 legislative session.

b.) Comprehensive Quarterly Report – First Quarter

The Commission will receive the first comprehensive quarterly report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Orange County Board / Controversy Avoidance



The October 6th meeting, as well as the upcoming October 20th meeting reflect an agenda tailored for the upcoming election. Unfortunately for the Board, agendas short of substance have not quelled the number of people attending the Board meeting to speak on either COVID-19 policy or Public Comments. Something has to fill the vacuum.

Orange County COVID-19 Stats

ORANGE COUNTY COVID-19 STATS	AS OF 10/13/2020	AS OF 9/13/2020
CUMULATIVE CASES TO DATE	56,070	50,930
CUMULATIVE DEATHS TO DATE	1,341	1,093
DEATHS REPORTED TODAY	0	0
CUMULATIVE TESTS TO DATE	957,839	737,558
TESTS REPORTED TODAY	9,168	5,136
CASES CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED	160	196 *
CASES CURRENTLY IN ICU	57	58
CUMULATIVE RECOVERED TO DATE	50,130	45,197 *

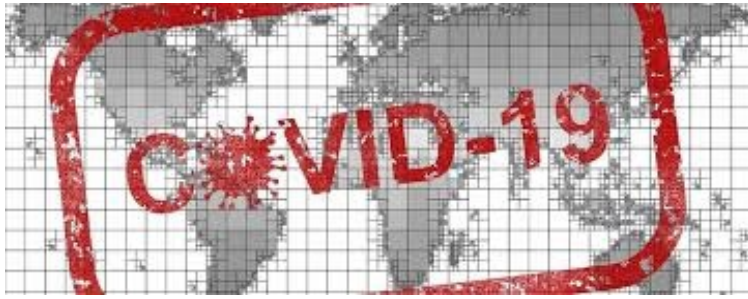
* = INCLUDES *ICU* CASES



Where Orange County Ranks

[as of 10/13/2020]

LOCATION	POPULATION	CONFIRMED CASES	DEATHS
CALIFORNIA	40,129,160	852,406	16,581
LOS ANGELES COUNTY	10,247,557	280,961	6,773
ORANGE COUNTY	3,228,519	56,070	1,341
RIVERSIDE COUNTY	2,468,145	62,279	1,256
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY	2,217,398	57,235	986
SAN DIEGO COUNTY	3,370,418	50,748	826



State Moves Goalpost - O.C. Re-opening Further Delayed

Orange County's quest to move towards greater re-openings took it on the chin with the addition of a new metric to overcome.

Beginning October 6, 2020, the state created a health equity metric. This first in the nation policy creates a complex new maze to navigate to be eligible for upgrading its color category from less restrictive red to orange. Justification for the new metric is largely based on Latinos comprising 40% of the state population but accounting for 61% of California's COVID-19 cases.

The metric requires additional efforts and results in each county's 25% of census tracts that score the lowest in the California Healthy Places Index.

The metric developed by the Public Health Alliance of Southern California compile a number of social determinants of healthcare that can be predictive of life expectancy. In Orange County, the cities of Anaheim and Santa Ana will largely determine the fate of Orange County's rating.



LATEST PRESIDENTIAL POLLS

With 21 days until the November 3rd election, the Presidential race polling gap has widened from last month's report. Former Vice-President Joe Biden continues to maintain a lead over President Trump in the national polling.

DATE	POLL	RESULTS	SPREAD
OCTOBER 11	ABC NEWS / WASH POST	BIDEN 55, TRUMP 43	BIDEN +12
OCTOBER 9	THE HILL / HARRISX	BIDEN 45, TRUMP 40	BIDEN +5
OCTOBER 7	ECONOMIST / YUGOV	BIDEN 51, TRUMP 42	BIDEN +9
OCTOBER 7	FOX NEWS	BIDEN 53, TRUMP 43	BIDEN +10
OCTOBER 7	RASMUSSEN REPORT	BIDEN 52, TRUMP 40	BIDEN +12

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Legal and Regulatory

October 19, 2020

1. **The Water Party:** Joe Mathews, a political writer, opined last week that the solution to the political division we are currently experiencing is to form a third party, the Water Party. This form of “liquid democracy” could solve many of our current problems. The authors explanation is simple. “Why Water? Because it’s something we all require. Because water puts out fires. And because, it defines our state and it’s dysfunction. Water-our rivers, our coast-is all around us and yet we don’t have enough of it.” Since the Republican and Democrat parties seem to be having trouble solving our currents issues, Joe thinks we should give the Water Party a chance.
2. **Botulism Kills Birds:** Avian botulism is responsible for killing over 40,000 migratory birds at the National Wildlife Refuge on the Oregon-California border so far this year. The drought condition has taken away the natural stopping points along the Pacific Flyway for the bird migration from Alaska to South America. The heat has contributed to water stagnation and development of the bacteria, Clostridium botulinum. This becomes the petri dish which enable avian botulism to flourish. Also, the lack of stored water to release makes conditions worse. The shortage of water for farmers, tribes, ranchers and fish has been a constant problem in the Klamath area.
3. **Santa Ana Wash Cure:** Congressmen Pete Aguilar and Paul Cook have combined on a bill to complete the Upper Santa Ana Wash Land Management and Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan). The area near Redlands and Highland is a solution to a long term issue. This will allow continued mining operations (Robertsons Ready Mix), transfer land between governmental agencies, enhances water storage and protects critical habitat. This is truly a win-win where all parties seem to be happy with the outcome. Government can work!
4. **SGMA Fallout:** The groundwater sustainability law is starting to experience serious issues as the clock continues to tick toward decision day. UC Davis has studied the impact of this law on domestic wells. They estimate that around 2 million folks rely on wells to meet their daily needs for household use. Most of these wells are shallow and reliant on sustained groundwater levels in their immediate area. The sustainability plans currently under review do not protect these users. It is estimated that 1000-6000 of these wells will fail under the current plans. How this is addressed when the State starts to approve and enforce these plans could leave many of these folks without water.
5. **Dead Trees Fuel Fires:** As a result of the drought and bark beetle, over 150 million trees died in the last ten years. This along with poor forest management created a condition of 2000 tons of fuel per acre in California mountains. We have seen the result of over 4 million acres burned with resulting economic, human and environmental loss. Scott Stephens of UC Berkeley says it will only get worse unless corrective action is taken soon. This includes thinning the forest, controlled burns and better forest management. Even then it will decades to get us to a normal condition. Areas which if nature were left alone would have 60-100 trees per acres, now have 500-800

trees per acre. Air quality regulators have restricted controlled burns but now may be realizing that the massive fires we are currently experiencing produce much more pollution than controlled ones. Budget is another concern since we are using all of our fire budget fighting fires instead of preventing them.

6. **Fire Damages Water Supply:** The CZU fire in the San Mateo/Santa Cruz area in addition to burning neighborhoods damaged the water supply chain in the region. Many residents have been advised to not drink the water. Similar to the Paradise fire, contamination caused by burning distribution lines has made the water not drinkable. In addition, this area has water tanks and treatment plants in heavily forested areas. Due to burning trees or damaged trees, these infrastructures were at risk. Millions of gallons of water were lost due to damaged tanks and supply lines were damaged. Also, the fire made it difficult for the workers to get to and repair some of the facilities. Some of the trees around the structures were close to 200 feet tall which have made the situation even trickier.
7. **Wildfires Getting Worse:** UC Davis has been studying the frequency of wildfires in Northern California. They concluded that since 1984 severe fires have been increasing about 10% per decade. The most severe coincided with dry, hot years as compared with other climatic conditions. During dry years about 36% of all fires were considered high severity. During wet years, about 20% were ranked high severity. They also concluded that better land use planning and forest management would reduce the number of high severity incidents.
8. **Desal Innovations:** Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has created a compound that can remove salt from water. The carbon nanotube (CNT) pores are so tiny (0.8 nanometers) that salt can not get through. (A human hair is 60,000 nanometers wide.) Traditional reverse osmosis is expensive and does not remove all pollutants thereby requiring additional treatment. This new process using biological water channels or aquaporins is much more efficient and complete. Of course, the big question will be if it can be used commercially and be price competitive.
9. **More Desal:** Yale has developed a new filter for use in desal operations. Swimsuit material in layered fashion has been successful in the reverse osmosis operation. The key component is a polyester membrane. It is chlorine resistant and can be produced at a much lower cost than normal r/o materials. They are currently testing this for industrial use. If it works, it could be used in drinking water applications. Gentlemen, check your closets for old polyester suits. There may be a market for them!
10. **Salton Sea Solutions:** Since we have not been successful in solving the Salton Sea situation, the University of Minnesota is weighing in. After researching the Sea's history, they have looked at and priced out two of the current proposals for fixing the Sea. First proposal is importing ocean water from Sea of Cortez using some international conveyance. Construction cost from \$3 to 13 billion with annual operation \$6 to 42 million. Range depends on how much water is shipped. Second proposal is use Colorado River water paying growers to fallow fields, be more efficient or use less water. That cost would be \$28-62 million per year if Imperial Irrigation District and other parties agree. The Cortez proposal is very expensive and would require desal infrastructure. Concerns were also raised about damage to Sea of Cortez. Time would be a consideration and they concluded the Salton Sea could not wait that long. They concluded the Colorado fix would be the best except for IID and all the other

stakeholders. The title of their study is informative: “Saving California’s Salton Sea: Are the solutions boons or boondoggles?”.

11. **San Diego Completes Ag Deal:** The San Diego Water Authority formally approved the deal we reported on earlier. They gave agricultural users a discounted rate of \$1295 per acre foot in exchange for less supply reliability. The regular rate is \$1795 per acre foot. The farmers are also exempt for water storage and other reliability charges. This takes effect January 1, 2021. San Diego has been using a form of this program since 2008. This is the same time that MWD began phasing out their similar program.

PAL Committee – Final Actions on Priority Bills Active During the End of Session

Prepared by Best Best & Krieger, October 13, 2020

A. Priority Support/Oppose

Measure	Author	Topic	Current Text Version	Status	Brief Summary	Position	Priority
AB 2178	Levine D	Emergency services.	Amended: 7/8/2020 html pdf	8/31/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(18). (Last location was S. G.O. on 6/23/2020)	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 2560	Quirk D	Water quality: notification levels and response levels: procedures.	Chaptered: 9/30/2020 html pdf	9/30/2020-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 350, Statutes of 2020.	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. This bill would require the state board to comply with specified public notice and comment procedures when establishing or revising a notification level or response level, except as specified for a contaminant that the Division of Drinking Water of the state board finds presents the potential for imminent harm to public health and safety.	Watch	A. Priority Support/Oppose
AB 3030	Kalra D	Resource conservation: land and ocean conservation goals.	Amended: 8/13/2020 html pdf	8/21/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(15). (Last location was S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/19/2020)	Would declare it to be the goals of the state by 2030 to protect at least 30% of the state’s land areas and waters; to help advance the protection of 30% of the nation’s oceans; and to support regional, national, and international efforts to protect at least 30% of the world’s land areas and waters and 30% of the world’s ocean.	Opposition	A. Priority Support/Oppose
AB 3256	Garcia, Eduardo D	Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention,	Amended: 6/4/2020 html pdf	8/31/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(18). (Last location was	Would enact the Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection	Watch	A. Priority Support/Oppose

		Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.		A. RLS. on 6/3/2020)	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.		
SB 45	Allen D	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.	Amended: 1/23/2020 html pdf	8/31/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(18). (Last location was A. DESK on 1/29/2020)	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.	Watch	A. Priority Support/Oppose
SB 1099	Dodd D	Emergency backup generators: critical facilities: exemptions.	Amended: 7/27/2020 html pdf	8/14/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(13). (Last location was A. NAT. RES. on 6/29/2020)	Current law imposes various limitations on emissions of air contaminants for the control of air pollution from vehicular and nonvehicular sources. Current law generally designates air pollution control and air quality management districts with the primary responsibility for the control of air pollution from all sources other than vehicular sources. Current law requires the State Air Resources Board to identify toxic air contaminants that are emitted into the ambient air of the state and to establish airborne toxic control measures to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants from nonvehicular sources. This bill would require an air district without a specified rule on emergency backup generators, as defined, as of January 1, 2021, that adopts such a rule to include in the rule provisions that allow the operator of a critical facility, as defined, to use a permitted emergency backup generator in exceedance of the applicable runtime and testing and maintenance limits if specified conditions are met.	Support	A. Priority Support/Oppose
SB 1386	Moore R	Local government: assessments, fees, and charges: water: hydrants.	Chaptered: 9/29/2020 html pdf	9/28/2020-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 240, Statutes of 2020.	Current law, known as 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	Support	A. Priority Support/Oppose

					<p>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.</p>		
Total Measures: 7 Total Tracking Forms: 7							

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Metropolitan-sponsored bills	AB 2246 Mayes (I) Sponsor: Metropolitan	Introduced 2/13/2020 Assembly Natural Resources Committee Bill 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 responding to emergencies, repairing, maintaining or replacing any pipelines, infrastructure, or related transmission systems used to distribute water in Southern California.
Metropolitan-sponsored bills	SB 996 Portantino (D) Sponsors: Metropolitan and the California Municipal Utilities Association	Amended 4/1/2020 Senate Environmental Quality Committee Bill 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.

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Climate Change/ Renewable Energy	AB 1071 Limón (D) Sponsor: California Climate and Agricultural Network	Amended 8/6/2020 Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File Bill died	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 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 (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.
Climate Change/ Renewable Energy	AB 1720 Carrillo (D) Sponsor: State Building and Construction Trades Council of California	Amended 7/27/2020 Senate Energy Utilities and Communications Committee Bill died	Energy: long-duration energy storage: environmental review and procurement Requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to order load-serving entities (LSEs) to procure long-duration energy storage to meet greenhouse gas reduction targets. If the CPUC does not issue an order, requires the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to procure long-duration energy storage on behalf of the LSEs. Requires San Diego County Water Authority enter into a project labor agreement for the San Vicente project.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED Based upon Board adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	The responsibility to procure long duration energy storage on the part of the LSEs should rest with the CPUC not DWR. The costs to set up such a program could be in the tens of millions of dollars and that would take resources away from DWR's primary mission and potentially affect the SWP. Metropolitan is seeking an amendment to remove DWR from serving this role.

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Climate Change/ Renewable Energy	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.
Delta/State Water Project	AB 1580 Levine (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 7/1/2019 Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File Bill died	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 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.
Delta/State Water Project	SB 69 Wiener (D) Sponsors: California Coastkeeper Alliance and Pacific Coast Federation of	Amended 7/11/2019 Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File Bill died	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

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	Fishermen's Associations				with native salmon populations, tested new fish tagging programs, and assigned those costs in part to the State Water Project. Metropolitan moved from opposed unless amended to a watch.
Delta/State Water Project	SB 204 Dodd (D) Sponsor: Delta Counties Caucus	Amended 5/17/2019 Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee Bill died	State Water Project: contracts Revised 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 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.
Delta/State Water Project	SB 559 Hurtado (D) Sponsor: Friant Water Authority	Amended 8/25/2020 VETOED	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 a reliable water supply for Southern California.

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Delta/State Water Project	SB 946 Pan (D) Sponsor: Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency	Amended 6/3/2020 Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Bill died	Flood control: Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership Multi- benefit 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.
Environmental Compliance	AB 3279 Friedman (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 7/27/2020 Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File Bill died	California Environmental Quality Act: administrative and judicial procedures Revises California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) litigation procedures.	SUPPORT Based upon Board- adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Principles	The bill as amended on July 27, 2020 removes objectionable language that would have required a public agency, to the extent feasible, to prepare the record of proceedings concurrently with the administrative process. Metropolitan undertakes hundreds of projects in a given year, and therefore, this requirement would have been overly burdensome. Metropolitan moved to support and looks favorably upon other measures in the bill to reduce the deadline for a court to commence hearings from one year to 270 days and provide that a lead agency may decide whether a plaintiff prepares the administrative record.
Governance and Operations	SB 625 Bradford (D)	Amended 6/8/2020	Central Basin Municipal Water District: receivership	WATCH, Engage as needed to	CBMWD is a member agency of Metropolitan and entitled to its respective representation on the

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	Sponsor: Author	Senate Rules Bill died	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	protect Metropolitan's interest Based upon Board action on 6/10/2020	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 CBMWD's governance challenges.
Governance and Operations	SB 952 Nielsen (R) Sponsor: Author	Amended 5/29/2020 Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee Bill died	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.
Governance and Operations	SB 1099 Dodd (D) Co-Sponsors: California Municipal Utilities Association and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	Amended 7/27/2020 Assembly Natural Resources Committee Bill died	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	Adds 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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Water Bond Infrastructure Funding	AB 3256 E. Garcia (D) Sponsor: Author	Amended 6/4/2020 Assembly Rules Bill died	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.
Water Bond Infrastructure Funding	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.
Water Bond Infrastructure Funding	SB 45 Allen (D)	Amended 1/23/2020	Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020	SUPPORT AND AMEND	Would provide funding to restore areas damaged by wildfires, mitigate future wildfires, create healthy forests and

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	Sponsor: Author	Assembly Held at Desk Bill died	Places a \$5.51 billion wildfire and water bond on the November 2020 ballot for voter approval.	Based upon Board action on 6/11/19	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.
Water Quality/Safe Drinking Water	AB 2560 Quirk (D) Sponsor: California Municipal Utilities Association and Orange County Water District	Amended 8/24/2020 CHAPTERED	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 notifications 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.
Water Quality/Safe Drinking Water	AB 3220 Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials	Amended 7/21/2020 CHAPTERED	Hazardous materials: underground storage tanks: pesticides 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 recent amendments incorporated AB 3039 (D-Quirk) on July state legislative matrix. Bill would continue financial assistance for small businesses to 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

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Water Quality/Safe Drinking Water	SB 414 Caballero (D) Sponsor: Eastern Municipal Water District and California Municipal Utilities Association	Amended 6/25/2019 Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File Bill died	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 funding.	SUPPORT Based upon past support for AB 2050 (Caballero) from 2017/18	MTBE and other gasoline additives contaminating groundwater supplies. Authorizes the SWRCB to form a small system water authority under existing consolidation powers and issue notices to public water systems that are noncompliant with drinking water standards who may wish to join the new entity. The SWRCB would take steps to provide notice to domestic well owners as well as state small systems.
Water Quality/Safe Drinking Water	SB 1044 Allen (D) Sponsor: California Professional Firefighters and Natural Resources Defense Council	Amended 8/24/2020 CHAPTERED	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



DISCUSSION ITEM

October 19, 2020

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

FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: MWDOC LEGISLATIVE POLICY PRINCIPLES ANNUAL UPDATE

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the committee discuss the policy principles and provide feedback to staff on any suggested or requested updates.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

MWDOC maintains a set of legislative policy principles that serve as guidelines for staff and our legislative advocates on issues that are of importance to the District. The policy principles here are a culmination of current policies and initial changes recommended by staff from all departments within the agency.

Staff coordinated feedback from the Board, input received from the member agencies, as well as any additional input from MWDOC Department Managers, and updated the document accordingly.

At the September PAL Committee, it was recommended that staff streamline the full document as it has become overly long and redundant in many sections over the years. The focus of this month's discussion is for staff to receive input from the committee on the updated, draft policy principles to advance the Board's objective of establishing legislative

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and regulatory policy principles to help guide for both our federal and state legislative programs. The document will be finalized for action by the PAL Committee and Board in November.

Attached: **Legislative Policy Principles**

Strikethrough = Removed

Italics = Addition

(Parentheses) = Reason for the change

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

OVERALL POLICY

Legislation and regulations addressing water resource management issues should be guided by local and regional water resource officials with knowledge and experience in addressing opportunities, threats and needs for success within the water industry.

IMPORTED WATER SUPPLY

It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation, regulations and administrative actions that:

~~1) Balances California's competing water needs and results to provide a reliable supply of high-quality water for Orange County.~~ (While a true statement, it is not useful when analyzing legislation.)

2) Facilitates the implementation of a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Improvement program similar to the Delta Conveyance Project that addresses the co-equal goals of reliable water supply and ecosystem restoration, and related policies that provide long term, comprehensive solutions for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta that:

- a) Provide reliable water supplies to meet California's short- and long- term needs;
- b) Improve the ability to transport water through the Delta either for, or supplemental to, State Water Project deliveries;
- c) Improve the quality of water delivered through the Delta;
- d) Enhance the Bay-Delta's ecological health in a balanced manner;
- e) Employ sound scientific research and evaluation to advance the co-equal goals of improved water supply and ecosystem sustainability.
- f) Expedite the ~~Delta Conveyance Project~~ *the completion of the State Water Project* and EcoRestore initiative;
- g) Encourages regular infrastructure maintenance and upkeep of the levees to counter the effects of subsidence *and seismic risk*.

~~3) Funds a comprehensive Bay-Delta solution in a manner that equitably apportions costs to all beneficiaries. (This is covered under Water Infrastructure Financing and Project Funding, #1)~~

4) Authorizes, appropriates, and expeditiously distributes the *state and* federal share of funding to improve the ~~Delta-Conveyance State Water Project~~ project and EcoRestore initiative.

~~5) Authorizes, appropriates, and expeditiously implements the ongoing state share of funding to improve the Delta-Conveyance project or similarly effective measures, and the EcoRestore initiative. (Redundant to #4 above)~~

~~6) Provides funding for Colorado River water quality and supply management efforts. (This is not stated as a principle and is fact specific. Should this issue arise in funding or policy, it would need to be brought to the Board with an analysis.)~~

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

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

~~9) Expeditiously implement programs and funding previously approved by voters and the Legislature. (This implies we support every approved program and appropriation. Each one is fact-specific and must be considered in light of MWDOC's other policy principles.)~~

10) Supports the completion of the Central Valley Project (CVP) which may include the construction of conveyance facilities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta and the raising of Shasta Dam.

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

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

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

~~3) Delays or impedes implementation of the Delta-Conveyance project and EcoRestore initiative. (Covered in Support, #2(f) above)~~

~~4) Takes away local control and decision-making processes from local water suppliers. (This is covered under Governance, oppose #3)~~

LOCAL WATER RESOURCES

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

- 1) Supports the development of, provides funding for, and authorizes and/or facilitates the expanded use of, cost effective, water recycling, potable reuse, conservation, water use efficiency, groundwater recovery and recharge, storage, brackish and ocean water desalination and surface water development projects where water supply is improved and the beneficiaries of the project pay for the portions of the project not ~~funded-supplemented~~ by state or federal funds.
- 2) ~~Recognizes that recycled water for both potable and non-potable reuse is a valuable resource that should be promoted and encouraged, while considering total cost elements, and regulated and permitted in a manner which promotes greater reuse throughout the county and state. (This is covered in #1 above)~~
- 3) Reduces and/or streamlines regulatory burdens on augmented or alternative water supply projects, and provides protections for the use of these supplies during water supply shortages, through exemptions or provisions of credit during state mandated reductions.
- 4) Supports ecosystem restoration, increased stormwater capture where the capture avoids impact to others, and sediment management activities that are cost-effective and enhance the quality or reliability of water supplies.
- 5) ~~Authorizes, promotes, and/or provides incentives for indirect and direct potable reuse projects and provides protections for the use of local supply projects during water shortages by exempting them from state mandated reductions. (Covered in #1 above)~~
- 6) Recognizes that the reliability and high quality of supplies to the end user is the primary goal of water suppliers.
- 7) ~~Keeps decision-making, with regard to stormwater management and recapture, at the local or regional level. (Covered in #4 above and Governance, oppose #3)~~
- 8) ~~Recognizes stormwater management and recapture, where the capture avoids impact to other water users, as important tools in a diversified water portfolio that can help to achieve improved water quality in local surface and groundwater supplies, and can augment surface and groundwater supplies. (Covered in #4 above)~~
- 9) ~~Reduces or removes regulatory hurdles that hinder the use of augmented or alternative water supplies. (Covered in #1 above)~~
- 10) Provides incentives for local or regional use of augmented or alternative water supplies.
- 11) Support the inclusion of environmental infrastructure projects the Army Corps of Engineers must consider in its Report to Congress.
- 12) Allows Investor Owned Utilities to invest in redundancy and reliability projects.
- 13) ~~Provides funding for seawater and brackish groundwater desalination studies and facilities. (Covered in #1 above)~~
- 14) ~~Streamlines permitting of desalination facilities. (Covered in #3 above)~~

15) Encourages the State *and Federal government* to foster investments in water quality, storage, and/or reliability projects.

~~16) Eliminates state-mandated restrictions on any sources of recycled water, including desalinated water and water reuse by allowing local agencies beneficial use of such water without limitation. Whenever possible, such legislation, regulatory and administrative actions should encourage water use efficiency through goals and guidelines, not requirements. (Covered under #3 above)~~

17) Recognizes that desalinated water, recycled water, and potable reuse are important components of water use efficiency and drought resiliency.

18) Standards should be science-based and peer-reviewed; take economic feasibility and impact into consideration, respect existing water rights, include reasonable time for implementation and compliance, and, be subject to Legislative oversight and review biennially.

19) Authorizes, promotes, and/or provides incentives for the development of extraordinary emergency water supplies for voluntary use by local water agencies during times of drought or water shortages.

20) Is inclusive of transparent collaboration techniques for legislation and regulation regarding water use efficiency.

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

1) Restricts a local governmental agency's ability to develop their local water resources in a manner that is cost-effective, environmentally sensitive, and protective of public health.

2) Imposes barriers or increases costs to the safe application of recycled water and continues to define recycled water as a waste or resource of lesser value than traditionally defined potable water.

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

4) Restricts or limits a local governmental agency's ability to establish local priorities for water resources planning decisions.

5) Reduces a local agency's ability to benefit from local investments in drought-proof or emergency water supplies during water shortages.

~~6) Would impose conservation mandates that do not account for the unique local water-supply circumstances of each water district. (Covered under #4 above)~~

~~7) Would disincentivize or impede water agencies from making investments to maximize the potential for recycled water, potable reuse, desalination and other drought-resilient local water supplies. (Covered under #5 above)~~

8) *Would prohibit ocean discharges and mandates that define a percentage(s) of recycled water required to be used or served by water suppliers.*

WATER STORAGE

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

1) Provides conveyance and storage facilities that are cost-effective for MWDOC, its member agencies and their customers, while improving the reliability and quality of the water supply.

~~2) Supports the forecast informed evaluation and operation of reservoirs and groundwater storage facilities to provide an enhancement in water supplies. (Evaluation is part of "provides" in #1 above.)~~

~~3) Supports administrative/legislative action and funding to add surface and/or groundwater storage statewide. (Funding for storage facilities that do not benefit MWDOC should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.)~~

~~4) Supports administrative/legislative action and funding to add South of Delta above ground and ground water storage that is able to receive supplies from the State Water Project and Colorado River Aqueduct. (This is a subset of #1 above and does not need to be separately stated.)~~

5) Supports "beneficiaries pay" for water storage that ensure full cost recovery.

6) Supports the siting and construction of surface storage in Southern California, which is sited to receive either State Water Project (SWP) or Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) supplies.

7) Supports *funding at the state and federal level for surface and groundwater storage, including reauthorization and expansion of the WIIN Water Storage Program and bifurcation of ed* Surface and Groundwater Storage Funding at the state and federal level.

~~8) Will support the completion of the State Water Project (SWP) through the construction of conveyance facilities. The preferred capacity of the facilities should be between 9,000 and 15,000 CFS. (Covered under Imported Water Supply, #2)~~

9) *Supports the development of both a state and federal funding program to provide funding for local and regional dam safety/improvement projects and programs to repair conveyance facilities that have been damaged due to subsidence.*

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

1) *Results in reducing the quantity or quality of water in either surface or groundwater storage of substantially increases the cost of operating and maintaining surface and groundwater storage facilities without an adequate increase in public safety, water quality, or water quantity.*

WATER USE EFFICIENCY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WATER LOSS

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

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

variations among communities, regions, and counties with respect to their abilities to withstand the impacts, water supply conditions, and effects of drought.

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

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

WATER QUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

It is MWDOC's policy to support:

- 1) Legislation that protects the quality of surface water and groundwater including the reduction of salt loading to groundwater basins.
- 2) Funding that helps agencies meet state and federal water quality standards.
- 3) The establishment and/or implementation of standards for water-borne contaminants based on sound science and with consideration for cost-effectiveness.

4) A science-based regulatory process that has been established under the Safe Drinking Water Act is the best approach for any consideration and development of drinking water regulations to address any contaminant or family of contaminants, including per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS).

5) The investment in the development of analytical methods to more reliably and accurately measure various contaminants, including PFAS, in drinking water.

6) Administrative/legislative actions to improve *streamlining*, clarity and workability of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and eliminate other duplicative state processes.

~~7) Streamlining or exempting water, recycled water, wastewater projects, and/or environmental restoration projects, from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). (Covered in #6 above)~~

8) Provides liability protections to public water districts, and related wholesale water providers, seeking to consolidate with or serve as the administrator for troubled water systems that cannot consistently demonstrate that they are able to provide safe, clean and reliable water supplies to their customers.

~~9) State-funded groundwater basin contamination studies and associated economic or environmental impacts. (Covered in #2 above)~~

10) Supports the efforts of water industry to promote policies that enhance the pace and scale of headwaters and forest management, including improved planning, coordination, and implementation; increase financing, research, and resources to protect water supply and quality; bring management practices in line with modern challenges; and provide multiple benefits to the State's water users.

11) Support the eradication and prevention of invasive species from becoming established in or around water supplies.

It is MWDOC's policy to oppose:

1) Legislation that could compromise the quality of surface water and groundwater supplies.

2) Legislation that establishes and/ or implements standards for water-borne contaminants without regard for sound science or consideration for cost effectiveness.

3) Projects that negatively impact the water quality of existing local supplies.

4) Legislation or regulation that would mandate an unscientifically supported federal or state maximum contaminant level, or mandating an artificial deadline for promulgating a maximum contaminant level for drinking water.

5) Legislation, regulation or other policy that would hold drinking water and wastewater facilities liable for PFAS contamination caused by third parties; or that does not clearly state that the party directly responsible for the PFAS pollution is solely liable for the costs associated with the contamination cleanup.

METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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

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

WATER TRANSFERS

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

- 1) Encourages and facilitates voluntary water transfers, *or streamlines the transfer approval process.*
- 2) Provides appropriate protection or mitigation for impacts on the environment, aquifers, water-rights holders and third-parties to the transfer including those with interests in the facilities being used.
- 3) ~~Encourages transfers, or streamlines the transfer approval process, which augment existing water supplies, especially in dry years. (Covered under #1 above.)~~

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

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

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AND PROJECT FUNDING

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

- 1) Employs a "beneficiary pays" principle that establishes a clear nexus between the costs paid to the direct benefit received. ~~Likewise, those who do not benefit from a particular project or program should not be required to pay for them. (The last line is redundant.)~~
- 2) *Reduces the cost of financing water infrastructure planning and construction,* establishes grants or other funding *and finance* opportunities. ~~for local and regional water projects, including but not limited to infrastructure projects. (Unnecessarily specific.)~~

3) Considers local investments made in infrastructure, programs, mitigation and restoration in determining appropriate cost shares for water infrastructure, and project investments.

~~4) Reduces the cost of financing water infrastructure planning and construction, such as tax credit financing, tax exempt municipal bonds, Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), Water Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act (WIFIA), the Environmental Infrastructure Accounts, the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Project, and other funding mechanisms. (Combined into #2 above; and unnecessarily specific.)~~

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

1) Establishes a fee or tax that does not result in a clear and proportional benefit to the District, its member agencies, and their customers.

2) Would reduce the total available water infrastructure financing measures such as WIFIA, state-revolving funds, and others.

ENERGY

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

1) Facilitates the development and expansion of clean, and cost effective renewable energy in California, *including and recognizes hydroelectric power as a clean, renewable energy source and that its generation and use meets the greenhouse gas emission reduction compliance requirements called for in the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32 and SB 100).*

~~2) Supports water supply reliability as the primary focus of water agencies and energy intensity of water supplies as a secondary factor.~~

~~3) Recognizes the role and value of the water industry investment in water use efficiency and therefore recognizes WUE efforts towards greenhouse gas reduction, including funding such activities.~~

~~4) Recognizes hydroelectric power as a clean, renewable energy source and that its generation and use meets the greenhouse gas emission reduction compliance requirements called for in the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32 and SB 100). (Combined into #1 above)~~

5) Facilitates voluntary and cost effective local investments in renewable energy, energy management and storage, and energy efficiency which improve the water-energy nexus and reduce local agency costs.

6) *Provides water agencies greater flexibility to run backup generators to support critical facilities during deenergization and PSPS events.*

FISCAL POLICY

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

- 1) Requires the federal and state governments to provide a subvention to reimburse local governments for all mandated costs of regulatory actions.
- 2) Allows ~~member agencies~~ *retail water providers* to voluntarily offer localized Water Rate Assistance Programs that comply with Proposition 218 of California's Constitution and/or are funded either voluntarily or via non-restricted/non-water-rates revenues.
- 3) Support Proposition 13 as embodied in Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and oppose the "split roll" efforts that would increase property taxes on businesses.
- 4) Changes how inverse condemnation liability is determined for water service providers in order to limit water agency liability for impacts of wildfire.

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

- 1) Is inconsistent with the District's current investment policies and practices.
- 2) Pre-empts the District's or its member agencies' ability to impose or change cost-of-service-based water rates, fees, or assessments, or requires them to submit their rates or charges to any state agency for approval.
- 3) Impairs the District's ability to maintain levels of reserve funds that it deems necessary and appropriate.
- 4) ~~Impairs the District's ability to provide services to its member agencies and ensure full cost recovery.~~ (Unnecessary and not a legislative issue.)
- 5) Makes any unilateral reallocation of District revenues, or those of its member agencies, by the state unless the state takes compensatory measures to restore those funds.
- 6) ~~Would impose mandated costs or regulatory constraints on the District or its member agencies without reimbursement.~~
- 7) Mandates a specific rate structure for water agencies.
- 8) Imposes a "public goods charge" "water user fee", or "water tax" on public water agencies or their ratepayers.

GOVERNANCE

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

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

~~2) For LAFCO-initiated reorganizations, support the existing protest thresholds per the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act, & Oppose changes that would make it more difficult for citizens to protest a LAFCO-initiated reorganization. (Rewritten below)~~

2) *Are consistent with the current LAFCO processes defined in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act.* (Rewritten to encompass the more specific statements in #2 and #3)

~~3) Support exempting special districts from Cumulative and Ranked Choice Voting methods and Oppose attempts to make this method an option or a mandate for special districts elections. (Covered under #2 above.)~~

4) Supports or facilitates responsible programs, procedures, and methods that promote collaboration, transparency and open government.

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

1) Imposes unnecessarily broad burdens *or new costs* upon all local governments *absent a clear and necessary benefit*. (Combined with #5 below)

~~2) Shifts state programs, responsibilities and costs to local governments without first considering funding to support the shift. (Covered under #1 above, and under Fiscal Policy #1, support)~~

~~3) Seeks to limit or rescind local control. (Covered under #1, support, above)~~

4) Reduces or diminishes the authority of the District to govern its affairs.

~~5) Imposes new costs on the District and the ratepayers absent a clear and necessary benefit. (Combined into #1 above)~~

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

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSION REFORM

It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation that:

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

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

It is MWDOC's policy to support legislation that:

1) Increases coordination on Homeland Security and emergency response efforts among the federal, state, and local governments with clearly defined roles and responsibilities for each.

- 2) Provides continued funding to enhance and maintain local Homeland Security infrastructure, including physical and cyber protection of critical infrastructure.
- 3) Ensures adequate funding for expenditures related to disaster response and all phases of emergency management; including the earthquake early notification system and efforts to enhance water infrastructure resiliency.
- 4) Strengthens intergovernmental planning and preparation coordination for emergency response and drills.
- 5) Enhances protection of information and cyber security for critical infrastructure through policy and funding for local efforts.
- 6) Supports water utility capability to notify customers of emergency protective measures through ~~reverse~~ mass notification systems.
- 7) Properly recognizes water agencies' role in emergency response to wildfires and other natural disasters, where water service is needed or may be impacted, because water and wastewater services are essential public utilities that ensure public health and safety.

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

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



ACTION ITEM
October 21, 2020

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

FROM: Robert Hunter, General Manager

Staff Contact: Heather Baez

SUBJECT: ISDOC ELECTION OF OFFICERS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors review the list of candidates for the ISDOC Executive Committee and authorize President Sat Tamaribuchi or his designee to vote on MWD OC's behalf.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

Last month, the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) sent out its Notice of Election and Call for Candidates to all member districts. Nominations were received for all positions and ballots were mailed to all eligible voting members.

At this time, ISDOC is conducting a vote of Regular Special District Members for the election of officers. The notice of election, ballot, and statements from candidates are attached for the Board's review.

The ISDOC bylaws indicate, "At the end of the nominating period if only one candidate is nominated for a vacant seat, that candidate shall be deemed selected." This is the case for the 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

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

positions; therefore, they are not on the ballot. Arlene Schafer from the Costa Mesa Sanitary District, Larry Dick from the Municipal Water District of Orange County, Mary Aileen Matheis from Irvine Ranch Water District, Greg Mills from Serrano Water District, and Bill Green from South Coast Water District, respectfully, have been selected to these seats.

The other candidates are as follows:

President – Mark Monin, El Toro Water District
Lucille Kring, Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Candidates were invited to submit a candidate statement to be included in the packet of materials that was sent to all ISDOC members along with the ballot and ballot instructions. Those statements are included for your review.

To be included in the count, all ballots must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 23, 2020. Election results will be announced at ISDOC's Quarterly Meeting on October 29, 2020. Officers will assume their positions in January 2021.

Attached:

ISDOC Executive Committee Election of Officers Ballot
Ballot Cover Letter
(2) Candidate Statements

September 10, 2020

Honorable Saundra Jacobs

Dear Ms. President,

My name is Lucille Kring, Councilwoman Anaheim and am applying for the position of President of ISDOC.

I am completing 16 years on City Council. and during that time was very active in the OC League of Cities.

I was on the following committees: Employee Relations, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources, Legislative and Public Affairs, Community Services, Conference Delegate and attended their Councilmember Academy.

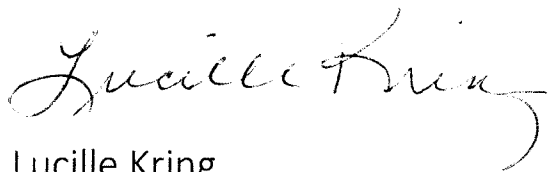
I currently sit on these boards: Transportation Corridor Agencies, OC Sanitation District, OC Mosquito and Vector Control, where I was President twice, Anaheim Regional Medical Center and Palm Lane Charter School.

Anaheim is a member city with Association of California Cities-OC Division, and I am on the executive board.

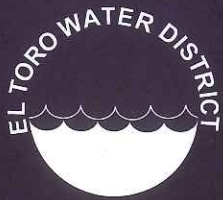
I am very active in non-profits: currently on boards: Cops 4 Kids and Anaheim Family YMCA.

I believe I bring a wealth of elected and appointed experience to this board. I think I would well suited to be President.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucille Kring". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Lucille Kring



El Toro Water District

"A District of Distinction"

Serving the Public - Respecting the Environment

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President

Mike Gaskins
Vice President

Jose F. Vergara
Director

Kathryn Freshley
Director

Kay Havens
Director

General Manager

Dennis P. Cafferty

Treasurer

Neely Shahbakhti



Re: Mark Monin for ISDOC Executive Committee, President

I would be honored to serve as President for the Independent Special Districts of Orange County. I have been an active participant in ISDOC for 5 years and firmly believe in the benefits it brings to the Special Districts in Orange County. ISDOC's achievements were recently recognized by CSDA in awarding ISDOC the CSDA Chapter of the Year Award. I would be proud to help guide the continued success of this critical collaboration of agencies with similar interests and needs.

I currently serve on the ISDOC Executive Committee as the 1st Vice President, chairing the Program Committee. Duties include planning the Quarterly Luncheon Program and inviting and coordinating with the invited speakers. I arranged speakers such as Supervisor Lisa Bartlett and recently Supervisor Donald Wagner. Even though it was not my duty, I brought in a new associate member to ISDOC this year.

In the past I served on the ISDOC Executive Committee as the 2nd Vice President chairing the Membership Committee. Duties included maintaining a list of current regular and associate members and follow up with any outstanding membership dues as needed.

I am a Director on the El Toro Water District Board of Directors and currently serve as President. In addition, I am a Commissioner on the Orange County Airport Land Use Commission, currently serving as Vice Chairman. I was also a PCF Fire Fighter with the Orange County Fire Authority. I have proven to be a fiscally responsible individual with a "think out of the box mentality" and I look forward to working with the other ISDOC Board members to achieve greatness. I love Orange County and want to work hard here and in Sacramento to help Special Districts progress into the future. With the exception of one meeting, I have attended every ISDOC Executive Committee meeting in the last 4 years and I know the issues that have affected ISDOC in the past and what is important to propel this fine organization in the future. My qualifications for this position include:

**>EXPERIENCED LEADER >COMMITTED TO SPECIAL DISTRICTS >FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE
>DEDICATED**

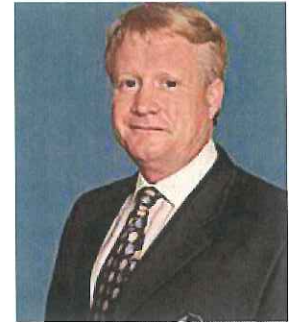
As you know ISDOC is a membership association that was formed more than 30 years ago to serve the needs of Orange County's independent special districts. I want to continue to build on that fine tradition, work hard with others to achieve a higher degree of member satisfaction and make ISDOC even stronger. I feel I can collaborate with the Executive Committee and the membership to provide valuable information and presentations on issues that affect Special Districts which can help you with important discussions in the future.

Please see the accompanying resume outlining my experience and education. I would love to hear your thoughts on how we can make ISDOC even better and please contact me with your input, ideas or questions on my experience or platform. I can be reached at (949) 939-6612 or markmonin@msn.com.

Sincerely,

Mark L. Monin
El Toro Water District
President

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Mark.Monin@raymondjames.com



Mark Monin serves as President, Board of Directors at the EL Toro Water District. Senior Vice President at Raymond James, with over 39 years in the securities industry. Mark is also a former firefighter and has experience in the aviation industry, with pilot FAA Licenses private, commercial, instrument and multi engine FAA licenses and has over 2000 total hours PIC.

Professional Experience

Water District

- El Toro Water District, President Board of Directors, Lake Forest, CA 2015 -Present
- ISDOC 1st Vice President 2016- Present
- ACWA Chair of Education Sub Committee 2019-Present
- ACWA Finance Committee 2016 – Present
- ACWA Energy Committee 2017 – 2020
- ACWA Business Development Committee 2017-2020
- ACWA monitored many Breakout sessions at the ACWA conferences 2016 – Present

Financial Investment/Securities Industry (39 Years)

- Raymond James Financial Services, Newport Beach 2009-current
- Oppenheimer & Co. Newport Beach, California 2005-2009
- Morgan Stanley, Sales Manager / Financial Advisor, Los Angeles / Orange County 1998 - 2005
- Merrill Lynch, Manager / Financial Advisor, Los Angeles / Orange County 1994 - 1998
- Prudential Securities, Assistant Manager, Anaheim 1991 – 1994

Aviation Experience / Aviation Organizations / Community Involvement

- Pilot Data & FAA Licenses
 - Private
 - Commercial
 - Instrument
 - Multi engine
 - Over 2000 total hours PIC since 1977
- Vice Chairman of the Orange County Airport Commission (Land Use) 2015-present
- Adjunct Professor at California Baptist University, Riverside, CA 2015- 2016
 - Teaches Aviation Law and Aviation Finance
- Civil Air Patrol (Auxiliary United States Air Force) from 1992-1996
 - *Aerial and ground search & rescue,*
- *Civil Air Patrol Aerial Disaster inspection, Orange County, CA*
 - *DEA and Customs assistance in aerial surveillance, air transport from 1992-1996*
- Flying Samaritans/ Liga
 - Free medical clinics; fly physicians/medical professionals to Mexico 1995-present
- Angel Flight Pilot
 - Provides transportation to medical treatment for those who cannot afford/tolerate public transportation, 1998-present
- Southern California Pilots Association
 - To provide a collective voice for General Aviation at our So CA Airports.
 - Develop a positive working relationship with the airport administration.
 - Foster camaraderie amongst So CA Pilots with aviation related
 - Enhance safety and education in the So CA Pilot community.
- Orange County Pilots Association (OCPA)
 - OCPA is an association of aviation enthusiasts with the purpose of promoting aviation at the Orange County Airport
- Experimental Aviation Association (EAA)

- **Experimental Aircraft Association** based in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, encourages and supports recreational aviation.

Security Experience

- Saddleback Church
 - *Supervisor Irvine South Campus* 2014-2018

Firefighter Experience

- Orange County Fire Authority
 - *PCF/ Firefighter/Engineer/ search & rescue/ medical training* (first responder) 1988-1995
- Twin District Fire Department, Lancaster, NY
 - *Firefighter/ Engineer/ search & rescue/ medical training* (first responder) 2005-2006
- Lancaster Fire Department, Lancaster, NY
 - *Firefighter/ Engineer/ search & rescue/ medical training* (first responder) 1982-1984
- Egypt Fire Department, Rochester/Perrington, NY
 - *Firefighter/ Engineer/ search & rescue/ medical training* (first responder) 1985-1987

Boards/Committees/Community Involvement

- El Toro Water District, Board of Directors 2015 – Present
- Vice Chairman of the Orange County Airport Land Use Commission 2015 – Present
- Finance Committee of The Association of California Water Agencies and its Education Subcommittee, Investment Subcommittee 2015 – Present
- South Orange County Watershed Management Area Executive Committee
- Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC)
- Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)
- Orange County Water Association (OCWA)
- City of Laguna Woods Public Safety Committee Chairman 2012-2015 Past Chairman
- City of Laguna Woods Landscape Committee, Past Member
- Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce, Past Member
- Irvine Chamber of Commerce, Past Member

Education/Licensure

- Pepperdine University, Malibu California, Masters in Business Administration, 2002
- The Wharton School, University Of Pennsylvania, Senior Financial Advisor
- The Wharton School, University Of Pennsylvania, Management Training Program
- Institute of Investment Management Consulting, Investment Management Consultant
- The Institute of Business & Finance: Certified Annuity & Fund Specialist
- Board Certified in Asset Allocation
- Canisius College, Buffalo New York, BS/Finance, 1981
- University of Buffalo, Aeronautical Engineering, 1978
- Federal Aviation Administration, Multi Engine, 2000
- New York Stock Exchange, Series 8, Branch Manager, 1990
- National Association of Securities Dealers, Series 65, Financial Planning, since 1989
- California Department of Real Estate, since 1988
- National Association of Securities Dealers, Series 3, Futures, since 1988
- National Association of Securities Dealers, Series, Options Principal, since 1983
- National Association of Securities Dealers, Series 24, Principal Supervisor, since 1983
- National Association of Securities Dealers, Series 63, State Licensing, since 1981
- Securities Licensed in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania
- National Association of Securities Dealers, Series 7, 1981, Financial Advisor
- Federal Aviation Administration, Commercial, 1979
- Federal Aviation Administration, Instrument, 1978
- Federal Aviation Administration, Private, 1977



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Christina Hernandez

Municipal Water District of Orange County

September 15, 2020

RE: Election of Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) Officers

Dear Member Districts,

The nomination period for Executive Committee officer positions closed on September 11th, 2020. At this time, ISDOC is conducting a vote of Regular Special District Members for the election of officers. This letter serves as official notice of the election.

The names of nominated candidates are printed on the ballot. Please vote for one candidate per seat.

The Executive Committee meets at 7:30 am on the first Tuesday of the month. Meetings are open to the public. Duties of Executive Committee members are contained in the ISDOC bylaws, which may be found at the ISDOC website - <http://www.mwdoc.com/ISDOC>.

Each Regular Member District in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. In accordance with current bylaws, the district's presiding officer or an alternate must cast (signed) select the vote by the district board.

You may submit your ballot via mail or email to Heather Baez: P.O. Box 20895, Fountain Valley, CA 92728 (mail) or hbaez@mwdoc.com (email). **Ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2020 in order to be counted. Even if positions are uncontested, it is important to submit a ballot since a quorum of voting members is required for the election of officers.**

The names of officers elected will be announced at the October 29th quarterly meeting.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the election process further, please contact Heather Baez (MWDOC) at hbaez@mwdoc.com or (714) 593-5012.

Sincerely,

Saundra F. Jacobs

Saundra F. Jacobs, President
Independent Special Districts of Orange County

Enclosed: Ballot for ISDOC Election of Officers
Candidates' Statements

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The ISDOC Executive Committee consists of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President. Officers are elected in October of even numbered years for two-year terms. Please vote for one candidate per seat.

The ISDOC bylaws indicate, "At the end of the nominating period if only one candidate is nominated for a vacant seat, that candidate shall be deemed selected." This is the case for the First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer positions; therefore they are not on the ballot. Arlene Schafer from Costa Mesa Sanitary District, Larry Dick from the Municipal Water District of Orange County, Mary Aileen Matheis from Irvine Ranch Water District, Greg Mills from Serrano Water District, and Bill Green from South Coast Water District, respectfully, have been selected to these seats.

Cast your Vote: Please cast your vote for the remaining seats by placing an "X" on the line next to the individual for which you wish to vote in each position. If you are writing in a candidate, please include their district affiliation and position.

President

_____ Mark Monin, Director
El Toro Water District

_____ Lucille Kring, President
Orange County Mosquito & Vector Control District

DISTRICT NAME

SIGNATURE OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE

Ballots must be received no later than 5 p.m. October 23, 2020.

You may return your ballot by mail or email to:

Heather Baez
P.O. Box 20895
Fountain Valley, CA 92728
Attention: ISDOC Executive Committee Election
OR Email: hbaez@mwdoc.com



INFORMATION ITEM
October 19, 2020

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

FROM: **Robert Hunter, General Manager**

Staff Contact: Sarah Wilson

SUBJECT: **School Programs Update**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

SUMMARY

MWDOC K-12 Choice School Program contractors—Shows That Teach, Discovery Cube Orange County, and Bolsa Chica Conservancy—have begun to offer live, interactive virtual water lessons that can be accessed at home or in class by Orange County K-12 students for the 2020-21 school year. As visits are booked, MWDOC School Program contractors will update the shared Google Calendar so that participating member agencies can view school program visits as soon as they are confirmed.

Included in this report is a preview of scheduled visits for the month of October. At the time of this report, visits have not yet been scheduled for the month of November. Please note that the shared Google Calendar is updated frequently, and will always have the most accurate information. Visits are subject to change due to school and teacher availability. Login information for the shared Google Calendar is available upon request.

DETAILED REPORT

Budgeted (Y/N): Y	Budgeted amount: \$401,729	Core <u> </u>	Choice <u>X</u>
Action item amount:	Line item: 63-7040		
Fiscal Impact (explain if unbudgeted):			

For the 2020-21 school year, the MWDOC Choice K-12 School Programs now offer live, interactive online sessions that engage students whether they are distance learning from home, or are back in the classroom. Sessions cover topics such as: Orange County water supply and the important role of water providers, the importance of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta, and ways to protect the quality, quantity, and availability of water long into the future. Additionally, all MWDOC School Program include pre- and post-activities to connect students to their local environment through hands-on learning. These activities also serve as a way to assist teachers in seamlessly incorporating the program into their lesson plans, and extending the discussion well after the live session has concluded.

For convenience, the recording of the in-depth, 8-minute presentation detailing each program that played at the September Public Affairs & Legislation Committee meeting has been linked [here](#).

The current MWDOC Choice School Program goals can be accessed [here](#).

SHOWS THAT TEACH – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-2)

Since the time of this report, Shows That Teach has completed eight (8) online school sessions reaching more than 1,330 students across the county in grades K-2 through the MWDOC Choice Elementary School Program. To date, more than 650 students are booked to receive the program for the 2020/2021 school year so far.

“Professionally presented, colorful, engaging, informative...Our students were over the moon with the presentation and videos. We are using the information learned for a writing assignment...Hope this program continues, they are awesome in person, and I have to say we were not disappointed. It was a wonderful break for students stuck in classroom zooms. Thank you so much for funding!”

– Second grade teacher, Excelsior Elementary

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

To date, more than 1,200 students have been booked to receive the MWDOC Choice Elementary School Program (grades 3-6) for the 2020/2021 school year. Discovery Cube Orange County is continuing to reach out to Orange County elementary schools and middle schools to schedule the new suite of online live sessions.

BOLSA CHICA CONSERVANCY – HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)

The Bolsa Chica Conservancy (BCC) has begun reaching out to Orange County high schools to participate in the MWDOC Choice High School Program, and has received interest from teachers at El Toro High School, Westminster High School, and Brea Olinda High School so far. BCC staff will continue to update the shared Google Calendar as visits are scheduled.



INFORMATION ITEM

October 19, 2020

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

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

SUBJECT: OC Water Summit Update

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

Meteorologist, Fritz Coleman is confirmed to Emcee the 2021 Orange County Water Summit, scheduled for June 4, 2021 at the Disney Grand Californian Hotel. This will be the fourth consecutive year the popular public figure will host the event, in spite of his recent retirement after nearly 40 years on NBC4.

OCWD is the lead agency for the 2021 event. Staff is presently working on assembling the program and speakers. In the event COVID-19 inhibits public gatherings staff is exploring options for a virtual 'Plan B' for next year's Summit.

The next meeting of the OC Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee will be October 26th.

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



INFORMATION ITEM
October 19, 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 - SEPTEMBER 23RD

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Committee recommends (To be determined at Committee Meeting)

REPORT

More than 200 attendees participated in MWDOC's first Virtual Water Policy Forum on Wednesday, September 23rd, featuring Delta Watermaster, Michael George. Since then, and at the time of this report, another 120 have viewed the event, on MWDOC's YouTube channel and via Social Media. The overwhelming majority of feedback received was positive.

Staff and the Water Policy Forum Ad-Hoc Committee is presently considering dates, topics and options for MWDOC's next Water Policy Forum.

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

**Public & Governmental Affairs Activities Report
September 9, 2020 – October 13, 2020**

Item No. 7

<p>Member Agency Relations</p>	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed and delivered bill inserts for the Municipal Water District of Orange County's (MWDOC) member agencies • Attended Moulton Niguel Water District's Community Forum • Attended Santa Margarita Water District's Trampas Canyon Dam and Reservoir Dedication • Attended Orange County Water District Seawater Intrusion Barrier Webinar <p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update on the policy principles and the upcoming WACO program/s to the MWDOC Member Agency Managers meeting • Attended the Economic Benefit Study meeting with MWDOC member agencies • Attended Moulton Niguel Water District's Virtual Community Forum • Sent a "Request for Feedback" from ACWA to all member agencies regarding COVID-19 shutoffs, collected and sent responses back to ACWA staff to share with SWRCB staff • Sent reminder to member agencies regarding input on the MWDOC Policy Principles • Provided 2020 legislation information to SCWD
<p>Community Relations</p>	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended CalMatters Policy Matters 20-21 school year webinar • Attended Orange County Business Council's Workforce Development meeting • Met with University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners, Orange County Coastkeeper, Moon Valley Nurseries, and MWDOC social media contractors to conduct interviews for, and produce, OC is Garden Smart social media video campaign • Participated in CalDesal Outreach and Communications committee and Website subcommittee meetings. Chaired the Social Media subcommittee meeting. • Prepared and distributed October eCurrents • Met with the Wyland Foundation to discuss details of an exclusive partnership to achieve mutual aims and objectives related to water-saving education programs, campaigns, and initiatives <p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended a portion of the ACC-OC Municipal Issues Virtual Summit • Attended the October meeting of the South Orange County Economic Coalition • Attended the PPIC Discussion – a 2020 Election Preview

Media Relations	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in weekly County Operational Area PIO COVID-19 Conference Calls • Distributed Water Policy Forum press release • Responded to OC Register media inquiries
Education	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the monthly Department of Water Resources (DWR) Water Education Committee (WEC) Meeting • Met with DWR, Inland Empire Resource Conservation District, and Valley Water to plan the bi-annual DWR WEC conference. Secured a speaker from the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) on trauma-informed education, and participated as a conference co-host. • Participated in the bi-weekly Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (Metropolitan) Education Coordinator's Meeting • Participated in a California Environmental Literacy Leadership Council meeting • Worked with MWDOC Choice School Program contractors on developing and finalizing pre- and post-activities for the K-12 school programs • Met with the State Education and Environment Roundtable and OCDE to discuss learning outcomes for the MWDOC Choice School Programs • Attended the CalMatters Webinar on navigating the coronavirus pandemic during the 2020-21 school year through virtual instruction • Worked with OCDE to complete two additional MWDOC Grab-and-Go Water Activities on the Bay Delta ecosystem and a home water audit • Provided information to the City of Anaheim regarding the FY 19-20 MWDOC Choice School Programs • Sent participating member agencies login information for the MWDOC Choice School Programs shared Google Calendar • Provided the City of Brea, City of Fountain Valley, City of Garden Grove, City of San Clemente, and El Toro Water District with information regarding the FY 20-21 MWDOC Choice School Programs • Provided information to the Mesa Water regarding the MWDOC Choice School Programs structure and processes • Reviewed and provided feedback to contractors on final scripts, presentations, and activities for the MWDOC Elementary (3-6), Middle (7-8), and High (9-12) School Programs

Special Projects	<p>Public Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted MWDOC’s first Virtual Water Policy Forum with a total of 208 participants • Published and distributed video of MWDOC Virtual Water Policy Forum • Completed several website and electronic and print updates for MWDOC Water Use Efficiency (WUE) rebate programs • Participated in Orange County Water Summit planning and committee meetings • Met with California Environmental Education Foundation, Metropolitan, and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to discuss agenda items for the Water Energy Education Alliance (WEEA) Leadership Roundtable meeting • Developed a logo for WEEA • Developed and distributed an invitation to the WEEA Leadership Roundtable meeting • Developed two surveys – one for industry and one for educators - to help determine water and energy industry workforce needs, as well as interest in developing or bolstering Career Technical Education programs (CTE) • Met with Juanita Chan, MAEd, the STEM and College and Careers Pathway Coordinator for Rialto Unified School District • Worked with MWDOC Human Resources and conducted interviews for vacant WEEA Education Assistant job position • Coordinated with Urban Water Institute for October 21st Virtual Event featuring Jeff Kightlinger • Attended International Association of Business Communicators webinar Hosting Virtual Events • Prepared for office construction and moved all MWDOC promotional and marketing items into storage unit with fire code inspection by HR • Promoted National Preparedness month by promoting tips and resources on social media • Coordinated with community contacts to develop and plan video interviews for the Imagine a Day Without Water campaign • Updated MWDOC database contacts • Updated MWDOC annual financial covers • Updated Water Use Efficiency rebate flyers <p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the OC LAFCO meeting where the Commission voted to approve MWDOC’s Municipal Service Review and confirmed the Sphere of Influence. • Coordinated logistics, presentations and format with September WACO speaker, Nancy Vogel • Staff the monthly WACO meeting with speaker Nancy Vogel who outlined the Water Resiliency Portfolio
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafted a letter of interest for Director Dick to run for ISDOC 2nd Vice President (Membership) • Finalized the RFP for both federal and state advocacy services • Coordinated with potential speakers for the October WACO meeting • Staffed the WACO Planning Committee meeting • Distributed/posted the RFPs for federal and state advocacy services • Responded to questions and prepared an addendum to the RFP for federal advocacy services • Prepared and distributed the ISDOC Quarterly Luncheon invite • Met with peoplespace to review office furniture • Prepared scoring sheets to review proposals received for stated and federal RFPs • Prepared draft interview questions for state and federal advocacy firms • Staffed the WACO October meeting on salt in the Colorado River Aqueduct • Edited a draft response to Chair Gray from ISDOC regarding MWD activity • Staffed the ISDOC Executive Committee meeting • Distributed WaterSMART drought contingency planning grants information to the grants working group
Legislative Affairs	<p>Governmental Affairs Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with CSDA legislative staff to discuss proposed legislation • Attended the CMUA Regulatory Committee meeting • Participated in the MWD Legislative conference call • Met with Directors Yoo Schneider and Tamaribuchi regarding proposals for the upcoming legislative year • Attended the CalDesal Legislative Committee meeting • Attended the ACWA Federal Affairs Infrastructure and Agriculture Subcommittee meeting • Participated in the ACWA/CMUA, SB 200 Implementation and Needs Assessment Working Group meeting • Attended the ACWA Federal Affairs Water Supply Subcommittee meeting • Attended the ACWA Federal Affairs Drinking Water Subcommittee meeting • Participated in the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee meeting • Met with CSDA legislative staff to discuss proposed legislation and their thoughts on the proposal • Coordinated and attended a meeting with Director Dick, ISDOC President Sandra Jacobs and CSDA legislative staff regarding a legislative proposal on the ISDOC agenda • Drafted letters on H.R. 7978 (Panetta) and S. 4431 (Feinstein) • Participated in the CMUA Regulatory Committee meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Met with MWD's Kathy Viatella to catch up on legislation and other related matters
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