

AB 1234 Reports

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Meetings: Association Water Agencies of Ventura County

Needham Ranch Road Dedication

Southern California Water Dialogue

To be presented at the July 2, 2024, Board Meeting

I attended the Association Water Agencies of Ventura County meeting on June 20, 2024 at United Water Conservation Districts headquarters in Oxnard CA. Ann Bui from Black and Vech Consultants summarized the results of their 2024 Water Report. The report summarizes their survey of over 600 water agencies and rates the most challenging issues they face. As shown on the following page, the highest ranked issues continue to be aging infrastructure followed by aging workforce.

Along with President Martin, I attended the Needham Ranch Road dedication on June 24, 2024, in Newhall. The presenters included Mayor Gibbs, who commended the private public partnership that allowed the development and the related infrastructure to be completed.

I participated in the June 26, 2024, Southern California Water Dialogue meeting. The meeting was held virtually. A representative from the State Water Resources Control Board reviewed state mandates, and progress made on collecting and sharing water data. Additionally, Elyyn Wendel, founder of WeTAP, spoke on the need to promote tap water as a source of reliable and safe drinking water and reduce reliance on single use plastic water bottles. She noted the relatively high cost to low-income families on using bottled water and the exposure to micro-plastics. (I noted that this week when visiting the Santa Barbara Zoo and the Getty Center, that water was only sold in aluminum containers).

Figure 1

What are the most challenging issues facing the water, wastewater and stormwater industry today? (Select up to three issues)

Source: Black & Veatch



