




## BOARD MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 20, 2024  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Steve Cole   
Assistant General Manager  
**SUBJECT:** February 15, 2024 Public Outreach and Legislation Committee Meeting Recap Report

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The Public Outreach and Legislation Committee met at 5:30 PM on Thursday, February 15, 2024, 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 Kevin Strauss, Executive Assistant Eunie Kang and Information Technology Tech II Jonathan Thomas. Attending virtually were Consultant Geoff Bowman from Van Scoyoc Associates, Consultant Dennis Albiani and Annalee Akin Augustine from California Advocates. 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 and the state legislative report by Dennis Albiani and Annalee Akin Augustine.

**Item 4: Review of Agency's Event Participation Criteria** – Staff and the Committee reviewed and discussed the Agency's Communication Departments participation in community events to support the SCV Water Agency's Strategic Plan by proactively communicating and engaging the community on water matters of importance to the region. This approach will position SCV Water as a leading resource and reliable authority on water issues.

**Item 5: Communications Manager Activities** – Kevin Strauss provided an overview of several key initiatives. The Garden and Landscape workshop has resumed, and all sessions are now conducted in-person. The workshops will alternate between Bridgeport Park and SCV Water Agency's Pine Street Training Room. He reported on the impending Strategic Plan Public Online Workshop, and on the developing of the microsities. And lastly, he shared the Agency's engagement with the community through its speaker's bureau.

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

**Item 7: Committee Requests for Future Agenda Items** – There was no Committee request for future agenda item.

**Item 8: Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

The meeting recording is available on the SCV Water Agency website or by clicking the link below:  
[Public Outreach and Legislation Committee Meeting Recording](#).

Attachment

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**Date:** February 8, 2024

**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 on **Thursday, February 15, 2024 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**

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## MEETING AGENDA

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1. <b><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></b>	
2. <b><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></b> – 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.) To participate in public comment from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, click the “raise hand” feature in Zoom. You will be notified when it is your turn to speak, please unmute when requested. To participate in public comment via phone, dial *9 to raise your hand. When it is your turn to speak, dial *6 to unmute.	
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Posted on February 8, 2024

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