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DIRECTOR AB1234 REPORT

Director Name: Jerry Gladbach

Meeting Attended: ACWA's Federal Affairs Committee Date of Meeting: May 3, 2022 Date of Meeting to be Presented: June 7, 2022 Points of Interest:

Jim Peifer, Chair of the Committee, had asked the members of the NWRA Board to meet prior to the start of the committee meeting. He wanted to know if we were interested in being reappointed by ACWA to NWRA's Board. We all said we wanted to continue on the Board.

The main point of the Committee meeting was hearing from Gary Gold, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, in the US Department of Interior, who relayed all of their efforts in pleading with other Federal Agencies and State Agencies to get the approval to release more water from Shasta Reservoir. Although, not all agencies have given the okay, he was very optimistic regarding their approval.

Dave Eggerton, gave an update on ACWA's activities Cindy Tuck gave an overview of the legislative activities in Sacramento and Washington DC Christine Arbogast, Past President of NWRA and Chair of its Federal Affairs Committee Was unable to attend because her father had just died It was another very informative meeting



Committee Agenda

Federal Affairs Committee

May 3, 2022

3:00 – 4:45 pm (PT)

In Person Only

<https://www.acwa.com/committees/federal-affairs-committee>

Chair, Jim Peifer

Vice Chair, Jolene Walsh

- I. Welcome & Call to Order, Jim Peifer, Federal Affairs Committee Chair
- II. Approval of March 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- III. Department of Interior Update: Gary Gold, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, DOI
- IV. ACWA Update: Dave Eggerton, Executive Director
- V. ACWA Update: Cindy Tuck, Deputy Executive Director for Government Relations
- VI. NWRA Update: Christine Arbogast, NWRA Past President
- VII. Washington Update: David Reynolds
 - a. Appropriations
 - b. WRDA 2022
 - c. Farm Bill 2023
 - d. Buy America Build America Guidance
- VIII. Regulatory Update: Madeline Voitier
- IX. New Bill Positions
- X. Legislative Matrix
- XI. ACWA DC Conference (July 12-14): Registration Open
- XII. Other business
- XIII. Next Meeting ~ September 2022

All information and materials related to committees, including presentations and minutes, are available to Committee Members on ACWA's website at: <http://www.acwa.com/committees/acwa-committees>

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DIRECTOR'S AB 1234 REPORT

Name of Director: Jerry Gladbach

Meeting Attended: NWRA's Board of Directors Date of Meeting: May 6, 2022 Date of Meeting to be Presented: June 7, 2022 Points of Interest:

Financially, revenue and expenses are on target and within the budget. However, the investments are another story, they have dropped just like our own personal investments.

The members of the Public Relations Committee are really busy dealing with the drought.

There was a large discussion regarding the formation of a new mining caucus within NWRA. There are now two caucuses in NWRA, namely: the municipal and irrigation caucuses. Each caucus has two members on the Board, and some states, because of their size, have only one member on the Board. There was some support for a mining caucus because of the relation between mining and water, but there needs to be further discussion regarding the number of Board members each caucus has.

National Water Resources Association

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Federal Water Issues Conference

Friday, May 6, 2022

12:30 (Eastern)

Zoom

AGENDA

1. Certification of Quorum
2. Seating of the Board
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. 2022 1st Quarter Financials
 - b. Investment Account Update
5. Conference Committee Report
6. Audit Committee Report
7. Litigation Review Committee Report
8. Public Affairs Committee Report
9. Federal Affairs Committee Report
10. Other Business
 - a. Caucus Proposal
11. Adjournment

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DIRECTOR's AB 1234 REPORT

Director Name: Jerry Gladbach

Meeting Attended: ACWA's Election Workgroup Date of Meeting: May 13, 2022 Date of Meeting to be Presented: June 8, 2022 Points of Interest :

The Purpose of the workgroup is to review the process for election of the President and Vice-President of ACWA. It was asked what is wrong with the present system, and there was concern about the last election because of COVIG-19. Some wanted an electronic voting, others wanted More time to campaign, some did not want the Nominating Committee, some wanted A forum at the Conference for a debate, several did not want the candidates to make presentations at the Region meetings and dominate the program. Staff will see what other associations do about elections.

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DIRECTOR'S AB 1234 REPORT

Director Name: Jerry Gladbach

Meeting Attended: ACWA's Accreditation Workgroup Date of Meeting: May 25, 2022 Date of Meeting to be Presented: June 8, 2022 Points of Interest:

We proposed the following categories whereby an agency could meet the qualifications for certification:

Government relations

Engineering/operations/innovation/technology

Environment/stewardship

Administrative/customer service/financial service Governance Human Resources Community outreach and partnerships

ACWA engagement Other industry participation/recognition (CSDA, JPIA, etc)

DIRECTOR REPORT AB 1234

Director Name: Jeff Ford

Conference/Seminar Name: KHTS Sacramento Road Trip

Date: 5/31/-6/1/2022

To Be Presented at Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on: 6/7/2022

Subject Matter of Conference/Seminar:

Review of State initiatives/programs of relevance to the Santa Clarita Valley

Speakers and Persons of Interest in Attendance:

State Senator Scott Wilk, Assemblypersons Valladares and Lackey and various individuals involved with state government. Audience attendees included approximately 30 persons representing various local non-profits and businesses.

Points of Interest:

Although a few of the speakers who originally planned to take part in were sidelined by COVID, the speakers who replaced them were engaging. One presenter would couldn't attend was Wade Crowfoot, the Secretary of Natural Resources. A sample of the speakers and a summary of their comments are listed below.

H.D. Palmer is the current Deputy Director for Governmental External Affairs at the Department of Finance and serves as the spokesperson for Governor Gavin Newsom's administration on budget and fiscal issues. He noted that the first waves of the COVID-19 pandemic led to exponential growth in unemployment.

California has created a million jobs in the last 12 months Palmer said. That represents approximately 90% of the jobs lost and the hope is that we will have regained all of those remaining lost jobs by the fall of this year. He noted that this year's budget will have a surplus of nearly \$100 billion. There is a requirement for lawmakers and the Governor to reach a budget agreement before the June 15 constitutional deadline to pass a balanced budget.

The next speaker, Mike Jacob, Vice President of the General Counsel of the Pacific Merchants Shipping Association, discussed the ongoing supply chain crisis clogging up California industrial ports. As the twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach carry 40 percent of the entire national import supply of non-liquid goods, Californians are on the front line of the supply issue, with piles of shipping containers languishing on cargo ships or in the ports themselves. There have been a reduced number of ships parked offshore since the height of the pandemic, but there are still more than there would be if the supply chain issues were resolved.

Jennifer Pierre, General Manager of the California State Water Contractors, began by noting the impacts to water supply due to the current drought and potential impacts from climatic change. She said that water suppliers are bracing for increased aridity in the west and that the Delta Conveyance Project is a climate change adaptation that will allow us to take surplus water in wet years. It would serve to protect the State Water Project (SWP) from sea level rise and seismic failure in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and that the SWP "can't go on without it". She urged everyone to tell the story of water leaders and what needs to be done, namely, conveying why investments are required to do all supply enhancements together.

Jason Elliot, Senior Counselor to the Governor on Homelessness gave a presentation on the state's efforts to combat homelessness. The issue of mental health is closely tied to homelessness, with approximately one-quarter of California's approximately 161,000 homeless persons experiencing severe mental illness, according to a 2020 report by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Elliot noted that the true success in terms of combating homelessness comes through collaboration with local efforts, such as the City of Santa Clarita and L.A. County's support of Bridge to Home, the homeless shelter in the Santa Clarita Valley.

Sean Wallentine, Vice President of Government Affairs for the California Independent Petroleum Association gave a presentation regarding the status of oil and gas production in the state. He stated that current California demand is approximately 1.8 million barrels of oil per day of which producers in the state supply 400,000 barrels though they are capable of supplying significantly more but restrictions from the state prevent them from doing so. The major of the remainder comes from Ecuador, and results in significant loss of rainforest habitat and increased carbon emissions due to the need to ship it to California ports. He noted that both Los Angeles and Ventura counties (and others) have current efforts to ban oil production all together within their jurisdictions.

Deborah Gonzalez, Vice President of Government Affairs and Chief Data Officer for the Public Policy Institute of California, a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank, offered insight into the numbers behind policymaking, as well as trends in representative voting records and voter's priorities. She passed out the latest PPIC survey on state and national issues. The survey results showed that the top issues for Californians (in order) were: 1)

Jobs/economy/inflation; 2) Housing costs/availability; 3) Homelessness; 4) Gasoline/oil prices; and, 5) Water/water availability/drought.

Santa Clarita's representatives, Assemblywoman Suzette Martinez-Valladares, R-Santa Clarita, and Assemblyman Tom Lackey, R-Palmdale made the last presentation. Valladares shared that her focus on making bipartisan policies allowed her to be an effective representative for our Santa Clarita Valley at the state level. Assemblyman Lackey echoed Valladares' sentiment about the importance of promoting local understanding of state government, as well believing in being a part of an active government.

BJ ATKINS - AB 1234 REPORTS

ITEM NO. 12.2

Meeting Attended:	One-on-One Teams Meeting with GM Matt Stone
Date of Meeting:	June 02, 2022
Board Mtg. Presented:	June 07, 2022
# Attendees & Location:	GM Matt Stone and myself via remote teleconference
Points of Interest:	Current trends and future strategic planning for the SCV Water Agency EXCELLENT conversation with GM Matt Stone including his views on current SCV Water activities and how they relate to the strategic plan developed for the agency, current trends and future activities being proposed to further this plan. Terrific conversation on recycled water master plan, related regulatory hurdles, chemicals of emerging concern, treatment processes and associated testing needs. This was a high-level assessment of SCV Waters present and future, along with a smattering of agency leadership succession planning. As always, an engaging, thought provoking, intelligent and meaningful dialogue. Thank you, Mr. Stone!

Note: The balance of AB 1234 reports for 2022 were given orally at previous SCV Water Board Meetings.
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DIRECTOR AB 1234 REPORT

Director Name: Kathye Armitage

Meeting Attended: Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County, Executive Board Meeting

Date of Meeting: June 7, 2022

Location: Virtual

Board Meeting to Be Presented At: June 7, 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 24 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

The purpose of this meeting was to get updates from the CSDA Senior Public Affairs Field Coordinator, Chris Palmer, and to finalize the plans for the upcoming general membership meeting of the SDANLAC which will take place at 11:30 on June 22, 2022 at the Chimbole Cultural Center in Palmdale.

Key points

- Chris Palmer was not able to attend but emailed information about a potential future speaker and to share the name of the person who will be providing the CSDA update at the general membership meeting
- Details about the June 22, 2022 general membership meeting
 - Guest speaker will be the LA County Auditor/Controller, Arlene Barrera
 - She will share information about how the work of the Auditor-Controller's office impacts special districts as well as services and resources special districts should be aware of
 - Boxed lunch will be provided
 - Please RSVP to Judy Shay (Board members and staff should have received an email invitation)
 - The next general membership meeting in September will be in Santa Clarita Valley (SCV)

- Most of the SDANLAC membership is in the Antelope Valley (AV), so the general pattern of meetings will be two in AV, then one in SCV.
- The next meeting of the Executive Board of SDANLAC is scheduled for July 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County

Board Meeting (Virtual)

10 a.m. June 7, 2022

Agenda

1. Roll Call -Director Gloria Dizmang
2. Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2022, Meeting
3. CSDA Updates - Chris Palmer
4. Quarterly Membership Luncheon – 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. June 22
 - Guest Speaker – L.A. County Auditor-Controller Arlene Barrera
 - Sponsor – Centrica
 - Lunch – Jersey Mike's
 - RSVPs
5. Lauren Savord – CSUF Research Grant Specialist -Judy Shay
6. Membership Dues - Director Dizmang
7. Other Discussions
8. Future Discussions - Workforce Retention (Director Armitage)
9. Next Board Meeting
10. Adjournment