

# LEGISLATION TRACKING

Letters of Support/Opposition



**REVISED 2/14/22** 

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Date	Bill/Initiative	Title	Stand	Notes	Policy*	Status
	House-version of the					
	\$1.9 trillion COVID-19	State and local government emergency assistance				
2/19/2021	Relief Package	provisions	Support	Sent our own letter to Congresman Mike Garcia	12.0	Letter sent 2/19/21
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2/4/2024		Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought	Support If	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC) Date	7.0	Letter sent 3/5/21. 6/1/21 -
3/4/2021	SB 45 (Portantino)	Preparation and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022	Amended	of Hearing: Mar 16, 21 Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee	7.0	Ordered to inactive file.
		Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership Multibenefit				
3/4/2021	SB 369 (Pan)	Program	Support	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC)	2.0	9/23/21 Chaptered
				Sent our own letter Senate Committee on Governance and Finance Chair,		
3/22/2021	SB 323 (Caballero)	Water and Sewer Service: Legal Actions	Support	Mike McGuire	9.0	9/22/21 Chaptered
						Letter sent. 5/20/21:
	AB 1500	Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought	Support If			Referred to Committee on
3/24/2021	(E. Garcia and Mullin)	Preparation and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022	Amended	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC)	7.0	Rules
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2/24/2024		Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought	Support If	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC) Date		Letter sent 3/24/21. 6/1/21 -
3/24/2021	SB 45 (Portantino)	Preparation and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022	Amended	of Hearing: Apr 8, 21 Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee	7.0	ordered to Inactive File
						Updated letter sent
						5/26/21. 9/8/21 - now a
		State Water Resiliency Act of 2021 (including				two-year bill. Moved to
3/24/2021	SB 559 (Hurtado)	repairs to SWP due to subsidence)	Support	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC)	2.0	Assembly Inactive File.
		Eligible Renewable Energy and Zero-Carbon				
3/24/2021	AB 1161 (E. Garcia)	Resources	Oppose	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC)	3.0	Letter sent 3/30/21
		Construction Manager/General Contractor				
		Procurement Method - would allow Design Build				
		and Construction Manager/General Contractor				
		processes which could accelerate project delivery				
3/30/2021	SB 626 (Dodd)	(i.e., SWP facilities)	Support	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC)	9.0	9/23/21 Chaptered
	Valley Industry	Establish funding opportunities for local small			1	
	Association (VIA)	businesses to provide financial aid for debt				
4/12/2021	SCV Helping Hand	payments	Support	Sent our own letter to Congressman Mike Garcia	9.0	Letter sent 4/13/21
		Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Sea Level Rise				Letter sent 4/22/21.
4/22/2021	AB 979 (Frazier)	Analysis Report	Oppose	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC)	10.0	5/20/21

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	Forest Health Program					
	Grant Application FY					
	2020-21/2021-22	Santa Clara River Water Arundo Removal and Fire		Sent our own letter to Ca. Department of Forestry and Fire Protection		
5/12/2021	Funding Opportunity	Resilence Program	Support	(CALFIRE)	10.0	Letter sent 5/13/21
	Drought Relief and					
	Water Infrastructure					
	Investments for					
	Inclusion in State	Support for critical funding for drought relief and				
5/26/2021	Budget	water infrastructure projects	Support	Signed on to coalition letter from The State Water Contractors (SWC)	9.0	Letter sent 5/26/21
			Oppose Unless			Letter sent 6/30/21. 9/3/21 -
6/30/2021	SB 222 (Dodd)	Water Rate Assistance Program	Amended	Sent our own letter to Assembly Member Chris Holden	9.0	moved to ASM inactive file.
						Summary from Ca.
	AB 148 (Committee on			California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program (CWWAPP)		Municipal Utilities
7/14/2021	Budget, Chair Ting)	Public Resources		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	9.0	Association
				Support the inclusion of at least \$250 million for PFAS treatment in the		
8/19/2021	Coalition PFAS Funding	Public Resources	On Watch	drought and water resilience package in the state budget	9.0	Letter sent 8/20/21
	Water Conservation					
	Rebate Tax Parity Act	Support of making water-saving rebates tax				
12/9/2021	(S.2430)	deductible and not subject to a Form 1066	Support	Signed on to coalition letter from Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE)	12.0	Letter sent 12/9/21
	Assembly Member					
	Suzette Martinez	Support Letter for SCV Water DWR Grant		Letter submitted to DWR supporting SCV Water's "2021 Urban and		Letter sent 2/10/22
2/10/2022	Valladares	Applications	Support	Multibenefit Drought Relief Funding" grant applications	4.0	(ATTACHED)
		Support Letter for SCV Water DWR Grant		Letter submitted to DWR supporting SCV Water's "2021 Urban and		Letter sent 2/11/22
2/11/2022	Senator Scott Wilk	Applications	Support	Multibenefit Drought Relief Funding" grant applications	4.0	(ATTACHED)

\* Reference to applicable section of Legislative Policy Guidelines

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Represents changes since last distribution.

#### DEFINITIONS:

enrolled: Whenever a bill passes both houses of the Legislature, it is ordered enrolled. In enrollment, the bill is again proofread for accuracy and then delivered to the

The portion of the Daily File containing legislation that is ready for floor consideration, but, for a variety of reasons, is dead or dormant. An author may **inactive file:** move a bill to the inactive file and subsequently move it off the inactive file at a later date.

Presentation of a bill before the House by reading its title. The Constitution requires a bill's title to be read three times in each House prior to its passage. A **reading:** bill is either on First, Second, or Third Reading until it is passed by both Houses.

chaptered: A bill is "chaptered" by the Secretary of State once it passes both houses and has been signed by the Governor or becomes law without the Governor's signature



February 10, 2022

California Department of Water Resources Division of Regional Assistance, Financial Assistance Branch 715 P Street, 6th Floor, Mailbox 15 Sacramento, CA 94236-0001 Attn: Linda Woolridge

# **RE:** Letter of Support for Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Funding Grant Applications

Dear Ms. Woolridge,

As the representative of the 38<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which represents the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCVWA), I am writing this letter to express my strong support for two current "2021 Urban and Multibenefit Grant Application Submissions." Below are the details of each project submitted:

### Santa Clara and Honby Wells PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvement Project

In August of 2019, the Department of Drinking Water set notification levels (NL) and response levels (RL) for various PFAS constituents. SCVWA wells were tested and as of February 2020, over 60% of the Alluvium wells exceeded the NL or RL resulting in 18 wells being taken out of service. Treatment for three of these wells has been installed, received a Division of Drinking Water permit and the wells are now operational. Thus, fifteen of SCVWA's groundwater wells are impacted by PFAS and need to be returned to service as groundwater provides approximately half of the Agency's potable water supply.

This treatment project will consist of installing pressurized vessels, associated bag filters, piping, a chlorination disinfection facility housed within a structure, along with associated electrical, supervisory control and data acquisition, water quality measuring equipment, and pump upgrades. This project is in the City of Santa Clarita's Right-of-Way between the Honby Well and the Sand Canyon Pump Station site. The vessels will be loaded with ion exchange resin which will trap the PFAS contaminants via adsorption. The treatment system will treat up to 1,500 gallons per minute (GPM) for the Santa Clara Well and 950 GPM for the Honby Well. This project will reduce PFAS constituents below State-mandated RL and restore up to 2,000 GPM of groundwater capacity enabling

the production of an estimated 1,530-acre-feet per year (AFY). The treatment will remove PFAS and restore the wells back into service.

### Saugus 3 & 4 (Replacement Wells) Well Site Equipment and Site Improvement <u>Project</u>

In recent years, the SCVWA has received notifications of its State Water Project (SWP) allocations being reduced. As more frequent dry years occur resulting in minimal SWP allocations, SCVWA has prepared a Groundwater Sustainability Plan that includes the development of additional groundwater resources to sustainably meet dry and critically dry year demands. This grant request will allow SCVWA to equip two new wells and construct site improvements to make the wells operational to augment water supplies in response to the current drought conditions.

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Again, as the representative of the SCVWA, please accept this letter in strong support for the "2021 Urban and Multibenefit Grant Application Submissions." The Santa Clara and Honby Wells PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project and the Saugus 3 & 4 Well Site Equipment and Site Improvement Project, will provide my constituents with safe and sustainable water supplies by investing in these critical groundwater projects. Thank you for your consideration of these requests, and please reach out to my office if you have any questions, (916) 319-2038.

Sincerely,

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SUZETTE MARTINEZ VALLADARES Assemblywoman, 38<sup>th</sup> District

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SENATOR SCOTT WILK SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER TWENTY-FIRST SENATE DISTRICT COMMITTEES GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION TRANSPORTATION

February 11, 2022

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Sincerely,

Scott Wick

Scott Wilk Senate Minority Leader 21<sup>st</sup> District