




BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 23, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Steve Cole 
Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: May 22, 2023 Rescheduled Public Outreach and Legislation Committee Meeting Recap Report

The Rescheduled Public Outreach and Legislation Committee met at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 22, 2023, at the Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom located at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. In attendance were Committee Chair Maria Gutzeit, Directors Kathye Armitage and Beth Braunstein. Staff members present were Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Communications Manager Kathie Martin, new hired Communications Manager Kevin Strauss, Executive Assistant Eunie Kang and Information Technology Tech I Jonathan Thomas. Attending virtually were Consultant Geoff Bowman from Van Scoyoc Associate, Consultant Dennis Albiani and Annalee Akin from California Advocates, Consultant Hunt Braly from Poole Shaffery, and members of the public were present. A copy of the Agenda is attached.

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

Item 3: Legislative Consultant Reports – Staff and the Committee reviewed the federal legislative report by Geoff Bowman, state legislative report by Dennis Albiani and Annalee Akin and local legislative report by Hunt Braly.

Item 4: Discussion of Local Legislative Advocate Position – After review and discussion, the Committee recommended through consensus to move this item forward for consideration by the Board and approval. This item will be presented in a separate report going to the June 20, 2023 regular Board meeting.

Item 5: Communications Manager Activities – Kathie Martin provided a summary of current staff activities.

- Staff and Committee welcomed the new Communications Manager Kevin Strauss.
- Education Summer Program – new summer program titled 2023 Summer Scout Days. The program is designed for Girls and Boys Scouts within Santa Clarita Valley from grades 1-5 and 6-12. The course will include Water Treatment and Facility Tour and work towards badge requirements. Registration forms will be available on the Agency's website.
- Bridgeport Park – currently developing social media video post on work in progress. Groundbreaking planned for late August or early September 2023.
- Consumer Confidence Report – is complete and posted online in English and Spanish versions. Outreach and press release begins May 25. Billing notices have started, in order to meet requirement for notification to all customers by July 1, 2023.
- Ratepayer Assistance – accepting applications beginning June 1.

There was public comment on item 5.

Item 6: Committee Planning Calendar – Staff and Committee reviewed the Planning Calendar.

Item 7: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

The meeting recording is available on the SCV Water Agency website or by clicking the following link:
<https://www.yourscvwater.com/meetings/rescheduled-committee-meeting-052223-0>

Attachment

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Date: May 16, 2023

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

From: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager *SC*

The **Public Outreach and Legislation Committee** meeting is rescheduled on **Monday, May 22, 2023 at 5:30 PM at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 in the Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom**. Members of the public may attend in person or virtually. To attend this meeting virtually, please see below.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

This meeting will be conducted in person at the addresses listed above. As a convenience to the public, members of the public may also participate virtually by using the **Agency's Call-In Number 1-833-568-8864, Webinar ID: 161 290 3404 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1612903404>**. Any member of the public may listen to the meeting or make comments to the Committee using the call-in number or Zoom Webinar link above. However, in the event there is a disruption of service which prevents the Agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using either the call-in option or internet-based service, this meeting will not be postponed or rescheduled but will continue without remote participation. The remote participation option is being provided as a convenience to the public and is not required. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting in person.

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

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

MEETING AGENDA

<u>ITEM</u>		<u>PAGE</u>
1.	<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>	
2.	<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> – Members of the public may comment as to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency that are not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this Agenda may do so at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.)	
3. *	Legislative Consultant Report	
	3.1 Van Scoyoc Associates (10 minutes)	1
	3.2 California Advocates (10 minutes)	5
	3.3 Poole & Shaffery (5 minutes)	81
4. *	Discussion of Local Legislative Advocate Position	83
5. *	Communications Manager’s Report (5 minutes)	89
6. *	Committee Planning Calendar	135
7.	Adjournment	
*	Indicates Attachment	
◆	Indicates Handout	

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Posted on May 16, 2023.

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