




BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 16, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Steve Cole 
Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: August 15, 2024 Public Outreach and Legislation Committee Meeting Recap Report

The Public Outreach and Legislation Committee met at 5:30 PM on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at the Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom located at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clara, CA 91350. In attendance were Committee Chair Maria Gutzeit, Directors Kathye Armitage and Beth Braunstein. Staff members present were Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Communications Manager Kevin Strauss, Executive Assistant Eunie Kang and Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas. Attending virtually were consultant Dennis Albani and Annalee Akin Augustine from California Advocates and additional staff. The public was also present. A copy of the Agenda is attached.

Item 2: Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Item 3: Legislative Consultant Reports – Staff and the Committee reviewed the federal legislative written report by Geoff Bowman and the state legislative report by Dennis Albani and Annalee Akin Augustine.

Item 4: Communications Manager Activities – Kevin Strauss reported the following staff activities:

- The Water Academy press release has launched announcing of its application recruitment process.
- Digital Accessibility Plan, the Agency is committed to ensuring all documents posted on its website are accessible. Administrative staff will receive scheduled training to support this initiative.
- Upcoming Community Events, the Agency is actively preparing for several community events. On September 21, 2024, the River Rally will feature the Agency's water station and information booth. Additionally, staff is planned to participate in a High School career day and the Concert in the Park showing support and engagement with the community.

Item 5: Committee Planning Calendar – After consideration and review of the Planning Calendar, the Committee decided to cancel the scheduled Public Outreach and Legislation Committee meeting on September 19, 2024.

Item 6: Committee Requests for Future Agenda Items – There were no Committee requests for future agenda items.

Item 7: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM in recognition of Director Ed Colley for his dedication and leadership as the Public Outreach and Legislation Committee member. We wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

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


Attachment

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Date: August 8, 2024

To: **Public Outreach and Legislation Committee**
Maria Gutzeit, Chair
Kathye Armitage
Beth Braunstein

From: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager 

The **Public Outreach and Legislation Committee** meeting is on **Thursday, August 15, 2024** at **5:30 PM** at **26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350** in the **Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom**. Members of the public may attend in person or virtually. To attend this meeting virtually, please see below.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

This meeting will be conducted in person at the addresses listed above. As a convenience to the public, members of the public may also participate virtually by using the **Agency's Call-In Number 1-833-568-8864, Webinar ID: 161 696 9471 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1616969471**. Any member of the public may listen to the meeting or make comments to the Committee using the call-in number or Zoom Webinar link above. However, in the event there is a disruption of service which prevents the Agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using either the call-in option or internet-based service, this meeting will not be postponed or rescheduled but will continue without remote participation. The remote participation option is being provided as a convenience to the public and is not required. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting in person.

Members of the public unable to attend this meeting may submit comments either in writing to ekang@scvwa.org or by mail to Eunie Kang, Executive Assistant, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 26501 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. All written comments received before 4:00 PM the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Committee members and posted on the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency website prior to the start of the meeting. Anything received after 4:00 PM the day of the meeting, will be made available at the meeting, if practicable, and will be posted on the SCV Water website the following day. All correspondence with comments, including letters or emails, will be posted in their entirety.

MEETING AGENDA

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2. <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> – Members of the public may comment as to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency that are not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this Agenda may do so at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.) To participate in public comment from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, click the “raise hand” feature in Zoom. You will be notified when it is your turn to speak, please unmute when requested. To participate in public comment via phone, dial *9 to raise your hand. When it is your turn to speak, dial *6 to unmute.	
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Posted on August 8, 2024.

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