




## BOARD MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 10, 2024  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Steve Cole   
Assistant General Manager  
**SUBJECT:** November 21, 2024 Public Outreach and Legislation Committee Meeting Recap Report

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The Public Outreach and Legislation Committee met at 5:30 PM on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at the Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom located at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. In attendance were Committee Chair Maria Gutzeit, Directors Kathye Armitage and Beth Braunstein. Staff members present were Communications Manager Kevin Strauss, Executive Assistant Eunie Kang, Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas and Management Analyst II Cheryl Fowler. Attending virtually was Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, consultant Geoff Bowman from Van Scoyoc and Dennis Albiani from California Advocates. 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 report by Geoff Bowman and the state legislative report by Dennis Albiani.

**Item 4: Presentation: Status of Agency's Grant Funding** – Cheryl Fowler provided an update on the grant cycle process, detailing the grant projects funded in 2024, the awards currently under negotiation, and the applications under consideration. She also summarized the total grant funding awarded and contracted.

**Item 5: Review of Agency's 2025 Legislative Platform** – After review and discussion, the Committee recommended through consensus to move this item forward for consideration and approval by the Board of Directors. This item has been deemed suitable for the Consent Calendar and will be presented as a separate report going to the December 10, 2024, special Board meeting.

**Item 6: Communications Manager Activities** – Kevin Strauss provided an update on staff activities beginning with a recap of the Water Academy highlighting key sessions and participation feedback. He also discussed the ongoing preparations for the upcoming Water Summit and future community events aimed at engaging the public. Finally, he highlighted the recent recognition received through several public relations awards.

**Item 7: Committee Planning Calendar** – The planning calendar was reviewed.

**Item 8: Committee Requests for Future Agenda Items** – No future agenda items were requested by the Committee.

**Item 9: Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

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


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**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, November 21, 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.

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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.) 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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