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# **PUBLIC OUTREACH AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

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**Thursday, February 16, 2023  
Meeting Begins at 5:30 PM**

**Members of the public may attend by the following options:**

**In Person**

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency  
Engineering Services Section  
Boardroom  
26521 Summit Circle  
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

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(Public comments take place during Item 2 of the Agenda and before each Item is considered. Please see the Agenda for details.)

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**Date:** February 9, 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 scheduled on **Thursday, February 16, 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.

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## MEETING AGENDA

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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.)	
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Posted on February 9, 2023



To: Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency; Public Outreach & Legislation Committee  
From: Van Scoyoc Associates (VSA); Geoff Bowman, Pete Evich, and Ashley Strobel  
Date: February 6, 2023  
Subject: February 2023 Report

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### **118<sup>th</sup> Congress Convenes**

The 118<sup>th</sup> Congress convened in January, with Republicans now holding the majority in the House of Representatives and Democrats maintaining the majority in the Senate. The Senate swore in newly elected and re-elected Members. The House held a series of votes to elect a Speaker and, after 15 ballots, elected Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California to lead the chamber. After McCarthy was elected Speaker, the House passed a rules package for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress, which includes a provision allowing just one Member of Congress to request a vote to oust the Speaker, which McCarthy agreed to include in exchange for votes from conservative Members. With a divided Congress, it is anticipated that legislation will have to be bipartisan to be enacted.

### **SCV Water California Delegation Members Assume Key Water-related Committee Roles in 118<sup>th</sup> Congress**

The House and Senate formalized Committee roster positions in the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress at the end of January. A few of SCV Water's California Congressional delegation members assumed key roles on Committees which oversee federal water policy issues and investment. Those include:

- Senator Dianne Feinstein: Continues her role as Chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water which funds Bureau of Reclamation and Army Corps of Engineers programs and projects.
- Senator Alex Padilla: Sen. Padilla has a new role as the Chair of the Senate Environment and Public Work Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife. This Subcommittee has oversight over both EPA water programs and the Army Corps of Engineers.
- Representative Mike Garcia: Continues to serve on the House Appropriations Committee. In the House, the GOP members will have more influence in writing the annual spending bills in the 118th Congress as they are now the majority party in that chamber.

And, while Representative Grace Napolitano (D) of California does not represent SCV Water's service area, it is worth noting that she will serve as the Ranking Member of the House

Transportation & Infrastructure’s Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee which has jurisdiction over the Army Corps of Engineers and EPA clean water programs.

### **WaterSMART Grant Opportunity Announced**

On January 24<sup>th</sup>, the Bureau of Reclamation issued a WaterSMART [notice of funding opportunity](#) (NOFO) for the Environmental Water Resources Program. The Bureau announced \$80 million in funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will be available for projects intended to conserve and improve watershed health and increase supply. These projects include repairs of aging water infrastructure, securing dams, completing rural water projects, and restoring and protecting aquatic ecosystems. Interested applicants can apply for up to \$3 million in federal funding per project. The deadline to submit responses to the NOFO is March 28<sup>th</sup>. The Bureau held a [webinar](#) on February 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the NOFO that VSA will participated in.

### **EPA Announces Effluent Guidelines and PFAS Influent Study**

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released the pre-publication version of the [Effluent Guidelines Program Plan 15](#). The agency expressed the intent to conduct a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) Influent Study of PFAS substances. The study will collect nationwide data on industrial discharges of PFAS to POTWs by partnering with wastewater treatment facilities to conduct national sampling. More details of the sampling strategy and an Information Collection Request will be released. Additionally, the plan laid out EPA’s intention to develop effluent guidelines and pretreatment standards for landfills that discharge leachate based on the results of the Landfill Leachate Detailed Study. The schedule for the rulemaking is pending and will be published in the EPA’s Regulatory Agenda.

### **California Republicans Reintroduce Water Legislation in the House**

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, Representative David Valadao (R-CA) reintroduced the “Working to Advance Tangible and Effective Reforms (WATER) for California Act.” The bill is supported by all the Republicans in California’s delegation and would mandate the Central Valley and State Water Projects promote more water deliveries to farmers under a 2019 Trump-era biological opinion. The legislation also calls for the reauthorization of the surface water storage project program and coordinated operations of the CVP and SWP established under the WIIN Act.

- See the bill text [here](#)

Additionally, Representative Tom McClintock (R-CA) reintroduced the “Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act,” intended to accelerate permits for new water storage projects and designate the Bureau of Reclamation to issue permits for projects on federal lands. While both bills may gain traction in the House Natural Resources Committee this Congress, they have an uncertain future in the Senate. VSA will continue monitoring for any further developments.

- See the bill text [here](#)

### **California Officials Announce Bid for Feinstein’s Seat**

Senator Dianne Feinstein has yet to announce her plans for re-election in 2024. Still, it is widely speculated that she will not seek re-election, and hopeful candidates are beginning to

announce plans to run for the seat. In January, Representatives Katie Porter and Adam Schiff launched their campaigns to run and it was also reported that Representative Barbara Lee told fellow members of the Congressional Black Caucus she plans on announcing her campaign to run for the seat but has yet to announce it publicly. In an interview, Representative Ro Khanna did not state whether he would run but dismissed the question by stating he is happy in his current role representing Silicon Valley. He predicted if Governor Newsom announces to run, he believes he will win. Recent polls, including Porter, Khanna, and Schiff as candidates, have shown Schiff to be the lead nominee should Senator Feinstein choose not to run for re-election.

### **Colorado River Water Curtailment Proposals Released**

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming sent a Colorado River water use curtailment [proposal](#) to the Bureau of Reclamation. On January 31<sup>st</sup>, California sent the Bureau a [counter-proposal](#) to the other basin states' plan. The California Colorado River Board argued that the six states' proposal, which calls for less water to flow from Lake Powell to Nevada, Arizona, and California, and for additional Lake Mead cuts, violates the Law of the Colorado River. California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot and Senators Feinstein and Padilla argued the six states' plan would disproportionately affect California. California's proposal builds on the state's commitment to cut water use by 400,000 acre-feet through 2026. The Bureau of Reclamation plans to review the proposals and release a draft review of curtailment plans at the end of March with the goal of reaching a final decision this summer.

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-VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL-

February 7, 2023

To: Steve Cole, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

From: Dennis Albiani, Anthony Molina, Annalee Akin, California Advocates

Subject: February 2023 Report

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As February dawns, lawmakers have settled into Sacramento with staffs established, hearings calendared, and policy-work beginning for the 2023-24 legislative session. At the time of this written report, there have been 473 bills introduced in the Assembly and 324 bills introduced in the Senate. Hundreds more are expected prior to the February 17<sup>th</sup> bill introduction deadline. We will continue to read, speak with authors on newly introduced bills of interest and track legislation for SCVWA.

January's severe weather events, preceded by a multi-year drought, highlighted the need to prioritize water-related infrastructure projects. Three committees met during a Joint Hearing regarding "California's Preparedness for and Response to Extreme Atmospheric River Incidents." and legislation has already been introduced regarding a Water Bond voters would see on the ballot in 2024. Water rights is also an expected priority for lawmakers, as an additional hearing by the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife committee has been set for February 28<sup>th</sup> titled "Adapting Water Rights to our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Climate." We will monitor this hearing and send an update when an agenda and materials are available. Please see the attached legislative status report for information regarding all bills we are tracking and gathering information on for SCVWA.

### **Budget**

The Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3 will be having its first hearing on March 1. We met with Assemblymember Bennett (Ventura), the subcommittee's new chair to discuss how he plans on leading the committee and how he would like to utilize both his personal and budget staff for this role. We discussed work on the Santa Clara River Conservancy and learned of his interest in native habitat restoration and articulated benefits of Arundo control. Assemblymember Bennett was open to finding creative ways to find funding and asked for us to bring him ideas and information.

During the State Water Contractor (SWC) meeting on January 26, support was discussed for the second round of funding for Oroville pump storage, which was included specifically as "Implementation of the State Water Resources Developmental System" in Governor Newsom's Budget Proposal in the amount of \$140 million. Although this funding commitment is supported, the budget control language following provides that the net revenue from Oroville pump storage will go into the general fund as opposed to

being reinvested in the SWP. Per SWC it would be more helpful and appropriate for this revenue to be reinvested into the SWP to support meeting their renewable goals – as they were asked to spend \$1 billion to do so and Oroville is a public benefit. SWC leaders as well as the CalAd team are still going through Budget Change Proposals and will continue to send pertinent updates on items of interest to SCVWA.

## **ACWA SLC Update**

We continue to represent SCVWA on the State Legislative Committee Meeting, ACWA staff and State Legislative Committee (SLC), which SLC met on January 20, 2023. There was a discussion of the ACWA bills for proposed sponsorship and decisions to support various pieces of legislation already introduced. The SLC originally discussed 5 different bill proposals at their November and December 2022 meetings, however, only two of those proposals were on the agenda and fully discussed during January 20th's meeting: (1) Service Charges on the Property Tax Bill: and (2) Water Law Judges and Adjudications. One of the five original proposals, Water Supply and flood risk reduction projects: expedited permitting, has already been introduced as SB 23 (Caballero). The proposal regarding Proposition 218 legislation was discussed although not on the agenda.

### **Bill Proposals Discussed**

**Legislative Proposal: Service Charges on the Property Tax Bill** would allow water agencies to add certain fixed costs to the property tax bills instead of a monthly bill. There is currently a lack of clarity regarding which entities have this option currently, as some water districts that also provide sanitary and sewer services or have the latent authority to do so already add fixed costs on their property bill. Concerns include opening broader policy discussions that could result in negative outcomes for ACWA members, optics for ACWA as this could be seen as less transparent than a monthly bill, and whether enough ACWA members need this change. ACWA staff met with policy staff in the Senate and Assembly who expressed concerns regarding the intent of the statutes and what current statutory authority in statute.

***The SLC voted to postpone further discussion and possible efforts to move this bill forward until October 2023.***

**Legislative Proposal: Water Law: Judges and Adjudications** would require superior courts to designate judges with expertise in water law to participate in the water law judicial training program and in a water case, the superior court would be able to request specific assignments of judges with demonstrated expertise or participation in the training program to handle water cases. ACWA staff has discussed this with Judicial Council to avoid opposition to a bill that would dictate case assignments.

***The SLC voted to support ACWA staff coordinating the introduction of a spot bill & concurrently submitting a letter to Judicial Council requesting it undertake a rulemaking process to adopt Rules of Court specific to water law cases. Legislation may be advanced should the rulemaking process not be successful.***

**Legislative Proposal: Proposition 218 Implementation** would have included two options for creating issue exhaustion procedures for litigation related to compliance with Proposition 218. The SLC

Committee decided to hold off due to feedback from legislative staff and timing issues in proximity to recent Proposition 218 reform via SB 323 in 2021. A workgroup will continue to fine-tune language and may hold off on efforts to find an author until 2024.

The SLC will meet next on February 10<sup>th</sup> and will vote on adopting a “favor” position on AB 279 (Rubio) San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority: annual pumping right assessment and AB 297 (Fong) Wildfires: local assistance grant program: advance payments.

## **Regulatory**

### **State Water Contractor Meeting, January 26, 2023**

The State Water Contractors (SWC) Advocates group met on Wednesday, January 25 to discuss legislative priorities and events for 2023. SWC priority interests for 2023 include support for the \$140 million in the Governor’s budget to complete work related to the Oroville pumped storage project, modification of budget control language to reinvest Oroville pump storage revenues in the SWP, investments in State Water Project (SWP) infrastructures, improvement of grid reliability, offsetting water rate impacts, and to provide for a stand-alone SWP public benefit investment chapter in any infrastructure/ resources/ climate resilience bond measure for the 2024 ballot.

### **Colorado River Basin – Proposed Plans**

Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Wyoming sent a letter Monday, January 30, to the Bureau of Reclamation, which operates the major dams in the river system, to outline an alternative that builds on existing guidelines, deepens water cuts and factors in water that’s lost through evaporation and transportation. This plan would require California to shoulder a substantial part of the burden, despite its relatively higher-priority water rights. Southern California water agencies would be required to cut as much as 32% of their full water allocation if Lake Mead continues dropping toward dangerously low levels. On January 31, JB Hamby, the Chairman of the Colorado River Board of California and Colorado River Commissioner sent a letter proposing cuts in a series of tiers based on Lake Mead’s levels and prioritization of water supplies for human health and safety. Please find the letter from the six states [HERE](#) and the letter from California’s Colorado River Commissioner [HERE](#).

### **State Water Project Increased Water Deliveries**

The Department of Water Resources has announced the SWP will be able to increase deliveries to 29 public water agencies serving 27 million Californians due to water captures from late December 2022 and January 2023. DWR now expects to deliver 30% of requested water supplies, or 1.27 million acre-feet in 2023. This is higher than the 5% announced on December 1, 2022. Please find more information [HERE](#).

### **The Governor has made the following appointments:**

**Eric Guerra, 44, of Sacramento, has been appointed to the California Air Resources Board.** Guerra has been Vice Mayor for the City of Sacramento since 2023 and a Sacramento City Councilmember since 2015. He was a Consultant for the California State Senate from 2016 to 2022.

**V. Manuel Perez, 50, of Coachella, has been appointed to the California Air Resources Board.** Perez has been Supervisor for the 4th District of Riverside County since 2017. He was Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer at Borrego Community Health Foundation from 2014 to 2017, a Coachella City Councilmember from 2014 to 2017 and an Assemblymember in the California State Assembly from 2008 to 2013, where he served as Majority Leader from 2012 to 2013. Perez served on the Coachella Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees from 2004 to 2008. Perez earned a Master of Education degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

**Bill Quirk, 77, of Union City, has been appointed to the California Air Resources Board.** Quirk served as an Assemblymember for the 20th District of the California State Assembly from 2012 to 2022. He was a Hayward City Councilmember from 2004 to 2012 and a Physicist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory from 1979 to 2005. Quirk was a Corporate Planner for Amdahl Corporation in 1978, a Management Consultant for McKinsey & Company from 1977 to 1978, a Climate Modeler for the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies from 1972 to 1977 and a Postdoctoral Fellow at the California Institute of Technology from 1970 to 1972. Quirk earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Astrophysics from Columbia University.

**Susan A. Shaheen, 56, of Orinda, has been appointed to the California Air Resources Board.** Shaheen is a Professor In-Residence in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley and Co-Director of the Transportation Sustainability Research Center of the Institute of Transportation Studies. She held several positions at the University of California, Berkeley, including Adjunct Professor, Program Leader, Research Director, Assistant and Associate Research Engineer and Post-Doctoral Scholar. Shaheen is a member of the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board and the Women's Transportation Seminar.

**Diane Takvorian, 71, of San Diego, has been reappointed to the California Air Resources Board,** where she has served since 2016. Takvorian has been Executive Director at the Environmental Health Coalition since 1982. She was Associate Director at the Community Congress of San Diego from 1978 to 1981. Takvorian was a Lecturer at the San Diego State University School of Social Work from 1984 to 2001. Takvorian was appointed by President Obama to the Joint Public Advisory Committee, Commission on Environmental Cooperation and served from 2010 to 2014. Takvorian served as Co-Chair of the California Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Justice Advisory Committee from 2002 to 2007.

**John Eisenhut, 77, of Colfax, has been reappointed to the California Air Resources Board,** where he has served since 2013. Eisenhut has been Manager of Grower Relations at Hilltop Ranch Inc. since 1994 and Owner of Eisenhut Farms, almond orchards in Turlock, since 1975. He was Field Representative for the Dole Dried Fruit & Nut Co. and a Technical Staff Member at both Tecolote Research Inc. and the General Research Corporation. Eisenhut served as an Infantry Platoon Sergeant in the U.S. Army, 1st Division and is a member of the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau.

**Gideon Kracov, 51, of Los Angeles, has been reappointed to the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board,** where he has served since 2020. Kracov has been Owner of the Law Office of Gideon

Kracov since 2004. He was a member of the State Mining and Geology Board at the Department on Conservation from 2014 to 2018. Kracov served as a Deputy City Attorney at the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office from 2002 to 2004 and was an Associate at Rose, Klein & Marias LLP from 1997 to 2002 and at Weston Benshoof LLP from 1995 to 1997.

### **California Advocates, Inc. Activity Report**

- Followed up with stakeholders and legislative staff regarding legislation, budget, and regulatory inquiries.
- Participated in ACWA MMLG meetings.
- Attended budget briefings from the Department of Water Resources and Joe Stephenshaw, the Director of CA's Department of Finance
- Participated in ACWA State Legislative Committee on behalf of Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
- Monitored joint hearing held by the Assembly Committee on Emergency Management, Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife, and Committee on Utilities and Energy last week regarding "California's Preparedness for and Response to Extreme Atmospheric River Incidents."
- Met with Assemblywoman Pilar Schiavo and discussed her experience touring SCVWA facilities and her committee membership – specifically participation during the hearing on "California's Preparedness for and Response to Extreme Atmospheric River Incidents."
- Met with Assemblymember Steve Bennett, Chair of Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation to discuss his plans for the committee.

### **Important Dates and Deadlines for 2023**

#### **February**

Feb. 17 – Last day for bills to be introduced

Feb. 20 – Presidents' Day Observed

#### **March**

March 30 – Spring Recess begins upon adjournment of this day's session

March 31 – Cesar Chavez Day Observed

#### **April**

Apr. 10 – Legislature reconvenes from Spring recess

Apr. 28 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house

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**Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency**  
**Legislative Status Report 2/7/2023**

**[AB 30](#)** (**Ward D**) **Atmospheric Rivers: Research, Mitigation, and Climate Forecasting Program.** ( Introduced: 12/5/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#) )  
**Status:** 1/26/2023-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.  
**Location:** 1/26/2023-A. W.,P. & W.

**Summary:** Existing law establishes the Atmospheric Rivers: Research, Mitigation, and Climate Forecasting Program in the Department of Water Resources. Existing law requires the department, upon an appropriation for purposes of the program, to research climate forecasting and the causes and impacts that climate change has on atmospheric rivers, to operate reservoirs in a manner that improves flood protection, and to reoperate flood control and water storage facilities to capture water generated by atmospheric rivers. This bill would rename that program the Atmospheric Rivers Research and Forecast Improvement Program: Enabling Climate Adaptation Through Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations and Hazard Resiliency (AR/FIRO) Program. The bill would require the department to research, develop, and implement new observations, prediction models, novel forecasting methods, and tailored decision support systems to improve predictions of atmospheric rivers and their impacts on water supply, flooding, post-wildfire debris flows, and environmental conditions. The bill would also require the department to take all actions within its existing authority to operate reservoirs in a manner that improves flood protection in the state and to reoperate flood control and water storage facilities to capture water generated by atmospheric rivers.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

**Notes 1:** The SLC voted to support this bill.

**[AB 62](#)** (**Mathis R**) **Statewide water storage: expansion.** ( Introduced: 12/6/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#) )  
**Status:** 1/26/2023-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.  
**Location:** 1/26/2023-A. W.,P. & W.

**Summary:** Existing law declares that the protection of the public interest in the development of the water resources of the state is of vital concern to the people of the state and that the state shall determine in what way the water of the state, both surface and underground, should be developed for the greatest public benefit. Existing law establishes within the Natural Resources Agency the State Water Resources Control Board and the California regional water quality control boards. Existing law requires the work of the state board to be divided into at least 2 divisions, known as the Division of Water Rights and the Division of Water Quality. This bill would establish a statewide goal to increase above- and below-ground water storage capacity by a total of 3,700,000 acre-feet by the year 2030 and a total of 4,000,000 acre-feet by the year 2040. The bill would require the state board, in consultation with the Department of Water Resources, to design and implement measures to

increase statewide water storage to achieve the statewide goal. The bill would require the state board, beginning July 1, 2027, and on or before July 1 every 2 years thereafter until January 1, 2043, in consultation with the department, to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature on the progress made in designing and implementing measures to achieve the statewide goal. This bill contains other existing laws.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

**Notes 1:**

**[AB 66](#) (Mathis R) Natural Resources Agency: water storage projects: permit approval. (**

Introduced: 12/6/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#))

**Status:** 2/2/2023-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

**Location:** 2/2/2023-A. W.,P. & W.

**Summary:** Existing law establishes the Natural Resources Agency, composed of departments, boards, conservancies, and commissions responsible for the restoration, protection, and management of the state's natural and cultural resources. Existing law establishes in the agency the Department of Water Resources, which manages and undertakes planning with regard to water resources in the state. This bill would require the agency, and each department, board, conservancy, and commission within the agency, to approve the necessary permits for specified projects within 180 days from receiving a permit application, and would deem those permits approved if approval does not occur within this time period.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

**Notes 1:**

**[AB 225](#) (Grayson D) Real property: environmental hazards booklet. ( Introduced: 1/11/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )**

**Status:** 1/12/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee February 11.

**Location:** 1/11/2023-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Existing law requires the Department of Real Estate to develop a booklet to educate and inform consumers on, among other things, common environmental hazards that are located on, and affect, real property. Existing law requires the types of common environmental hazards to include, but not be limited to, asbestos, radon gas, lead-based paint, formaldehyde, fuel and chemical storage tanks, and water and soil contamination. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature that when the booklet is next updated, as existing resources permit or as private resources are made available, it be updated to include 3 new sections on wildfires, climate change, and sea level rise, as specified. The bill would require the State Department of Public Health to seek the advice and assistance of departments within the Natural Resources Agency in the writing of the booklet, as specified.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water					



**AB 249 (Holden D) Water: schoolsites: lead testing: conservation.** ( Introduced: 1/18/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 2/2/2023-Referred to Coms. on E.S. & T.M. and ED.

**Location:** 2/2/2023-A. E.S. & T.M.

**Summary:** Existing law, the California Safe Drinking Water Act, requires the State Water Resources Control Board to administer provisions relating to the regulation of drinking water to protect public health. The act requires the state board to establish a grant program, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to award grants to local educational agencies for the purposes of improving access to, and the quality of, drinking water in public schools serving kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, and preschools and child daycare facilities located on public school property. This bill would require a community water system that serves a schoolsite with a building constructed before January 1, 2010, to test for lead in the potable water system of the schoolsite before January 1, 2027. The bill would require the community water system to report its findings to the applicable school or local educational agency, as specified. The bill would require the local educational agency or school, if the lead level exceeds a specified level at a schoolsite, to notify the parents and guardians of the pupils who attend the schoolsite or preschool. The bill would require the local educational agency or school to take immediate steps to make inoperable and shut down from use all fountains and faucets where the excess lead levels may exist. The bill would also require that the local educational agency or school work with the schoolsites under its jurisdiction to ensure that a potable source of drinking water is provided for pupils, as specified. The bill would require a community water system to prepare a sampling plan for each schoolsite where lead sampling is required under these provisions. By imposing additional duties on local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

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**AB 277 (Rodriguez D) Extreme Weather Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center.** ( Introduced: 1/23/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 1/24/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee February 23.

**Location:** 1/23/2023-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Existing law, the California Emergency Services Act, creates, within the office of the Governor, the Office of Emergency Services, which is responsible for addressing natural, technological, or human-caused disasters and emergencies, including responsibility for activities necessary to prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of emergencies and disasters to people and property. Existing law establishes the Department of Water Resources within the Natural Resources Agency and sets forth its powers and duties relating to water resources. This bill would require the office and the department to jointly establish and lead the Extreme Weather Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center for the purpose of collecting, assessing, and analyzing extreme weather data and atmospheric conditions, as specified. The bill would require that the center be composed of representatives from specified organizations and would authorize the office and the department to invite other organizations to designate additional

representatives, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

**Notes 1:**

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**[AB 281](#) (Grayson D) Planning and zoning: housing: postentitlement phase permits. (**

Introduced: 1/24/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 2/2/2023-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and H. & C.D.

**Location:** 2/2/2023-A. L. GOV.

**Summary:** Existing law, which is part of the Planning and Zoning Law, requires a local agency to compile a list of information needed to approve or deny a postentitlement phase permit, to post an example of a complete, approved application and an example of a complete set of postentitlement phase permits for at least 5 types of housing development projects in the jurisdiction, as specified, and to make those items available to all applicants for these permits no later than January 1, 2024. Existing law establishes time limits for completing reviews regarding whether an application for a postentitlement phase permit is complete and compliant and whether to approve or deny an application, as specified, and makes any failure to meet these time limits a violation of specified law. Existing law defines various terms for these purposes, including “local agency” to mean a city, county, or city and county, and “postentitlement phase permit,” among other things, to exclude a permit required and issued by a special district. This bill would include a special district in the definition of “local agency” and would remove special districts from the exclusion in the definition of “postentitlement phase permit.” By imposing additional duties on special districts, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

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**[AB 287](#) (Garcia D) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: competitive grant programs: funding objectives. (**

Introduced: 1/24/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 2/2/2023-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Location:** 2/2/2023-A. NAT. RES.

**Summary:** The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting greenhouse gases. The act authorizes the state board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms in regulating these sources. Existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the state board from the auction or sale of allowances as part of a market-based compliance mechanism to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and to be available upon appropriation by the Legislature. Existing law requires the moneys from the fund to be used to facilitate the achievement of reductions of greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the act and, where applicable and to the extent feasible, to maximize economic, environmental, and public health benefits to the state, among other goals. This bill, beginning July 1, 2025, would require

state agencies administering competitive grant programs that allocate moneys from the fund to give specified communities preferential points during grant application scoring for programs intended to improve air quality, to provide for a specified application timeline, and to allow applicants from the Counties of Imperial and San Diego to include daytime population numbers in grant applications. This bill contains other related provisions.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

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**[AB 295](#) (Fong, Vince R) Department of Transportation: maintenance projects. (**

Introduced: 1/25/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#))

**Status:** 1/26/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee February 25.

**Location:** 1/25/2023-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Existing law vests the Department of Transportation with full possession and control of the state highway system, including associated property. Existing law authorizes the department to do any act necessary, convenient, or proper for the construction, improvement, maintenance, or use of all highways that are under its jurisdiction, possession, or control. Existing law authorizes the department to require the removal of any encroachment in, under, or over any state highway. This bill would authorize the department to enter into agreements with local governmental entities, fire departments, fire protection districts, fire safe councils, and tribal entities to perform specified projects authorized by the department on roadways managed by the department, including activities related to roadside maintenance and the removal and clearing of material, as provided.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

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**[AB 305](#) (Villapudua D) California Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024. ( Introduced: 1/26/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#).)**

**Status:** 1/27/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee February 26.

**Location:** 1/26/2023-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Under existing law, various general obligation bond acts have been approved by the voters to provide funds for water projects, facilities, and programs. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation for a flood protection general obligation bond act, in an unspecified amount, that would be known as the California Flood Protection Bond Act of 2024, and would be submitted to the voters at the next general election.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

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**[AB 334](#) (Rubio, Blanca D) Public contracts: conflicts of interest.** ( Introduced: 1/30/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 1/31/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 2.

**Location:** 1/30/2023-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Existing law prohibits members of the Legislature and state, county, district, judicial district, and city officers or employees from being financially interested in any contract made by them in their official capacity, or by any body or board of which they are members. Existing law authorizes the Fair Political Practices Commission to commence an administrative or civil action against persons who violate this prohibition, as prescribed, and includes provisions for the collection of penalties after the time for judicial review of a commission order or decision has lapsed, or if all means of judicial review of the order or decision have been exhausted. Existing law identifies certain remote interests in contracts that are not subject to this prohibition and other situations in which an official is not deemed to be financially interested in a contract. This bill would establish that an independent contractor, who meets specified requirements, is not an officer for purposes of being subject to the prohibition on being financially interested in a contract.

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**[AB 345](#) (Wilson D) Habitat restoration: flood control: advance payments.** ( Introduced: 1/31/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 2/1/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 3.

**Location:** 1/31/2023-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Existing law authorizes the Department of Water Resources to make examinations of lands subject to inundation and overflow by floodwaters and of the waters causing the inundation or overflow and to make plans and estimates of the cost of works to regulate and control the floodwaters. Existing law also vests in the department charge of all expenditures unless otherwise provided by law for all public works relating to general river and harbor improvements, including reclamation and drainage of lands. Existing law authorizes the department to cooperate and contract with any agency of the state or of the United States in order to carry out its powers and purposes. This bill would authorize the department to provide advance payments, as defined, to local agencies for projects that restore habitat for threatened and endangered species under state or federal law or improve flood protection, as provided. The bill would prohibit the amount of funds advanced by the department to the local agency at any one time from exceeding 25% of the entire amount authorized to be provided under the funding agreement between the department and the local agency.

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**[AB 347](#) (Ting D) Pollution Prevention and Hazardous Waste Source Reduction and Management Review Act: enforcement.** ( Introduced: 1/31/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 2/1/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 3.

**Location:** 1/31/2023-A. PRINT

**Summary:** The Pollution Prevention and Hazardous Waste Source Reduction and Management Review Act requires a generator of hazardous waste every 4 years to complete and conduct a source evaluation review and plan that specifies source reduction measures that the generator will implement and to prepare a hazardous waste management performance report concerning the hazardous waste management approaches implemented by the generator. A generator is required to provide its review and plan or report to the Department of Toxic Substances Control or the unified program agency within 30 days of a request. The act requires the department or the unified program agency to provide the generator with a notice of noncompliance if it determines that the review and plan or report is incomplete. The act requires the generator to correct the deficiencies within 60 days from its receipt of that notice, except that, in response to a written request from the generator for an extension of that 60-day deadline for cause, the act authorizes the department or unified program agency to grant an extension of no more than an additional 60 days. The act authorizes civil penalties against a generator that fails to comply with these requirements. This bill would instead limit that extension authorization to no more than an additional 30 days.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

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**AB 363** ([Bauer-Kahan D](#)) **Pesticides: neonicotinoids for nonagricultural use: reevaluation: regulations.** ( Introduced: 2/1/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 2/2/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 4.

**Location:** 2/1/2023-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Existing law generally regulates pesticide use by the Department of Pesticide Regulation, and requires the Director of Pesticide Regulation to endeavor to eliminate from use a pesticide that endangers the agricultural or nonagricultural environment. Existing law requires pesticides to be registered by the department, and requires that a pesticide be thoroughly evaluated prior to registration. Existing law provides for the continued evaluation of registered pesticides. Existing law requires the department, by July 1, 2018, to issue a determination with respect to its reevaluation of neonicotinoids and to adopt any control measures necessary to protect pollinator health within 2 years after making that determination. Existing law provides that every person who violates a provision of law or any regulation relating to pesticides is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by specified fines or by up to 6-months imprisonment, or both. This bill would require the department, by July 1, 2024, to publish a reevaluation of the latest science regarding the impacts of neonicotinoid pesticides, as defined, on pollinating insects, aquatic ecosystems, and human health when used for the nonagricultural protection of outdoor ornamental plants, trees, and turf, and, by July 1, 2026, to adopt regulations governing that use that are necessary to protect the health of honeybees, native bees, and other pollinating insects, aquatic ecosystems, and human health, as provided. The bill would require that the reevaluation consider the impacts to pollinating insects, aquatic ecosystems, and human health, including, except as provided, the cumulative impacts of exposure, which the bill would define for these purposes. The bill would require the department to consult with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) in conducting its human health evaluation and to consider and adopt, or not adopt, all recommendations of OEHHA, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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[AB 396](#) ([Fong, Vince R](#)) **Dams.** ( Introduced: 2/2/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 2/3/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 5.

**Location:** 2/2/2023-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Existing law regulates the construction and operation of dams and exempts certain structures for these purposes. Existing law requires the owner of such exempt structures to employ a registered civil engineer to supervise the structure, as prescribed. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the above provision.

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[AB 422](#) ([Alanis R](#)) **Natural Resources Agency: statewide water storage: tracking.** (

Introduced: 2/2/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 2/3/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 5.

**Location:** 2/2/2023-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Existing law establishes the Natural Resources Agency, composed of departments, boards, conservancies, and commissions responsible for the restoration, protection, and management of the state's natural and cultural resources. Existing law establishes in the agency the Department of Water Resources, which manages and undertakes planning with regard to water resources in the state. This bill would require the agency, on or before June 1, 2024, to post on its publicly available internet website information tracking the progress to increase statewide water storage, and to keep that information updated.

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[AB 460](#) ([Bauer-Kahan D](#)) **State Water Resources Control Board: interim relief.** ( Introduced: 2/6/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 2/6/2023-Read first time. To print.

**Location:** 2/6/2023-A. PRINT

**Summary:** The California Constitution requires the reasonable and beneficial use of water. Under the public trust doctrine, the State Water Resources Control Board, among other state agencies, is required to take the public trust into account in the planning and allocation of water resources and to protect the public trust whenever feasible. The board and the California regional water quality control boards are required to set forth water quality objectives in state and regional water quality control

plans. Existing law establishes the Water Rights Fund, which consists of various fees and penalties. The moneys in the Water Rights Fund are available upon appropriation by the Legislature for the administration of the board's water rights program. Existing law requires that the owner of any dam allow sufficient water at all times to pass through a fishway, or in the absence of a fishway, allow sufficient water to pass over, around, or through the dam, to keep in good condition any fish that may be planted or exist below the dam, as specified. This bill would authorize the board to issue, on its own motion or upon the petition of an interested party, an interim relief order in appropriate circumstances to implement or enforce these and related provisions of law. The bill would provide that a person or entity that violates any interim relief order issued by the board would be liable to the board for a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$10,000 for each day in which a violation occurs and \$5,000 for each acre-foot of water diverted in violation of the interim relief order. The bill would require these funds to be deposited in the Water Rights Fund. This bill contains other existing laws.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				
<b>Notes 1:</b>					

**[ACA 2](#)** (**[Alanis R](#)**) **Public resources: Water and Wildfire Resiliency Act of 2023.** ( Introduced: 12/5/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#) )  
**Status:** 12/6/2022-From printer. May be heard in committee January 5.  
**Location:** 12/5/2022-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Existing provisions of the California Constitution require the specified use of General Fund revenues, as described. This measure would establish the Water and Wildfire Resiliency Fund within the State Treasury, and would require the Treasurer to annually transfer an amount equal to 3% of all state revenues that may be appropriated as described from the General Fund to the Water and Wildfire Resiliency Fund. The measure would require the moneys in the fund to be appropriated by the Legislature and would require that 50% of the moneys in the fund be used for water projects, as specified, and that the other 50% of the moneys in the fund be used for forest maintenance and health projects, as specified.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				
<b>Notes 1:</b>					

**[SB 3](#)** (**[Dodd D](#)**) **Discontinuation of residential water service: community water system.** ( Introduced: 12/5/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#) )  
**Status:** 1/18/2023-Referred to Com. on E., U. & C.  
**Location:** 1/18/2023-S. E. U., & C.

**Summary:** Existing law, the Water Shutoff Protection Act, prohibits an urban and community water system, defined as a public water system that supplies water to more than 200 service connections, from discontinuing residential service for nonpayment, as specified, and requires specified procedures before it can discontinue residential service for nonpayment. Existing law defines a community water system as a public water system that serves at least 15 service connections used

by yearlong residents or regularly serves at least 25 yearlong residents of the area served by the system. This bill would expand the scope of the Water Shutoff Protection Act by requiring that it instead apply to a community water system, defined to have the same meaning as existing law. The bill would require a community water system that supplies water to 200 service connections or fewer to comply with the act's provisions on and after August 1, 2024.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

**Notes 1:** The SLC voted to support this bill.

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**[SB 23](#)** (**[Caballero D](#)**) **Water supply and flood risk reduction projects: expedited permitting.** ( Introduced: 12/5/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 1/18/2023-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 12/5/2022-S. RLS.

**Summary:** The California Safe Drinking Water Act provides for the operation of public water systems and imposes on the State Water Resources Control Board various duties and responsibilities for the regulation and control of drinking water in the state, including, among other things, overseeing the issuance and enforcement of public water system permits, as provided. Existing law authorizes specified works of improvement for the control, conservation, and utilization of destructive flood waters and the reclamation and protection of lands that are susceptible to overflow by flood waters. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to expedite the regulatory permitting process for water supply and flood risk reduction projects, as provided. This bill contains other existing laws.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

**Notes 1:** The SLC voted to support this bill.

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**[SB 39](#)** (**[Laird D](#)**) **Sierra Nevada Conservancy: Sierra Nevada Region: subregions: climate resilience and equity.** ( Introduced: 12/5/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 1/18/2023-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

**Location:** 1/18/2023-S. N.R. & W.

**Summary:** Existing law establishes the Sierra Nevada Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency and prescribes the functions and duties of the conservancy with regard to the preservation of specified lands in the Sierra Nevada Region, as defined, and the 6 subregions, as defined, in which the Sierra Nevada Region is located. This bill would revise and recast the definition of "subregion." The bill would require the conservancy to support efforts that advance climate resilience and equity. The bill would also make nonsubstantive and conforming changes.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

**Notes 1:** The SLC voted to favor this bill.



**[SB 57](#) (Gonzalez D) Utilities: extreme weather events.** ( Introduced: 12/16/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 1/18/2023-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 12/16/2022-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Existing law vests the Public Utilities Commission with regulatory authority over public utilities, while local publicly owned electric utilities, as defined, are under the direction of their governing boards. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation to prohibit shutting off utility service during extreme weather events.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Assigned</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Group</b>
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

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**[SB 66](#) (Hurtado D) Water: predictive models and data collection.** ( Introduced: 1/5/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 1/18/2023-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 1/5/2023-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Existing law establishes the Department of Water Resources in the Natural Resources Agency and the State Water Resources Control Board in the California Environmental Protection Agency. Existing law requires the department, as part of updating The California Water Plan every five years, to conduct a study to determine the amount of water needed to meet the state's future needs and to recommend programs, policies, and facilities to meet those needs. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to ensure that reliable predictive models and data collection systems are used to properly forecast and allocate surface water.

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SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

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**[SB 79](#) (Nguyen R) Coastal resources: preservation.** ( Introduced: 1/12/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 1/25/2023-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 1/12/2023-S. RLS.

**Summary:** The California Coastal Act of 1976 finds and declares that the basic goals of the state for the coastal zone are to, among other things, protect, maintain, and, where feasible, enhance and restore the overall quality of the coastal zone environment and its natural and artificial resources. This bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would establish policy addressing coastal preservation.

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SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

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**[SB 224](#) (Hurtado D) Agricultural land: foreign ownership and interests: foreign governments. (**

Introduced: 1/19/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#))

**Status:** 2/1/2023-Referred to Coms. on JUD. and AGRI.

**Location:** 2/1/2023-S. JUD.

**Summary:** Existing law provides that all property has an owner, whether that owner is the state, and the property is public, or the owner is an individual, and the property is private. This bill would prohibit a foreign government from purchasing, acquiring, leasing, or holding an interest, as defined, in agricultural land within the State of California. The bill would exempt land held by foreign governments before January 1, 2024, from that prohibition. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

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**[SB 231](#) (Hurtado D) Drought modeling. ( Introduced: 1/23/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )**

**Status:** 2/1/2023-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 1/23/2023-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, which is known as The California Water Plan. Existing law requires the department to include a discussion of various strategies in the plan update, including, but not limited to, strategies relating to the development of new water storage facilities, water conservation, water recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, water transfers, and alternative pricing policies that may be pursued in order to meet the future needs of the state. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to require the Department of Water Resources to modify its predictive models as necessary to account for California's persistent drought.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

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**[SB 233](#) (Skinner D) Energy: new zero-emission vehicles and electric vehicle supply equipment: bidirectional capability. ( Introduced: 1/24/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )**

**Status:** 2/1/2023-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 1/24/2023-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to undertake various actions in furtherance of meeting the state's clean energy and pollution reduction objectives, including actions related to electric vehicles. This bill would state the Legislature's intent to enact future legislation to mandate that all new zero-emission vehicles and electric vehicle supply equipment sold in California have bidirectional capability by January 1, 2027, to the extent practical as determined by the commission.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

**Notes 1:**

**SB 240** (Ochoa Bogh R) **Surplus state real property.** ( Introduced: 1/25/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 1/26/2023-From printer. May be acted upon on or after February 25.

**Location:** 1/25/2023-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Existing law authorizes the Department of General Services to dispose of surplus state real property, as defined, as authorized by the Legislature, upon any terms and conditions and subject to any reservations and exceptions the department deems to be in the best interests of the state. Existing law requires the department to first offer surplus state real property to a local agency, as defined, and then to nonprofit affordable housing sponsors, as defined, prior to being offered for sale to private entities or individuals. Existing law requires a local agency or nonprofit affordable housing sponsor to satisfy certain requirements to be considered as a potential priority buyer of the surplus state real property, including that the local agency or nonprofit affordable housing sponsor demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the department, that the surplus state real property, or portion of that surplus state real property, is to be used by the local agency or nonprofit affordable housing sponsor for open space, public parks, affordable housing projects, or development of local government-owned facilities. Existing law authorizes the department to sell surplus state real property, or a portion of surplus state real property, to a local agency, or to a nonprofit affordable housing sponsor if no local agency is interested in the surplus state real property, for affordable housing projects at a sales price less than fair market value if the department determines that such a discount will enable the provision of housing for persons and families of low or moderate income. Existing law also authorizes the Director of General Services to transfer surplus state real property to a local agency for less than fair market value if the agency uses the surplus state real property for parks or open-space purposes. This bill would remove authorization for a local agency or nonprofit affordable housing sponsor to be considered as a potential priority buyer of surplus state real property upon demonstration that the property is to be used by the agency or sponsor for open space or a public park. The bill would, where surplus state real property that is to be used by the local agency or nonprofit affordable housing sponsor for affordable housing projects and the affordable housing project is not completed within 5 years of the date the property was acquired by the local agency or nonprofit affordable housing sponsor, require the local agency or nonprofit affordable housing sponsor to pay a penalty in the amount of 1% of the purchase price. The bill would remove authorization to transfer surplus state real property to a local agency for less than fair market value if the agency proposes to use the surplus state real property for parks or open-space purposes. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

**Notes 1:**

**SB 251** (Newman D) **Political Reform Act of 1974: elected officers: conflicts of interest.** (

Introduced: 1/30/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#) )

**Status:** 1/31/2023-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 2.

**Location:** 1/30/2023-S. RLS.

**Summary:** The Political Reform Act of 1974 provides for the comprehensive regulation of conflicts of interest of public officials. The act makes a knowing or willful violation of its provisions a misdemeanor. This bill would prohibit an elected officer from employment by any other elected officer with the same constituency, as provided. The bill would not apply to statewide elected officers. By expanding the scope of an existing crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization	Assigned	Position	Priority	Subject	Group
SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

**Notes 1:**

**SB 265 (Hurtado D) Cybersecurity preparedness: critical infrastructure sectors. (**

Introduced: 1/31/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#))

**Status:** 2/1/2023-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 3.

**Location:** 1/31/2023-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Existing law, the California Emergency Services Act, among other things, creates the Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), which is responsible for the state’s emergency and disaster response services, as specified. Existing law requires Cal OES to establish the California Cybersecurity Integration Center (Cal-CSIC) with the primary mission of reducing the likelihood and severity of cyber incidents that could damage California’s economy, its critical infrastructure, or public and private sector computer networks in the state. Existing law requires Cal-CSIC to provide warnings of cyberattacks to government agencies and nongovernmental partners, coordinate information sharing among these entities, assess risks to critical infrastructure information networks, enable cross-sector coordination and sharing of best practices and security measures, and support certain cybersecurity assessments, audits, and accountability programs. Existing law also requires Cal-CSIC to develop a statewide cybersecurity strategy to improve how cyber threats are identified, understood, and shared in order to reduce threats to California government, businesses, and consumers, and to strengthen cyber emergency preparedness and response and expand cybersecurity awareness and public education. This bill would require Cal OES to direct Cal-CSIC to prepare, and Cal OES to submit to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2025, a strategic, multiyear outreach plan to assist critical infrastructure sectors, as defined, in their efforts to improve cybersecurity and an evaluation of options for providing grants or alternative forms of funding to, and potential voluntary actions that do not require funding and that assist, that sector in their efforts to improve cybersecurity preparedness. The bill would make related findings and declarations.

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SCV Water Agency	DKA AA				

**Notes 1:**

Total Measures: 30

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MEMORANDUM

TO: STEVE COLE, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY

FROM: HUNT BRALY

RE: December 2022 Report

DATE: 2-8-2023

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

**RECURRING ACTIVITIES/MEETING ATTENDANCE:**

1. Safe, Clean Water Program (Measure W) Watershed Area Steering Committee Santa Clara River Meeting was held on February 2nd, and it continued to be virtual. The Watershed Coordinator, Tree People, provided their outreach report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2022 and it stressed continuing issues on Arundo removal, the Bouquet Creek, Acton flooding and attending numerous events to promote the goals of the Program. Tree People was approved to continue as the Watershed Coordinator and no increase to its \$200,000 annual cost. There was discussion and subsequent approval of the City's request to transfer previously approved funding for the Hart Park project to the new Via Princessa project. This will allow the Via Princessa project to move quicker for both the creation of the park and the watershed benefits. Funding for Hart Park is being deferred for 4-5 years. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>, but staff stated it may be cancelled.
2. Attended Virtual County Board of Supervisors Meetings on January 10, January 24, January 31 and February 7. The report on the January 10 meeting was contained in my previous month's report.

At the January 24th meeting Supervisor Barger had a motion regarding enhancing protections for the Western Joshua Tree. The motion acknowledged that the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale have local ordinances and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is still considering the petition that the Joshua tree be considered a threatened species. The motion asked for a report in writing within 60 days on the status of existing County efforts and ordinances that protect the Joshua tree, feasibility of partnering in the creation of new mitigation banks to protect the Joshua tree and the feasibility of obtaining designated authority from CDFW to develop a local conservation program including mitigation for potential development impacts.

At the January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting the Stevenson Ranch cell tower proposal which had been approved by the County Planning Commission, was heard. It had resulted in significant public discussion at previous Board meetings, including when the Planning Department's comprehensive new cell tower guidelines, was considered. After significant public discussion Supervisor Barger opposed the proposal and it was defeated. Since the federal government has significantly limited the ability

of local government to refuse to approve cell towers, it will be interesting to see how the applicant proceeds.

At the February 7 meeting Supervisors Barger and Horvath had a motion regarding modernizing critical water infrastructure due to the changing climate. The motion discussed the adoption in August 2019 by the Board calling for the creation of a County Water Plan. The motion asked the Department of Public Works to report back within 60 days on their continued community outreach on the County Water Plan with an expedited implementation schedule; the efforts for the Safe, Clean Water Program to increase local water supply and strategies to secure the new federal and state funding announce the the Biden Administration to help accelerate and improve the County's water resilience.

The February 7 meeting also included an extension of the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) with Trammell Crow for the proposed Honor Ranch Development Project on 206 acres of County-owned land in Castaic. The initial proposal is 1.5 million square feet of industrial business park, 250,000 square feet of life science office, 55,000 square feet of retail space. This was approved on June 14, 2022. Due to the complexity this allows for extensions of the ENA up to 2 ½ years due to the project's complexity.

### 3. Monitored the following City Council Meetings

The City Council Meeting January 10, 2023, was discussed in my December Report. As promised, the appointments to several City Commissions and committees were as follows:

Planning Commission: Lisa Eichman, Dennis Ostrom and Patsy Ayala (new); Parks and Recreation Commission: Rebecca Sky Ostrom, Donald Cruikshank and Peggy Stabile; Arts Commission: Susan Shapiro, Patti Rasmussen and Dr. Michael Miller; Open Space Finance and Audit Committee: Wendy Langhans, Sandra Cattell and Susan Orloff.

#### City Council Meeting January 24, 2023

Public Comment brought up concerns for pedestrians and bicycles to the COC Canyon Country campus and the City Manager responded that there are projects underway to provide improvements. There was also continuing concern about the construction process at Central Park. The City manager responded that the new contractor will now be moving quickly on the project.

In Council comments, Councilwoman Weste requested that staff put some one time only funding for Henry Mayo Hospital on a future council meeting to assist the hospital with the challenges it has faced during covid. Councilwoman McLean expressed concern with the proposed state funding cuts of more than \$ 2 billion for road projects and asked that the City send an opposed letter.

The first Public Hearing involved an amendment to the Pre Annexation Agreement for the Tesoro project to deal with the reality of delays in construction materials to ensure that the widening of the Copper Hill Bridge is begun as soon as possible and that the initial new homes can proceed and obtain necessary Certificates of Occupancy. These certificates are capped at 342 homes out of 810 homes until the bridge widening is completed and certificates cannot be issued until the bridge construction widening is completed.

The second Public matter was to recommend Mayor Gibbs to serve on the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency which is a newly created agency.

In regards to the consent items, the major issue was the 2023 Community Services and Arts Grants Committee's \$200,000 in funding was approved.

4. Participate in Virtual Public Outreach and Legislation Committee on January 19.
5. Monitored and reviewed Agency Board Agendas.
6. Reviewed weekly emails regarding articles of interest from Agency.

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## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 9, 2023

**TO:** Public Outreach and Legislation

**FROM:** Steve Cole *SC*  
Assistant General Manager

**SUBJECT:** Discussion of Crisis Communication Plan

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### SUMMARY

With an increasing focus on emergency preparedness within SCV Water, the Communications staff has developed a draft Crisis Communication Plan for review. The purpose of the plan is to provide a framework to execute timely and accurate communications activities during a crisis. It will serve as an appendix to the SCV Water Emergency Response Plan.

### DISCUSSION

The Crisis Communication Plan provides guidance in topics such as message strategy, development and delivery, as well as audience considerations and best practices for press conferences and media relations. It contains a number of resources and contact information, and will be home to templates for press releases, media alerts, social media posts and other content on topics that may be encountered in a crisis situation, such as boil water notices.

It is a living document that will require annual staff review to ensure the information remains current. It is anticipated that Communications staff will have an opportunity to practice these approaches as part of Agency emergency preparedness drills. In addition, Communications staff have all attended training specific to crisis communications and the skills needed to provide information in an empathetic, credible and competent manner.

### STRATEGIC PLAN NEXUS

A.2 Proactively communicate with and engage our community on water matters of importance to the region positioning SCV Water as a leading resource and reliable authority on water issues.

B.6 Plan and prepare for catastrophic emergencies.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Public Outreach and Legislation Committee review and provide feedback on the Draft Crisis Communication Plan.

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**WATER**

# **Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Crisis Communication Plan**

**Water Resources & Outreach Department**

**Updated February 2023**

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## Purpose of this Crisis Communications Plan

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To provide a framework for accurately and consistently communicating with customers, staff, Board of Directors, media and the general public, utilizing the resources that are available during an incident.

This document will not include descriptions of potential threats or overall agency response to critical incidents, only the philosophy, methods and messages used to communicate with various audiences during crises.

The Crisis Communications Plan will serve as an appendix to the SCV Water Emergency Response Plan.

### Key Objectives of the Plan

- Provide Agency leadership with a framework to execute timely and accurate communications activities during a crisis.
- Ensure that employees are aware of their potential role in executing the Crisis Communications Plan.
- Protect the image and reputation of the Agency.
- Provide guidance on appropriate communications content.
- Identify potential partners to enhance communications efforts.

## SCV Water Information

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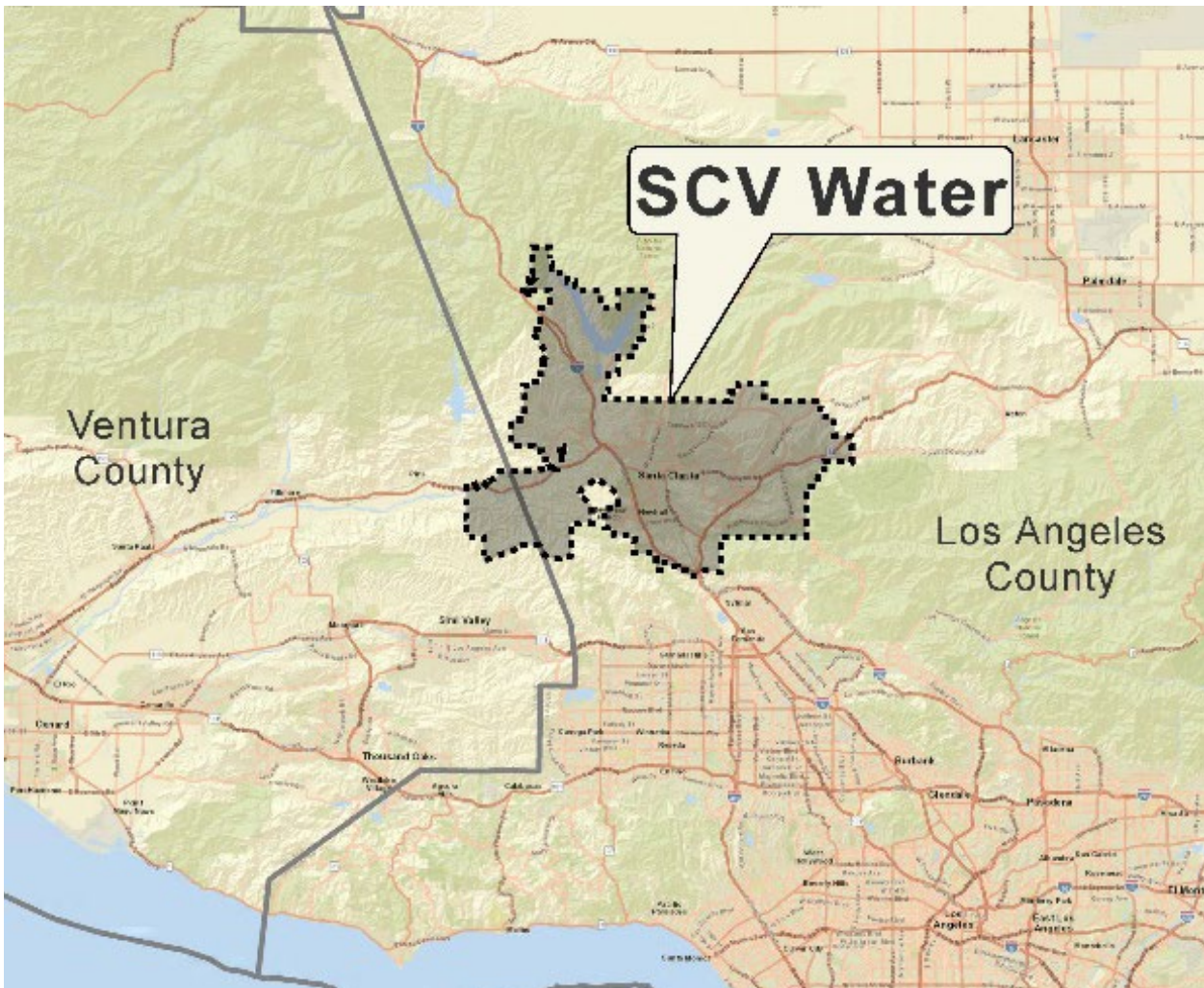
**Mission Statement:** Providing responsible water stewardship to ensure the Santa Clarita Valley has reliable supplies of high-quality water at a reasonable cost.

**Vision:** Exemplary water management for a high quality of life in the Santa Clarita Valley.

### Facts:

- The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) was created on January 1, 2018, by an act of the State Legislature (SB 634) through the merger of the three local water agencies in the Santa Clarita Valley. The merger included Castaic Lake Water Agency, its Santa Clarita Water Division, Newhall County Water District, and the Valencia Water Company.
- In 2023, SCV Water serves a population of 295,000 through 75,000 retail water connections. The population at build-out is estimated to be 420,000.
- The SCV Water service area covers approximately 195 square miles or 124,000 acres.

# SCV Water Service Area Boundary Map



## SCV Water Leadership

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## Crisis Messaging Strategy

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When a crisis of any nature has occurred, it is the goal of the Agency to provide accurate and timely information to the media, employees, stakeholders, and partners in the community.

News releases will be issued by Communications staff only, after approval by the Incident Commander or General Manager or their designee and the Public Information Officer or their designee. All press releases shall be posted on the Agency website, and the Board of Directors and Agency staff should be copied on every news release to ensure they have the most current information. Certain events may dictate that board/staff be notified prior to any public notification. This determination will be made by the Incident Commander or General Manager and the Public Information Officer.

In all phases outlined below, make your crisis communications messaging visual and easy to share. Word-of-mouth will help spread your message and reach a wider audience. Encourage your people to share the message internally and externally where relevant.

### Initial Phase

- Keep it simple – Simplicity is best, and clarity is king. Ensure your message has a clear objective, and make it relevant, tailored and easy-to-consume by your target audience.
- Be First – It is important that information is delivered in a timely manner to get ahead of the story.
- Be Right – It is critical that information is accurate and truthful.
- Confirm facts. If all of the answers are not known, explain what the process is to gather the information additional information.
- Be Credible – Trust is built when your delivery matches your message, so designate a credible spokesperson and subject matter expert to deliver the key messages. Repeat the key messages three times.
- Express Empathy – Recognize the impact of the event on victims and their families. Practice active listening.
- Promote Action – Tell people what they should be doing to protect themselves and their families during the crisis.
- Show Respect – Recognize that people may feel vulnerable in a crisis and always show them respect. This will also help promote cooperation and build relationships.
- Show competency – Let your audience know that the Agency has the skills, knowledge and resources to handle the crisis.

### Maintenance Phase

- Provide On-Going Updates – Distribute updated information regularly through news releases, press conferences, community meetings, and social media as appropriate.
- Provide Background Support – Provide more in-depth information to the public and the media through fact sheets and website postings.
- Address Misinformation – Monitor all media and correct any information that is incorrect or could be misunderstood.
- Repeat Actions – Repeat messages that inform the public of meaningful steps they can take to protect themselves, their families, and their communities.

### Resolution Phase

- Continue Updates – Continue communications with the public and the media regarding recovery efforts.
- Educate – Inform the community on ways they can reduce their risk in future events by promoting behaviors that reduce risk and encouraging personal preparation.



### Evaluation Phase

- Incident – After the crisis, evaluate what went well with communications to each stakeholder group and what can be improved upon.
- Tools – Evaluate the documents and tools used to facilitate communications during the crisis and adjust as needed for future event.
- Plan – Determine adjustments that need to be made to the Crisis Communications Plan and update the document.

## Press/News Conference

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While Crisis Communications can frequently be managed via social media, press releases and responding directly to media inquiries, there are times when a press conference can serve a valuable purpose, especially during a large-scale emergency or a crisis that generates a significant amount of media attention at once. If it is determined that a press conference is called for, the following checklist can be used to guide planning.

### *Purpose and benefits of holding a news conference*

- Maximum reach
- Simultaneous message dissemination
- Manage messaging
- Correct misinformation

### *Planning a News Conference*

Start with identifying the message you need to convey. From there, determine the type of press conference, who the speaker(s) will be, and what logistics are needed to implement the event.

- **Press Conference Types**
- Basic Press Conference
  - Solo speaker
  - Multiple speakers
  - Live streamed
  - Live via news media
  - 1-on-1s
- VIP/Media Tour & Press Conference
- Town Hall
- **See “Checklists” section of this plan for details on press conference logistics.**

### *Speaker Preparation*

- Speaking points
- Determine the need for Subject Matter Experts (SME’s)
- Determine the need for a joint agency presentation
- Secure an area for Speaker Prep/Huddle

- Speaker Practice
  - Anticipate tough questions; prepare responses
  - Remember to stay in your lane – only speak for your agency, share only approved information
- Podium notes: Outline, speaker notes, speaker list
- Access and Functional Needs (ANF) Considerations
  - For individuals with function-based needs (including physical, developmental, intellectual) arising from or related to a restriction or limited ability to perform activities normally considered routine) that may require assistance before, during, and/or after a disaster or an emergency.
- American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter Considerations
- Other Language Considerations

### Questions to Expect from the Media

- What happened?
- When did it happen?
- Who is involved?
- Where did it happen?
- Why did it happen?
- Who is in charge?
- What are you doing for the people who are hurt?
- Is the situation under control? Is the crisis contained?
- Can you fix it?
- What can we expect?
- Did you know ahead of time that this might happen? Why wasn't this kept from happening? Why wasn't this prevented?
- What else can go wrong?
- When did you begin working on this (were notified of this, determined this?)
- Are there things you aren't telling us?
- What does this data or information mean?
- What should people do or not do now?
- Are those who got hurt getting help and, if so, how?
- When can we get more information?

## Message Development

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It is the role of the Communications Team to provide timely and accurate information to all partners and stakeholders. The Team will:

- Gather information
- Verify information
- Develop key messages
- Obtain appropriate approval
- Release information through appropriate channels

### Message Approval

News releases and key messages will be developed by the Communications Staff in conjunction with the Agency Management Staff, General Manager, Incident Command Staff and/or Subject Matter Experts. All information to be released will be approved by the Incident Commander or the General Manager, the Department Head or Subject Matter Expert responsible for the technical information, and the PIO or their designee. All news releases will be sent by the Communications Team. The Communications Team will release messages to the media, social media, partners, and to other designated departments and volunteers to help with the message delivery.

### Designated Spokespersons

In the event of a crisis, the initial message acknowledging the incident (what happened), expressing empathy and giving high level instructions (boil water, stay in place, stay inside), may be delivered by the following officials based on their availability:

- The Board President
- The Board Vice President
- The General Manager

The initial spokesperson will then introduce the selected Subject Matter Expert to give details on what we know, how this happened, what we are doing to resolve the situation, and next steps.

### Prioritizing Messages

- Develop the Single Overriding Communication Objectives (SOCO)
  - Overall key message/go-to message
- Lead with empathy
- Give “now” information first
  - Here’s what we’re doing
  - Here’s what you need to know
  - We have a plan in place and here’s what it means for you
- Advance the story or narrative when new information is approved for release
- Tell the public (via the news conference) what they need to know
- Use your expertise when possible and when appropriate
- If you don’t know the answer, say so and offer to get back to them. Never speculate.
- When in trouble stay on message (SOCO). Use pivot points/transitional phrases to drive questions back to your message
  - “The important thing is...”
  - “What’s really important to remember is...”
  - “Again, our goal is to...”
  - “I can’t answer that question at the moment, but what I can tell you is...”

### Communication

- Verbal tone should match the situation
- Speak confidently, clearly and with conviction
- Avoid distracting mannerisms ex: rocking body, excessive hand gestures
- Be aware of expression – avoid overly stoic appearance or nervous smiling
- Access and Functional Needs (ANF) considerations

- American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter considerations

### **Appearance**

- Clean, professional, groomed, and appropriate for the situation and location
- Minimize visual distractions such as bright colors, strong patterns, unofficial logos or hats

### **Tips for Answering Questions**

#### **DO:**

- Focus messaging on what the public needs to know
- Use answers as an opportunity to tell the agency side of the story, not just a regurgitation of the facts. (Have a handout with the who, what, why, where, when and how)
- Connect every answer back to the SOCO
- Provide the answer so it stands alone as a statement – a soundbite.
  - Example: Q: “What do customers need to know?” A: “Our customers need to know that...”
- Be brief – 20 – 30 seconds max per answer.
- End with planned messaging – always be prepared to answer, “Is there anything else we should know?”
- Direct to other resources
- Use good verbal and physical delivery skills

#### **DON'T:**

- Don't speculate
- Don't speak for other entities
- Don't repeat negatives- use positive or actionable information
  - Example: Q: “Why didn't the agency...” A: “SCV Water took swift action to...”
- Don't be thrown off by repetitive questions. Find different ways to explain information, or use a transitional phrase to bridge back to your SOCO

## **Joint Information Center**

Depending on the scope of the incident, a Joint Information Center (JIC) may be formed. A JIC is a facility established as the central point of contact for news media and interest parties to coordinate incident information activities at the scene of the incident.

In the Santa Clarita Valley, a JIC would likely be established by the City of Santa Clarita or the designated Incident Command, and SCV Water would designate a liaison to serve there. If an Emergency Operations Center is established, the PIO-designated rep works there to receive immediate information from police and others involved in the response.

The PIO is responsible for managing and coordinating public messaging and media activities. He/she provides approved messages for the public via social media, website, press releases talking points, and/or media briefings/press conferences.

## Checklists, Templates, and Resources

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### Information Dissemination Tools Checklist

#### ***Internal Communications Distribution List (Refer to SCV Water’s Emergency Response Plan Section 1.3.1 Internal Communications)***

- Email
- Text/Call Alert (Agency alert system)
- Alert Media (via email, text, mobile app, landline, and Desktop takeover)
- Notify the Executive Team (General Manager, Assistant General Manager, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, Chief Engineer, Chief Operating Officer, Director of Water Resources, Director of Technology, Communications Manager), as well as the Environmental Health & Safety Supervisor and Emergency Preparedness and Safety Coordinator.
- SCV Water’s Board of Directors
- Alert Media: Desktop Takeover
- Email all staff with notice

#### ***External (Public) Communications Distribution List (Refer to SCV Water’s Emergency Response Plan Section 1.3.2 External Response Partner Communications)***

**Media Alert:** includes critical information about an upcoming press conference, event or story, such as the date, time, location, and a brief description.

- Media list (BCC)
- SCV Water Board of Directors
- All Staff

**Press Release:** contains all the information reporters need to write their articles, including quotes, statistics, and background information.

- Media list (BCC)
- SCV Water Board of Directors
- All Staff
- Submit to ACWA News

#### **Social Media**

- Facebook (Including Facebook Live)
- Twitter
- Instagram
- NextDoor

#### **Website**

- Banner- Alert on the homepage
- Post updates on the website. The website includes an Incident Page template that can be filled in and published quickly.

### Robocalls

- Available for all customers with a phone number on file

### Additional Outreach Methods

These methods may also be used in the event of a technology failure.

- Information kiosks. These could include the Rockefeller and Summit Circle Office locations, the Central Park lower gate at Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant, local libraries, and any shelters that may be opened due to a crisis.
- Door hangers/flyers – can be used when immediate communication is needed in specific neighborhoods
- Community meetings – locations to be determined based on the incident

## Audience List

Check to confirm you've reached the target audience list:

- SCV Water Board and management
- Customers
- Community – especially neighbors close to the incident
- All employees and their families
- News media
- Elected officials, regulators, and other government authorities
- Neighboring water agencies
- Survivors impacted by the incident and their families
- Those housed in any emergency shelters
- Suppliers

## Press Conference Checklist

- **Set location**
  - Access (participants, media, public)
  - Security
  - Vehicle access and parking
  - Shelter (consider weather)
  - Power
  - Web Access (Log-in; Firewall; Speed)
- **Equipment, supply, and messaging needs**
  - Podium/Microphone/Speaker
  - SCV Water Reps/Speakers
  - SCV Water Boundary Map
  - Background
  - Handouts and visual aids
  - B-roll options
- **After the press conference**
  - Update the SCV Water website, social media sites, and voicemail with any pertinent information

- Message staff with updates

## PIO Officer Checklist

**The PIO Team should maintain a “go bag” of items in case a mobile office is needed during an incident. Items that the PIO should have in their go bag.**

### *Go Bag*

- Office supplies such as notepads, pens, highlighters, paper, stapler, tape, scissors, envelopes, etc.
- Power strip/surge protector
- Clothing with agency logo for quick deployment
- Snacks
- Extra phone chargers and laptop chargers
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Safety Vest, Glasses, Sunscreen
- Print Binder
  - Social media passwords
  - Agency contact list, including IT support hotline
  - Pre-scripted messages and template press releases
  - PIO and other emergency operations plans
  - Maps (service area; treatment and distribution facilities)

### *Things to Grab*

- Laptop computer/iPad with charger
- Wi-Fi hot spot
- Camera with charger and extra memory card
- Cell phones, tablets and chargers

## Facebook Live Best Practices and Checklist

Facebook Live is a feature of Facebook that lets users livestream directly to the social network platform. Viewers can react, share, and comment during the stream. A recording of the video is also published to the page or profile so it can be watched again later.

### Before going live:

- Choose the format: Go Live, which starts the broadcast as soon as the settings are selected; or Create Live Video Event, to set up the date and time in advance so others can plan to tune in. This works short-term as well, to notify the audience that you will be going live in one hour, for example.
- To ensure that the livestream has an audience, an announcement should be published on all appropriate online platforms prior to the broadcast.
- Prepare talking points (and a call to action, if appropriate) .
- Prepare speaker
- Give your broadcast a title: Click the Live button, then use the space on the bottom to describe what you’re about to live stream so anyone who sees the activity in their news feed or views it later knows what to expect.
- Go live on FB

When broadcasting live:

- If other than a press conference, take periodic breaks to introduce yourself and anyone with you, share the location you're broadcasting from, and talk about why you're doing a livestream.
- Have another team member logged in to monitor and respond to comments from a desktop computer

After the Facebook Live has ended:

- Videos can be downloaded. Consider posting links on the incident webpage.





## Media Contacts/Public Information Liaison List

Organization	Point Person Name & Position	Phone	Alternate phone	Email or Website
Newspaper - Local	The Signal Richard Budman Owner and Publisher	(661)259-1234	(661)287-5501	<a href="http://www.signalscv.com">www.signalscv.com</a> <a href="mailto:Rbudman@signalscv.com">Rbudman@signalscv.com</a>
Newspaper – Regional/State	Daily News Ron Hasse President and Publisher	(818)713-3000	(818)713-3883	<a href="http://www.dailynews.com">www.dailynews.com</a> <a href="mailto:publisher@scng.com">publisher@scng.com</a>
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*Refer to Emergency Response Plan Section 1.3.2 for External Response Partner Communications*

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27th Senate District	Senator Henry Stern	Brendan Murphy	Press officer	<a href="mailto:Brendan.murphy@sen.ca.gov">Brendan.murphy@sen.ca.gov</a>
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Governor				

## Press Release Templates

Communications staff is working with Safety, Operations and other water industry and emergency preparedness resources to prepare a library of templates to cover anticipated situations for emergency response. These could include:

- *boil water notice, earthquake, energy emergency, flood, general evacuation order/warning, cybersecurity, red flag warning, severe storms, wildfire, active shooter and terrorism.*

# Public Notification Emergency Phone Numbers & Resources

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## Preparedness Resources & Info

- [City of Santa Clarita Emergency Preparedness Info](#)
- Red Cross
  - [Types of Emergencies & How to Prepare for Them](#)  
(i.e. drought, earthquake, fire, flood, heatwave, power outage, terrorism, wild fire, etc.)
  - [Plan and Prepare](#)

## Emergency Communications & Notifications

- [City of Santa Clarita Emergency notifications](#)
- [Los Angeles County Emergency Notifications: Alert-LA](#)

## Sheriff & Fire Department

- [Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station](#)  
For non-emergencies, call: (661) 255-1121
- [L.A. County Sheriff's Department](#)
- [Los Angeles County Fire Department – Santa Clarita Stations](#)  
Non-Emergency/Business Phone (661) 753-9710
- [L.A. County Fire Department](#)

## Utilities

- [Southern California Edison](#): (800) 611-1911
- [The Gas Company](#): (800) 427-2200

## Water Service

- [SCV Water](#)
  - Customer Care (661) 294-0828
- [Los Angeles County Waterworks District #36](#)  
(661) 942-1157

## RESOURCES:

Access and Functional Needs in Crisis Communications:

[https://www.cdc.gov/cpr/readiness/00\\_docs/CDC\\_Access\\_and\\_Functional\\_Needs\\_Toolkit\\_March2021.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/cpr/readiness/00_docs/CDC_Access_and_Functional_Needs_Toolkit_March2021.pdf)

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## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 16, 2023

**TO:** Public Outreach and Legislation Committee

**FROM:** Kathie Martin  
Communications Manager 

**SUBJECT:** Communications Manager's Report

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### SUMMARY

The Communications Manager will provide brief updates on current projects and efforts, which could include legislation tracking, sponsorship and events, social media reporting and others.

Expected items to be updated this month include:

- Communications Manager recruitment process
- Water Matters Webinar – After the Storms: Water Supply in the SCV
- Water Academy
- Bridgeport Pocket Park Project Collaboration with Local Schools

### STRATEGIC PLAN NEXUS

The work of the Outreach Department supports the overall Strategic Plan through education, public engagement, marketing and other internal and external methods of communication.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

### RECOMMENDATION

For information only. No action to be taken.

Attachments:

Grant/Funding Efforts Summary  
Legislative Tracking Summary  
Sponsorship Tracking Summary

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**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
GRANT / FUNDING EFFORTS SUMMARY**

Grant	Start Date	End Date	# of SCVWA Projects within Grant	SCV Water Project Name	SCVWA PROJECTS ONLY				% Grant Share Billed on Funder Approved Invoices**	Cost of Application
					Total Project Cost	Grant Funding	Required Funding Match (Non-State/Federal Share)	Other Non-State/Federal Share		
DWR Prop 84 Round 1 Implementation <i>*Fundable portion of grant complete; grant completion and retention release est. Jan2023</i>	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	92%	\$37,700
DWR Prop 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning (includes Prop 1 SGWP & Prop 68 SGP grants)	12/5/2018	8/31/2022	3	a. Grant Administration b. Planning Activities c. Monitoring	\$ 2,047,434	\$ 1,307,265	\$ 740,169	\$ -	83%	Prop 1 - \$24,778 Prop 68 - \$29,822
DWR Prop 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation	9/24/2020	3/21/2026	2	1. Grant Administration 2. Recycle Water Phase 2C 3. Santa Clara Honby PFAS Remediation	\$ 20,674,288	\$ 6,216,800	\$ 10,751,205	\$ 3,706,283	29%	\$99,192 Cost share between project proponents
CA State Water Resources Control Board	4/8/2021	3/31/2024	1	LARC Ranch Water Pipeline Project	\$ 4,811,991	\$ 3,931,991	\$ 880,000	\$ -	0%	\$0 State Assigned Grant Consultant / DAC Proj
BOR WaterSmart Drought Resiliency Projects	7/1/2022	6/30/2025	1	Rosedale Phase 2 Wells Project* <i>*Total project cost does not include cost to purchase well sites or easements.</i>	\$ 2,921,191	\$ 1,458,987	\$ 1,458,987	\$ -	0%	Included in annual On-Call Grant Consulting Agreement (FY2022 \$69,725 Final)
BOR WaterSmart Water and Energy Efficiency Grant	7/1/2022	6/30/2025	1	Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project (SCV Water Phase 1)	\$ 8,428,289	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	0%	Included in annual On-Call Grant Consulting Agreement (FY2022 \$69,725 Final)
FY 2023 WaterSmart BOR Drought Response Program <i>Application Submitted: June 14, 2022 Awarded: 12/22/22 Grant Agreement in negotiation</i>	est 3/31/2023	est 3/31/2026	1	5-Wells PFAS Treatment and Disinfection Facilities (Phase 1)	\$ 16,817,004	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 6,817,004	0%	Included in annual On-Call Grant Consulting Agreement (FY2022 \$69,725 Final)

\*\*Based on Funder approved invoices for ALL PROJECTS within the grant. Receipt of payment may be delayed in Funder's normal course of business.

SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION - PENDING									Cost of Application
Grant	Start Date	End Date	# of SCVWA Projects within Grant	SCV Project Name	Total Project Cost	Requested Grant Funding	Required Funding Match (Non-State/Federal Share)	Other Non-State/Federal Share (Funding Match)	
CalOES-FEMA Public Assistance Program FEMA-4482-DR-CA (Project 2)	N/A	N/A	1	COVID-19 Assistance (Sanitation of Agency Facilities)		\$ 40,900	\$ -		\$0 Staff submitted
WaterSmart BOR Water Energy Efficiency Grant FY2023** Application Submitted: July 28, 2022 Est. Award Date: May 2023	TBD	TBD	1	Water Efficiency Program	\$ 7,242,900	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 3,242,900	Included in annual On-Call Grant Consulting Agreement (FY2023 \$45K)
DWR 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Est Submittal Date: 12/9/2022	TBD	12/31/2026	2	1. Saugus 3 & 4 Well Equipping Project 2. S Wells PFAS Treatment/Disinfection	\$ 26,720,434	\$ 5,982,109	\$ 1,495,527	TBD	Included in annual On-Call Grant Consulting Agreement
DWR Prop 1 Sustainable Groundwater Mgmt Implementation Grant_Round 2 Submitted: 12/15/2022	TBD	6/30/2025	4 components	Expanded Monitoring in the USCR Basin	\$ 5,304,640	\$ 5,304,640	\$ -	\$ -	NTE \$16,790
DWR Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM Grant Total Funding - \$10.95M, Submitted 1/30/2023 (IRWM App contains 5 projects total, incl City and SCVSD projects); Est Award: Spring 2023	TBD	12/31/2027	3	1. Grant Administration 2. Sand Canyon Sewer Line Relocation 3. T&U Wells PFAS Treatment	\$ 21,756,527	\$ 3,625,529	\$ 15,814,014	\$ 2,316,984	\$94,581 SCVWA Cost Share Est \$40K

\*\*Cumulative funding limit across all BOR FY2023  
WaterSmart Grant Programs is \$5M

APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS - TO BE SUBMITTED									Cost of Application
Grant	Start Date	End Date	# of SCVWA Projects within Grant	SCV Project Name	SCVWA PROJECTS ONLY				
					Total Project Cost	Requested Grant/Loan Funding	Required Funding Match (Non-State/Federal Share)	Other Non-State / Federal Share (Funding Match)	
CA State Water Resources Control Board Grant Incentive Grant Funding re LARC Ranch DAC Project Est. Application Submittal: FEB 2023	TBD	TBD	1+	PFAS Remediateion Projects T & U Wells, S Wells	TBD	\$ 1,100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$0 State Assigned Grant Consultant due to LARC Ranch DAC Proj
CA State Water Resources Control Board Grant Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Emerging Contaminants Funding SCV Water's PFAS Projects are listed in SWRCB FY2022-23 Fundable List; may reduce/offset DWSRF Loan amount Est. App. Submittal: FEB 2023	TBD	TBD	1+	PFAS Remediation Projects	TBD	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000		
CA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Includes \$10M 0% Interest Incentive Loan re LARC Ranch DAC Project, with balance at standard SRF Rates; Est. App. Submittal: FEB 2023	TBD	TBD	1+	PFAS Remediateion Projects T & U Wells, S Wells	TBD	\$ 24,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	

CLOSED / COMPLETED GRANTS											
Grant	Start Date	End Date	# of SCVWA Projects within Grant	SCV Water Project Name	SCVWA PROJECTS ONLY					% Grant Share Billed on Funder Approved Invoices*	Cost of Application
					Total Project Cost	Grant Funding	Required Funding Match (Non-State/Federal Share)	Other Non-State/Federal Share			
DWR Prop 84 Round 2 Implementation <i>(Complete - DWR official notification of closed grant received on 5/11/2021)</i>	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		99.79% FINAL	\$84,175	
DWR Prop 84 2014 Drought Grant <i>(Complete - DWR official notification of closed grant received on 5/11/2021)</i>	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		99.68% FINAL	\$80,000	
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 through CA DDW - CA Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program	Immediate	1/31/2022	1	Arrearage Payment Program (customer bills arrearage payment forgiveness)	\$ 671,520	\$ 671,520	\$ -	\$ -	100%	\$0 Staff Submitted	
ACWA-JPIA	3/1/2022	6/30/2022	1	Emergency Preparedness (Communications Equipment)		\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$0 Staff Submitted	
CalOES-FEMA Public Assistance Program FEMA-4482-DR-CA (Project 1)	7/30/2020		1	COVID-19 Assistance (PPE & Sanitation Supplies)		\$ 34,380	\$ -	\$ -	100%	\$0 Staff submitted	
Community Power Resiliency Allocation - Special Districts Program - CalOES subaward	3/12/2021	3/31/2022	1	Generator Replacement at Earl Schmidt Filtration Plant	\$ 249,854	\$ 249,854	\$ -	\$ -	100% allocated funds received	\$0 - No charge from Consultant	

UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS									
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)	Cost of Application
DWR Prop 84 IRWM Round 3 Grant	N/A	N/A	2	1. Grant Administraton 2. CLWA Res & Comm Turf Removal 3. Santa Clara River Trunk Sewer Line Project Phase II (NCWD?) 4. Valencia WRP Advanced Water Treatment Facilities	\$ 40,565,007	\$ 16,229,000	\$ 24,427,007		\$110,000 Cost Share between Project Proponents on a pro-rata basis
WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants BOR-DO-21-F001	N/A	N/A	1	Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project (SCV Water Phase 1)	\$ 3,475,860	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,475,860	Included in annual On-Call Grant Consulting Agreement (FY2022 \$69,725 Final)
WaterSMART Drought Response Program BOR-DO-20-F002	N/A	N/A	1	Saugus Wells 3 & 4 Equipment and Site Improvement Project	\$ 3,744,829	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 744,829	Included in annual On-Call Grant Consulting Agreement (FY2022 \$69,725 Final)
CA DWR Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program	N/A	N/A	1	Saugus Wells 3 & 4 (Replacement Wells) Well Equipment and Site Improvement Project	\$ 8,300,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -		Included in annual On-Call Grant Consulting Agreement (FY2022 \$69,725 Final)
<del>CA DWR 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Grant</del> <i>to be reconsidered under Round 3</i>	N/A	N/A	<del>1</del>	Santa Clara/Honby PFAS Groundwater Treatment Improvement Project <i>INCLUDED AS SUBSTITUTE PROJECT IN PROP 1 ROUND 1 IRWM GRANT ABOVE</i>	<del>\$ 11,750,000</del>	<del>\$ 4,000,000</del>	<del>\$ -</del>		\$5,736
BOR WaterSmart - Title XVI WIIN Water Reclamation and Reuse Program FY2022	N/A	N/A	1	Phase 2C Recycled Water Project	\$ 24,010,000	\$ 6,002,500	\$ 15,007,500	\$ 3,000,000	Included in annual On-Call Grant Consulting Agreement (FY2022 \$69,725 Final)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION / FUNDING APPLICATION PREPARATION			
Document / Program	Explanation	Start Date	Est. Completion
Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)	An approved LHMP is an eligibility requirement for funding under FEMA and/or other federal grants opportunities.	FEB 2021	NOV 2022 <i>Approved by FEMA upon SCVWA Resolution (submitted 12/23/2022)</i>
Bureau of Reclamation - Title XVI Feasibility Study	Feasibility Study required to qualify for federal WIIN Act funding for Phases 2A and 2C Recycled Water Projects was approved by BOR on 4/28/2022.	JAN 2021	Completed Accepted by BOR

Last Update: 2/8/2022





January 3, 2023

John P. Donnelly, Executive Director  
Wildlife Conservation Board  
P.O. Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA., 94244-2090

**HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND RESTORATION PROGRAM FUNDING LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE BOUQUET CANYON CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

Dear Mr. John P. Donnelly:

I would like to share my support for the California Wildlife Conservation Board's Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Program Funding application submitted by Los Angeles County Public Works. The grant would fund the development of the planning and design costs for the Bouquet Canyon Creek Restoration Project.

Bouquet Canyon Creek runs parallel to Bouquet Canyon Road, which is used as a commuter transportation route by the neighboring communities. Major storms have caused large sediment loads to deposit along creek. This has resulted in frequent flooding of Bouquet Canyon Road, creating hazardous road conditions and access issues for motorists. Additionally, flow releases from Bouquet Reservoir have been reduced, which have adversely affected water delivery to downstream users. The high sediment loads and the reduced flow releases have also resulted in the loss of prime habitat for the state fully protected and federally endangered Unarmored Threespine Stickleback (UTS).

The proposed Bouquet Canyon Creek Restoration Project is a multi-benefit project that will help enhance riparian habitat, restore UTS populations, provide roadway improvements that will decrease the frequency of road flooding, and improve water delivery to downstream users.

I strongly believe that all aspects of this restoration project will be greatly beneficial to creating a more healthy watershed and community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Cole".

Stephen L. Cole  
Assistant General Manager  
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency





### SPONSORSHIP TRACKING FY JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023

Updated: Feb 6, 2023

Agency Name	Event	Date	Location	Reg. Fee	Committed	Paid	Sponsorship	Previous Amount
ACWA	Region 8	August 12, 2022 Rescheduled to Sept 19, 2022	Burbank Water and Power	\$50		\$500	Organization's logo on agenda/materials included in attendee packet, verbal recognition from ACWA Region Chair, 1 complimentary ticket	
Urban Water Institute (UWI)	2022 Fall Conference	Aug 24 - 26, 2022	San Diego Hilton Resort	\$575		\$0	Sponsorship August 25 Breakfast: Company logo included in conference program agenda, projected on UWI presentation screens, displayed in the registration area and on the UWI website. And customized company poster will be displayed during the sponsored event (\$2,000 outstanding bal from Feb Spring Conference due to COVID surge converted to virtual)	
Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation (SCVEDC)	2022 Economic Outlook	Sept 9, 2022	College of the Canyons	\$125		\$1,100	Bronze Sponsor: 2 tickets to the event, business card size color ad in Economic Outlook Book, Company promotion through electronic & social media event marketing, Company name in event presentation	1100
Junior Chamber International (JCI) Santa Clarita jcsantaclarita.com	Get Real Adulting 101 A Teen Financial Workshop www.getrealscv.com	Sept 10, 2022 - 10:00 A.M.	Santa Clarita Sports Complex			\$200	Providing info booth w/customer care staff to help students understand costs and process for establishing water service.	
AWA	Annual Member & Policymakers' Reception	Sept 15, 2022	Ronald Reagan Presidential Library - Simi Valley	Free to members		\$500	Representative Sponsor: Acknowledgement on invitation & program, Agency name on signage	500
City of Santa Clarita	<a href="#">River Rally</a>	Sept 17, 2022 11 A.M.	Wiley Canyon Road, east of Orchard Village Road off Via Princessa Bridge	N/A			Info booth focused on drought. Providing some bottled water to event. Location does not provide potable water access to use our refill station.	
DWR	<a href="#">C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation</a> <a href="#">castforkids.org</a>	Oct 1, 2022 - 9:00 A.M.	Castaic Lake	N/A		\$1,500	About 15 of SCV Water staff volunteer for the event; pay for kids fishing accessories, shirts, provide water, etc.	
Ca Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO)	Annual Conference	Oct 19-21, 2022	Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, CA	N/A		\$950	Full page ad in memory of Vice President Jerry Gladbach	
SCV Chambers	Salute to Patriots	Nov 4, 2022 - 4 P.M.	SCV Senior Center at Bella Vista	\$60		\$500	2 VIP seating, logo on all electronic materials, emails and social media, recognition in media and press	
SCV Education Foundation	<a href="#">Touch a Truck</a> <a href="#">scveducationfoundation.org</a>	Nov 5, 2022 A.M - 2 P.M	Central Park	N/A		\$500	Water Bottle Fill Station plus info booth water/conservation info and activity	
SCV Public Library	<a href="#">Annual Family Literacy Festival</a>	Dec 3, 2022 A.M. - 2 P.M.	Old Town Newhall Library	N/A			Info booth plus water bottle refill station (Link leads to 2021 info. New event listing has not been posted yet)	





**PUBLIC OUTREACH AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
AGENDA PLANNING CALENDAR FY 2022-2023**

**July 5, 2022 Regular Board Meeting**

1. Approve Legislative Advocacy Contract Renewal
2. Presentation: Drought Messaging Action Plan

**July 21, 2022 Committee Meeting**

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Discussion of Draft Board Resolution and Initial Implementation Action from the Engagement Gap Analysis
3. Presentation: Overview of School Education Program
4. Communications Manager Activities:
  - Legislative Tracking
  - Grant Status Report
  - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2022/23
  - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2022/23

**August 2, 2022 Regular Board Meeting**

1. Approve a Resolution Adopting the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency In Support of Inclusive Communications & Engagement

**August 18, 2022 Committee Meeting**

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Communications Manager Activities:
  - Social Media Quarterly Report
  - Legislative Tracking
  - Grant Status Report
  - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2022/23
  - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2022/23

**September 15, 2022 Committee Meeting**

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Communications Manager Activities:
  - Legislative Tracking
  - Grant Status Report
  - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2022/23
  - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2022/23

**October 20, 2022 Committee Meeting**

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Discussion of Jerry Gladbach Scholarship and/or Internship
3. Discussion of Water Academy Pilot Session
4. Agency's New Website Status Report
5. Communications Manager Activities:
  - Legislative Tracking
  - Grant Status Report
  - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2022/23
  - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2022/23

**November 17, 2022 Committee Meeting**

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Discussion of Jerry Gladbach Scholarship

3. Communications Manager Activities:
  - Social Media Quarterly Report
  - Legislative Tracking
  - Grant Status Report
  - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2022/23
  - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2022/23

**December 6, 2022 Regular Board Meeting**

1. Discussion of Jerry Gladbach Scholarship

**December 15, 2022 Committee Meeting**

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Discussion of the 2023 Legislative Platform and Advocacy Process
3. Communications Manager Activities:
  - Legislative Tracking
  - Grant Status Report
  - Sponsorship Tracking FY 2022/23
  - Committee Planning Calendar FY 2022/23

**January 3, 2023 Regular Board Meeting**

1. Adoption of the 2023 Legislative Platform

**January 19, 2023 Committee Meeting**

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Outreach 2022 Year in Review
3. Communications Manager's Report

**February 16, 2023 Committee Meeting**

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Discussion of Crisis Communication Plan
3. Communications Manager's Report

**March 16, 2023 Committee Meeting**

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Review and Discussion of FY 2023/24 and FY 2024/25 Public Outreach Operating Budget
3. Communications Manager's Report

**April 20, 2023 Committee Meeting**

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Communications Manager's Report

**May 18, 2023 Committee Meeting**

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Communications Manager's Report

**June 22, 2023 Committee Meeting**

1. Legislative Consultant Reports
2. Communications Manager's Report