




BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 18, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Steve Cole 
Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: August 17, 2023 Public Outreach and Legislation Committee Meeting Recap Report

The Public Outreach and Legislation Committee met at 5:30 PM on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at the Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom located at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. In attendance were Committee Chair Maria Gutzeit, Directors Kathye Armitage, Beth Braunstein and Ed Colley. Staff members present were Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Communications Manager Kevin Strauss, Executive Assistant Eunie Kang and Information Technology Tech I Jonathan Thomas. Attending virtually were Management Analyst II Cheryl Fowler, Consultant Pete Evich from Van Scoyoc Associates, Consultant Dennis Albani and Annalee Akin from California Advocates, and members of the public were present. A copy of the Agenda is attached.

Item 2: Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Item 3: Legislative Consultant Reports – Staff and the Committee reviewed the federal legislative report by Pete Evich, state legislative report by Dennis Albani and Annalee Akin.

Item 4: Review of FY 2022-23 Grant Acquisition and Management Activities – Cheryl Fowler provided a summary of grant acquisition and management activities. Overall, the Agency has had tremendous success in grant awards receiving in excess of \$30,000,000 over the past three years.

Item 5: Communications Manager Activities – Kevin Strauss provided an update of current staff activities.

- SCV Water Strategic Plan – Agency staff completed the workshop with Ed Means. Board workshop is scheduled in September 2023 followed by a public engagement component for public feedback.
- Fall Water Academy is scheduled for the month of November 2023. Community outreach for applicants will begin in September 2023. The goal is to extend the enrollment from 20 to 30 participants.
- Public Events – Staff attended the City of Santa Clarita Concerts in the Park on August 12, 2023. The Agency had a water bottle refill station and information booth distributing conservations and rebate programs. The next event scheduled is the River Rally on November 4, 2023. A sponsorship agreement has been signed with the City of Santa Clarita on participations of Light Up Main Street, Cowboy Festival, Concerts in the Park, and River Rally events starting October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2026.

- Capital Improvement Project Outreach – Ongoing efforts on community outreach on pipeline projects for LARC and Lily of the Valley, Dickinson and Smyth, and Valencia Market Place in Stevenson Ranch.

Item 6: Committee Planning Calendar – Staff and Committee reviewed the Planning Calendar. The Committee recommended through consensus to cancel the September 21, 2023 and December 21, 2023 scheduled Committee meetings.

Item 7: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

The meeting recording is available on the SCV Water Agency website or by clicking the following link: [Public Outreach and Legislation Committee Meeting Recording](#).

Attachment

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Date: August 10, 2023

To: **Public Outreach and Legislation Committee**
Maria Gutzeit, Chair
Kathye Armitage
Beth Braunstein
Ed Colley

From: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager *SC*

The **Public Outreach and Legislation Committee** meeting is on **Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 5:30 PM** at **26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 in the Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom**. Members of the public may attend in person or virtually. To attend this meeting virtually, please see below.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

This meeting will be conducted in person at the addresses listed above. As a convenience to the public, members of the public may also participate virtually by using the **Agency's Call-In Number 1-833-568-8864, Webinar ID: 160 907 4220 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1609074220>**. Any member of the public may listen to the meeting or make comments to the Committee using the call-in number or Zoom Webinar link above. However, in the event there is a disruption of service which prevents the Agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using either the call-in option or internet-based service, this meeting will not be postponed or rescheduled but will continue without remote participation. The remote participation option is being provided as a convenience to the public and is not required. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting in person.

Attendees should be aware that while the Agency is following all applicable requirements and guidelines regarding COVID-19, the Agency cannot ensure the health of anyone attending a Committee meeting. Attendees should therefore use their own judgment with respect to protecting themselves from exposure to COVID-19.

Members of the public unable to attend this meeting may submit comments either in writing to ekang@scvwa.org or by mail to Eunie Kang, Executive Assistant, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 26501 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. All written comments received before 4:00 PM the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Committee members and posted on the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency website prior to the start of the meeting. Anything received after 4:00 PM the day of the meeting, will be made available at the meeting, if practicable, and will be posted on the SCV Water website the following day. All correspondence with comments, including letters or emails, will be posted in their entirety.

MEETING AGENDA

<u>ITEM</u>		<u>PAGE</u>
1.	<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>	
2.	<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> – Members of the public may comment as to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency that are not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this Agenda may do so at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.)	
3. *	Legislative Consultant Report	
	3.1 Van Scoyoc Associates (10 minutes)	1
	3.2 California Advocates (10 minutes)	5
4.	Review of FY 2022-23 Grant Acquisition and Management Activities (10 minutes)	
5. *	Communications Manager’s Report (5 minutes)	83
6. *	Committee Planning Calendar	93
7.	Adjournment	
	* Indicates Attachment	
	◆ Indicates Handout	

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regular business hours. When practical, these public records will also be made available on the Agency's Internet Website, accessible at <http://www.yourscvwater.com>.

Posted on August 10, 2023.

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