

DIRECTOR AB 1234 REPORT

Director Name: Kathy Armitage

Meeting Attended: Meeting with Matt Rogers (staff member of Congressman Garcia) hosted by California Special Districts Association

Date of Meeting: March 23, 2022

Location: Virtual

Board Meeting to Be Presented At: April 5, 2022

Points of Interest:

Purpose of meeting

This meeting was set up by Chris Palmer, Senior Public Affairs Field Coordinator of California Special Districts Association (CSDA), for special districts in north Los Angeles County to share projects and priorities that could potentially involve federal-level support or funding. Since I serve as Vice President of the Special Districts of North Los Angeles County chapter of CSDA as a representative of SCV Water, I was invited to attend and share projects and priorities of SCV Water.

Key points

- Attendees also included representatives from Palmdale Water District and Quartz Hill Water District
- Chris Palmer shared CSDA's 2022 legislative priorities
 - Funding climate adaption and resilience
 - Putting infrastructure funding to work
 - Supporting increased local services to support increased housing
 - Building and equipping a sustainable and specialized workforce
 - Safeguarding our communities' assets from cyber threats
- I shared the projects that SCV Water is working on that could benefit from support at the federal level
 - PFAS contamination treatment and removal
 - Recycled water projects
 - Removal of invasive Arundo donax plant from Santa Clara River
- Other issues raised by the other districts included water theft related to illegal growth of marijuana, drought awareness and messaging, and workforce development and retention
- Mr. Rogers noted that the Congressman's office has a staff member who coordinates grants and encouraged the meeting participants to let her know when federal-level grant applications are being submitted
- Lastly, information about the newly formed Special Districts of North Los Angeles County chapter was shared with Mr. Rogers

DIRECTOR AB 1234 REPORT

Director Name: Kathye Armitage

Meeting Attended: Inaugural quarterly Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County membership meeting

Date of Meeting: March 31, 2022

Location: The Oasis Patio at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds

Board Meeting to Be Presented At: April 5, 2022

Points of Interest:

Background

The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is a non-profit association that promotes good governance and services through professional development and advocacy for independent special districts. SCV Water is a special district that is a member of CSDA.

CSDA has 23 chapters throughout California, the newest of which is the Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County (SDANLAC) with two representatives from SCV Water serving on the Executive Board.

Purpose of meeting

This was the inaugural quarterly membership meeting that brought representatives of nine special districts in north Los Angeles County together to get to know each other and feature a topic of interest: State Water Systems Drought Planning.

Key points

- The nine special districts represented were: SCV Water Agency, Palmdale Water District, Quartz Hill Water District, Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency, Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, Antelope Valley Mosquito & Vector Control, Antelope Valley Cemetery District, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District, and Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District
 - A representative from each district shared information about the geographical area they serve, how many customers they serve, what services they provide, how they are governed, and staff size
- The guest speaker was Ted Craddock, Deputy Director of the California State Water Project
 - He explained the drought proclamation, record low water storage conditions, low runoff conditions, rising average temperatures, changes in Northern Sierra precipitation, water availability and obligations, the decision process for water supply/conservation/environmental drought actions, tools for monitoring drought

conditions (cww.water.ca.gov and drought.ca.gov), and the Save Our Water messaging campaign

- Representatives of the following elected officials were in attendance and gave an update: Congressman Garcia, Senator Wilk, Assemblyman Lackey, and Supervisor Barger
- Chris Palmer gave an update on CSDA activities and upcoming events

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DIRECTOR's AB 1234 REPORT

Director's Name: Jerry Gladbach

Name of Meeting: NWRA's Federal Affairs Committee Date of Meeting: April 1, 2022 Date of Meeting to be Presented: April 19, 2022 Points of Interest:

The budget that President Biden presented is very favorable for water infrastructure and it has good bi-partisan support for it The deadline is very close for agencies to get their requests for projects in, the number of projects allowed has been raised from 10 to 15 and the total earmarks is limited to 1% of the budget There is a need for more money to be appropriated for salinity control on the Colorado River, since it has previously been funded from revenue from the sale of electricity from the hydro projects on the river, and now that revenue is greatly reduced.

Staffs of NWRA and ACWA met with staff of OMB regarding future regulations for PFAS, etc. and shared experiences that water agencies are having, including SCVWA. The schedule has been pushed out further

Re: the Farm Bill, they are concerned about food supply and the inputs for growing crops. There is funding for various conservation programs. It is progressing through Congress The Supreme Court has issued 3 proposed rules, one is regarding Amicus filings and it would make it easier to file such briefs The low snowpack means a high probability for a bad wildfire season

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March 31, 2022

To: NWRA Federal Affairs Committee

From: NWRA Federal Affairs Committee

RE: Agenda for April 1, 2022 Federal Affairs Call
12:30 Eastern, 11:30 Central, 10:30 Mountain, 9:30 Pacific

Federal Affairs Committee Members,

Below please find the agenda and log in information for our April Federal Affairs Committee Call. We look forward to talking with you!

NWRA Federal Affairs Committee Call
Friday, April 1, 2022
12:30 Eastern, 11:30 Central, 10:30 Mountain, 9:30 Pacific

Join online:

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I. Welcome

II. Budget

III. Appropriations / Earmarks

IV. Farm Bill

V. Task Force Updates

- a. Water Quality
- b. Litigation Review
- c. Water Supply
- d. Forest Health
- e. Environment
- f. Army Corps
- g. Groundwater
- h. Water Power

VI. NWRA Events

VII. Other Business

Please let us know if we can provide any additional information prior to the meeting.

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