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The **Public Outreach and Legislation Committee** is scheduled to meet via teleconference on **Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 5:30 PM**, dial information is listed below.

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Posted on May 15, 2020.

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To: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency; Public Outreach & Legislation Committee
From: Van Scoyoc Associates (VSA); Geoff Bowman & Pete Evich
Date: May 12, 2020
Subject: May 2020 Report

Corps of Engineers Teleconference

On April 20, executives from SCV Water, the Los Angeles District of the Corps of Engineers, and VSA participated in a teleconference to discuss funding and partnership opportunities. In general, the conversation focused on three topics:

- Santa Clara River Watershed flood control and ecosystem restoration, including opportunities to remove invasive species like Arundo. The Corps of Engineers has initiated feasibility studies over the last several decades, but these have never been completed.
- Environmental Infrastructure activities to carry out potential recycled water projects and other water supply projects, including older authorities from previous Water Resources Development Acts (WRDA).
- Modifications to older WRDA authorities to better prioritize SCV Water needs.

While the Corps of Engineers suggested that funding for SCV Water priorities in FY 2020 are a “long shot”, the Corps program provides some opportunities moving forward. In closing, the Los Angeles District has agreed to provide SCV Water with a Letter of Interest template should the agency decide to pursue funding opportunities with the Corps of Engineers.

Future Water Resources Development Projects

On May 5, VSA provided information to SCV Water related to the project submission process established by section 7001 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014. This is the process by which non-federal project sponsors propose new projects, new project studies, and project modifications to the Army Corps of Engineers so that they may be considered for authorization in a Water Resources Development Act. In short, this process is how the Corps, non-federal project sponsors, and Congress complies with the moratoria on earmarks.

The Corps of Engineers issued a Federal Register Notice for what will ultimately be the 2021 report to Congress. While the deadline for proposals is not until August 31, 2020, VSA will continue to work with SCV Water to refine and ultimately decide if SCV Water wants to pursue opportunities with the Corps that require Congressional authorization.

VSA provided links to the Federal Register Notice, the submission site and instructions, and an example of a submission from a municipal water district in California that was ultimately authorized in 2018 and received funds in FY 2020.

Senate Committee Releases Draft Water Infrastructure Bills, Holds Full Committee Markup

On April 21, the leadership of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works unveiled the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2020 (AWIA 2020) and the Drinking Water Infrastructure Act of 2020 (DWIA 2020) draft bills. The two drafts represent the first iteration of the Senate's Water Resources Development Acts (WRDA) for 2020 that will deliver a comprehensive federal approach to address the nation's water infrastructure needs.

The committee separated U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and clean water infrastructure provisions and drinking water provisions into two bills. AWIA 2020 provides a total of \$17 billion in new federal authorizations to support USACE and USEPA's municipal wastewater, stormwater, and other clean water infrastructure needs, including \$3 billion to support the SRF Program. DWIA 2020 provides a total of \$2.5 billion to address the nation's drinking water needs to support the SRF Program, including \$300 million for PFAS cleanups. Since the Committee is unable to meet for public hearings due to the COVID-19 crisis, it sought electronic input from five invited organizations to comment on the two draft bills.

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee approved both bipartisan water bills on May 6, advancing what members cast as critical parts of a sweeping infrastructure package that could boost the economy post-pandemic. The Committee unanimously approved by voice vote the Drinking Water Infrastructure Act of 2020 and the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2020 with minor modifications.

The bill now heads to the Senate Floor for the Chamber's full consideration.

Of interest to SCV Water, if enacted, the AWIA bill would:

- Amend the Clean Water Act to reauthorize the State Revolving Loan Funds (SRF) and increase the program's authorization to \$3 billion over three years. This increase is incremental: \$2 billion for fiscal year 2021, \$2.5 billion for fiscal year 2022, and \$3 billion for fiscal year 2023.
- Establish the Clean Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Program which would provide grants to publicly owned treatment works facilities to assist in the planning, design, construction, implementation, operation, or maintenance of a program or project to increase the resiliency or adaptability of water systems to natural hazards. There is a non-federal cost-share of 25 percent. Authorizes \$5 million to carry out this section for each fiscal year 2021 through 2024.
- Create an EPA pilot program to assist fifteen publicly owned treatment works with projects that create or improve waste-to-energy systems. This may be awarded to sludge collections systems, anaerobic digesters, methane capture or transfer, and other emerging technologies that transform waste to energy. It requires the EPA to submit to Congress annually, a report on who received these grants, what activities these funds covered, and the impact of these projects. This program is authorized for \$17.5 million for each fiscal year 2021 and 2022 and a single recipient may not receive more than \$4 million from this grant program.

- Reauthorize section 220 of the Clean Water Act, an expired grant program for alternative water source projects. The grants may be used for engineering, design, construction, and final testing of alternative water source projects designed to meet critical water supply needs. Alternative water source projects are projects that provide alternative sources of water through conserving, managing, reclaiming, or reusing water, stormwater or wastewater. The program is authorized for \$25 million for each fiscal year 2022 through 2024.
- Reauthorize the existing sewer overflow and storm reuse municipal grants program for the planning, construction and design of treatment works of municipal combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows or stormwater and any measures to manage, reduce or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage. This section adds notification systems as an allowable use for grants. In addition, the section creates a new rural needs set-aside within the program of 15 percent. The programs are reauthorized with increased funding from \$225 million to \$250 million for fiscal years 2021 and 2022.
- Amend the Clean Water Act to codify language carried in previous appropriations bills, requiring ten percent of the state's Clean Water SRF to be used for grants, negative interest loans, and loan forgiveness or to buy, refinance or purchase debt. This section also allows for assistance with design and engineering of wastewater treatment systems to be an eligible use of the CWSRFs.
- Reauthorize the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) through 2024 at the current funding level of \$50 million annually.
- Create an EPA discretionary grant program for publicly owned treatment works. This new program will provide priority funding to systems that need assistance coming into compliance with federal regulations and laws or that need additional assistance in completing work because of a lack of full financing. This program is authorized at \$50 million for each fiscal year 2021 through 2024.

Of interest to SCV Water, if enacted, the DWIA bill would:

- Provide \$300 million FY 2021 in grants to assist in the remediation of contamination from emerging contaminants, with a focus on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).
- Restore an authority in the Safe Drinking Water Act to ensure there is funding available to provide resources to communities facing drinking water emergencies, such as an intrusion of lead into the drinking water supply. Reauthorizes the program at \$35 million for each fiscal year 2021 through 2024. This section also reauthorizes the technical assistance to public water systems with emergency concerns from 2021 through 2024 at the current authorization levels of \$15 million for each fiscal year.
- Authorize States to use 20% of the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (DWSRF) for grants, negative interest loans, or to buy, refinance or purchase debt. That number can be increased beyond 20% in the case of an emergency. This gives States a consistent path forward in being able to help communities that are struggling financially to meet or maintain compliance, as well as the flexibility to prioritize funding for projects based on individual State need.

- Make permanent the American Iron and Steel requirements for the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, also known as “Buy America.”
- Reauthorize the Source Water Petition Program, which allows owners and operators of community water systems, municipal or local governments and political subdivisions of a State to submit a source water quality protection partnership petition to the State. These petition partnerships are created in order to help affected parties reduce drinking water contaminants, obtain financial or technical assistance, or develop recommendations for the long-term protection of a community water system’s source water. This program is reauthorized through 2024 at the current funding levels of \$5 million.
- Reauthorize the Drinking Water Infrastructure Risk and Resiliency program from 2021 through 2024 and increases the program from \$4 million to \$10 million for each fiscal year. This includes a waivable non-federal share of 10%.
- Instruct EPA to create a grant program to provide grants to a utility or nonprofit to voluntarily connect a low-income household to a municipal public drinking water system. This program is authorized at \$20 million for each fiscal year 2021 and 2022.
- Create a new grant program modeled after the SRF’s, which are mostly loans. These discretionary grants may be used for expenditures for planning, design, siting, and associated preconstruction activities, or for replacing or rehabilitating aging treatment, storage, or distribution facilities of public water systems, that will facilitate compliance with national primary drinking water regulations or significantly further the health protections. These grants may not be used for monitoring, operation, and maintenance expenditures, and priority is given to public water systems that need help coming into compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and to projects that need additional source of funding to achieve completion. This program has a waivable nonfederal share of 20%. No one State may receive more than 20% of the total amount made available each year for this program. This program is authorized for \$50 million for each fiscal year 2022 through 2024.

Congress Passes and President Signs into Law Coronavirus 3.5 Relief Package

On April 24, the House sent the latest iteration of a federal COVID-19 relief package, H.R. 266, Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, to the President’s desk to be signed into law. Dubbed the Coronavirus Phase 3.5 relief package, H.R. 266 builds off the CARES Act Congress passed last month. This package provided a total of \$484 billion for a new installment of funds to the Small Business Administration’s exhausted Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), financial assistance to hospitals, and support national testing initiatives. Specifically, the package delivered \$321 billion to the PPP, of which \$60 billion is set-aside for small business economic disaster loans, \$75 billion for hospitals and health care systems, and \$25 billion for testing efforts.

The bill did not provide supplemental funding to support States and local governments, nor does it provide funding eligibility to Special Districts. H.R. 266 passed the Senate by voice vote and the House approved the package on a roll call vote of 388-5.

Congress Begins Discussions on COVID-19 Relief Package - Phase IV

The House of Representatives returns to Washington, D.C. the week of May 11 as Congressional leaders prepare to do battle on the next coronavirus relief package, legislation that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has said she wants to move in the coming days.

As attention now shifts to the next COVID-19 rescue package, many Congressional Republicans, including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) have indicated they want to take a pause on more stimulus packages to more thoroughly assess what follow up steps would be most critical for Congress to take. And, Republicans have signaled the next response to the coronavirus will also limit the liabilities of health care workers, business owners and employees from lawsuits as they reopen in the coming weeks and months.

House Speaker Pelosi and Democratic Senate Leader Chuck Schumer have clearly indicated that funding to address state and local economic needs is a priority for in the next relief package. This could include economic assistance for communities with populations under 500,000, ratepayer assistance to help utilities offset revenue losses, and tax credits extended to state and local governments for the additional mandatory leave requirements from an earlier COVID-19 measure.

In addition to the next round of assistance, there continue to be discussions related to infrastructure funding. Whether it becomes part of the next debate or is reserved for follow-on legislative actions later in the year is unclear. Treasury Secretary Mnuchin recently reiterated the Trump Administration's interest in addressing infrastructure like roads, bridges and broadband. In the past few weeks, the President has also noted addressing water infrastructure as a matter of interest. As it relates to infrastructure, Congressional Democrats' seem to be coalescing around the framework entitled Moving America and the Environment Forward that was unveiled at the end of January. This framework seeks to jump-start the economy with an investment of more than \$760 billion targeting support in the form of grants and loans to the nation's water, transit, roads, airports, railroads, ports, clean energy, and broadband infrastructure needs among other areas.

On May 12, the House Majority released draft legislative text calling for an additional \$3 trillion in COVID-19 response and recovery investment. Additional materials and information will be provided to SCV Water as it becomes available.

Drinking and Clean Water Agencies Unite Around COVID-19 Relief Requests

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, American Water Works Association, Association of California Water Agencies, Metropolitan Water District of S. California, and National Association of Clean Water Agencies, among others, have penned off letters to the leaders of the House and Senate requesting certain provision be included in a Congressional COVID-19 Relief package. Among the provisions which these groups are advocating for at the federal level include:

- Aid to Low-Income Ratepayers: Establish a low-income rate payer assistance program to help those who are struggling financially to pay their water utility bills
- Give Payroll Tax Credit to Public Agencies: Even though private companies and public agencies are required by recent federal law to paid additional COVID-19 sick and family leave, only private sector employers receive a payroll tax credit to offset these costs. Governmental agencies, including public water agencies, are currently excluded from this specific payroll tax credit, putting them at a disadvantage.

- Water System Revenue Assistance: Establish a direct funding stream to water agencies for help cover pandemic related revenue loss associated with suspensions of water service disconnections and reconnections of delinquent accounts.
- Increase Access to Capital: Access to capital is critical to maintain services. The municipal bond market is under severe distress and action is needed to ensure public agencies can secure additional liquidity to finance operations during the COVID-19 emergency.

ACWA Convenes COVID-19 Infrastructure Working Group

In recent weeks, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) has convened a working group to discuss the infrastructure needs of its member agencies so the association can effectively advocate for its priorities in a potential COVID-19 related infrastructure stimulus package. ACWA is dialoguing with member agencies now to coalesce around specific water infrastructure priorities should a Congressional package ultimately come together. Van Scoyoc Associates representatives have been participating on these ACWA infrastructure working group conference call meetings. Water conservation, recycling and desalination project funding streams are among the types of water infrastructure needs being considered as ACWA priorities in a forthcoming Congressional infrastructure stimulus package.

Congressional Attention on Preventing Utility Shutoffs

From the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been efforts from several Members of Congress to prevent utilities from shut-offs. For instance, on April 15, 115 House and Senate Members, signed onto a letter to the House and Senate leadership requesting that the next COVID-19 relief measure include a mandate which prevents utilities from shut-offs six months after the COVID-19 national emergency is lifted.

Additionally, Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) introduced the “Emergency Water is a Human Rights Act” (H.R. 6552) on April 17 which would prohibit water shut offs during the pandemic as well as set up a \$1.5 billion federal assistance program for low-income ratepayers. Rep. Barragan is one of 68 co-sponsors of this bill.

On April 21st the CEO of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) wrote to House and Senate leaders urging they tread carefully when considering a federal moratorium on utility shut-offs. AMWA requests that any federally imposed water shutoff moratorium includes the following conditions:

1. That it coincides with the COVID-19 public health emergency period only
2. That it allows for continued maintenance and repair activities (i.e. these sometimes involve temporary water shut off)
3. That it distinguishes between service disconnections and reconnections (i.e. avoid mandate which requires water systems to complete all reconnections within a defined period)
4. That it be tied to meaningful federal rate assistance for low-income customers

CA Central Valley Dems to Gov. Newsom, Interior Secretary Bernhardt: Work it out

Senator Dianne Feinstein and four other California Democrats implored Interior Secretary David Bernhardt and Governor Gavin Newsom to remedy a strained relationship and figure out a way to coordinate California's two major water infrastructure projects. In a pair of letters dated April 15, the lawmakers called for continuing the long-standing coordination of the federal Central Valley Project and State Water Project, which together ship water to 30 million Californians and millions of acres of farmland.

The operation of the two systems of dams, canals and aqueducts has been coordinated since they were built decades ago. But that relationship has been strained recently, as California and Interior have issued differing endangered species requirements for the state's water hub, the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta east of San Francisco. Joining Feinstein were Democratic Representatives Jim Costa, John Garamendi, Josh Harder and TJ Cox, all of whom represent districts in California's Central Valley agricultural hub.

Both the projects pump water south out the delta, which is home to several endangered species, including the delta smelt. The main point of contention is new federal biological opinions for the delta that allow for increased pumping versus California's recent incidental take permit issued under the state endangered species law that allows less pumping than the federal outline.

Newsom's administration has also sued Interior over the opinions. The governor has also, however, said he is committed to reaching "voluntary agreements" to resolve the frequently drought-ridden state's water battles. In their letter to Newsom, the CA Congressional Democrats encouraged him to continue to pursue that way forward.

California's six Republican lawmakers, including House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, also sent Newsom a letter earlier in April month that criticized the lawsuit and applauded the federal biological opinions. They stated that the state incidental take permit threatens to send the state's water operations "into a downward spiral of conflict, confusion and litigation....and virtually eliminates the possibility of finding a lasting peace to California's never-ending water wars and effectively kills negotiations on voluntary agreements."

Supreme Court Rules on Clean Water Act NPDES Permits

On April 23, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued its final decision on the Waters of the U.S. Rule (WOTUS), the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its decision on whether a discharge into a basin that migrates into a federally protected surface water body is subject to Clean Water Act regulation, voting 6-3 on the decision.

The case of *County of Maui v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund* focused on the County's use of basins for discharges that migrated into federally protected surface waters. The decision appears to follow a middle course on deciding when such discharges are required to secure permits suggesting that decisions be made on a case-by-case basis. As noted in the opinion "...a permit is required when there is a discharge from a point source directly into navigable waters or when there is the *functional equivalent of a direct discharge*..." The Court's decision, as illustrated by this finding, explicitly rejected the logic that the Administration put forward that the Clean Water Act has no jurisdiction over groundwater supplies. As of this ruling, the issue of whether a Maui-like circumstance requires a permit, due to the migration of groundwater that is impacted by a point source discharge, will be subject to the administrative and judicial whims of each situation, until such time that further legislative clarifications occur.

Trump WOTUS Rule Formalized

Amidst the years of contention over the definition of which waters of the U.S. are subject to regulation under the Clean Water Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued the final action to implement the definition of Waters of the United States (WOTUS), now called the "Navigable Waters Protection Rule" on April 21. The publication follows the earlier effort in 2019 to finalize the rulemaking that was subsequently required to be subject to further review. With

the action this week to implement the rulemaking issued in 2019, the debate over the definition of which waters of the U.S are subject to Clean Water Act regulation will now move to the courts.

On May 8, the House Majority announced the introduction of legislation that would prohibit implementation of the Navigable Waters Protection Rule, the current Administration's version of WOTUS.

Environmental Groups Sue EPA Over Enforcement Policy During Coronavirus Emergency

Fourteen environmental groups led by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) sued the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Administrator Andrew Wheeler and Assistant Administrator Susan Bodine on the Agency's decision to modify enforcement policy to consider the COVID-19 pandemic. NRDC was joined by the Natural Resources Defense Council, Environmental Justice Health Alliance, Public Citizen, Clean Water Action, Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services, and several other groups.

The lawsuit stems from a policy statement issued last month by the EPA that recognized that permittees may be unable to comply with monitoring requirements due to COVID-19 related impacts. Instead, the Agency stated that permittees would be required to log noncompliance, citing how COVID-19 impacts resulted in the noncompliance with monitoring and reporting. The litigation filing notes that the lack of public comment on the change in enforcement poses health and environmental threats to downstream communities and diminishes the deterrent effect of polluting due to the mandate to monitor and report violations. To address the perceived shortfalls, the litigation seeks an emergency formal rulemaking publication and a public comment period to allow for any amendments prior to the rule becoming effective.

Guidance on CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund Issued

On April 23, the U.S. Department of the Treasury released guidance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments regarding the Coronavirus Relief Fund. The CARES Act, which is the \$2.2 trillion Congressional economic relief package that was signed into law on March 27, contained \$150 billion for States and eligible local governments (populations over 500,000). That \$150 billion funding stream is called the Coronavirus Relief Fund. The guidance provides clarification and examples of eligible and ineligible expenditures of those dollars. Key elements of the Coronavirus Relief Fund guidance include:

Allowable Uses:

- Payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Expenses for public safety measures undertaken in response to COVID-19
- Funds may be used to respond directly to the emergency as well as respond to second-order effects of the emergency, such as by providing economic support to those suffering from unemployment or business interruptions due to COVID-19-related business closures.

A key clarification in the guidance is that a state can transfer payments to local governments provided the transfer qualifies as a necessary expenditure incurred due to the public health emergency and meets the other criteria.

Ineligible Uses:

- Funds may not be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify under the statute.

- Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Congress Return to Normalcy?

According to reports, the Capitol's attending physician, Dr. Brian Monahan, informed a bipartisan group of House Members that there was still a lot of work to do before Congress could return to full capacity and suggested the current working conditions could remain in place for the next 12 months. Monahan said it is not safe for members to conduct business and hearings as usual and staff should be limited and not all be in the office at the same time. Top staffers have yet to receive guidance on how to coordinate their offices, though Member offices and Committee offices continue to work remotely.

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May 11, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Steve Cole, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

FROM: Dennis K. Albiani, Anthony Molina, California Advocates, Inc.

SUBJECT: May Report

As of Monday, May 11th, both the California State Senate and Assembly are back in legislative session. Both houses have updated their legislative processes, procedures, and deadlines. Leadership and the chairs of the standing policy committees have asked their colleagues to please limit their bill packages to bills that focus on COVID-19 response and recovery. Standing policy committee hearings are taking place four days a week in both houses' Chambers and the largest committee rooms in the state capitol. Nearly every standing policy committee will hold one policy committee hearing, in contrast some committees who do not believe the bills in their committees' jurisdiction are related to COVID-19 response and recovery have canceled their hearing.

Furthermore, both the Senate and Assembly have revised legislative calendars for the remainder of the 2020 legislative session. The one change in the calendars that do not sync up is the "Summer Recess." The Assembly will begin their recess on June 19th and return July 13th. The Senate will not break for recess until July 3rd; however, both are scheduled for a July 13th return. Beginning July 13th, both calendars will be harmonized for the remainder of the legislative session. In the revised "dates and deadlines" section below, you can view the adjustments that were made.

Lastly, this Thursday, May 14th, the Governor will be presenting his May Revise. This revision of his January Budget proposal will be significantly altered due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All options will be on the table, given the Department of Finance's announcement last week that California's government will be facing a \$54.3-billion budget deficit – the largest in state history. As we closely peel back the updated Budget proposal this week, we will provide timely updates to the SCVWA.

25th Congressional District "Special Election"

On Tuesday, May 12th, California's 25th Congressional District will hold a special election to determine who will replace former Democratic Rep. Katie Hill, who resigned last year. The race between California State Assemblywoman Christy Smith and defense contractor Mike Garcia has become a virtual toss-up, with the Republican Garcia holding a slight advantage according to the most recent public poll and voter registration numbers from early returns. Democrats hold a 30,000-registered-voter advantage in the district, which flipped to the Democrats in the 2018 midterm wave after 26 years as a Republican stronghold, but nearly 40 percent of registered Republicans had already turned out in early mail-in voting as of according to tracking data, compared with only 25 percent of registered Democrats. Stay tuned for updates on the very close race.

Governor Newsom Signed Executive Order on Workers Compensation

Governor Newsom signed an Executive Order (EO) on workers compensation for all employees during the COVID-19 crisis. The EO creates a rebuttable presumption for the period of March 19, 2020 (Date of Stay-At-Home Order) to July 5, 2020 (60-days from today's Order), whereby ANY employee that was directed to go to work during that time period that tests positive or is diagnosed with COVID-19, that the injury is presumed to have taken place in the workplace. Specifically, the EO does the following:

- If diagnosed with COVID-19, the diagnosis must be confirmed by a positive test within 30 days of diagnosis.
- Employees qualify if they test positive or are diagnosed within 14-days of going to work.
- Apportionment does apply
- Temporary Disability requires recertification every 15 days as opposed to the normal 45.
- Does not enhance existing workers' compensation benefits structure (e.g., no housing and other living expenses as proposed other venues).
- Period to deny claims is shortened from 90-days to 30-days.
- The Department of Industrial Relations will not collect the state portion of death benefits. (Approximately \$250k per death without dependents)

A link to the text of the EO can be found [HERE](#).

Workers compensation is a high priority topic that will continue to be discussed through the remainder of this legislative session. Currently, there are four legislative proposals on the workers compensation directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic that will be addressed this year. We will be monitoring and engaging on these bills as needed by SCVWA. We commit to providing timely updates on these bills as they move through the legislative process. A list of the bills can be found below:

- **AB 196 (Gonzalez) Workers' compensation: COVID-19: essential occupations and industries.** [BILL TEXT HERE](#).
- **AB 664 (Cooper) Workers' compensation: injury: communicable disease.** [BILL TEXT HERE](#).
- **AB 3329 (Daly) Unemployment insurance compensation: COVID-19 pandemic: temporary benefits.** [BILL TEXT HERE](#).
- **SB 1159 (Hill) Workers' compensation: COVID-19: critical workers.** [BILL TEXT HERE](#).

COVID-19 Water Response Bill

AB 2095 (Cooper) Public water systems: reduction of water charges: customers impacted by COVID-19.

This bill would authorize a public water system to reduce the water charges imposed on a customer impacted by COVID-19 during the duration of the impact provided that the reduction does not increase the water charges imposed on another ratepayer.

Status: This bill has been referred to the Assembly Local Government Committee. This bill will be held by the author for the remainder of the year.

Position: Watch

Climate Resiliency/Water Bonds

As of the bill introduction deadline, there are now four “Climate Resiliency/Water Bonds” in play this legislative session. Each plan covers watershed, resource conservation, fire resiliency, and water infrastructure. Should one pass the legislature, it will be placed on the ballot for the voters to approve or disapprove at the November 3rd General Election.

Governor’s Climate Resiliency Bond “Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, and Natural Resources Protection Bond Act of 2020”

The Governor and his administration are proposing a \$4.75 billion climate resilience bond for the November 2020 ballot to support investments over the next five years to reduce specific climate risks across California through long-term investment in natural and built infrastructure, especially in the state's most climate-vulnerable communities. The bond is structured based on climate risks, and approximately 80 percent of the funds are allocated to address immediate, near-term risks (floods, drought, and wildfires), while the remaining funds lay the groundwork for addressing long-term climate risk (sea level rise and extreme heat). The bond aligns with the Administration's draft Water Resilience Portfolio in addressing drought and flood risks, and also makes strategic investments in community resilience. A link to the released budget trailer bill language can be found below:

Bond Language: <https://esd.dof.ca.gov/dofpublic/public/trailerBill/pdf/25>

Status: Currently apart of the Budget negotiations with the Legislature.

Position: Watch

AB 352 (E. Garcia) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.

This bill 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 \$3,920,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program. The bill would provide for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the November 3, 2020, statewide general election.

Status: This bill was referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee. This is a two-year bill.

Position: Watch

AB 3256 (E. Garcia) Climate risks: bond measure.

This bill would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Climate Resilience, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6,980,000,000 (Billion) pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. The bond would finance projects for wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, climate resilience, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

Status: Assembly Natural Resources Committee set for hearing on May 13th.

Position: Watch

SB 45 (Allen) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.

This bill 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. This bill would provide for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the November 3, 2020, statewide general election.

Status: Assembly Rules, pending referral.

Position: Watch

Public Safety Power Shutoffs

AB 2182 (Rubio) Emergency backup generators: water and wastewater facilities: exemption.

This bill would provide flexibility for all critical service providers to use and maintain emergency power generators for Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events. This flexibility would be accomplished by: (1) confirming that backup power generation during PSPS events is considered emergency use of generators; (2) ensuring that generator use for PSPS events is not limited by any time constraints; and, (3) by providing testing and maintenance flexibility for these backup generators due to the strenuous nature of their use during PSPS events.

Status: Double referred to Assembly Energy and Utilities Committee and Natural Resources Committee. This bill will be held by the author for the remainder of the year.

Position: Support

SB 1099 (Dodd) Emergency backup generators: critical facilities: exemption.

This bill would require air districts to adopt a rule, or revise its existing rules, to allow critical facilities with a permitted emergency backup generator to use that emergency backup generator during a deenergization event or other loss of power, and to test and maintain that emergency backup generator, without having the usage, testing, or maintenance count toward that emergency backup generator's time limitation on actual usage and routine testing and maintenance. The bill would also prohibit air districts from imposing a fee on the issuance or renewal of a permit issued for those critical facility emergency backup generators.

Status: This bill has been referred to Senate Environmental Quality Committee. To date, the hearing has not been listed in the Senate Daily File.

Position: Support

Water Quality

SB 996 (Portantino) State Water Resources Control Board: Constituents of Emerging Concern Program.

This bill would establish a "Constituent of Emerging Concern" (CEC) Drinking Water Program at the State Water Board that would identify, evaluate, and prioritize actions for CECs in drinking water sources. A dedicated funding source would be created to establish and maintain the program in the State Treasury. This fund would additionally support the creation of a Science Advisory Panel to assist the State Water

Board in its considerations when prioritizing and making regulatory determinations for CECs, as well as a Stakeholder Advisory Group that would advise the State Water Board in meeting the purposes of the CEC program.

Status: This bill has been referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee. This bill will be held by the author for the remainder of the year.

Position: None

SB 1056 (Portantino) Drinking water: testing: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

This bill would require the SWRCB, on or before January 1, 2022, to validate and certify a method or methodologies to measure perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) substances in drinking water, groundwater, surface water and wastewater.

Status: This bill has been referred to Senate Environmental Quality Committee. This bill will be held by the author for the remainder of the year.

Position: None

Governance

AB 2560 (Quirk) Water quality: notification and response levels: procedures.

This bill would require the SWRCB to comply with public notice, comment, and peer review procedures, when establishing or revising notification or response levels.

Status: Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee set for hearing on May 14th.

Position: None

SB 797 (Wilk) Water resources: permit to appropriate: application procedure.

This bill requires the publication of a “new notice of application” by the SWRCB, if the SWRCB has not rendered a final determination on an application for a permit to appropriate water within 30 years from its original filing date. The new notice would re-open the protest period other administrative processes, as if it were being undertaken for the first time.

Status: This bill has been referred to the Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee. This bill will be held by the author for the remainder of the year.

Position: None

SB 1386 (Moorlach) Local Government: Assessments, Fees, and Charges: Water.

This bill would protect fire hydrant system funding and ensure public water suppliers can operate water systems to supply their customers and to fight fires. Also, this bill is declaratory of existing law, which allows water suppliers to include the costs of operating and maintaining these systems, as well as the costs associated with a fire hydrant and the water served through them, in their property-related service charges.

Status: Senate Rules, pending referral.

Position: Support

California Advocates, Inc. Activity Report

- Participated in daily briefings for COVID-19 and pass along pertinent information to SCVWA staff.
- Participated in Newsom Administration call with Secretaries Jared Blumenfeld, Wade Crowfoot, and Director Karla Nemeth on the Incidental Take Permit (ITP).
- Attended ACWA MMLG virtual meetings.
- Participated in the Southern California Water Coalition (SCWC) Legislative Task Force calls.
- Continuing to review amended legislation and reaching out to legislative staff on bills that affect SCVWA.
- Drafted “support” position letters on behalf of SCVWA for AB 2182 (Rubio), SB 1099 (Dodd), and SB 1386 (Moorlach).
- Participated in Zoom meetings with key legislators on SCVWA supported bills (e.g., Senator Dodd SB 1099).

Regulatory

- On April 21st, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra has filed a [motion](#) for a preliminary injunction in the state’s lawsuit that seeks to halt expanded federal water export operations in the Central Valley based on biological opinions updated in February.
- On April 28th, the State Water Contractors (SWC) [filed a lawsuit](#) against the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) over the [March 31 Incidental Take Permit \(ITP\)](#) for the long-term operation of the State Water Project (SWP).
- On April 28th, the Tehama Colusa Canal Authority, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, Friant Water Authority, and several Sacramento River Settlement Contractors filed a lawsuit to Protect the Central Valley Project (CVP). A coalition of water providers filed suit to protect the CVP and the farms, businesses, residents and wildlife refuges it serves in 17 California counties.
- On May 7th, the Department of Finance provided the “COVID-19 Pandemic and California’s Budget Outlook” can be found [HERE](#). The document states that California’s government faces a \$54.3-billion budget deficit through next summer – this is the deepest projected fiscal hole in state history.
- On May 8th, the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) estimated the state’s revenues will fall by \$26 to \$39 billion in 2020-2021, compared to the administration’s \$41 billion projection. A “U-shaped” recovery, in which California’s economy bounces back quickly once the stay-at-home order is lifted and businesses can reopen, is likely to suppress state revenue by \$64 billion through 2024. A longer recovery through an “L-shaped” model would carve \$126 billion in shortfalls. The LAO’s document can be found [HERE](#).

Important Dates and Deadlines for 2020

Note: Both the Assembly and Senate calendar will not harmonize until July 13th. Once synced, we will modify the calendars below.

Assembly Calendar

May Deadlines:

- May 4th Assembly reconvenes from Joint Recess
- May 22nd Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees' fiscal bills introduced in the Assembly.
- May 25th Memorial Day. (Observed Holiday)
- May 29th Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor non-fiscal bills introduced in the Assembly.

June Deadlines:

- June 5th Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in the Assembly.
- June 15th Budget Bill must be passed by midnight.
- June 15th – 19th Assembly Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except for Rules Committee.
- June 19th Last day for the Assembly to pass bills introduced in that house. Summer Recess begins for the Assembly upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed.
- June 25th Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the November 3rd General Election ballot.

July Deadlines:

- July 3rd Independence Day (Observed Holiday)
- July 13th Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess
- July 31st Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills to fiscal committees.

Senate Calendar

May Deadlines:

- May 11th - Senate Reconvenes from Joint Recess.
- May 25th Memorial Day (Observed Holiday)
- May 29th Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house.

June Deadlines:

- June 5th Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house. Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 8th.
- June 15th Budget Bill must be passed by midnight.
- June 19th Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house. Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 29th.
- June 22nd – 26th Floor Session Only. No committees, other than conference or Rules committees, may meet for any purpose.

- June 25th Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the November 3rd General Election ballot.
- June 26th Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house.

July Deadlines:

- July 2nd Summer Recess begins upon adjournment provided Budget Bill has been passed.
- July 3rd Independence Day (Observed Holiday)
- July 13th Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.
- July 31st Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills to fiscal committees.

MEMORANDUM

TO: STEVE COLE, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY

FROM: HUNT BRALY

RE: April 2020 Report

DATE: 5-11-2020

I have provided a synopsis of activities performed on behalf of the Agency in April .

1. Continued to work with staff regarding PFAS Contamination issue.
2. Continued to work with staff and Dennis Albiani to discuss our potential projects for funding in Sacramento. Contacted local Legislative offices
3. Continued to participate in efforts with Federal Advocates potential federal legislation and funding opportunities.
4. Continued to work with staff on Groundwater Management Committee.

RECURRING ACTIVITIES/MEETING ATTENDANCE:

5. Safe, Clean Water Program (Measure W) Watershed Area Steering Committee Santa Clara River No meetings were held in April. The next meeting is scheduled for May 14.

6. Attended Virtual Special City Council Meeting on April 21

This meeting was a closed session to continue to deal with the legal request that the City go to electoral districts in the November,2020 election. There was a public support comment from Jonathan Ahmadi on behalf of his organization Santa Clarita Independent Districting Committee and one written comment by Glo Donnelly opposing it. After an hour of the closed session the Council reported that it had unanimously agreed to put an item on the April 28 Agenda updating the public meeting schedule for consideration of electoral Districts after the existing May 15 Stay at Home order by Los Angeles County

Monitored Virtual City Council Meeting on April 28.

In public comments there were several speakers in support of the City assisting with the reopening of the Ice Station and a representation that 23,000 signatures in support had been obtained. In addition, there was a public comment regarding a concern that City approved arborists or landscapers are not properly trimming trees. The City Council took opposed positions on SB 773 (Skinner) and AB 953 (Ting) both of which would remove additional discretion by local government on the approval of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). In

addition, the Council took a support position for SB 797 (Wilk) dealing with the State Water Resources Control Board. This bill is designed to ensure that if termination of the Soledad Canyon mining project (Cemex) contracts are not upheld, the SWRCB will be required to obtain additional public information and input.

The Agenda Included two public hearings. The first was on the Annual Action Plan by the Community Development Department expending the CDBG funds in the City. The amount received this year will be approximately \$1,457,000 which is approximately \$200,000 more than last year. In addition to continuing providing funding to local non profits such as the Senior Center and Bridge to Home, the City is beginning to plan an inclusionary park in the west side of the City similar to the one just opened in Canyon County.

The second public hearing dealt with a new public hearing schedule for the City's decision to have the required public hearings for the creation of new electoral districts to be completed by June 30, 2020. The first hearing will be on May 19. Mr. Jonathan Ahmadi on behalf of the Santa Clarita Independent Districting Committee supporting districts. Several speakers opposed that the plaintiffs were not identified and that the districts created for November, when only 2 seats are up, will need to be changed after the census prior to the 2022 election. An Hispanic speaker testified that districts did not promote diversity, but in fact created less diversity and was in fact redlining. 2 comment cards were also in opposition. In addition, attorney Scott Rafferty the attorney for the plaintiffs continued to support districts this year. There was extensive Council discussion opposed to districts in Santa Clarita, especially since a majority minority district can not be created. However, the entire Council acknowledged that there was no likelihood that the City would be successful in contesting this claim.

7. Participated in the Virtual April 16 Public Outreach and Legislation Committee.
8. Monitored and reviewed Agency Board Agendas.
9. Reviewed daily emails regarding articles of interest from Agency.

Public Outreach Matrix of Selected Activities

April and May 2020

Website Statistics	APRIL	
Total users	16,409	Users who have initiated at least one session during the date range
Total Page Views	36,787	Total number of pages viewed. Repeated views of a single page are counted.
Most Popular Content		
Home page	17,305	
Customer Care	6,904	Customer Care (pay; locate division; start/stop; etc)
Save Water & Money	2,553	Conservation program home page
Residential	1,014	Residential conservation programs
Connect	566	Contact Us
Valencia Division Bill	1,183	How to read your bill
Kids Corner	393	New page with coloring pages
Covid-19	491	Coronavirus Page
Digital Outreach	As of 5/11/20	
Social Media		Notable activity
Facebook	657 likes 709 follows	29% growth based on promoted campaign (April 25 – May 9) to get more “likes/followers”
Instagram	1,067	
Twitter	962	
Constant Contact	APRIL/MAY	
Water Currents eNewsletter (May)	19,012	Open rate: 33% (average industry open rate 21.64%)
Education	MAY	2020 Totals
Students	Programs are	1490
Teachers	suspended	150
Garden Classes – Saturdays	due to COVID-19	72
Garden Classes – evenings		39

* Data not available yet

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LEGISLATION TRACKING

Letters of Support/Opposition

ITEM NO.
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Date	Bill/Initiative	Title	Stand	Notes	Leg. Policy*	Status
2/7/2020	Water Resilience Exec. Order N-10-19	Comments on draft resilience portfolio	Support	Signed on to coalition letter to Nancy Vogel, Director of the Governor's Water Portfolio Program on the resilience portfolio in development. Specifically addresses topics including water storage, conveyance, flood management, regulation and planning and others	2.0, 5.0	Letter sent
2/7/2020	Water Resilience Exec. Order N-10-19	Comments on draft resilience portfolio	Support	Also sent our own letter to Ms. Vogel, with similar points.	2.0, 5.0	Letter sent

* Reference to applicable section of Legislative Policy Guidelines
 Revised: May 11, 20
 Represents changes since last distribution.

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SPONSORSHIP TRACKING FY JULY 2020 - JULY 2021

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Agency Name	Event	Event Date	Event Location	Registration Fee	Sponsorship	Amount
ACWA	2020 Fall Conference	Dec 1-4, 2020	Indian Wells	\$725	Wed: Ice Cream Break	2,000.00
					TOTAL SPONSORSHIP:	2,000.00
					FY 20/21 BUDGET:	20,000.00
					BALANCE:	18,000.00

PROJECTED SPONSORSHIPS

Agency Name	Event	Event Date	Event Location	Registration Fee	Previous Sponsorship	Amount
SCV Chamber	Annual Patriots Luncheon	July 2020	Hyatt Valencia	\$65	Event Sponsor: Preferred seating for 4, Logo placement on all event marketing materials, Chamber website highlight, Recognition in event program & in media & press	1,000.00
AWA	Annual Member & Elected Officials Reception	Sept 17, 20	Ronald Reagan Presidential Library	Free to members	Respresentative Sponsor: Listing on invitation & event program, agency name on signage	500.00
CSDA	2020 Annual Conference	Aug 24-27, 20	Palm Desert	\$675	Sponsorship of Morning Coffee Station & 2/3rd page ad in the 50th Anniversary commemorative program	2,000.00
SCV Chamber	Legislative Leaders Forum		Hyatt Valencia	N/A	Gold Sponsor: 6 reserved seats, logo placement on all event marketing materials, recognition in media & press	1,000.00
Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium (SCEEC)	Green STEM	Nov 2020	College of the Canyon	N/A	The event provides high school and college students with exposure to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) concepts, but with sustainability as a key focus. The Water Technology program at COC is one of the featured programs. (Decreasing from previous Family of Water sponsorship of \$5000)	2,000.00
					PROJECTED SPONSORSHIPS SUBTOTAL	6,500.00

Updated: May 11, 20

PROJECTED BALANCE FY 20/21 11,500.00



SPONSORSHIP TRACKING FY JULY 2019 - JULY 2020

Agency Name	Event	Event Date	Event Location	Registration Fee	Sponsorship	Amount
SCV Chamber	9th Annual Patriots Luncheon	July 11, 19	Hyatt Valencia	\$65	Event Sponsor: Preferred seating for 4, Logo placement on all event marketing materials, Chamber website highlight, Recognition in event program & in media & press	1,000.00
Urban Water Institute	Annual Water Conference	Aug 14-16, 19	Hilton San Diego Resort & Spa	\$575	Marketing Sponsor: Logo on website, agenda, on presentation screens and in registration area.	2,000.00
AWA	Annual Member & Elected Officials Reception	Sept 19, 19	Ronald Reagan Presidential Library	Free to members	Respresentative Sponsor: Listing on invitation & event program, agency name on signage	500.00
CSDA	2019 Annual Conference	Sept 25 -28, 19	Anaheim	\$675	Sponsorship of Morning Coffee Station & 2/3rd page ad in the 50th Anniversary commemorative program	2,000.00
SCV Chamber	Legislative Leaders Forum	Oct 4, 19	Hyatt Valencia	N/A	Gold Sponsor: 6 reserved seats, logo placement on all event marketing materials, recognition in media & press	1,000.00
Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium (SCEEC)	Green STEM	Nov 2019	College of the Canyon	N/A	Legacy Family of Water* sponsorship. The event provides high school and college students with exposure to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) concepts, but with sustainability as a key focus. The Water Technology program at COC is one of the featured programs. (Total cost - \$5000)	1,250.00
ACWA	2019 Fall Conference	Dec 2 -6, 19	San Diego	\$725	Wednesday Opening Breakfast (includes 1 meal ticket); sponsor ribbon for badges; acknowledgement in ACWA News, website, conference programs, screens at meals, mobile app.	2,500.00
CVWD - Cucamonga Valley Water District	ACWA Women in Water	Dec 2019 & May 2020	San Diego; Monterey	N/A	UNRULY: name & logo included on invitations & materials promoting the reception, as well as displayed on signage throughout the reception room	500.00
Valley Industry Assn (VIA)		Jan - Dec 2020	N/A	N/A	Gold Sponsor: Prepaid lunches for one year (one seat) 12 months participation in VIA pop banner program; recognition as a luncheon sponsor at each luncheon form stage & logo; luncheon presentation package inserts opportunity for 12 months	1,500.00

Agency Name	Event	Event Date	Event Location	Registration Fee	Sponsorship	Amount
Maven's Notebook	Public website providing in-depth & unbiased coverage of critical statewide water policy & science issues as they progress through key agency meetings, public meetings, legislative hearings	January 2020			Gold Sponsors: organizations receive a one-year subscription to Maven's Weekly Water Blast; one-year to California Water Library; recognized with large logo linked to organization's website. Renews annually	5,000.00
SCV Chamber	97th Annual Awards & Gala	Jan 24, 2020	Hyatt Valencia		1/2 page ad in program book	250.00
Urban Water Institute	Spring Water Conference	Feb 19-21, 20	Palm Springs	\$675	Continental Breakfast	1,500.00
Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development & College of the Canyons (SCVEDC)	2020 Economic Outlook	Mar 12, 2020 (RESCHEDULED: Sept 17, 2020)	Hyatt Valencia	\$140	Bronze: 2 reserved complimentary tickets to event at a sponsor table; Business card size color ad in Forecast program book; Company promotion through electronic and social media event marketing; Company logo in event presentation	1,100.00
KHTS	Sacramento Road Trip	March 16 -17, 2020 (CANCELLED)	Sacramento	\$603	(75) 60 sec. commercials & (100) promotional: 10 sec. tags, advertising signage on Road Trip literature & web material. Website banners, tiles, linkage. Sponsorship messages during road trip. Logo on poster at Banquet	2,250.00
AWA	28th Annual Water Symposium	April 16, 2020 (CANCELLED)	Oxnard Courtyard Marriott		Listing on printed materials; Company name of screen display; one comp. ticket	500.00
ACWA	2020 Spring Conference	May 5-8, 2020 (RESCHEDULED: July 28-31, 2020)	Monterey	\$725	Wed: Ice Cream Break	2,000.00
SCV Chamber	State of the County Luncheon	May 15, 2020 (RESCHEDULED Aug 5, 2020)	Hyatt Valencia	\$75	Bronze Sponsor: 4 complimentary tickets, social media recognition, sponsor recognition in all marketing	1,500.00
					TOTAL SPONSORSHIP:	26,350.00
					FY 19/20 BUDGET:	20,000.00
					BALANCE:	-6,350.00

PROJECTED SPONSORSHIPS

Agency Name	Event	Event Date	Event Location	Registration Fee	Previous Sponsorship	Amount
City of Santa Clarita	2020 Earth Arbor Day	April 2020 (postponed, TBD)	Central Park	N/A		1,000.00
KHTS	Home & Garden Show	April 2020 (postponed, TBD)	Central Park	N/A	Signage, on-air interview, logos, links & commercials	1,000.00
PROJECTED SPONSORSHIPS SUBTOTAL						2,000.00

Updated: May 11, 2020

PROJECTED BALANCE FY19/20 -8,350.00



2020 Public Outreach Events

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This is a list of events where SCV Water participates as a vendor, or as the host, in the case of the garden classes and Open House. We set up a branded outreach booth with information on our classes, programs, water supply, conservation efforts, etc. All retail divisions will be represented under the SCV Water umbrella, with occasional expanded presence by conservation staff.

	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Notes (Pre and/or Post)</u>
January			
1/9	Landscape class (evening)	Rio Vista	Creating a Landscape Plan and Budget
1/11	Landscape class	Rio Vista	Proper Pruning
February			
2/6	Landscape class (evening)	Rio Vista	Designing a Sustainable Landscape
2/8	Landscape class	Rio Vista	Waterwise Vegetable Gardening
2/23	Mardi Gras Madness 5K/10K	Valencia Town Center	Students Off and Running: free afterschool program for youth in need through training for and completing a marathon. Fundraiser for SOAR: https://mgm5k.weebly.com/
March			
3/19	Landscape class (evening)	Rio Vista	Top 30 Plants for the SCV
3/21	Landscape class	Rio Vista	Your Landscape Project: Design to Construction
3/21	Michael Hoefflin 5K Walk for Kids with Cancer	COC	The Michael Hoefflin Foundation is a non-profit organization that assists children diagnosed with cancer and their families. https://www.mhf.org/mhf-walk-kids-cancer/
3/29	Free to be Me Concert	Skate Park	City of Santa Clarita
April			
4/9	Landscape class (evening)	Rio Vista	Irrigating a Sustainable Landscape
4/11	Landscape class	Rio Vista	Drip Irrigation
4/18-19	Cowboy Poetry Festival	Hart Park	City event - http://cowboyfestival.org/
4/25-26	Earth/Arbor Day/H&G Show	Central Park	City event - http://greensantaclarita.com/eartharborday/ KHTS event - http://www.santaclaritahomeandgardenshow.com/
May			
5/2	Fun & Fishing	Castaic Lake	Presented by Friends of Castaic Lake
5/2	LASD/Special Olympics Chili Cook off	Jack Bones Equestrian Center	Benefitting Special Olympics https://www.sosc.org/scvtv/chilicookoff
5/9	Open House	Central Park Patio/Garden	Annual Agency Open House to celebrate California Water Awareness Month
5/21	Landscape class (evening)	Rio Vista	Caring for the Top 30 Plants for the SCV
5/23	Landscape class	Rio Vista	Landscaping with Perennials

June			
6/6	Battens Disease 5K		www.projectsebastian.org
6/11	Landscape class (evening)	Rio Vista	Maintaining a Sustainable Landscape
6/13	Landscape class	Rio Vista	Shrubs and Native Plants
6/13	Dragon Boat Festival	Castaic Lake	
6/12	Jazz and Blues	Town Center Drive	valenciajazzandblues.com
6/14	Taste of Town	So Cal Innovation Park	Child and Family Center Fundraiser http://childfamilycenter.org/events/
TBD	Castaic Lake Fitness Challenge	Castaic Lake	
TBD	Rotary Car Show	So Cal Innovation Park	Rotary's 2 nd Annual People's Choice Car Show – fundraiser for Bridge to Home and Family Promise
July			
7/9	Landscape class (evening)	Rio Vista	Creating a Landscape Plan and Budget
7/11	Landscape class	Rio Vista	The Basics of a Sustainable Landscape
7/10	Jazz & Blues Concerts	Town Center Drive	valenciajazzandblues.com
August			
8/6	Landscape class (evening)	Rio Vista	Designing a Sustainable Landscape
8/8	Landscape class	Rio Vista	Proper Turf Care and Turf Substitutes
September			
9/12	CAST for Kids	Pyramid Lake	Kids with disabilities, ages 6-17, experience the sport of fishing. www.castforkids.org
9/17	Landscape class (evening)	Rio Vista	Top 30 Plants for the SCV
9/19	Landscape class	Rio Vista	Controlling Weeds, Pests and Diseases
9/19	River Rally	Newhall Community Center	Clean up of the Santa Clara River http://greensantaclarita.com/calendar/river-rally/
TBD	Circle of Hope Hoedown	Newhall	Circleofhopeinc.org/hoedown/
TBD	Be the Light 5K	West Creek Park	http://www.bethelight5k.org/ Supporting A Light Of Hope (ALOH) https://www.alightofhopescv.org/ , a program for recovery from addiction/self-destructive behaviors
October			
10/3	CAST for Kids	Castaic Lake	Kids with disabilities, ages 6-17, experience the sport of fishing http://castforkids.org/event/castaiclake/
10/15	Landscape class (evening)	Rio Vista	Irrigating a Sustainable Landscape
10/17	Landscape class	Rio Vista	Trees for the SCV
TBD	Haunted Jailhouse	Sheriff Station	Boys & Girls Club fundraiser
TBD	Pow Wow Festival	Hart Park	A festival celebrating Native American Culture. Hosted by William S. Hart County Park & Museum and the Friends of Hart Park. http://www.friendsofhartpark.org/Event_Pages/powwow.html
TBD	Kids Expo	Golden Valley HS	Child and Family Center benefit. http://childfamilycenter.org/events/

Purple = Events

Green = SCV Gardening Classes

Blue = Speakers' Bureau 30

November			
11/12	Landscape class (evening)	Rio Vista	Caring for the Top 30 Plants for the SCV
11/14	Landscape class	Rio Vista	Soils and Fertilizers
11/14	Fun & Fishing	Castaic Lake	Presented by Friends of Castaic Lake
December			
12/3	Landscape class (evening)	Rio Vista	Maintaining a Sustainable Landscape
12/5	Landscape class	Rio Vista	How to Remove a Lawn
TBD	Family Literacy Festival	Newhall Library	Santa-clarita.com

as of 5/11/20

***cancellation
due to
coronavirus**

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**PUBLIC OUTREACH AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA PLANNING CALENDAR 2020**

**ITEM NO.
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January 16, 2020 Committee

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Public Information Officer Activities:
 - Quarterly Social Media Report from Consultant Tripepi Smith
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Public Outreach Event Calendar 2020
 - Committee Planning Calendar 2020

February 20, 2020 Committee

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Public Information Officer Activities:
 - Washington D.C. Advocacy Trip
 - SCV Water Agency – Water Summit Update
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Public Outreach Event Calendar 2020
 - Committee Planning Calendar 2020

March 19, 2020 Committee - CANCELLED

April 16, 2020 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Public Information Officer Activities:
 - Quarterly Social Media Report from Consultant Tripepi Smith
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2019/20 and FY 2020/21
 - Public Outreach Event Calendar 2020
 - Committee Planning Calendar 2020
3. General Outreach Update on COVID-19

May 21, 2020 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Public Information Officer Activities:
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2019/20 and FY 2020/21
 - Public Outreach Event Calendar 2020
 - Committee Planning Calendar 2020

June 18, 2020 Committee

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Public Information Officer Activities:
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2019/20 and FY 2020/21
 - Public Outreach Event Calendar 2020



**PUBLIC OUTREACH AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA PLANNING CALENDAR 2020**

- Committee Planning Calendar 2020
- 3. Discussion: Agency Media Policy – Goals, Objectives and Tactics

July 16, 2020 Committee

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Public Information Officer Activities:
 - Quarterly Social Media Report from Consultant Tripepi Smith
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2019/20 and FY 2020/21
 - Public Outreach Event Calendar 2020
 - Committee Planning Calendar 2020

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