

DIRECTOR AB 1234 REPORT

Director Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Meeting to Be Presented At: \_\_\_\_\_

Points Of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**AB1234 Report**  
**Lynne Plambeck**  
**California Water Dialogue**  
**Wednesday, January 26, 2022**  
**12:00 – 1:30 pm**  
**Zoom Webinar**

### **The Roll Out of Federal and State Water Funding**

Unprecedented amounts of funding are now available from the \$1 trillion federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and from the state of California. The Water Dialogue will delve into how much the state can expect to receive, how Southern California can attract its share of funding, the timetable for distribution, which agencies will take the lead, whether the money is already committed (and if not, how projects will be selected), how to get benefits to rural and disadvantaged communities, and if there be regional coordination (e.g., IRWMP). In addition, a member of the state Water Commission will share “lessons learned” from past infrastructure funding opportunities including strategies for expeditiously get funding to shovel-ready projects.

#### **Speakers:**

Abby Schneider, federal Executive Legislative Representative, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Washington D.C. Described various pots of money and what Met may be doing with them. The Fed Infrastructure bill has monies for water through the EPA (50 billion), Army Corps 17 B, Bureau of Rec, 8B

Rachel Ehlers, Principal Fiscal & Policy Analyst, Water, Coastal Development, and Fish and Wildlife, Legislative Analyst’s Office – Described the State budget process and time lines, the various pots of money and when these fund may be released. (some coming winter/early spring). More money in next year’s budget because there was a windfall. Some money will be in grants but bond funding is also available. She said we should be contacting the legislature with suggestions now.

Jose Solorio, member, California Water Commission talked about what the water commission does and its projects WSIP,DWR projects oversight.

*Alesandra Najera, Program Officer, Healthy Communities, Water Foundation* Ms. Najera specializes in drinking water funding for disadvantaged communities.

I was glad to see that our staff person, Cheryl Fowler also attended.

The next Water Dialogue meeting will be on Wednesday, February 23.