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Public Outreach &
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California Legislation Workshop

Workshop Plan

- Legislative platform
- Advocacy program goals
- Advocacy process
- Review “Top 20” bills



Legislative Platform

1. **Purpose:** To provide guidelines that enable staff to act in a timely manner on legislation that meets the principles set forth in the platform.
2. **Imported water supply**
3. **Local water sources**
4. **Energy**
5. **Water use efficiency**
6. **Water quality**
7. **Sustainable practices**
8. **Water transfers**
9. **Admin/Fiscal policy**
10. **Environmental policy**
11. **Water rate assistance**
12. **Land use/growth mgt***
13. **Initiation of legislation***

* These items require input from full Board of Directors before action is taken.



Advocacy Program Goals

- To engage in the legislative process to help shape policy that furthers the goals set in SCV Water planning efforts, including the 5-Year Strategic Plan and Urban Water Management Plan.
- To participate in funding opportunities at the state and federal levels to offset expenses in the Agency's operational and capital budgets



Advocacy Process

- A bill is introduced in the Assembly or the Senate.
- The bill is brought to staff's attention by any of several entities.
 - California Advocates or other lobbyist
 - Legislative affairs staff of ACWA, CSDA, SWC, SCWC, etc
 - Other contacts through Agency staff and/or directors.



Advocacy Process

- A decision is made whether to act.
 - Does the bill address any issues in our Legislative Platform?
 - If so, do we want to support, oppose or seek amendments in accordance with the Legislative Platform?
 - Are any industry organizations or coalitions acting through a joint letter that we wish to add our logo to?



Discussion of Legislation

- Bills will be grouped by Legislative Platform “plank”
- Suggest discussion after each group by topic
- Packet contains:
 - Table of “Top 20” bills. Page number refers to the summary report that follows
 - Summary of 100 bills being tracked by California Advocates
 - The adopted 2022 Legislative Platform

Discussion of Legislation

- Plank #2: Imported Water Supply
- Plank #6: Sustainable Practices

Bill #	Author	Title	Plat- form #	SCV Water Rec. Position	ACWA	SWC	CSDA	Report Page #
AB 2451	Wood	State Water Resources Control Board: drought planning.	2	Watch	None	Watch	None	24
AB 2639	Quirk	Water quality control plans and water rights permits.	2; 6	Oppose, Unless Amend	Oppose Unless Amend	Pending Position	None	26
AB 2106	Rivas, Robert	Water quality: permits.	6	Support, if Amend	Support If amend	None	None	17

Discussion of Legislation

- Plank #5: Water Use Efficiency

Bill #	Author	Title	Plat- form #	SCV Water Rec. Position	ACWA	SWC	CSDA	Report Page #
AB 2142	Gabriel	Income taxes: exclusion: turf replacement water conservation program.	5	Support	Support / Sponsor	None	Support	18
AB 2157	Rubio, Blanca	Urban water use objectives: indoor residential water use.	5	Watch	None	None	None	19
SB 1144	Wiener	Water efficiency and quality assessment reports: state buildings and public school buildings.	5	Watch	None	None	None	41
SB 1157	Hertzberg	Urban water use objectives: indoor residential water use.	5	Oppose, Unless Amend	Oppose, Unless Amend	None	None	42

Discussion of Legislation

- Plank #7: Sustainable Practices

Bill #	Author	Title	Platform #	SCV Water Rec. Position	ACWA	SWC	CSDA	Report Page #
SB 1205	Allen	Water rights: appropriation.	7	Support, if Amend	Support if Amend	Support, if Amend	None	44

Discussion of Legislation

- Plank #9: Administrative and Fiscal Policy

Bill #	Author	Title	Platform #	SCV Water Rec. Position	ACWA	SWC	CSDA	Report Page #
AB 1795	Fong	Open meetings: remote participation.	9	Watch	None	None	Watch	10
AB 2357	Ting	Surplus land.	9	Watch	None	None	None	20
AB 2449	Rubio, Blanca	Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.	9	Support, if Amend	Support, if Amend	None	None	23
AB 2536	Grayson	Development fees: connection fees and capacity charges: studies.	9	Oppose, Unless Amend	Oppose, Unless Amend	None	Oppose	25

Discussion of Legislation

- Plank #10: Environmental Policy

Bill #	Author	Title	Platform #	SCV Water Rec. Position	ACWA	SWC	CSDA	Report Page #
AB 2108	Rivas, Robert	Water policy: environmental justice and tribal community representation.	10	Watch	Watch	Watch	None	17

Discussion of Legislation

- Plank #: No direct alignment to current platform. Most are “Watch” only.

Bill #	Author	Title	Platform #	SCV Water Rec. Position	ACWA	SWC	CSDA	Report Page #
AB 1845	Calderon	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California: alternative project delivery methods.	n/a	Watch	None	None	Support	11
AB 1865	Bennett	Court fee waiver: water rights cases.	n/a	Watch	None	None	Watch	11
AB 1953	Maienschein	Drinking water: accessible water bottle refill stations.	n/a	Watch	None	None	None	14
AB 2387	Garcia, Eduardo	Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022	n/a	Support, if Amend	Support, if Amend	None	None	22
AB 2742	Friedman	Water meters: urban water suppliers.	n/a	Watch	None	None	None	26
AB 2874	Cooley	Wildfire prevention: vegetation management.	n/a	Watch	None	None	None	28
SB 1219	Hurtado	Water: State Water Resources Control Board dissolution: Blue Ribbon Commission.	n/a	Watch	Watch	None	None	45



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Discussion and Feedback