



Date: January 14, 2021

To: **Public Outreach and Legislation Committee**
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From: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager *SC*

The **Public Outreach and Legislation Committee** is scheduled to meet via teleconference on **Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 5:30 PM**, dial information is listed below.

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MEETING AGENDA

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Posted on January 14, 2021

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To: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency; Public Outreach & Legislation Committee
From: Van Scoyoc Associates (VSA); Geoff Bowman & Pete Evich
Date: January 11, 2021

Subject: JANUARY 2021 Report

THE BIG PICTURE

On January 6th, Congress certified the Electoral College votes thereby ensuring President-elect Joe Biden will be inaugurated as the nation's 46th President on January 20th, 2021.

Nancy Pelosi was elected speaker of the House for the 117th Congress, clinching the gavel for the fourth time. Pelosi won 216 votes to secure the speakership with five Democrats breaking ranks to support someone else or vote present. 209 Republicans voted for House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy.

Speaker Pelosi will lead one of the slimmest House majorities in decades — Democrats hold just 222 seats to Republicans' 211, with two vacancies — through the final days of President Donald Trump's tenure before preparing to usher in a new era under President-elect Joe Biden. Pelosi is only the 6th Speaker in history to win with fewer than 218 votes.

While ballot counting continues in the Georgia runoff races that will determine control of the U.S. Senate, news organizations called the races for both Democrats in their respective contests. Though both races were very close, Democrat Raphael Warnock won his contest against Kelly Loeffler, the Republican incumbent, and Jon Ossoff defeated David Perdue, the other Republican candidate in the runoff.

To secure the narrow majority, Democrats needed to win both Senate seats, which now splits the chamber 50-50 between Republicans and the Democrats, with Vice President-elect Kamala Harris casting tie-breaking votes. Democrats will control the Senate schedule, deciding on what measures can be considered for a vote by the full chamber. Under Senate rules, on most legislation, the majority will need support from 60 Senators to cut off debate and move to a vote.

This result will lead to Democrats chairing the Senate Committees, though with the slim margins bipartisanship will be required to pass most legislation. And, like the House, it is unclear in the Senate what the Member ratios on the Committees will be.

APPROPRIATIONS

After weeks of discussion, Congress finally concluded negotiations on an end-of-the-year omnibus bill to fund the federal government through September 30, 2021. Known as the “Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021” (H.R. 133), the 6,000-page bill includes \$1.4 trillion in funds to keep the federal government operating through September 30th, 2021, \$900 billion in COVID-19 response funding, and the Water Resources Development Act of 2020.

This bill was passed by Congress the evening of Monday, December 21st—the House of Representatives passed it by 327-85 and the Senate passed it by 92-6, and the President signed the bill into law on December 27th, 2020.

The following is an overview of water-related provisions of current or future interest to SCV Water.

Western Water & Indian Affairs Title

A targeted Bureau of Reclamation Western Water title was also incorporated into H.R. 133. Three of the main provisions of this section of the legislation are:

1. *WaterSMART Extension and Modification*: Increases the authorization ceiling for the WaterSMART grant program by \$170 million (from \$480 million to \$650 million), expands project applicant eligibility to allow nonprofit organizations to partner with water agencies on applications, and makes modifications to project eligibility, prioritization, and cost sharing.
2. *Reclamation Aging Infrastructure Account*: This provision would establish a program which would allow local water operators of Reclamation-owned facilities to extend project repayment contracts in order to fund severely needed, or “extraordinary” maintenance of these facilities.
3. *USBR Desalination Research and Development*: Amends the Water Desalination Act of 1996 to increase the annual authorization levels from \$3 million to \$20 million for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026. It also allows for project funding to be used for research of “modules specifically designed for brine management.”

Low Income Ratepayer Assistance Program (HHS):

H.R. 133 includes a \$638 million appropriations to establish a low-income ratepayer assistance program. The State formula funded program would be administered through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). States would be responsible for distributing the funding to water and wastewater utilities. The income threshold used in the calculation would be a 150 percent of the Federal poverty line. Three percent of the funds are reserved for Indian Tribes. Unlike the House HEROES Act version, funding to utilities would not be contingent upon the agencies adhering to a shutoff moratorium.

Rental Assistance Funding: Utility Payments Eligible Use of Funds

The package contains \$25 billion for States and local governments for rental assistance to eligible households. Acceptable uses of the rental assistance funds include current and late rent and current and late utility payments. Eligible households are defined as renter households

who: (1) have a household income not more than 80 percent of Area Median Income (AMI); (2) have one or more household members who can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and (3) have one or more household members who qualify for unemployment benefits or experienced financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the pandemic. Assistance would be prioritized for renter households whose incomes do not exceed 50 percent of AMI as well as renter households who are currently unemployed and have been unemployed for 90 or more days.

The rental assistance funds will be allocated to States and local governments using the same proportional population formula used to distribute Coronavirus Relief Fund aid in the CARES Act. One important change is that for these purposes, municipalities with populations above 200,000 will qualify for a direct allocation from the Treasury Department. All States will receive a minimum disbursement of \$200,000,000, with any direct payments to sub-units of government deducted from that total. Funds must be distributed to State and local governments within 30 days.

Water Resources Development Act of 2020

An Army Corps of Engineers water infrastructure measure called the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (WRDA) was included as part of the year-end omnibus and COVID relief legislative package. This legislation authorizes about \$9.9 billion in federal funds for 46 Army Corps of Engineers flood control, environmental restoration, coastal protection and other projects.

FY21 Energy & Water Appropriations Measure

H.R. 133 includes the final FY21 Energy and Water Appropriations measure. The funding and report language highlights of this section include:

Bureau of Reclamation Section

Bureau of Reclamation (overall)

- FY20 Enacted: \$1.68 billion
- **FY21 FINAL: \$1.69 billion**

Title XVI (BoR)

- FY20 Enacted: \$63.6 million (\$20 million for WIIN)
- **FY21 FINAL: \$63.6 million (\$20 million for WIIN)**

WIIN Desalination Grant Program (BoR)

- FY20 Enacted: \$12 million
- **FY21 FINAL: \$12 million**

WIIN WaterSMART Grant Program (BoR)

- FY20 Enacted: \$55 million
- **FY21 FINAL: \$55 million**

WIIN Water Storage Grant Program (BoR)

- FY20 Enacted: \$134 million
- **FY21 FINAL: \$134 million**

Conveyance Capacity (BoR)

- FY20 Enacted: \$0
- **FY21 FINAL: \$8 million (min.)**

Research and Development: Desalination and Water Purification (BoR)

- FY21 FINAL: \$9.5 million

Research and Development: Science and Technology (BoR)

- FY21 FINAL: \$15 million

Lower Colorado River Operations Program

- FY21 FINAL: \$37.6 million

WIIN Water Storage: Of the \$255 million of additional funding provided under the heading "Water Conservation and Delivery," \$134,000,000 shall be for water storage projects as authorized in section 4007 of the WUN Act (Public Law 114-322).

Conveyance Capacity (canals): Of the \$255 million of additional funding recommended under the heading "Water Conservation and Delivery," not less than \$8,000,000 shall be for construction activities related to projects found to be feasible by the Secretary and which are ready to initiate for the repair of critical Reclamation canals where operational conveyance capacity has been seriously impaired by factors such as age or land subsidence, especially those that would imminently jeopardize Reclamation's ability to meet water delivery obligations.

Drought Area Project Prioritization (Water Conservation, Banking, Infrastructure Projects): Of the \$255 million of additional funding recommended under the heading "Water Conservation and Delivery," \$40,000,000 shall be for water conservation and banking or infrastructure projects in areas that are experiencing extended drought conditions; and with priority for activities related to the implementation of the agreements authorized by the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan Authorization Act of 2019 (Public Law No: 116-14). These water

conservation activities shall include well construction and irrigation-related structural or other measures; programs and projects that result in conservation of surface water or groundwater; or improve water system efficiency, resiliency, reliability, delivery, and conveyance, including canal system improvements.

Environmental Restoration or Compliance (WIIN Sections 4001 and 4010): Of the additional \$42.5 million in funding provided under the heading "Environmental Restoration or Compliance," not less than \$40,000,000 shall be for activities authorized under sections 4001 and 4010 of the WIIN Act (Public Law 114-322) or as set forth in federal-state plans for restoring threatened and endangered fish species affected by the operation of Reclamation's water projects.

Lower Colorado River Operations Program —The Committee report reminds Reclamation that activities within this program – which were specifically funded at \$37.6 million in the bill - are eligible to compete for the \$255 million in additional funds provided under "Water Conservation and Delivery".

Research and Development: Desalination and Water Purification Program. —Of the \$21.5 million in funding provided for this program in the bill, \$12,000,000 shall be for desalination projects as authorized in section 4009(a) of Public Law 114-322. Reclamation is encouraged to give special consideration to drought-prone regions and in collaboration with possible partners in the Middle East, including Israel.

WaterSMART Grants: Reclamation is required to report to Congress by September 2021 on the amounts of water conserved and any increased consumptive use generated from awards made by the agency in FY20 and FY21 awards. The Reclamation report is required to highlight how much the grants would conserve annually and how the grantee was, or would be, using the conserved water, or was or would be ensuring that the conserved water did not go to increase consumptive use. The report language indicates that the Appropriations Committee is concerned that USBR conservation and efficiency grant projects may increase water scarcity at the basin scale by allowing conservation grant recipients to use conserved water for consumptive use. Additional WaterSMART report language states that Reclamation is encouraged to prioritize eligible water conservation projects that will provide water supplies to meet the needs of threatened and endangered species.

Army Corps of Engineers Section

USACE (Total Budget)

- FY20 Enacted: \$7.65 billion
- **FY21 FINAL: \$7.8 billion**

Environmental Infrastructure

- FY20 Enacted: \$100 million
- **FY21 FINAL: \$100 million**

Environmental Infrastructure (Selections Metrics & Briefing to the Committee): The Appropriations Committee reminds the Army Corps that it was directed to develop metrics for the selection of environmental infrastructure projects that receive funds and provide a report on such metrics to Congress. The Corps shall brief the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act on the status of these efforts. Additionally, the Corps shall include in this briefing: a comprehensive listing of all authorized environmental infrastructure authorities, including total costs; a snapshot of all environmental infrastructure authorities funded in the last 10 years; and a plan for how the metrics for prioritization of environmental infrastructure projects may guide the Corps' future funding considerations under the program.

Environmental Infrastructure (New Starts): The report states that the Corps may allocate funds to at least one, but not more than two environmental infrastructure authorities not previously funded, which may include regional environmental infrastructure authorities.

Environmental Infrastructure Projects (Priority Consideration): The report states that when allocating the Environmental Infrastructure account funds provided in the bill, the Corps shall consider giving priority to the following:

“Projects with the greater economic impact, projects in rural communities, projects in communities with significant shoreline and instances of runoff, projects in or that benefit counties or parishes with high poverty rates, projects owed past reimbursements, projects in financially-distressed municipalities, projects that improve stormwater capture capabilities, projects that provide backup raw water supply in the event of an emergency, and projects that will provide substantial benefits to water quality improvements.”

FY21 Interior-EPA Appropriations Measure

H.R. 133 includes the final FY21 Interior-EPA appropriations measure. The funding and report language highlights of this section include:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Section

EPA

- FY20 Enacted: \$9.06 billion
- **FY21 Final: \$9.24 billion**

Clean Water SRF (EPA)

- FY20 Enacted: \$1.639 billion
- **FY21 Final: \$1.639 billion**

Drinking Water SRF (EPA)

- FY20 Enacted: \$1.64 billion
- **FY21 Final: \$1.126 billion**

Sewer Overflow and Storm Reuse (EPA)

- FY20 Enacted: \$28 million
- **FY21 FINAL: \$40 million**

Sewer Overflow Control Grants.—The bill provides \$40,000,000 for Combined Sewer Overflow Grants. The Committees are aware that the Agency published a proposed State allocation formula in the Federal Register on August 4, 2020. The Committees urges the Agency to expeditiously finalize its allocation scheme so that States may begin awarding grants to projects that manage, reduce, or capture stormwater, or that otherwise improve municipal wastewater systems, thereby reducing flood risk, protecting public health, and enhancing the economic vitality of the community.

WIFIA Program. — The bill provides a total of \$65,000,000 for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program. Of the amount provided, \$5,000,000 shall be for implementation of the SRF WIN Act, as authorized by section 4201 of Public Law 115-270.

PFAS and Contaminants of Emerging Concern. -The Committees provides no less than \$49,011,000, a \$10,011,000 increase above the fiscal year 2020 enacted levels, for the Agency to continue taking action on PFAS, including addressing contamination, conducting research, and undertaking needed regulatory actions. Of this total, \$20,000,000 is provided for support to States to address PFAS through treatment, remediation, and cleanup. Within 60 days of enactment of this Act, the Agency is directed to brief the Committees on planned fiscal year

2021 PFAS related actions and provide the Committees with a spend plan which details funding at the program project level.

PFAS Action Plan Funding.—Of the funds provided to the Office of Research and Development, no less than \$20,000,000 shall be for priority actions under the PFAS Action Plan, an increase of \$2,000,000.

PFAS MCL for Drinking Water - The Committees note that the Agency's published "Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Action Plan" calls for moving forward with the maximum contaminant level process outlined in the Safe Drinking Water Act (Public Law 93-523) for PFAS chemicals. The Committees support this action and urge the Agency to Act expeditiously on this matter. The Committees direct the Agency to brief the Committees within 60 days of enactment of this Act about its plans for this action.

PFAS Enforcement— The bill provides for not less than \$17,500,000 for priority actions under the PFAS Action Plan, an increase of not less than \$2,500,000.

PFAS in Watersheds and Aquifers: The bill includes \$2,700,000 for research on the transmission of PFAS in watersheds and aquifers.

-VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL-

January 11, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: Steve Cole, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

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

SUBJECT: January Report

To start the year, Governor Newsom unveiled his record-breaking \$227.2 billion-dollar budget proposal. His budget focused heavily on COVID-19 response, economic recovery, reopening schools, housing, and wildfire resiliency. The Governor has requested lawmakers to immediately act on a few key proposals that can't wait until June 30th deadline, when a final budget will be approved after months of negotiation. It's anticipated that the Legislature will act on many of the Governor's key proposal which include the following:

- Extending the eviction moratorium and distributing \$2.6 billion in federal funds for low-income renters and small landlords.
- Approving \$2.4 billion to send \$600 stimulus checks to 4 million low-income workers, including undocumented immigrants who pay taxes.
- Approving a \$2 billion plan that would incentivize schools to reopen campuses.
- Approving \$575 million in small-business grants.
- Approving \$250 million to help build permanently affordable housing.
- Approving \$70 million in small-business fee relief.

Furthermore, some lawmakers have returned to Sacramento for the 2021-22 legislative session, while others are participating remotely. Legislators have begun introducing their legislative packages for the year and must have them finalized by the bill introduction deadline of February 19th. As of today, 203 Senate Bills and 214 Assembly Bills have been introduced. To our knowledge, Leadership in both the Senate and Assembly have not signaled to their membership to reduce the total number of bills they carry.

As the month progresses, we commit to providing timely updates on all budget actions that are taken and bill introductions of interest to SCVWA.

Legislative Bond Proposal(s)

Senator Anthony Portantino has introduced SB 45, "the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022." The introduced bill is a reintroduction of year's bond proposal that was authored by Senator Ben Allen, which was "held" by the Assembly Rules Committee. In our conversation with Senator Portantino's staff, they will be working directly with Senate Leadership and the Natural Resources and Water Committee on the policy as the year progresses. Additionally, we anticipate another legislative bond proposal to be introduced by

Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia. He too had a proposal last year that was also held by the Assembly Rules Committee.

2021 Legislative Tracking

SB 45 (Portantino) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022.

This bill would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022, 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.

Status: Introduced pending referral.

Position: Watch

SB 52 (Dodd) State of emergency: local emergency: sudden and severe energy shortage: planned power outage.

This bill would expand the definition of “sudden and severe energy shortage” to include a “deenergization event,” defined as a planned power outage, as specified, and would make a deenergization event one of those conditions constituting a state of emergency and a local emergency.

Status: Introduced, pending referral.

Position: Watch

AB 62 (Gray) Income taxes: credits: costs to comply with COVID-19 regulations.

This bill will provide a tax credit for essential and small businesses seeking to comply with COVID-19 regulations adopted by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board on November 19, 2020, relating to COVID-19 prevention and approved by the Office of Administrative Law.

Status: Introduced, pending referral.

Position: Watch

AB 100 (Holden) Drinking water: pipes and fittings: lead content.

The act prohibits the use of any pipe, pipe or plumbing fitting or fixture, solder, or flux that is not lead free in the installation or repair of any public water system or any plumbing in a facility providing water for human consumption. The act defines “lead free” for purposes of conveying or dispensing water for human consumption to mean not more than 0.2% lead when used with respect to solder and flux and not more than a weighted average of 0.25% lead when used with respect to the wetted surfaces of pipes and pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures.

Status: Introduced, pending referral.

Position: Watch

Governor’s 2021 Proposed Budget

On Friday, Governor Gavin Newsom submitted his 2021-22 State Budget proposal to the Legislature – a record breaking \$227.2 billion fiscal blueprint that provides funding for immediate COVID-19 response and relief efforts where Californians need it most, while making investments for an inclusive and broad-based economic recovery.

The Budget reflects \$34 billion in budget resiliency – budgetary reserves and discretionary surplus including:

- \$15.6 billion in the Budget Stabilization Account (Rainy Day Fund) for fiscal emergencies;
- \$3 billion in the Public-School System Stabilization Account;
- \$2.9 billion in the state’s operating reserve; and
- \$450 million in the Safety Net Reserve.
- \$15 billion operating state surplus.

Overall, the Budget continues progress in paying down the state’s retirement liabilities and reflects \$3 billion in additional payments required by Proposition 2 in 2021-22 and nearly \$6.5 billion over the next three years. The improved revenue picture allows the state to delay \$2 billion in scheduled program suspensions for one year.

Below are key highlights from the Governor’s proposed budget on Natural Resources and Water:

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Voluntary Agreement Funding—\$125 million in Proposition 68 funds for the Protecting California’s Rivers, Streams and Watersheds Program for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Sustainable Groundwater—\$60 million one-time General Fund (\$30 million in 2020-21 and \$30 million in 2021-22) for grants to support local planning and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans across critically over-drafted basins.

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION (CAL FIRE)

Wildfire and Forest Resilience – To address the scale and urgency of wildfire risks, the Budget includes \$1 billion to support the Forest Management Task Force’s Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan, including \$323 million proposed for early action in 2020-21 to accelerate fire prevention projects that protect communities and other efforts to jumpstart economic recovery in the forest sector. This comprehensive strategy supports investments in the following priorities:

- Resilient Forests and Landscapes—\$512 million to enhance wildfire resilience across California’s diverse landscapes by thinning forests, replanting trees and utilizing prescribed fire, which will also improve biodiversity, watershed health, carbon sequestration, air quality, and recreation.
- Wildfire Fuel Breaks—\$335 million for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the California Conservation Corps to complete at least 45 to 60 strategic fuel breaks projects each year over the next several years.
- Community Hardening—\$38 million to increase the resilience of the state’s most fire-vulnerable communities.
- Science-Based Management—\$39 million to support rigorous monitoring and robust scientific inquiry necessary to achieve effective, long-term forest health and restoration in the face of a dynamic environment of high-severity wildfire and climate change.
- Forest Sector Economic Stimulus—\$76 million to invest in innovative projects and workforce preparedness in the forest sector.

- The Budget also includes statutory changes to make \$200 million of Cap-and-Trade funding for CAL FIRE’s forest health and fire prevention programs available for an additional five years, beyond the existing 2023-24 sunset date.

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Cap and Trade – The Budget proposes a \$1.37 billion Cap and Trade Expenditure Plan for existing programs, including several early actions for 2020-21. The proposed Expenditure Plan advances the state’s priorities on environmental justice and protects public health by delivering clean air and safe and affordable drinking water (\$130 million total).

Regulatory

- State Water Resources Control Board announced their new Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Advisory Group Members:
 - Jianmin Huang, Yolo County Environmental Health
 - Castulo Estrada, Voachella Valley Water District
 - Emily Rooney, Agricultural Council of California
 - Michael Rincon, Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles
 - Jonathan Nelson, Community Water Center
 - Michael S. Prado Sr., Sultana Community Services District
 - Jonathan Rash, Indian Health Service
 - Sandra Chavez, Domestic Well Owner- Porterville
 - Horacio Amezquita, San Jerarado Cooperative, Inc.
 - Maria Luisa Munoz, Public Water System Resident
- The Governor’s Forest Management Task Force today issued a comprehensive action plan to reduce wildfire risk for vulnerable communities, improve the health of forests and wildlands and accelerate action to combat climate change. The Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan sets a broadly supported strategy to increase the pace and scale of forest and wildland management to meet the state’s target of completing projects on 500,000 acres annually by 2025 and expanding the use of prescribed fire, particularly on state-owned lands. The plan calls for achieving these goals largely through regional strategies tailored to the environmental conditions, risks and priorities in each area. The plan also centers on building a large network of fuel breaks around vulnerable communities, expanding home hardening, defensible space and preparedness planning to create wildfire-adapted communities, and sustaining the economic vitality of rural forested areas. The plan can be found [HERE](#).

California Advocates, Inc. Activity Report

- Participated in daily briefings for COVID-19 and pass along pertinent information to SCVWA staff.
- Participated in ACWA MMLG meeting.
- Participated in conversation with Senator Portantino’s Chief of Staff and Legislative Director on the bond proposal introduction (SB 45).
- Participated in a briefing and Q&A session on the Governors “Climate and Natural Resources Executive Orders” (N 79-20 & N 82-20), with California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Environmental Protection Jared Blumenfeld, and Food and AG Secretary Karen Ross.

- Participated in the SWC “Subsidence Funding Strategy” Zoom meeting.
- Participated in the Governor’s 2021 Proposed Budget briefing by agency leaders, California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Environmental Protection Jared Blumenfeld; Kate Gordon, the Governor’s Senior Policy Advisor on Climate and Director of the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research; and Department of Finance Assistant Program Budget Manager Matt Almy.
- Participated in Zoom “Meet and Greet” with Assemblymember Suzette Martinez Valladares who represents SCVWA.
- Participated in Teams Meeting with SCVWA on “Water Rate Assistance” legislation.

Important Dates and Deadlines for 2021

January:

- Jan. 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Jan. 22 – Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.

February:

- Feb. 15 – Presidents' Day.
- Feb. 19 – Last day for bills to be introduced.

March:

- Mar. 25 – Spring Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(a)(2)). (add to calendar)
- Mar. 31 – Cesar Chavez Day observed.

April

- Apr. 5 – Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess.
- Apr. 30 – Last day for policy committees to meet and report to fiscal committees’ fiscal bills introduced in their house.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: STEVE COLE, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY

FROM: HUNT BRALY

RE: November 2020 and December 2020 Report

DATE: 1-11-2021

I have provided a synopsis of activities performed on behalf of the Agency in November and December.

1. Continued to work with staff regarding PFAS Contamination issue.
2. Continued to participate in efforts with Federal Advocates potential federal legislation and funding opportunities.
3. Continued to work with staff on Groundwater Management Committee. Attended Virtual GSA Stakeholder Advisory Committee on November 18 and the Public Workshop on November 14.

RECURRING ACTIVITIES/MEETING ATTENDANCE:

4. Safe, Clean Water Program (Measure W) Watershed Area Steering Committee Santa Clara River Meeting was held for the first time since May on November 5. Little activity has been occurring and the focus has been preparing for the selection of the Watershed Coordinators. The interviews were held on December 15 and selection will occur in January.
5. Attended Virtual City Council Meeting on November 10. The key items were:
 - Adopted the City's Santa Clarita 2021 Executive and Legislative Platform..
 - Awarded a contract for the Pioneer Oil Refinery stabilization, including the protection of six structures on the site, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$264,758.
 - Adopted a Resolution approving a Disposition Development Agreement, and Affordable Housing Regulatory Agreement and a Grant Deed to transfer property to Family Promise of Santa Clarita Valley, a local non-profit homeless service provider, for the future development of an affordable housing project inclusive of administrative offices for permanent operations.

-Conducted a public hearing and approved the proposal for the Bouquet Canyon Project (Master Case 18-089), a residential community consisting of up to 375 attached and detached, two-story, for-sale housing units with related infrastructure, dedicated open space areas, trails, recreation areas and landscape elements located in the community of Saugus. There was significant public input with the opposition centered on traffic, open space and impacts on Bouquet Creek and the decrease in percolation due to the construction of a hard bottom in addition to the maintenance of a natural channel. City Council removed units on the south side of new Bouquet, required the 40 acres of Open Space that was to be acquired be dedicated to the City, and enhance the trail head requirement. The project was approved on a 4-0 vote.

Attended Virtual City Council Meeting on November 24.

The key issues at the meeting were:

-Conducted a public hearing on the 2020 Unified Development Code Update.

-Received a staff report on revisions to the Patios Connection Project which will retain the Costco development, but eliminate the theatre and gym. This was an informational item only and no decision was before the Council. Westfield will have to propose the specific changes and obtain administrative approval.

Attended Virtual City Council Reorganization and Regular Meeting on December 8.

Bob Kellar attended his last Council meeting and Bill Miranda was elected to his first term as Mayor. Jason Gibbs was sworn in as the newest councilmember.

The Agenda was light with the main item being the Mid Year Budget Adjustment. Revenues were increased by \$3.2 million coming from sales tax, Cares act, property taxes and development. There was a decrease in the Hotel Occupancy taxes. The City retained a 20% reserve of 17.6 million reserve. Expenses were increased 16.2 million with all but \$2 million being capital projects.

Public comments included a request that the comment period on the Sand Canyon Resort be extended from 60 days for an additional 60 days. The City Manager indicated that decision would be up to the Planning Commission. The normal review period is 45 days and the City had added an initial 15 days. The next Planning Commission meeting on this issue is January 19.

6. Participate in the Virtual November 19 Public Outreach and Legislation Committee.
7. Monitored and reviewed Agency Board Agendas.
8. Reviewed weekly emails regarding articles of interest from Agency.



COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 21, 2021
TO: Public Outreach and Legislation Committee
FROM: Steve Cole
Assistant General Manager *SC*
SUBJECT: Review of Agency's Legislative Platform

SUMMARY

Each year the Board of Directors adopts a Legislative Platform to direct staff and advocacy consultants when evaluating proposed legislation that may impact SCV Water. The Platform allows staff to act quickly in responding to requests, for example, for letters of support or opposition to fast-moving legislation or other regulatory action.

DISCUSSION

The 2020 Legislative Platform is attached. There were no circumstances this year which were not covered by the Platform, so no changes are recommended. The platform provides a clear understanding of our objectives in general, provides a solid foundation for our work going forward, and affords flexibility in carrying out the mission of the Agency.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Outreach and Legislation Committee consider staff's recommendation of approval of the 2021 Legislative Platform.

Attachment

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2020 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Approved December 17, 2019

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SCV WATER 2020 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

APPROVED: DECEMBER 17, 2019

1.0 **PURPOSE**

These policy guidelines incorporate specific positions adopted by the Board of Directors and are intended to direct SCV Water staff and SCV Water's legislative advocates when evaluating proposed legislation that may impact SCV Water, the retail divisions or their customers. Legislation that meets or fails to meet the principles set forth in the guidelines may be supported or opposed accordingly. Legislation that does not meet the principles set forth in the guidelines or that has potentially complicated or varied implications will not be acted upon by staff or the legislative advocates and will instead be presented to the Board directly for guidance in advance of any position being taken. Additionally, legislation is presented to the Board for action when a Board vote is necessary to strengthen SCV Water's position on a bill. Following these guidelines allows staff to respond to legislation in a timely manner.

2.0 **IMPORTED WATER SUPPLY**

It is SCV Water's policy to support:

- 1) Development of a long-term state water plan that balances California's competing water needs with environmental restoration and results in a reliable supply of high-quality water for the Santa Clarita Valley.
- 2) Implementation of a long-term, comprehensive solution for the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (the Delta) that:
 - a) Provides reliable water supplies to meet California's short- and long-term needs.
 - b) Improves the ability to transport water across the Delta either for, or in supplement to, State Water Project deliveries, and addresses Delta levee stability cost effectively and efficiently.
 - c) Improves the quality of water delivered from the Delta.
 - d) Addresses the Bay-Delta's ecological health in a balanced manner that takes into account all factors that have contributed and are contributing to the Delta's degradation.
 - e) Encourages cost-effective water-use efficiency measures.
 - f) Increases storage, particularly south of the Delta, in a manner that does not detrimentally impact the water supply availability and reliability of the State Water Project.

- 3) Implementation of measures that enhance the cost-effective and efficient operation of State Water Project facilities.

It is SCV Water's policy to oppose:

- 1) Legislation that would make urban water supplies less reliable, or would substantially increase the cost of imported water without also improving the reliability and/or quality of such water.
- 2) Revisions to the federal Central Valley Project (CVP) Improvement Act that would jeopardize the Delta's environmental integrity, compromise State Water Project supply availability and/or reliability and/or limit the ability of urban agencies to transfer and/or bank CVP water.

3.0 ENERGY

It is SCV Water's policy to support legislation that:

- 1) Assists water agencies in obtaining reliable energy at reasonable costs.
- 2) Aids utilities in achieving energy efficiency improvements.
- 3) Provides for consistency in renewable energy pricing.

It is SCV Water's policy to oppose legislation that:

- 1) Imposes additional regulatory burdens on the State Water Project, water agencies and their power providers that reduces energy availability and/or reliability or increases energy costs.

4.0 LOCAL WATER RESOURCES

It is SCV Water's policy to support legislation that:

- 1) Provides federal and state funding for water conservation efforts, improvements in technology, water recycling, groundwater recovery and recharge, desalination, climate change studies and surface water development projects.
- 2) Authorizes and/or facilitates expanded use of local water resources including water recycling.
- 3) Authorizes local governmental agencies to regulate the discharge of contaminants to the sewer collection system that may adversely affect water recycling and reuse.
- 4) Facilitates public understanding of and support for programs and projects that enhance the quality, reliability and supply of local water resources.
- 5) Encourages and/or funds watershed-based integrated water resource management and planning.
- 6) Removes barriers that restrict ability of local government to develop recycled water.

- 7) Facilitates the sustainable management of groundwater resources.

It is SCV Water's policy to oppose legislation that:

- 1) Restricts the ability of local governmental agencies to develop their local resources in a cost-effective, efficient and environmentally sensitive manner.

5.0 WATER USE EFFICIENCY

It is SCV Water's policy to support legislation that:

- 1) Ensures accurate reporting of the implementation of water efficiency measures such as the urban Best Management Practices.
- 2) Sets cost-effective efficiency standards for water-using devices.
- 3) Provides loans and grants to fund incentives for water conserving devices or practices.
- 4) Provides federal and state funding to improve water use efficiency technologies.
- 5) Grants flexibility in available methods for water agencies to meet state water conservation goals.

It is SCV Water's policy to oppose legislation that:

- 1) Fails to ensure balance in the implementation of water efficiency practices and requirements for both urban and agricultural use.
- 2) Results in measures that would not be cost-effective for the Santa Clarita Valley.

6.0 WATER QUALITY

It is SCV Water's policy to support legislation that:

- 1) Protects and/or improves the quality of surface water and groundwater.
- 2) Provides funding to help agencies meet state and federal water quality standards.
- 3) Establishes and/or implements standards for water-borne contaminants based on sound science and with consideration of cost-effectiveness.

It is SCV Water's policy to oppose legislation that:

- 1) Could compromise the quality of surface water and groundwater supplies.
- 2) Establishes and/or implements standards for water-borne contaminants without regard for technical feasibility, sound science or consideration of cost-effectiveness.

7.0 SUSTAINABLE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

It is SCV Water's policy to support legislation that:

- 1) Advances science relating to impacts of climate change on precipitation patterns and the manner in which operation of existing water resources infrastructure may be optimized.

8.0 WATER TRANSFERS

It is SCV Water's policy to support legislation that:

- 1) Encourages and facilitates voluntary water transfers.
- 2) Streamlines the permitting and approval process for implementing transfers.
- 3) Provides appropriate protection or mitigation for impacts on the environment, aquifers, water-rights holders and third parties to the transfer, including those with interests in the facilities being used.
- 4) Encourages transfers that augment existing water supplies, especially in dry years.
- 5) Encourages use of available capacity in existing facilities to advance voluntary transfers of water.

It is SCV Water's policy to oppose legislation that:

- 1) Detrimentally impacts the operations and maintenance of conveyance systems.
- 2) Interferes with the financial integrity of sound water management practices.

9.0 ADMINISTRATIVE AND FISCAL POLICY

It is SCV Water's policy to support legislation that:

- 1) Requires the federal and state governments to provide a subvention to reimburse local governments for all mandated costs or regulatory actions.
- 2) Maintains the multi-county ERAF (Education Revenue Augmentation Fund) exemption.
- 3) Fosters public understanding of government activities and decision-making processes while not imposing unreasonable administrative or financial burdens.

It is SCV Water's policy to oppose legislation that:

- 1) Is inconsistent with SCV Water's current investment policies and practices.
- 2) Pre-empts SCV Water's ability to impose or change water rates, fees, or assessments.
- 3) Impairs SCV Water's ability to maintain reasonable reserve funds.
- 4) Impairs SCV Water's ability to provide service at reasonable costs to its retail purveyors.
- 5) Makes any unilateral reallocation of SCV Water revenues, or those of its retail purveyors.

10.0 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

It is SCV Water's policy to support legislation that:

- 1) Enhances the environment of the state of California in a balanced, cost-effective manner.
- 2) Enhances the environment of the Santa Clarita Valley in a balanced, cost-effective manner.
- 3) Protects the quality and quantity of California and the Santa Clarita Valley water supplies.

It is SCV Water's policy to oppose legislation that:

- 1) Imposes additional costs, bureaucracy or legal obligations on water suppliers to meet environmental regulations.

11.0 LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT


Refer specific legislation, whether of local or statewide interest, to the Board of Directors.

12.0 INITIATION OF LEGISLATION

Legislation relevant to the interests of SCV Water shall be initiated at the direction of the Board of Directors in coordination with the appropriate legislative advocate.



COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 21, 2021
TO: Public Outreach and Legislation Committee
FROM: Steve Cole
Assistant General Manager 
SUBJECT: Discussion of Consolidated Communications Efforts

SUMMARY

SCV Water is undertaking multiple planning efforts designed to effectively manage the water supply for our customers, ensuring they have access to reliable water today and tomorrow. These efforts, part of a multi-year process, will advance several regional water plans and programs that enhance water reliability, quality, environmental sustainability, and delivery.

We are engaged in strategic outreach efforts in conjunction with our major planning efforts and projects. A multi-pronged approach supports each effort to reach a large cross section of our customers and ensure that they are informed and engaged in these important processes. We continue to communicate effectiveness, efficiencies and regional stewardship and are building stronger relationships with those we serve. It is about transparency, accountability and customer service.

To that end, back in September 2020, we briefed you on the beginning of several efforts that getting under way. Since then, we have put together a strategy that comprise a combination of public meetings, collateral materials, website updates, social media and direct communication via *Water Currents*.

We launched an online dashboard (<https://yourscvwater.com/planning/>) where members of the public can learn more about each of the planning projects, sign up for regular updates, learn about upcoming public events and other participation opportunities and more. Our commitment to the public is that we believe they must be involved in these efforts and want to offer as many opportunities for them to engage as possible throughout each project.

SCV WATER PLANNING EFFORTS & PROJECTS

Water for Today & Tomorrow



Groundwater Sustainability Plan



Urban Water Management Plan



Water Shortage Contingency Plan



Recycled Water Planning



Rate Case Planning



PFAS

To learn more visit: www.yourSCVwater.com/planning

Below is an additional summary of our recent outreach efforts and our upcoming activities.

DISCUSSION

These are the planning efforts and projects underway:

Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP)

SCV Water is preparing the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Update. The update is a requirement of the California Urban Water Management Planning Act and other applicable laws. Urban water suppliers like SCV Water prepare an UWMP every five years. This plan directs water suppliers' long-term resource planning to ensure adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water needs. We have created a short video to explain the elements and importance of an UWMP. It can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/UeLntdfjuus>

On November 18, 2020, we held our first virtual public workshop. The meeting was an opportunity to inform stakeholders and the public about the UWMP process, gather input and provided a public comment/question portion. A summary of the workshop, along with a video recording can be viewed at <https://yourscvwater.com/uwmp/>

We have scheduled the second virtual public workshop for Wednesday, February 17 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This workshop will be an opportunity to continue soliciting input and feedback from the public and to provide an update on the analysis and work to date.

Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP)

SCV Water is preparing the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). The plan is a requirement of the California Urban Water Management Planning Act and other applicable laws and directs the suppliers' long-term resource planning. To improve water conservation and water shortage planning, the WSCP will enable SCV Water to prioritize mitigation actions when water shortage conditions occur, such as drought, earthquakes, fires, or other catastrophic events.

SCV Water is holding our first virtual public workshop on Thursday, January 28 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The workshop will address how we are prioritizing mitigation actions under a variety of water conditions with time for the public to give input and ask questions. You can learn more about this virtual workshop and how to participate by visiting <https://yourscvwater.com/wscp/>

Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)

Per the Sustainability Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014, water agencies must form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) and develop a plan that demonstrates management and use of groundwater in a manner that can be maintained during the planning and implementation horizon without causing undesirable results. By January 2022, the SCV-GSA will develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) tailored to the resources and needs within our community and a goal to achieve sustainable groundwater management within 20 years.

SCV-GSA is committed to public participation and will communicate with interested individuals and organizations (stakeholders) to share information and obtain input on GSP development.

The next virtual public workshop is on March 10 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. It will focus on the sustainable management criteria and provide an opportunity for public input and feedback. To learn more visit <https://scvgsa.org/public-input/>

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Ensuring water that is safe to drink and reaches your home 24/7 is a top priority for our SCV Water team. For nearly two years, our forward-thinking team has been hard at work tackling per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in our water supply to ensure that residents of the Santa Clarita Valley have a safe, reliable water supply.

PFAS are found in thousands of commonly used products, like non-stick cookware, food wrappers, firefighting foam and cleaning products. While we did not place these chemicals in our water, tiny amounts of PFAS have entered our water supply through manufacturing sites, landfills and wastewater discharge.

Recent accomplishments:

- Celebrating the completion of our first PFAS water treatment facility
- Working on additional PFAS treatment facilities
- Receiving statewide and regional honors for our ongoing PFAS community outreach
- Filing a lawsuit against several large corporations for their roles in introducing PFAS into our water supply

Learn more at <https://yourscvwater.com/pfas/>.

Rate Case

SCV Water is undertaking the first consolidated rate case, working to transition to a single rate across divisions. With the merger of four separate water entities, and now the PFAS crisis, it is important that we convey the rate story in a way that allows customers to understand and participate in the process.

The Finance and Administration Committee has engaged in several discussions, and the item comes to the full Board of Directors on February 2. Still ahead is the preparation, approval and mailing of the Proposition 218 notice to all customers (anticipated mailing date of March 31,

2021). Public workshops will be offered in April, prior to the public hearing and decision by the Board on May 18, 2021.

A webpage is being developed at <https://yourscvwater.com/rateplanning/>.

Recycled Water Planning

Recycled water has been used in SCV Water's service area since 2003. Most of the recycled water from the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District's Valencia Water Reclamation Plant is released into the Santa Clara River, but we purchase approximately 475 acre-feet per year to supply 13 irrigation sites including a golf course, a shopping center, and 11 street medians.

In the next few years, SCV Water is proposing to expand the use of recycled water to additional users throughout the Santa Clarita Valley. In Fall 2020, we conducted a series of listening sessions with stakeholders representing various perspectives and interests around Santa Clara River watershed management and water recycling. This information will be used as we determine the next steps in the process, and how best to incorporate expanded recycled water use into our water resource planning efforts.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None associated with this discussion. Each project has its own budget.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is provided for informational purposes.

**Public Outreach
Matrix of Selected Activities
December 2020**

Website Statistics	December		
Total users	22,635		Users who have initiated at least one session during the date range
Total Page Views	50,912		Total number of pages viewed. Repeated views of a single page are counted.
Most Popular Content			
Home page	15,155		
Customer Care	5,220		Customer Care (pay; locate division; start/stop; etc)
Save Water & Money	1,374		Conservation programs
Water Quality	731		
Connect	485		Contact Us
Digital Outreach	As of 1/8/21		
Social Media			Notable activity
Facebook	723 likes 811 follows		55% increase since Jan 2020
Instagram	1235		18% increase since Jan 2020
Twitter	1,010		9% increase since Jan 2020
Constant Contact	NOVEMBER		
Water Currents eNewsletter	18,401		Open rate: 26% (average industry open rate 21.64%)
Virtual Gardening Class News Blast	18,424		
Education	2020 Totals		
School Ed - Students	2,073		In-person classes prior to COVID-19
School Ed - Teachers	150		
Virtual School Education Program (Students)	583		December 2020; Virtual program began in mid-October
In-Person Gardening Classes (Saturdays/Evenings)	63		In-person classes Jan – Feb 2020; Classes on hold from March – July due to COVID-19
Virtual Garden Classes (Saturdays) (August – December)	November 31	226 total	November class: Irrigation Basics for a Sustainable Landscape
	December 38		December class: Managing Soils and Fertilizers in the SCV

* Data not available yet
(updated: January 8, 2021)

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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
4/20/2020	AB 2182 (Rubio)	Emergency Backup Generators: Water & Wastewater Facilities	Support	Sent our own letter to Chair, Assembly Committee on Natural Resources Laura Friedman	3.0	Letter sent
4/20/2020	SB 1099 (Dodd)	Emergency Backup Generators: Critical Facilities Exemption	Support	Sent our own letter to Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee Ben Allen	3.0	Letter sent
5/28/2020	S. 3811 (Feinstein)	Restoration of Essential Conveyance Act, legislation that would authorize federal funding to repair critical water supply infrastructure associated with the Ca. Aqueduct	Support	Sent our own thank you letter to Senator Dianne Feinstein	2.0	Letter sent
6/9/2020	S. 2044	Comments to support the inclusion of section 2 of S. 2044, the Water Supply Infrastructure Rehabilitation & Utilization Act as an amendment to S. 3422 the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA)	Support	Sent our own letter to Senator Dianne Feinstein and Senator Kamala Harris	7.0	Letter sent
6/29/2020	H.R.2 (Moving Forward Act)	Amendment to H.R. 2 "Moving Forward Act"	Support	Sent our own thank you letter to Congressman Mike Garcia	9.0	Letter sent
7/7/2020	SB 1044 (Allen)	Firefighting Equipment & Foam which prohibits the use of PFAS chemicals	Support	Sent our own letter requesting Governor Newsom Signature	10.0	Letter sent 9/3/20
7/7/2020	AB 2560 (Quirk)	Amends CA Safe Drinking Water Act to require SWRCB to comply with specified public notice/comment procedures when revising (most) NLs and RLs	Support	Sent our own letter requesting Governor Newsom Signature	6.0	Bill passed. Enrolled 9/1/2020 - Sent letter to Governor 9/3/20
7/21/2020	AB 1720 (Carrillo)	Long Duration Energy Storage Procurement	Oppose Unless Amended	Signed on to coalition letter to Assembly Member Wendy Carrillo. CPUC also filed opposition.	3.0	Letter sent. 8/3 hearing postponed by committee
7/24/2020	EPA WaterSense Program	Response to EPA announcement that after a review of product performance criteria, they were not making any changes in specifications, and to consider adding consumer satisfaction to the specifications.	Support of the WaterSense program	Signed on to coalition letter from The Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE)	5.0	Letter sent

Date	Bill/Initiative	Title	Stand	Notes	Leg. Policy*	Status
8/7/2020	AB 3030 (Kalra)	Comments to oppose unless amended with ACWA's recommendations	Oppose Unless Amended	Signed on to coalition letter to Senator Henry Stern	7.0	Letter sent. 8/19 - placed on suspense file
9/3/2020	SB1386 (Moorlach)	Protect fire hydrant system funding and ensure public water suppliers can operate water systems to supply their customers & to fight fires	Support	Sent our own letter requesting Governor Newsom Signature	9.0	Letter sent 9/3/20
12/3/2020	Surplus Land Act Draft Guidelines	Comments to oppose unless amended with CSDA's recommendations	Oppose Unless Amended	Sent our own letter Ca. Dept of Housing and Community Development	11.0	Letter sent 12/3/20

* Reference to applicable section of Legislative Policy Guidelines

Updated: Jan 8, 21

 Represents changes since last distribution.

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY GRANT SUMMARY									ITEM NO. 5.3
Grant	Start Date	End Date	# of SCVWA Projects within Grant	SCV Water Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Funding	Required Funding Match (Non-State/Federal Share)	Other Non-State/Federal Share	% Grant Share Billed on Funder Approved Invoices*
DWR Prop 84 Round 1 Implementation	4/10/2012	3/31/2022	4	1. Grant Administration 2. SCV Water Use Efficiency Plan 3. Santa Clara River Sewer Truck Line Relocation 4. Recycle Water Project Phases 2B & 2D	\$ 14,057,107	\$ 6,264,551	\$ 4,110,280	\$ 7,792,556	57%
DWR Prop 84 Round 2 Implementation	6/17/2014	12/31/2020	4	1. Grant Administration 2. CLWA SCV WUE Program 3. SCWD WUE Programs 4. Foothill Feeder Connection	\$ 7,804,002	\$ 4,003,399	\$ 3,800,603		99%
DWR Prop 84 2014 Drought Grant	7/20/2015	12/31/2020	3	1. Grant Administration 2. RRB/CLWA Banking Program 3. CLWA/SWSD Extraction & Conveyance	\$ 15,616,780	\$ 11,535,067	\$ 4,081,713		99%
DWR Prop 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning	12/5/2018	12/31/2022	2	a. Grant Administration b. Planning Activities	\$ 2,047,434	\$ 1,307,265	\$ 740,169		35%
DWR Prop 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation <i>(Preliminary Award)</i>	N/A	N/A	2	1. Grant Administration 2. Recycle Water Phase 2C	\$ 9,124,450	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 4,880,005	\$ 1,154,445	0%
					\$ 48,649,773	\$ 26,110,282	\$ 17,612,770		

*Based on Funder approved invoices. Receipt of payment may be delayed in Funder's normal course of business.

APPLICATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION								
Grant	Start Date	End Date	# of SCVWA Projects within Grant	SCV Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Funding	Required Funding Match (Non-State/Federal Share)	Other Non-State/Federal Share (Funding Match)
WaterSMART Drought Response Program BOR-DO-20-F002	TBD	TBD	1	Saugus Wells 3 & 4 Equipment and Site Improvement Project	\$ 3,744,829	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 744,829
WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants BOR-DO-21-F001	TBD	TBD	1	Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project (SCV Water Phase 1)	\$ 3,475,860	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,475,860
Community Power Resiliency Allocation - Special Districts Program - CalOES subaward	TBD	TBD	1	Generator Replacement at Earl Schmidt Filtration Plan	\$ 249,854	\$ 249,854	\$ -	

Last Update: 1/11/2021



SPONSORSHIP TRACKING FY JULY 2020 - JULY 2021

**ITEM NO.
5.4**

Updated: Jan 8, 2021

Agency Name	Event	Event Date	Event Location	Reg. Fee	Committed	Paid	Sponsorship
ACWA	2020 Summer Conference	May 5-8, 2020 (RESCHEDULED: July 28-31, 2020)	VIRTUAL	\$350		\$2,500	(ACWA transitioning to new virtual sponsorship options: added another \$500 and sponsored Thursday closing keynote E. Joaquin Esquivel, Chair, SWRCB & Director Karla Nemeth, CA DWR) Wed: Ice Cream Break \$2000
Urban Water Institute (UWI)	Informative Discussion with Felicia Marcus & Pat Mulroy	Aug 19, 2020	VIRTUAL			\$500	Listed on the UWI website, Zoom call and invitation as a sponsor, Name recognition on the call, A small ad in the monthly UWI newsletter, one participate can attend on all future Zoom Calls until end of 2020 at no charge
Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development & College of the Canyons (SCVEDC)	2020 Economic Outlook	Mar 12, 2020 (RESCHEDULED: Sept 17, 2020)	VIRTUAL	FREE		\$1,100	(VIRTUAL SPONSORSHIP: Q & A style article with me highlighting you or your company that will be posted on our blog and promoted on our social channels and via our eblasts, a full page ad with company recognition in the Santa Clarita Valley Business Journal, continued promotion of your company's sponsorship through our social media channels & on our website) 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
SCV Chamber	State of the County Luncheon	May 15, 2020 (RESCHEDULED Aug 5, 2020; RESCHEDULED 2021)		\$75		\$1,500	Bronze Sponsor: 4 complimentary tickets, social media recognition, sponsor recognition in all marketing. Credit carried forward to 2021
CSDA	2020 Annual Conference	Aug 24-27, 20 (CANCELED)	Palm Desert	\$675			Sponsorship of Morning Coffee Station & 2/3rd page ad in the 50th Anniversary commemorative program - initial cost \$2,000
AWA	Annual Member & Elected Officials Reception	Sept 17, 20 (CANCELLED)	Ronald Reagan Presidential Library	Free to members			Representative Sponsor: Listing on invitation & event program, agency name on signage
SCV Chamber	Legislative Leaders Forum	TBD	Hyatt Valencia	N/A	\$1,000		Gold Sponsor: 6 reserved seats, logo placement on all event marketing materials, recognition in media and press
Urban Water Institute (UWI)	Informative Discussion with Jeff Kightlinger	Oct 21, 2020	VIRTUAL	\$25		\$500	Listed on the UWI website, Zoom call and invitation as a sponsor, Name recognition on the call, A small ad in the monthly UWI newsletter
AWA	25 Yrs. of Water Leadership Award Recipients	Oct 22, 2020	VIRTUAL	Free to members		\$500	Agency name on the program invitation, show it to attendees during the event, and place on AWA's website
Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium (SCEEC)	Green STEM	Nov 2020	College of the Canyons (VIRTUAL)	N/A		\$2,000	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)
ACWA	2020 Fall Conference	Dec 2-3, 2020	VIRTUAL			\$2,500	Sponsoring Wednesday Opening Keynote, with recognition as a sponsor during the keynote; logo and link to website during the presentation located in the sponsors box
Maven's Notebook	2021 Weekly E-blast	2021				\$5,000	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
Valley Industry Assn (VIA)	Monthly Luncheon Event	Jan - Dec 2021	VIRTUAL			1,500.00	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
Urban Water Institute (UWI)	2021 Spring Conference	Feb 17-18, 2021	VIRTUAL			1,500.00	Gold Sponsor: Company logo listed in all promotional materials; logo on program; logo displayed during reception; priority position on conference landing page - includes brief company bio, link to website, contact info, video; small ad in UWI monthly newsletter; 2 conference registrations
				Committed		\$1,000	
				Paid		\$19,100	
				Subtotal		\$20,100	
				FY20/21 Budget		\$20,000	
				Bal Remaining		-\$100	



**PUBLIC OUTREACH AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA PLANNING CALENDAR FY 2020-2021**

**ITEM NO.
5.5**

July 16, 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

August 20, 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
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Public Outreach Event Calendar 2020
 - Committee Planning Calendar 2020
3. Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Apply for Grant Funding Under the Federal Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart Water Energy Efficiency Grant Program (WEEG) for an Automated Metering Infrastructure Project
4. Discussion of the RFP for New Website Design and Development
5. General Update on Virtual Outreach Efforts

September 1, 2020 – Board

1. Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Apply for Grant Funding Under the Federal Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart Water Energy Efficiency Grant Program (WEEG) for an Automated Metering Infrastructure Project
2. Approve RFP for New Website Design and Development

September 17, 2020 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Public Information Officer Activities:
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Public Outreach Event Calendar 2020
 - Committee Planning Calendar 2020
3. Overview of Outreach Efforts

October 15, 2020 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Public Information Officer Activities:
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Public Outreach Event Calendar 2020



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- Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21

November 19, 2020 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants to Provide Grant Administration Services for the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant
3. Public Information Officer Activities:
 - Quarterly Social Media Report from Consultant Tripepi Smith
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Public Outreach Event Calendar 2020
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21

December 1, 2020 - Board

1. Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants to Provide Grant Administration Services for the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant

December 17, 2020 Committee – CANCELLED

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Public Information Officer Activities:
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21

January 21, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Review of Agency's Legislative Platform
3. Discussion of Consolidated Communications Efforts
4. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21

February 18, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Discussion on Native Plants
3. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Quarterly Social Media Report from Consultant Tripepi Smith
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21



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- Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21

March 18, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21

April 15, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Quarterly Social Media Report from Consultant Tripepi Smith
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21

May 20, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21

June 17, 2021 Committee – VIRTUAL MEETING

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Communications Manager Activities:
 - Monthly Outreach Matrix
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Grant Status Report
 - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2020/21
 - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2020/21