

# BJ ATKINS - AB 1234 REPORTS

August 01, through August 15, 2020

ITEM NO.  
10.6

Meeting Attended:	<b>Attended "First 60 Days" Presentation by Congressman Mike Garcia</b>
Dates of Meeting:	<b>August 3, 2020</b>
Board Mtg. Presented:	August 18, 2020
# Attendees & Location:	Reported to be well of 60 individuals participating via remote teleconference
Points of Interest:	Congressmen Mike Garcia provided a presentation on the highlights of the work being performed by his office over the first 60 days. Much was being done in the way of taking care of the backlog of projects left unfinished by the previous representative who resigned nearly 12 months ago. Mr. Garcia also provided a quick overview of the important committee work in which he is involved.

Meeting Attended:	<b>Attended GSA Stakeholders Public Workshop</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>August 4, 2020</b>
Board Mtg. Presented:	August 18, 2020
# Attendees & Location:	Roughly 62 attendees participating via video teleconference
Points of Interest:	<b>A Presentation on Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs) was made highlighting:</b> Groundwater-Surface Water Interaction & Potential GDEs Releases of Water Bouquet Reservoir Presentation by Roger Haring – a water rights issue? <b>Technical Memorandum</b> A draft Tech Memo was presented covering Groundwater-Surface Water Interactions Another draft Tech Memo on Mapping of Potential Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs) with figures was presented.

Meeting Attended:	<b>Attended ACWA Groundwater Committee Meeting</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>August 11, 2020</b>
Board Mtg. Presented:	August 18, 2020
# Attendees & Location:	48 attendees reported to be on the video teleconference
Points of Interest:	See attached Agenda and DRAFT 2020-2021 Work Plan

Meeting Attended:	<b>Attended CSDA Legislative Committee Meeting</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>August 14, 2020</b>
Board Meeting Presented:	August 18, 2020
# Attendees & Location:	Again some 62 attendees participating
Points of Interest:	Highlights of pending legislation were covered and positions in support of opposition for consideration by the CSDA Board of Directors was discussed. Please see attached notes on Propositions 15 and 19 to be on November 3 <sup>rd</sup> ballot.

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Date of Meeting:	
Board Meeting Presented:	
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Points of Interest:	

**ACWA WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE  
2020 – 2021 WORK PLAN  
DRAFT**

*“There shall be a Water Quality Committee whose duty it shall be to develop and recommend Association policy, positions, and programs to the Board of Directors, to promote cost-effective state and federal water quality regulations that protect the public health, to enable interested members of the Association to join together to develop and coordinate with other organizations, and to present unified comments regarding agricultural and domestic water quality regulations. The committee shall consist of at least one individual from each region.”*

-ACWA Bylaws, Article VII, Section 17

**Water Quality Committee**

Chair: Edgar Dymally, Chair

Vice-Chair: Sarah Palmer

**Subcommittees**

**Safe Drinking Water**

Chair: Steve Bigley

Vice-Chair:

**Clean Drinking Water**

Chair: Jeremy Jungreis and David Manning

Vice-Chair:

The Water Quality Committee will be guided by ACWA’s Five-Year Strategic Plan adopted by the ACWA Board of Director’s in early 2020. As stated below, the Five-Year Strategic Plan identified several issue areas, including water quality and safe drinking water, as priorities for continued engagement.

*“Effective Water Treatment: Advocate for reasonable water quality standards based upon scientific and peer-reviewed health assessments that can be implemented by economically and technically feasible technology in an appropriate time frame.”*

*“Safe Drinking Water for All: Promote safe drinking and clean water solutions and advance science based, peer reviewed drinking water quality standards in a manner that protects public health, while not working against affordability. Prioritize improvement of the supply and quality of drinking water to disadvantaged communities with the annual state funding provided by SB 200 (Monning) in a timely and sustainable manner. ACWA is committed to active involvement in*

*ensuring that this funding is distributed in a solution-oriented manner that results in unsustainable systems becoming sustainable.”*

The Water Quality Committee’s priorities will continue to be influenced by the actions of state and federal regulatory agencies and by mandates set forth in legislation. The Water Quality Committee will periodically review its priorities to ensure the most efficient and effective use of the Association’s resources.

### **Water Quality Committee Priorities**

- Implement ACWA’s Water Quality Policy Principles.
- Review state and federal legislation related to water quality issues and provide recommendations to the ACWA State Legislative and Federal Affairs Committees.
- Provide technical assistance in the development of ACWA Legislative proposals.
- Coordinate with other ACWA committees, as needed, to address cross-jurisdictional water quality issues (*e.g., collaborate with the Water Management Committee on recycled water and storm water issues, consult with the Groundwater Committee on groundwater quality issues, and coordinate with the Agriculture Committee on agricultural water quality issues*).
- Strengthen partnerships with State and federal regulatory agencies by engaging on relevant issues and providing constructive, solutions-based, recommendations.
- Assist in the development of relevant ACWA conference panels.
- Strengthen partnerships with other water-related organizations, such as the California Water Association, California Municipal Utilities Association, and California-Nevada Section of the American Water Works Association.
- Continue to work with the ACWA Communications Committee to proactively address issues in the media and with the public related to public health and water quality treatment and research.

### **Safe Drinking Water Subcommittee Priorities**

The Safe Drinking Water Subcommittee monitors, informs, and provides technical input on ACWA’s activities related to the state and federal Safe Drinking Water Acts. This work includes efforts to:

- Monitor and engage on drinking water standards including maximum contaminant levels, detection levels, response levels, and notification levels.
- Monitor and participate in the development of any representations of drinking water quality information by state and federal regulatory agencies.
- Utilize workgroups to provide expertise on specific issues such as contaminants (*e.g., Hexavalent Chromium, PFAS, Perchlorate*), Environmental Laboratory Accreditation

Program, the economic feasibility of Maximum Contaminant Levels, and others as needed.

- Provide technical expertise and input to the ACWA Disadvantaged Community Task Force where appropriate.

### **Clean Water Subcommittee Priorities**

The Clean Water Subcommittee monitors, informs, and provides technical input on ACWA's activities related to the Clean Water Act, the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, and endangered species and their management. This work includes efforts to:

- Monitor and engage on statewide policies and plans, including the Toxicity Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, the Statewide Mercury Control Plan, and the dredge and fill requirements for wetlands and the definition of "waters of the state".
- Monitor and engage the State Water Resources Control Boards' (State Water Board) efforts to regulate agricultural water quality, such as discharges from agricultural land through the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, CV-SALTS, and other regulatory programs.
- Monitor and engage on storm water capture efforts and requirements associated with the State Water Board's STORMS initiative and implementation of municipal storm water permits statewide.
- Monitor and engage on federal and state Endangered Species Act implementation and reform.
- Monitor plans and programs related to the Bay-Delta, such as California WaterFix, the Delta Plan, and the State Water Resources Control Board Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan.



# ACWA Water Quality Committee Meeting

August 11, 2020 • 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Video Conference:

<https://www.gotomeet.me/RichardFilgas/acwa-water-quality-meeting>

Chair: Edgar Dymally

Vice Chair: Sarah Palmer

Staff Liaison: Adam Quiñonez

Staff Support: Richard Filgas  
Meghan Cook

## Water Quality Committee

I. Welcome & Introductions (10 min)	Edgar Dymally and Sarah Palmer
II. ACWA State Relations Update (10 min)	Adam Quiñonez
III. ACWA Federal Affairs Update (10 min)	David Reynolds

*Handwritten notes:* PFAS leg. pending, 1.5 B Spec Dist defn, 100 B Stimulus, PFAS, 1.5 B CU @ Mt Bases Sep NDA, 2.4 M USEPA REAS/PFA Des, 1.1 M TRF 2.4 US DW

## Safe Drinking Water Subcommittee

I. Subcommittee Introduction (5 min)	Edgar Dymally and Steve Bigley
II. State Water Board Update (15 min)	Melissa Hall, P.E. (Senior Water Resource Control Engineer Division of Drinking Water)
III. Regulatory Updates (10 min)	Committee members and ACWA Staff
A. MCL Economic Feasibility B. Perchlorate C. PFAS D. Other	

*Handwritten notes:* new MCLs - 3 BAT → Fall or early 2021, Perchlorate DLR Sep-Oct 2020 Method 314, Pb+Cu → USEPA then DWR, WACCA hold for USEPA, W. B. 2020 postponed, DLR MCL PHG

## Clean Water and Aquatic Resources Subcommittee

I. Subcommittee Introduction (10 min)	Edgar Dymally, David Manning, Jeremy Jungreis
II. Regulatory Updates (15 min)	Nicholas Blair
A. Toxicity Policy B. Disadvantaged Communities C. Other	
Sarah Palmer/Committee	

## Water Quality Committee

I. Committee Work Plan (20 min)	Edgar Dymally and Adam Quiñonez
II. Other Business	Committee Members

\*Speaking order is subject to change\*



## AGENDA

CSDA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Friday, August 14, 2020  
9:15 AM – 12:00 PM  
via Zoom Meeting

**CLICK HERE to join the Zoom Meeting**

Meeting ID: 828 0619 3528

Password: 783135

	<b>FUNCTION</b>	<b>PAGE</b>	<b>REPORTING</b>
<b>1. WELCOME AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM</b>	Information	Verbal	Noelle Mattock
<b>2. UPDATE ON STATUS OF THE LEGISLATURE</b>	Information	Page 3	Dillon Gibbons
<b>3. CSDA ADVOCACY ACTION PRIORITIES</b>	Action	Page 7	Dillon Gibbons
<b>4. CONSENT CALENDAR</b>	Action	Page 11	Noelle Mattock
A. Minutes (6/5/20)	Action	Page 12	Noelle Mattock
B. CONSENT: Watch	Action	Page 19	Noelle Mattock
C. CONSENT: Support	Action	Page 31	Noelle Mattock
D. CONSENT: Drop	Action	Page 32	Noelle Mattock
<b>5. CSDA POLICY PRINCIPLES</b>	Action	Page 35	Anthony Tannehill
<b>6. BALLOT MEASURES PRESENTATION</b>	Action	Page 38	Anthony Tannehill
A. Proposition 15	Presentation	Page 39	Anthony Tannehill
B. Proposition 19	Presentation	Page 43	Anthony Tannehill
C. Discussion and Recommendation	Action		
* <i>Special order of business – begins at 10:00 AM</i>			
<b>7. NEW LEGISLATION</b>	Action	Page 48	Advocacy & Public Affairs Staff
<b>8. CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE IN POSITION</b>	Action	Page 53	Advocacy & Public Affairs Staff
<b>9. ADDITIONAL BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION</b>	Action	Page 56	Noelle Mattock
Any bill not in item 4, 5, 7, or 8 that Legislative Committee members identify for action/discussion			
<b>10. UPDATE ON TRACKED LEGISLATION</b>	Information	Page 57	Advocacy & Public Affairs Staff
<b>11. ADVOCACY &amp; PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE</b>	Information	Page 69	Advocacy & Public Affairs Staff
A. Federal COVID-19 Update	Information	Page 70	Cole Karr
B. State COVID-19 Update	Information	Verbal	Alyssa Silhi
C. Emergency Waivers for Childcare Programs at Recreation and Park Districts	Information	Page 93	Anthony Tannehill
D. Districts Make the Difference Video Contest Update	Information	Page 95	Kyle Packham



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| <b>12. CSDA LEGAL ADVOCACY WORKING (LAW) GROUP</b>                                     | Information | Page 96  | Mustafa Hessabi |
| <b>13. 2021 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM</b>                                   | Information | Page 106 | Marcus Detwiler |
| <b>14. DRAFT 2021 CSDA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CALENDAR (TO BE APPROVED BY CSDA BOD)</b> | Information | Page 108 | Kyle Packham    |
| <b>15. 2021 CSDA COMMITTEE INTEREST FORM</b>   | Information | Page 109 | Kyle Packham    |
| <b>16. 2020 CSDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE &amp; EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE (CANCELED)</b>             | Information | Page 111 | Kyle Packham    |
| <b>17. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY CEO OR ADVOCACY &amp; PUBLIC AFFAIRS STAFF</b>           | Information | Verbal   |                 |
| <b>18. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>                        | Information | Verbal   |                 |
| <b>19. ADJOURN</b>   |             |          |                 |

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

CSDA Legislative Committee Meeting    November 6, 2020    Zoom Meeting

Ballot Measures Presentation - Brian Uhler Leg Anal. Office

Prop 15 <sup>1/2 Poll</sup> Property tax on commercial property > 3mm ↑ Tax revenue 6.5 mm to 11.5 mm  
NO Shift to market value taxation → local gov't + schools

19 - Property tax savings for seniors who move, Inherited property  
YES? IF used as primary residence would also qualify 1/lifetime  
Taxes ↑ new prop tax for 1/3 of 11.5 mm in local gov't 3/lifetime schools

Yes on 15 Presentation (Schools + Communities First)  
Intel, Chevron etc holding prop since the 10<sup>th</sup> paying taxes on this basis.  
Prop 13 = loophole

No on 15 presentation (Alterations to Prop 13)  
Single largest tax increase in CA history. Not exempted (based on "improvements").

Flaw 2 - Communities lose money (pers prop tax exemption by neighborhoods - SF Bay area)

Flaw 2 - Schools If counties become donor countries export tax revenue - beneficiaries would vs 10<sup>th</sup> and schools not protected

Flaw 4 - Prop tax alloc. not changed AB 8 -

Yes on 19  
New funding for Fire Protection  
75% → Fire Districts → 98/105 are underfunded  
Great support (mostly Democrats)

No on 19 Howard Jarvis - Susan Shelley Prop 19  
Repeals Prop 58 Parents → Child transfers → narrow exclusion becomes principal residence w/ 1 yr

→ Becomes an Estate or Death Tax  
→ Annual bite out of wealth transfer  
Prop 19 1/1 to live in own house 3/lifetime (which house)



AB1234 Report  
Lynne Plambeck  
ACWA Virtual WQ Com Meeting  
8-11-20

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1:00 to 3:00 PM

Pam Tobin and Steve LaMar made introductions of new staff. Reported that CA legislature leadership has said that very little non covid related bills are moving forward [ exception SB1044 prohibiting PFAS

Dave Reynolds – ACWA Washington DC office

Are trying to preserve rate help for DAC. Talked about money for PFAS cleanups in National Defense Act.

Safe Drinking sub committee

CA Water Water Div– Melissa Hall

Chrom 6 – want to have tables of how many entities are affected

EPA is working on finalizing lead and copper rule, then will try to coordinate with CA rule. Discussed concerns over how phg and dlr are set among other things.

Steve Bigley

The discussion included what was happening with PFAS – some proposing limits in the 8 to 12 range. More states are adopting MCLS including for PTWs

Clean water sub committee

Nick Blair - Toxicity policy update - State Water resources control board released draft regulations. Wanted an exemption for drinking water systems, but didn't get it in the form they wanted it. I don't understand this, but it seems to relate to fish.

Sara Palmer – VP of Water Quality Committee

Talked about WQ and DA Communities – discussed the ACWA conference presentations

Discussion of WQ work plan